

# Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, March 24, 2009 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park.

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCowan called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:10 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Present
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Present
	Jimmie D. Young	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Attorney Forest Miles, Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Treasurer James Ellis, IT Director Deryl Bolton, Deputy Police Chief Gregory Box, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Parks & Recreations Director Robert Graham, Golf Club Manger/PGA Golf Pro Paul Blockoms, Economic & Community Development Director Kimberly Porter, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCowan led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## D. READING OF MINUTES

Trustee Young moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the minutes of the Board of Trustees of regular meetings held February 24, 2009 and March 10, 2009 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

***Motion to approve carried.***

## **E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **E -1: Village Manager's Report**

Interim Village Manager David Sevier reported that they would be presenting for first reading an ordinance relating to the consolidation of Reinhart property at the meeting on April 14, 2009. He also asked the Board for their consensus on a logo for the vehicle stickers for 2009/10.

### **E-2: Mayor's Report**

Mayor McCowan reported on the Town Hall meeting held March 21, 2009 and noted that this gave residents and management an opportunity to voice concerns. He assured residents that they heard the concerns and will work to address those concerns.

Trustee Covington stated that she had received questions relating to issues that should have been discussed at the Town Hall meeting, and asked that the Trustees are involved in future Town Hall meetings.

Mayor McCowan responded that since this is a campaign season, and there are nine viable candidates running for office, he felt that it would be unfair to have sitting trustees participate in the meeting without giving all candidates the same opportunity. However, in future meetings he would involve the entire Board.

### **E-3: Committee & Commission Reports**

Trustee Covington reported that the Special Events Committee would be distributing flower seeds to all residents, and judging for a beautification contest would be held during the month of July.

### **E-4: Reports Of Other Officers**

Parks & Receptions Director Robert Graham reported that garden plots are available at Riegel Farm for anyone interested in planting and growing food, and an instructional seminar is scheduled for April 4, 2009; Easter Egg Hunt is back and will be held on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 per child; Instructional baseball clinics will start April 4<sup>th</sup> at Crete-Monee Dome from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and registration will be held at the Parks & Recreation Department; and the last day to purchase tickets for the April 11<sup>th</sup> basketball game between the Chicago Bulls and the Charlotte Bobcats at the United Center is March 30<sup>th</sup>; tickets are \$20.00 per person. Additional information is available by calling 534-6456. He also reported that the new and improved Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Brochure is available at Village Hall and at the Parks & Receptions Department.

**Reports Of Other Officers – continued:**

Mayor McCowan commented on the brochure and asked Mr. Sevier to check the cost of having the brochure mailed to all residents.

Director of Economic Development Kim Porter reported that Will County Center For Economic Development would be employing youth from the community this summer. Applications are available at Village Hall, but must be filled out and returned to Will County. She also noted that University Park is one of the outreach sites for the project.

Golf Club General Manager Paul Blockoms reported that the Golf Club would host an Easter Sunday Brunch on April 12<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$24.95 per person.

Village Clerk Dee Jones reported that Early Voting began March 16<sup>th</sup> and ends April 2<sup>nd</sup> and in an effort to serve our residents, the Clerk's Office will conduct Early Voting beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. – Noon on Saturdays.

**F. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

***F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

***F-1a: First, Second And Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Chapter 271 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park Entitled Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners And Also Amending Ordinance Number 1220 Ratifying And Adopting The Rules And Regulations Of The Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners***

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Manager Sevier stated that this ordinance included the changes the Board wanted to see, including polygraph and medical examinations for all lateral officers.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked if bias could be prevented when hiring lateral officers and officers from two different lists. Where lateral officers would be effective immediately, and officers from the eligibility list would have no experience.

Trustee Larry Brown responded that the hiring of lateral officers has been done twice before, where there was a necessity to put trained officers on the streets sooner.

Trustee Covington asked if the lateral transfer officers would be allowed to transfer their pensions to University Park.

**F-2b: continued:**

Attorney Miles stated that the terms are the same as the ordinance that was passed by the Board in February. This is a resolution approving a final plat of consolidation. The only difference is they are requesting to use the old farmhouses for office space once they pass inspection. They are presenting this for consideration because they want to re-finance.

