

# The Regular Meeting Minutes Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, July 14, 2009 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park.

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCowan called the his regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8: 23 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Present
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Absent
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Present
	Keith J. Griffin, Jr.	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Attorney Forest Miles, Village Treasurer James Ellis, Director of Information Technology Deryl Bolton, Police Chief Melvin Easley, II, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Fire Chief Chuck Exner, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Director of Communications Sherry Williams, Director of Parks & Recreations Robert Graham, Golf Club Manager Paul Blockoms, 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 Covington moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the members of the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of a regular meeting held June 9, 2009; minutes of a special meeting held June 19, 2009; and minutes of a regular meeting held June 23, 2009 as amended, as noted by Trustee Oscar Brown on page 4, paragraph 5 of June 9, 2009 to add the wording "rather than a full report-".

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee McGuire.

**Motion carried.**

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

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

In the absence of Interim Village Manager Sevier, Village Clerk Dee Jones reported that Mr. Sevier asked her to report that the 2007 Audit is under review in the Manager's Office, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and approval in the very near future.

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

#### **Swearing In Of Police Sergeant**

Accompanied by Mayor McCowan, Trustee Liaison Larry Brown, Police Chief Mel Easley, and Fire & Police Commissioner Jimmie Young, Village Clerk Dee Jones administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Lance Ray.

The Mayor reported that Governor Quinn has signed the Capital Bill, and projects that affect University Park will receive approximately one hundred sixty seven million dollars. These projects include \$45 Million for Interchange at I-57 and Stuenkel Road; \$1.623 Million for University Parkway Reconstruction (Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue); \$689,000 for University Parkway (Governors Highway to Cicero Avenue); \$10.7 Million for University Parkway (Governors State University Parkway Entrance to Governors Highway); \$185,060.00 for local road improvements, and \$146,476.00 from the motor fuel tax distribution; \$200,000.00 for Cicero Avenue Lighting and Beautification; and \$110 Million for land purchase for Third Airport. The thanked the support of the Board of Trustees, and additional work by Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Roudez, and our Consultant Richard Boykin and Manager Sevier for moving these projects forward. He thanked the efforts of Senator Toi Hutchinson and Representative Lisa Dugan, and reported that he received a call from our new Representative Anthony DeLuca who allocated \$25,000.00 to University Park for other general work. He also thanked IDOT representatives and Governor Quinn for these major accomplishments for University Park.

#### **a. Proclamation - Farmers Market**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves this proclamation.

Trustee Covington read the proclamation.

Mayor McCowan thanked Trustee Covington and the HSSEC for their hard work in making this Farmer's Market a reality.

**Roll Call On Proclamation:**

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

**Motion carried to approve.**

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

Trustee Roudez reported on the Youth Town Hall Meeting that was held on Saturday and thanked those participants and public that came out in support of the event.

Village Clerk Dee Jones reported that the University Park Senior Citizens Committee would hold its Annual Fun Day on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at #90 Town Center Drive from noon until 4:00 p.m. She invited the Mayor, Board, Staff and Residents to join the seniors in a fun filled day.

Trustee Covington reported thanked all who came out for the Zip Code Celebration that was held on June 27, 2009, and read a letter from the Post Office that indicated that the request for a Contract Postal Unit (CPU) has been approved to move to the Main Office, additional information will be shared as the project proceeds.

Trustee Griffin reported on a meeting of the 100 Men Organization held June 27, 2009, held at the University Golf & Conference Center where the featured speaker was Mr. Bolden, first African American Secret Service Agent who was honored to have been one of the Secret Service Agents for President John Kennedy. Trustee Griffin thanked the 100 Men Organization for bringing Mr. Bolden to this community, and for the work that they are doing with our kids. He also reported on a lunch that he and Trustee Larry Brown served for Seniors at Thornwood House on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and thanked Mayor McCowan and the community for the assistance given to Ms. Frazier who was recently burned out in a fire in University Park.

**E-4: Reports of Other Officers**

James Ellis, Village Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair reported that for lack of a quorum, no action was taken at a special meeting of the finance committee that was scheduled for July 8, 2009. However, he did convey the wishes of those present that the committee wants the Board to give clear cut directions to the Village Manager to do what is necessary for the passage of the budget.

Parks & Receptions Director Robert Graham thanked all the residents who participated in the Youth Town Hall and extended a special thanks to each department and organization that supported in their efforts.

**Reports Of Other Officers – continued:**

Mr. Graham reported that this Saturday, July 18th our “Kids Camp Out” at Hickok Aquatic Center will be from 6:30pm – 9:30pm, and he invited the public out. There will be games, races, camp fire and much more. This event is for ages 5-12 and the cost is \$6. For more information please contact the center at 708-534-6141

Chief Exner reported that renovations at Station I are moving extremely well, and is currently ahead of schedule for completion.

**F. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F-1a: Second And Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Lease Agreement With The Will County Health Department And Community Health Care Center In Space No. 44 In The University Park Towncenter Building**

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

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

**Ordinance Number 2009 – 21.**

**F-2: NEW BUSINESS**

**F-2a: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing An Agreement With An Appraisal Company For The Purpose Of Appraising Land Owned By The Will County Forest Preserve District In Furtherance Of The Will Center Road Improvements Project**

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

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, and Roudez,  
Nays: Trustees Griffin, and Larry Brown.  
Absent: Trustee McGuire.

**Motion to approve carried**

**Ordinance Number 2009 - 22.**

**F-2a: continued:**

Village Attorney Forest Miles noted that this is at no cost to village tax payers, because the funds come from a \$1.2 Million Escrow from BP Amoco in furtherance of improvements to, and pavement of the road that gives access to the elementary school in Monee.

