

The Regular Meeting Minutes Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, November 10, 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 8:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Village Attorney Forest Miles, Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Treasurer James Ellis, Police Sgt. Daniel Murphy, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, IT Director Deryl Bolton, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Parks & Recreations Director Robert Graham, Golf Club Manger/PGA Golf Pro Paul Blockoms, Cable Studio Manager Christel Allen, 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 McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 13, 2009 as presented, and minutes of a special meeting held October 17, 2009 as amended to reflect a correction on page 8, as noted by Trustee Larry Brown.

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

Motion to approve carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E -1: Village Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager David Sevier reported that Seal Coating at Riegel Farm has begun.

Trustee Larry Brown referred to an incident on October 31st at the Golf Club, and asked Manager Sevier to explain the protocol for dealing with such matters.

Interim Village Manager David Sevier explained the process of notification and how decisions are made to deal with such matters. Noting that if staff on duty has a dilemma they are instructed to first contact the General Manager, who in term notifies the Village Manager. Mr. Sevier gave a brief synopsis of the incident and the decision to close down the party.

Trustee Larry Brown stated that he does not disagree with stopping the party, but is not clear on what happened.

Mr. Sevier explained that minors brought alcoholic liquor on Village premises and violated terms of the contract.

Trustee Griffin referred to a presentation at the Town Hall Meeting relating to transforming Pine Lake, and asked where would funding for the project come from.

Manager Sevier responded that the presentation was a vision of Trustee Roudez, and if the Board approves the concept, then funds would be solicited.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor McCowan thanked residents, staff and Board for a successful Town Hall meeting that was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009. He noted that there were positive comments from residents that he and the Board would be addressing. He noted the participation and presence of State Senator Toi Hutchinson, State Representative Al Riley, representatives from IDOT, Village Engineer Joel Koenig and Bernie Held, Consultant Richard Boykin and thanked them for their assistance in bringing some of these projects to fruition. He also noted that Governor Pat Quinn was invited, but stated that he would be present at the Town Hall meeting scheduled for early spring.

Mayor's Report – continued:

Mayor McCowan thanked Jamal Powell for initiating a petition for residents to sign pertaining to the elimination of bus service to University Park (Route 367) and thanked Economic Director Kim Porter for her assistance. He also noted that a meeting relating to PACE budget would be held on November 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Arlington Heights, and reported that State Representative Al Riley has agreed to assist with the project at Governors State University.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee McGuire gave an update on the status of the 2010 Census Committee, noting that on Friday, November 13th she and the 2010 Census Committee would host a luncheon at the Golf Club in an effort to get local and industrial park businesses involved in getting the message out of the importance of an accurate count in the census. She also reported that several jobs are available with the Census Bureau, and individuals can apply by calling (866) 861-2010 or online at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

E-4: Reports Of Other Officers

Parks & Recreation Director Robert Graham extended an Invitation to all residents for our Thanksgiving Cooking Workshop which will teach you quick Southern Style Dishes. It was taking place on November 14 from 10am-1pm at Riegel Farm. The cost per person is \$10.00; He also reminded residents that vouchers for the first University Park Coat Drive can be picked up at local religious organizations, parks and recreation office and the Monee Township office. The vouchers must be presented at the time of the coat give away in order to receive a coat. Additionally, there is only two (2) per household; also coat drop locations are the Parks & Recreation, Village Hall and the Monee Township. Any questions please contact Parks & Recreation at 708-534-6456.

Cable Studio Manager Christel Allen reported that the William Simpson Essay Scholarship Foundation would be hosting a Writers' Workshop on November 14th, 2009 at Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood Blvd. Park Forest, Il beginning at 1:00 p.m. The William Simpson Essay Scholarship Foundation was established to motivate and encourage African American high school juniors and seniors to expand their writing skills and increase their writing output. Additional information is available by calling (708) 747-6542.

Police Sgt. Daniel Murphy reported that the sister of Deputy Chief Gregory Box passed away a few days ago; The Truck Weight Enforcement program is again up and running, and the scales have been delivered.

Reports Of Other Officers – continued:

Manager Sevier commended and thanked the Police Department for their Haunted House during Halloween and noted that it was well attended.

Trustee McGuire asked Parks & Recreation Director Robert Graham to explain plans for the consolidation of sports programs with the Parks & Recreation Department; duties and functions of the commissioner; how was that commissioner position filled. She stated that her concern is that the position was filled and no one else was allowed to apply to be considered for the position.