Trustee Covington stated that she would like a Board workshop when companies approach the Village before it comes to the Board for approval.

Mayor McCowan stated that this item had been discussed on more than one occasion, and does not present any changes to the Village.

Trustee Larry Brown asked if the property had been inspected by Code Enforcement.

Economic & Community Development Director Kim Porter responded that Fire Chief Exner had performed a preliminary inspection, but a full inspection would be done once this resolution is approved.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown  
Nays: Trustee Covington.  
Absent: None.

***Motion to approve carried***

**Resolution Number 2009 – 11(1P)**

***F-2c: Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Development Of A Crime-Free Housing Policy And Providing For The Licensing Of Persons Engaged In The Rental Of Housing Units***

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Trustee Covington asked if our Police Officers would be properly trained, and noted that there are specific training for Crime Free programs. She distributed a flyer from the website on Crime Free Programs to the Board..

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that he would like to be involved in drafting the legislation for this item.

Manager Sevier stated that once this resolution is approved they would begin working out the particulars and present it to the Board in ordinance form at a later date.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

***Motion to approve carried***

**Resolution Number 2009-12.**

***F-2d: Bills Payable***

Trustee Young moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from March 11, 2009 to March 24, 2009 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 113,643.18
Debt Service 1998 Bond	\$ 500.00
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 4,910.28
Town Center Fund	\$ 4,368.08
University Golf Club	\$ 70,310.45
Capital Project Fund	\$ 6,409.05
TIF 1 - Town Center Area Fund	\$ 1,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 201,991.04</b>

Trustee Oscar Brown referred to page 1, check #65549 vehicle payment, and asked what specific vehicle the payment covered.

Manager Sevier responded that the payment was for 3 squad cars that were purchased before the ones just recently purchased.

Trustee Sharon McGuire asked if Mr. Boykin had given a follow-up on the items he promised when they were in Washington.

Mr. Sevier stated that he had received some communications from him relating to the Stimulus package that he would get to the Board.

Trustee Covington asked what happened to the vehicle that the Board did not approve that was to be returned.

Trustee Larry Brown referred to a payment listed on page 1 to Barnes &Thornburg, check #65511 and asked that payment is withheld.

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Covington seconded a motion that the Board consider by paragraph check number 65511 – Barnes & Thornburg, LLP and withhold payment.

Ayes: Trustees Covington, and Larry Brown.  
Nays: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, and Roudez.  
Absent: None.

***Motion to withhold payment failed to carry.***

**Roll call on main bills payable motion:**

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, and Roudez.  
Nays: Trustee Larry Brown.  
Absent: None.

***Motion carried.***

**G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Keith Griffin commented that someone was trying to access his personal IRS account, and wonders why someone would do this. He also asked if the Ford Expedition had been returned, or where is it, and asked who is the attorney who worked on the TIF agreements because whoever it was they need to be fired for giving away the taxpayers money.

Ms. Denise Grey stated that she is a Real Estate Broker and asked for clarity on how the Crime Free Ordinance would affect them.

**H. BOARD CAUCUS**

Mayor McCowan suspended the meeting from 8:55 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. to allow the Board time to caucus. He reconvened the Board meeting and the following responses were given to concerns raised by residents under general comments:

Responding to the concerns of Mr. Griffin relating to attempts to access his personal information, Village Clerk Dee Jones reminded him that he, and all candidates, once nominating petitions are filed open themselves up to public scrutiny, and this includes inquiries from the media as well as individuals. She stated that she does not know who attempted to access his information, but it is just one of the things that public official candidates are subjected to.

Responding to the concerns of Mr. Griffin relating to the status of the Ford Expedition, Manager Sevier stated that the vehicle was returned more than a month ago.

Responding to the concerns of Mr. Griffin relating to TIF Districts, Attorney Miles stated that all of the TIF's have a built in formula, and companies have the right to appeal. However, reduced taxes equals less TIF revenue to the companies.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

**J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

## **K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:15 p.m.

***Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy R. Jones, CMC  
Village Clerk