

The Regular Meeting Minutes Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, August 11, 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 8:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Present
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Arrived at 8:10 a.m.
	Keith J. Griffin, Jr.	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Treasurer James Ellis, Director of Information Technology Deryl Bolton, Police Chief Mel Easley, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Fire Chief Chuck Exner, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Director of Communications Sherry Williams, Director of Economic Development Kimberly Porter, Director of Parks & Recreations Robert Graham, Golf Pro/General Paul Blockoms, and Village Deputy Clerk Kellye Kidd.

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 Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager Sevier informed the public that the Village buildings passed the inspection conducted by the Department of Health and Labor. Departmental updates can be found on the website, www.university-park-il.com.

Manager Sevier reminded the public that the Family Fling is this Saturday, August 15, 2009. The parade starts at 10:00 am on the corner of Burnham Dr. and Hickok Ln. ending at Palmer Park for fun, food and entertainment.

Manager Sevier commended the Board on the past decision that other municipalities are beginning to mimic. All comments were quoted from local newspaper articles.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked who is responsible for cutting the grass in Fairway Estates. Manager Sevier referred the question of Director Townsend. He answered that the builder, Montalbano Homes, is currently responsible for cutting the grass, but the Department of Public Works will continue to assist with the cutting.

Trustee McGuire asked if the Finance Committee to analyze, evaluate or review Village contracts for performance, pricing, etc. Manager Sevier replied that the Committee reviews all contracts, but does not currently re-evaluation contract performances/fulfillments. Department heads will occasionally intervene if standards are not met. Finance Committee evaluations will be considered in the future.

Trustee Griffin asked if the Village received anything from the President's stimulus package and if a decision regarding salaries were finalized at the last budget meeting. Manager Sevier stated funds were received through South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and a concurrent decision was made at the conclusion of the budget meeting regarding salaries.

Trustee Covington wanted to know the status of the requested stop sign for the daycare center, clarification of parked vehicle ordinance violators, was a final decision made regarding the tow company being used for Village business, and can a priority list be prepared for incoming businesses requesting a TIF. Manager Sevier responded that a stop sign will be installed shortly for the daycare center, Director Porter described the process of ticketing abandoned and inoperable vehicles based on the current ordinance, the Board has not made a decision regarding the tow company and it is a good idea to have a priority list for new businesses requesting TIF agreements.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor McCowan reported that street repairs for Circle Dr., Barbara Ct., Gordon Ter., and Wright Rd. began August 7th. Other streets/curbs will be under construction to be brought to ADA compliance standards. The Village has received nearly \$170 million in improvements through the President's stimulus package.

Mayor McCowan voiced his concern of the negative environment of the Board. He emphasized the importance of the Board becoming unified and honoring the proper processes to continue the growth of the Village.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee Covington announced the activities at the Family Fling; the Village is selling hot dog or hamburger meals for \$3 beginning at 12 noon – 2:00 pm, there will be taped interviews by the historians of the Village, the seniors that reside at Thornwood Mall will be picked up at 9:00 am and the fireworks will begin at 8:00 pm.

E-4: Reports of Other Officers

Chief Easley reported that the police bike patrol will commence today, August 11th. Due to the diligent efforts of the Fire and Police Commission Committee four new officers will be ready to work before the end of this month along with one new officer attending the academy.

Director Porter announced that she accepted an invitation to be a guest speaker at Neighborworks Conference. Her presentation is based on University Park - Making Change Happen. She will provide copies of her presentation to the Board.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Adopting the Budget for FY 2009/2010.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve the ordinance.

F-1a: continued:

Trustee Griffin requested the ordinance is tabled until the public viewing promise is satisfied. Trustee McGuire also questioned the department head salary adjustments.

Manager Sevier answered that the salary adjustments are reflected in the current budget ordinance.

Mayor McCowan asked for a motion to table this ordinance until it is posted on the website for public viewing.

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded motion to table the ordinance.

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

Motion to table carried.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Oscar Brown introduced an ordinance to be added to the agenda for discussion.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion for the ordinance to be added for discussion purposes only.

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

Motion carried.

Item is added as 2g.

F-2a: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – Ordinance Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages in the Locality of the Village.

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the ordinance.

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

Motion to approve carried.

Ordinance Number 2009-26.