Mr. Graham responded that the position was discussed over several months with the committee and the athletic associations.

Mayor McCowan noted that this is not a paid position, and if she has someone interested in being a part of this please bring them forward.

Manager Sevier stated that the athletic associations have been meeting for at least seven months and discussing the issues of consolidation of the programs, with them coming under the umbrella of the Parks & Recreation Department.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Third Reading - Ordinance Accepting The Dedication Of Certain Common Areas As Designated On The Plat(s) Of The Rosedale Subdivision

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves third reading of this ordinance.

Trustee Griffin asked for clarity on whether there would be additional charges to residents for the common area.

Attorney Miles explained the revised copy of this ordinance and noted that relating to changing names of certain streets in the Rosedale Subdivision, once the Board accepts streets in Phases 1,2, and 3 they would have the authority to make name changes, and the developer does not have any objection to street names for Phase 4.

Trustee Larry Brown asked if there is a storm sewer for that subdivision.

Roll Call On F-1a:

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

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 -38.

F-1b: Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Approving A Zoning Map Amendment To Rezone 78.6 Acres (+/-) Generally Located At The Northeast Corner Of Governors Highway And University Parkway From R4 And B2 To R4 Multiple-Family Residence District In Connection With The Proposed Thorn Creek Station Subdivision [Being A Subdivision Of Part Of Section 3 In Township 34 North, Range 13 East Of The Third Principal Meridian, University Park, Will County, Illinois Pin: 14-03-300-013 And Pin; 14-03-400-003]

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves second and third reading of this ordinance.

Trustee Larry Brown asked if there would be an impact on businesses with this residential property.

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

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 -39.

F-1c: First, Second, And Third Reading – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Lease Modification Agreement (Amendment) To The Lease Agreement With Pk's Christian Learning Site, Inc. For Space Number 82 In The University Park Town Center Building

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

Trustee Larry Brown stated that he wanted a commitment in writing that the owners would employ University Park residents and hire at least ten (10) residents in the business operation.

F-1c – continued:

Amendment to Main Motion:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion that the Board amends the main motion to add that the owners would employ no less than ten (10) University Park residents.

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

Motion to Approve Amendment Carried.

Attorney Miles stated that he would write in the new language into the ordinance prior to signage, but suggested that the language would be as in most other employment agreement that states the owners would use its best efforts to employ the designated number of residents.

Roll Call on Main Motion As Amended:

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

Motion to Approve As Amended Carried Ordinance Number 2009 – 40.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Deed Of Conveyance In Furtherance Of The Sale Of Vacant Parcels Of Real Estate Identified As Parcel F-3 (F-3-A And F-3-B) In The Governor's Gateway Industrial Park (TIF 2) Redevelopment Project Area [Vacant Land Generally Located On The South Side Of Bond Street Between Central And Governors Highway]

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

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

Motion to Approve Carried Ordinance Number 2009 – 41.

F-2b: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings – An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois, And Providing For The Levy And Collection Of A Direct Annual Tax Sufficient For The Payment Of The Principal Of And Interest On Said Bonds

Trustee McGuire moved that the Board approves first, second, and third readings of this ordinance. However, for lack of a second the motion failed to carry.

F-2c: First, Second, and Third Readings – An Ordinance Terminating Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 Of The Village Of University Park, Illinois And Related Matters

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

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Griffin and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Covington and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 – 42.

F-2d: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Proposal For Consulting Services With JC Lang & Associates

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

Mr. James Lang addressed the Board and explained how property can qualify as TIF eligible noting that the State Law states that the property must meet five requirements, and he feels that the property has severe flooding and meets State requirements.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, and Larry Brown.

Nays: Trustee Griffin.

Absent: Trustees Covington and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 – 43.

F-2e: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Chapter 1466 Of The Building And Housing Code Entitled “Point Of Sale Inspections”

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

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Griffin and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Covington and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 – 44.

F-2f: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Construction Engineering Services Agreement For Federal Participation With Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. For Base Repair, Resurfacing, Restriping And Signage On University Parkway Avenue Between Crawford Avenue And Steger-Monee Road

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

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Griffin and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Covington and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried

Ordinance Number 2009 – 45.

F-2g: First Reading – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement And Easement Agreement With The Forest Preserve District Of Will County, Illinois In Connection With Improvements To Will-Center Road

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Griffin and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Covington and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried.

