

Minutes Of The Regular (Re-scheduled) Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, March 5, 2013 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Milton C. Payton	Absent
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Mayor Covington noted that Trustee Payton informed the Board at the last meeting that he would not be present at this meeting.

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Stewart Diamond, Interim Police Chief Darryl Stroud, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approve minutes of the regular meeting held January 22, 2013 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Reading of Minutes – continued:

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approve minutes of the special meeting held February 12, 2013 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approve minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 2013 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Village Manager Linear reported that Public Works was out, and would be out all night removing the snow.

Trustee Roudez suggested that in the future that the Village consider using local landscaping contractors to assist in removal of snow during major snow storms.

Mayor Covington commented that she has suggested the same, plus having a list of youth available for usage in snow removal.

Trustee Williams referred to the water line for the Family Dollar Store Project and asked if that cost should be the responsibility of Aqua Water Company, and asked for clarity on that issue.

Mr. Linear responded that he has been in negotiations with Aqua Water and Family Dollar Store on who will pay for the additional line that is required for increasing the additional water line to the Project due to the Village's requirement for water sprinklers. He noted that the cost could possibly be a TIF eligible expense; however, to avoid a delay in the process, he feels that the Village would absorb the cost up front.

Village Attorney Diamond commented that he does not see any reason why the Village would advance the funds, or pay to bring the utilities to the property; that the municipality can require the developer to comply with Village Codes, unless there is language in the agreement that states that the Village will bear the cost. He stated that he would review the agreement and get back to Manager Linear.

Manager Linear responded that Family Dollar has no problem with the cost of installing the sprinkler system, but do not feel that they should pay for the upgrade. However, he will go over this with the Village Attorney.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants L.O.E. put in place, and wants check list of all new construction to be signed off by the Fire Department and Code Enforcement, so we can be sure that things are proceeding properly..

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington commented that she wants residents to be conscious of the needs of neighbors in cold and snowy weather, and reported that she is working on an ordinance to address diversity hiring of local contractors on projects in the Village; she expounded on job announcements that she wants put on the website. She also reported on a meeting she had with Federal Signal relating to surveillance of village properties and equipment. She also reported that the Gospel Show "Sunday's Best would be holding auditions at New Faith Baptist Church International on Saturday, and that she wants that information put on the website. .

E-3: Committee and Commission Reports

No reports given.

E-4: Reports of Other Officers:

No reports given.

E-5: Attorney's Report

No report given.

F. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the general public.

G. DISCUSSION AGENDA

G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**G-1a: Third Reading - An Ordinance Authorizing A Contract With SB
Friedman & Company For TIF-Related Services**

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

Mayor Covington asked if the Village would be reimbursed the \$38,000.00 for this matter.

Manager Linear responded that if it is deemed a TIF eligible expense, the village would be reimbursed once the TIF begins to generate funds.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2013 - 08.

**G-1b: Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Approving The Purchase Of
Two Police Vehicles**

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

Trustee Oscar Brown asked Chief Stroud if he had obtained quotes for leasing of these vehicles. Chief Stroud responded that he had.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2013 – 09

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

**G-2a: First Reading - Ordinance Creating Chapter 900, University Park
Employers' Expense Tax**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

G-2a – continued:

Attorney Diamond commented that currently Industrial Park TIFs are generating very little revenue for the Village; however, when the TIFs expire, and the companies stay in the area, real estate taxes will come into the Village. In the interim to generate more revenue, the Village can impose an employee head tax on the employers for up to ten dollars per month, per individual on companies who employ fifteen or more employees. He stated that contact and communication needs to be made with the Industrial Park Businesses, and that this has been successfully used in the City of Chicago and validated by the Supreme Courts. He also commented that this would allow us an opportunity to know the number of employees at those companies.

Mayor Covington commented that for years she has requested sanitized copies of the number of residents who are employees at those companies.

A resident who is employed in the industrial park asked if there would be a reduced rate, or eliminated taxes for University Park residents. Because he feels that the cost would be passed on to the employees.

Attorney Diamond responded that this is a tax on the employer, not the employee.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Attorney Diamond commented that since items G-2b; G2d; and G-2f dealt with the same type of subject matter, it would be appropriate for one motion and vote on those items collectively.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the following items:

G-2b: Motion To Reconsider The Passage Of Ordinance No. 02013-03;

G-2d: Motion To Reconsider The Passage Of Ordinance No. 02013-04 and

G-2f: Motion To Reconsider The Passage Of Ordinance No. 02013-05.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, and Roudez
Nays: Trustee Larry Brown.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the following items:

G-2c: Motion To Adopt Ordinance No. 02013-03 Over The Veto Of The Mayor

G-2e: Motion To Adopt Ordinance No. 02013-04 Over The Veto Of The Mayor

G-2g: Motion To Adopt Ordinance No. 02013-05 Over The Veto Of The Mayor

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, and Roudez

Nays: Trustee Larry Brown.

Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

G-2h: Bills Payables

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin 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 one (1) week from February 27, 2013 to March 5, 2013. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 143,505.68
Road & Bridge	\$ 1,133.84
Town Center Fund	\$ 3,186.97
University Golf Club	\$ 10,576.51
TIF IV Fund	\$ 5,962.79
Total	\$ 164,365.79

Trustee Williams commented on the number of payments to NiCor Gas with no addresses listed, and asked for clarity.

Trustee Griffin asked for clarity on payment to Court Reporter.

Manager Linear responded to Trustee Williams that due to the limited space on the ledger for documenting, there is not enough space for each address; however, he would have the finance department make that information available. Responding to Trustee Griffin, Manager Linear stated that the Court Reporter was for Hearing of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Payton

Abstained: Trustees Williams, and Griffin.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee L. Brown originally abstained, but withdrew that vote.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGER COMMENTS

J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

K EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board move into executive session for purposes of litigation at 7:58 pm.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Attorney Diamond informed the public that there would be nothing to report; therefore the meeting would adjourn after executive session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:12 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk*

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