**F-2b: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Newly Enacted Chapter 1430 Of The Building And Housing Code Entitled Elevator Safety Standards**

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

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

**Motion to Approve carried Ordinance Number 2009 – 23.**

**F-2c: Resolution Recognizing The Assignment To The Village Of University Park Of Zip Code 60484**

Mayor McCowan asked the Boards' concurrence in a table of this resolution.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves a table of this resolution.

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

**Motion to Table Approved.**

**F-2d: Resolution Ratifying A Collective Bargaining Agreement By, And Between, The Village Of University Park, And The University Park Professional Firefighters Association I.A.F.F./A.F.F.I (Local 3661)**

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

Trustee Covington referred to page 10, Section 5.4 "family" and asked if this is customary to include in-laws and step parents and children as family for Bereavement Leave.

It was noted that this is in all Union Contracts and Village Policy.

**Roll Call on F-2d:**

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

**Resolution Number 2009 – 25.**

**F-2e: Resolution Authorizing The Negotiation Of An Agreement With Loop Capital For Financial Consulting Services**

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

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

**Resolution Number 2009 – 26.**

**F-2f: Bills Payable**

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Roudez 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 three (3) weeks from June 24, 2009 to July 14, 2009 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 185,129.53
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 18,720.16
Towncenter Fund	\$ 750.70
University Golf Club	\$ 81,219.45
Capital Project Fund	<u>\$ 21,988.00</u>

***Total* \$307,807.84**

**Trustee Covington referred to check #66628, and asked for clarity on cost for printing of transfer stamps.**

Trustee Larry Brown asked Mr. Blockoms if they could use one vendor for all liquor purchases.

Mr. Blockoms responded that it would be impossible, because no one vendor handles all types of beer and alcohol.

**Bills Payable continued:**

Trustee Covington referred to payment to Reinhart Foods and asked if they are giving us a better deal than GFS.

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

## **G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Patti Guinn, President of Thornwood House Tenant Association addressed the Board and thanked Trustee Larry Brown and Keith Griffin for a July 4<sup>th</sup> lunch that they provided for seniors and residents at Thornwood House.

Mr. Robert Travis addressed the Board and stated that he commends the Golf Club for bringing Blues Night and talent such as our own Gloria Thompson. He asked if the HSSEC could perhaps invite her to perform at Family Fling, and he urged residents to support the functions at the Golf Club; requested the status of the Riegel barn fire, and asked if the Village is licensed to handle animals and if our attendants have to be, and if they are licensed.

Ms. Sandra Heard addressed the Board and asked if the resolution passed tonight with Loop Capital would authorize them to proceed; will the Village Manager be given directions from the Board regarding how he should proceed to present a balanced budget; and if she could get a copy of the approved 2006 Audit.

Mr. Anthony Stevens addressed the Board and commented on the appearance of Mr. Abraham Bolden who was the featured speaker for the 100 Men Organization on June 27<sup>th</sup> and thanked and applauded all those involved with, or participated in the Youth Town Hall Meeting. He also announced that as a result of that meeting, transportation has been arranged for any young person interested in "Hooked on Golf" to take them to and from the golf club on scheduled days. He also stated that as part of their mentoring program, once school begins he will be bringing students to Village Board meetings so that they can see great minds at work right here in their own community.

Ms. Cynthia Hudson addressed the Boys and gave an update in Pilgrimage Church Boy Scout Troop 11 and stated that are doing great things, thanks to leaders such as Jim Ellis, Mr. Blount and others.

Ms. Priscilla Baffour addressed the Board and commented on her concern with lack of traffic control in the Town Center. She requested the Board's consideration in erecting a Stop Sign with yellow lined crosswalk, and speed bumps in the rear, in the area of the Day Care Center. She stated that representatives from the County indicated that this must be done for the safety of the children.

Ms. Laverne Williams addressed the Board and stated that when she attended a League of Women Voters Convention she purchased a Day With A State Representative, and does not have a use for it and stated that she would like to donate it to a kid or a group.

## **H. BOARD CAUCUS**

Mayor McCowan suspended the meeting from 9:17 p.m. to 9:26 p.m. to allow the Board to caucus.

The Mayor reconvened the Board meeting and the following responses were given to concerns raised by residents under general comments:

Trustee Covington responded to Mr. Travis and stated that she would contact Ms. Gloria Thompson and see if she is interested in appearing at Family Fling.

Trustee Larry Brown responded to Mr. Travis relating to the status of the Riegel Barn fire and noted that a claim has been filed with the insurance company, and they would check with Mr. Sevier regarding licensing of employees and facility. He would also check to see if the village is covered because the system was not working.

Responding to Ms. Heard regarding Loop Capital, Attorney Miles stated that the Village would not be held bound to Loop Capital until the agreement is passed by ordinance.

Mayor McCowan stated that he would also like to see something like Student Day at the Village Board meeting in the near future. Relating to the concern of Mrs. Baffour, he stated that he would have the Public Works Director investigate the speed bumps and the stop sign.

Trustee Oscar Brown responded to Ms. Williams and stated that the Youth Commission would love to have the ticket.

## **I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

## **J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

## **K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board moves into executive for purposes of personnel at 9:50 p.m.

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

### **Re-convene of regular meeting:**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Covington seconded a motion that the Board re-convenes the regular meeting at 11:22 p.m.

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

**Motion to Approve carried**

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Covington seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:23 p.m.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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Dorothy R. Jones, CMC  
Village Clerk

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