F-2b: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – Ordinance Declaring Certain Property No Longer Necessary of Useful to the Village and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Said Property.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Covington seconded a motion that the Board approves the revisions adding two items.

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

Trustee Covington asked when the sale or disposal will take place, if the residents can have access to the items before disposal and if the Kirby vacuums can be removed from the list due to the lifetime warranty.

General Manager Blockoms will remove the Kirby's from the list and all items were evaluated for repair. Manager Sevier will have the list of items posted at the golf course and on the website for public viewing before disposal is completed.

Trustee Larry Brown asked what is the method of disposal, and if item can be repaired or recycled.

Manager Sevier responded that General Manager Blockoms has already taken this into consideration.

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

Motion to approve carried Ordinance Number 2009-27.

F-2c: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – Ordinance Establishing Procedures for the Recording of Closed Sessions in the Village of University Park.

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion that the Board approves resolution.

Trustee Larry Brown voiced reasons of tabling ordinance until Village Clerk is available to answer questions regarding the ordinance.

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

Motion to approve carried Ordinance Number 2009-28.

F-2d: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Two (2) 2010 International 4300 Chassis with Medtec Ad170 Custom Conversion Ambulances.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Covington seconded a motion that the Board approves ordinance.

Trustee McGuire asked if the Finance Committee had the opportunity to review the financial agreement.

Manager Sevier answered that due to the difficulty of establishing financing and the ongoing underwriting changes, if the approval is not made tonight the deadline will not be met. The Finance Committee will review this at their next meeting.

Trustee Covington asked if this item is part of the capital projects.

Manager Sevier responded yes.

Trustee Griffin wanted an explanation as to why the Board is asked to approve a 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading of this item.

Manager Sevier informed that the Board approved a resolution to purchase this item in February 2009. This is to approve the financing and meet the deadline.

Trustee Oscar Brown wanted clarification of what items, if any, were being traded-in and if the need is based solely on mileage.

Chief Exner stated that the current 1996 ambulance models are being traded and the need is based on mileage (both over 100,000 miles), engine hours and wear-and-tear (cracks in boxes are occurring).

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

Nays: None.

Abstained: Trustee Griffin.

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried

Ordinance Number 2009-29.

F-2e: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of One (1) 2008 Ford F-450 Chassis Equipped with a Monroe Silver Snow Equipment Package and One (1) 2009 Ford F-550 Chassis Equipped with an Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device [One (1) Snow Plow Truck and One (1) Boom Truck]

F-2e: - continued:

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves ordinance.

Trustee Covington asked if this will save money on lift rental and are the trucks being leased .

Manager Sevier answered this will save the Village money and the trucks are being leased with an option to buy.

Ms. Gloria Barnett-Brookins, resident, requested the amount of the cost of the lease and is it lawful to make these purchases without an approved budget.

The Mayor responded that the cost is \$72,575 and \$58,213 for the trucks and the Board would not make decisions to hinder the Village financially (it is legal).

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, and Roudez.

Nays: Trustee Larry Brown.

Abstained: Trustee Griffin.

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried

Ordinance Number 2009-30.

F-2f: Bills Payable

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Covington 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 July 29, to August 11, 2009 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 121,659.62
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 33,405.44
Towncenter Fund	\$ 27,527.22
University Golf Club	\$ 85,489.27
Capital Project Fund	\$ 10,644.63
TIF I – Towncenter Area Fund	\$ 10,815.82
TIF II – Industrial Park Fund	\$ 564,543.72
TIF III – Cicero Industrial Fund	\$ 427,035.47
TIF IV – Governors East Fund	\$ 184,233.90
TIF V – Dralle Industrial Fund	\$ 142.50

Total

\$1,465,497.59

Bills Payable discussion continued

Trustee McGuire asked if the scholarship awards were acknowledged at a Board meeting, if not can it happen.

Manager Sevier responded that the awards were given at the high school ceremony and a list of names was given to the Board. The Mayor requested Ms. Townsend to contact the Education Advisory Chairperson.

Trustee McGuire questioned the continued services of Barnes and Thornburg.

Trustee Covington wants to know if the Senior Citizen Committee received the \$1000 donation and also wanted an understanding of the continued services of Barnes and Thornburg.