F-2h: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Joint Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation For The Purpose Of Base Repair, Resurfacing, Restriping, And Signage On University Parkway Avenue Between Crawford Avenue And Steger-Monee Road

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

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

Motion to Approve Carried

Resolution Number 2009 - 35.

F-2i: Bills Payable

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion to approve the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from October 28, 2009 to November 10, 2009. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$	147,226.85
Debt Service	\$	247,790.63
Road and Bridge Fund	\$	6,078.75
Towncenter Operations	\$	2,204.63
University Golf Club	\$	39,191.46
Capital Project Fund	\$	156,416.86
TIF II – Industrial Park Fund	\$	<u>302,294.36</u>
Total	\$	901,203.54
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Motion To Amend Main Motion

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to amend the main motion and consider separately check #68059, payable to Barnes & Thornburg in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

Motion To Consider Separately Carried.

F-2i – continued:

Trustee McGuire commented that she feels that we need a Consultant, however, she would like for the Board to review other firms and compare prices and quality of work. She would also like for a Cease and Desist Notice be sent to Mr. Boykin until there is a resolution to this issue.

Mayor McCowan commented that he does not have a problem with looking at other firms, but feels that when work is done, the bill should be paid.

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that Barnes & Thornburg has delivered, and they should be paid.

Trustee Larry Brown stated that he has a concern that Mr. Boykin stated that his firm brought in MFT project funding and did not mention matching funds for these projects.

Mayor McCowan responded that there are no matching funds for any of the projects mentioned.

Roll Call On Amended Motion:

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

Motion To Approve Payment Failed To Carry.

Roll Call On Bills Payable As Amended To Exclude Payment Of Check #68059, Payable To Barnes & Thornburg in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

Motion To Approve As Amended Carried.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Travis stated that outdated ordinances should be removed from the internet and updated.

Mr. Steven Allen commented that he filed a citizen's complaint, and asked if the Village has a timeline for responding to his complaint, if so, he wants to know the timeline. He stated that he needs the response for his file.

General Public Comments – continued:

Mr. Gage addressed the Board and commented that they would be accepting food donations at Coretta Scott King Magnet School beginning November 7th and would be giving out food baskets on December 14, 2009 at the school to those in need. He asked for monetary and food donations.

Ms. Motiryo Keambiroiro asked the status of the recruitment for a new village manager; if the Mayor had decided to participate in the manager search project, and if the ordinance suggested by Trustee Oscar Brown be put on a Board agenda.

Ms. Sandra Heard commented that she would take office as Monee Township Assessor on January 4, 2010. She also stated that she has concerns that residents who present different points of view to some elected officials are put in a box. Relating to Barnes & Thornburg, she stated that if they have a contract, the Board needs to make a decision whether or not to discontinue his service.

Ms. Cynthia Hudson stated that she received her H1N1 vaccination at Crete-Monee High School earlier today, and reminded residents of the availability of the vaccination. Relating to the Board's vote not to honor payment to Barnes & Thornburg she stated that the Board needs to make decisions regarding paying for work that is done.

Mr. Anthony Stevens, 100 Men Association, Inc. thanked the Board and community for the reception given to Congressman Bobby L. Rush when he was the guest speaker at the October monthly breakfast meeting which was held at the University Park Golf Club on October 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Special thanks to Police Chief Mel Easley and his staff for the excellent coverage for the event. He noted that DVD's of the event are on sale, and can only be obtained from WUPC TV 4. He also voiced his concern with the Board's decision not to pay the consultant for services rendered.

H. BOARD CAUCUS

Mayor McCowan suspended the meeting from 9:45 p.m. to 9:50 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. Travis, Manager Sevier stated that village ordinances are updated as the Board approves the ordinances; responding to Mr. Allen he stated that attempts are made to respond to citizen complaints within seven days. However, both Chief Easley and Deputy Box are away from the office, but he would respond as soon as they return to work.

Board Caucus- Responses continued:-

Mayor McCowan responded to Ms. Keambiroiro regarding the search for a new manager and stated that he does not feel that the questions from a candidate for the position, who is not a resident, is appropriate, and his refusal to participate in the process is because he feels the process is flawed. However, members of the Board have had an opportunity to make these decisions without his participation, but apparently choose not to do so. Relating to the proposed ordinance, he stated that the item would be re-scheduled.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to adjourn the regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:20 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk

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