Trustee Oscar Brown would like to give Barnes and Thornburg another set of projects to work on for this fiscal year and evaluate the progress of the new projects.

Trustee Larry Brown questioned the name of companies associated with the TIF number districts.

Manager Sevier clarified that TIF I – Towncenter property, TIF II – PPL, UP Energy and Vitran, TIF III (under funded) – Applied Systems, and TIF IV – Georgia Pacific.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board tables Payment for Barnes and Thornburg.

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

Motion To Table Payment for Barnes and Thornburg Carried.

Mayor McCowan wants a letter forwarded to Barnes and Thornburg regarding payment status.

Roll call to approve bills list.

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

Motion To Approve Remaining Bills Payable List Carried.

F-2g. Ordinance Adding Special Rule Nine to U.P. Codified Ordinance Chapter 210 (added item – for discussion only).

Trustee Oscar Brown explained that the ordinance allows three (3) Trustees to agree upon adding an item to an agenda, which permits the minority Board members to have a voice.

Trustee Covington asked if this was legal, did it agree with the Illinois State Statute and can Trustees currently request items to be added to the agenda.

Mayor McCowan responded that Trustees can add items via corresponding and agreement with the Mayor. All items must also be reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Trustee McGuire asked Trustee Oscar Brown if research has been conducted about the process of other Villages creating their agendas. Trustee Oscar Brown answered no.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Marilyn Crockett stated how upsetting and embarrassing the disarray the Board seems. She hopes the Board is able to eventually unite.

Mr. Theaprise Brooks thanked Trustee Griffin, Director Townsend and Manager Sevier for the repair of the light on his street and cleaning the street. He invited all the Board members to his patio for open discussion.

Ms. Sandra Heard expressed her thanks for the combination Board and Finance Committee to discuss the budget. She requested copies of the bills list before each Board meeting.

Ms. Mary Truss discussed the shared opinions of Trustees Oscar Brown and Covington pertaining to her concerns for University Park's Farmers Market.

Ms. LaVerne Williams asked the Board what actions the Finance Committee should take to aid in the approval of the budget. She suggested a Board luncheon to unite.

Mr. Robert Travis inquired about the Village's fire evaluation of every building, the cost of rebuilding the barn and copies of the bills list for each Board meeting.

Ms. Cynthia Hudson mentioned the rewarding of the Village scholarship took place at the high school. She also looks forward to the Board uniting.

Pastor John Tatum asked for the Board to consider allowing Building Your Faith Workshop to be held at Craig Park, August 29th, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

General Comments continued

Ms. Motiryo Keambiroiro requested an apology from Manager Sevier regarding the overtones he made pertaining to her career during the manager's report.

Ms. Gloria Barnett-Brookins would like the public comments to be held in the beginning of the meeting so the public can voice their opinions or concerns before items are voted upon.

Mr. Sherif Brown described his biking accident that occurred at Pine Lake bike path. He attempted to resolve his injury costs with the Manager Sevier and he was not comfortable with what was offered.

H. BOARD CAUCUS

Mayor McCowan suspended the meeting from 10:10 pm to 10:25 pm 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 Oscar Brown referred to Ms. Truss' comment about the Farmer's Market. His hope was to encourage residents to support the Farmer's Market and not be abrasive toward Ms. Truss.

Trustee Covington apologized for any offenses Ms. Truss felt, but great efforts were made to bring a Farmer's Market to University Park. She welcomes all ideas, suggestions and help in bettering the efforts.

The Mayor replied to Ms. Williams' remark about the budget. There are not plans to bring the budget back to the Finance Committee. The budget will be posted on the website for public viewing as promised in the budget meeting and an ordinance will be created detailing the budget approval process.

Manager Sevier addressed Mr. Travis' concerns regarding the cost of the barn repairs. He stated that a third quote was completed and insurance will be covering the cost.

Manager Sevier also addressed _____ . His intent was not to offend, but to inform the Board of surrounding municipalities and his statement was directly quoted from a newspaper article.

Manager Sevier assured Mr. Brown a meeting with the Village attorney to resolve the injuries from his accident.

Mayor McCowan stated the Board will plan a Unity Retreat, and discuss the order of public comments on the agenda.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:02 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk

BY:

Kellye Kidd
Deputy Village Clerk