

# **Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, July 8, 2014 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	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Steward Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Chief Edward Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Golf Club General Manager/PGA Paul Blockoms, Cable Studio Christel Allen, Community Relations Manager James Bell, 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. READING OF MINUTES**

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to table minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2014.

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

***Motion To Table Carried.***

**Reading Of Minutes – continued:**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2014 as presented.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

## **E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

Manager Linear reported on the progress of the audits noting that staff has been working diligently preparing for the audit, and the auditors will be coming out again later this month to begin the 2011 field work.

Trustee Payton voiced his concern that members of the Concerned Citizens Committee were stopped by a Code Enforcement inspector on a Saturday while they were passing their newsletter, he asked if the Code Enforcement Department worked on Saturdays. He asked if the Police officers who were providing security at the public works facility were being paid over time, and he requested copies of the agendas for the Legislative and Operations Committee.

Manager Linear responded to Trustee Payton relating to the schedule for the Code Enforcement Department stating that, depending on the volume of construction, and if they get complaints regarding possible violations, the inspectors sometimes go out to check for compliance on weekends.

Police Chief Bradley responded to the issue relating to the overtime and stated that at one time the Police officers were paid overtime, but now they have other security measures in place, and over time is no longer being paid.

Trustee Payton asked Manager Linear the details of the funding for the mowers recently approved for the Public Works Department; he read from an email received from a client regarding her wedding day being double booked, and the lack of cooperation she received from the events coordinator. He asked if any action had been taken to prevent this from happening in the future. He commented on an email received from the Deer Creek Golf Club relating to the playground recently constructed at Fairway Estates, and their concerns of possible danger to the kids from the golfers.

Village Manager Linear responded to Trustee Payton relating to the issue at the golf club and conference and stated that they are in the process of reviewing the procedures, and have taken appropriate actions and the injured party is being reimbursed for her losses.

Parks and Recreation Director Keely Childress responded to Trustee Payton relating to the playground stating the area is not near the golfing area, and that she spoke with the general Manager at the golf club prior to the construction of the playground, and there were no issues.

Mayor Covington commented that according to Mrs. Wilson, President of the Homeowners Association, there had been no problems brought to their attention.

Trustee Larry Brown asked for status on the Cityscape property.

Village Manager Linear responded that the property is still in court and the Village can continue to Board up and lien the property.

Trustee Griffin commented on complaints he received relating to trash directly associated with the Family Dollar Store, and asked what measures are being taken to prevent this rubbish in the Village.

Mayor Covington stated that she has spoken with the Manager of Family Dollar relating to this matter to which he responded that they were not aware that they were responsible for the trash on the South side of University Parkway. She also thanked Mrs. Mildred Morgan for bringing this matter to the attention of Director Bolton for a quick resolve of the problem.

Trustee Payton commented that the Cityscape property is on the market and any interested buyers could contact him for additional information. He further stated that he wants in writing the analysis of the safety plan for traffic flow near the Family Dollar store, and asked if the committee to review this was ever put together as he had asked Manager Linear and Chief Bradley to do.

Chief Bradley responded that he is working with Director Hunt in the process of getting the 35 mph speed limits posted in the area.

Trustee Roudez addressed the options and types of safety lights that have been discussed at one of the L & O Committee meetings.

Village Treasurer Dilworth asked to know why is it so difficult for him as Treasurer to receive statements and spreadsheets of Village finances as he requests.

Mayor Covington asked to know the status of the fire damage at the restaurant at the golf course, and stated that she wants the process for hiring and a list of job descriptions as she has previously requested.

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

Mayor Covington reported on her meeting with The South Suburban Black Mayors Caucus, the South Suburban Mayors & Managers, and the Will County Economic Development Agency where various topics were discussed relating to the economic growth of the south suburban region. She also reported that during the recent power outage University Park was one of the first towns up and running with electricity through-out the Village within twelve to fourteen hours.

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

Trustee Roudez reported that the "Back to School - Family Fling would be held on Saturday, August 2 with most activities at Palmer Park, and that there would be a baseball game at Palmer Park this Sunday.

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

Police Chief Bradley reported that on the Fourth of July, the Police Department partnered with the Family Dollar Store and had free food and activities for the kids.

Parks And Recreation's Director Keely Childress reported that the day camp talent show on July 3, 2014 was fantastic; for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the day camp they have 65 residents and 35 non-residents registered, and that thanks to Mr. Blockoms partnering with them, the day campers will take golf lessons this year.

Community Relations Manager James Bell reported that the Community Relations Department would be hosting a Motown Music and Classic Car & Bike Show on July 20, 2014 in the parking lot at the Town Center where there would be amenities for kids and the entire family; he is still working on developing a job bank that would match residents with employers, and hopes to have the form developed and on the website within a month. As a reminder, he noted that Family Fling would be held on August 2, 2014 at Palmer Park

Mayor Covington renewed her concerns with the Privacy Act, and collection of resumes and feels that this is a function for Human Resources. She also announced that the Will County Workforce in at Village Hall every Tuesday, and they assist individuals in resume' writing and assist them in finding jobs.

## **E-5: Department Updates**

None

## **F. GENERAL PUBLIC**

Attorney Diamond reminded the public of the 30 minutes maximum allowed for public comments, with three minutes for each individual, and Asked that they be mindful of the time limit. However, anyone who has signed in and not allowed to speak tonight would be 1<sup>st</sup> on the list for comments at the next meeting.

Mr. Bryant Coleman, Executive Chef University Golf Club voiced his displeasure with the communication and management of the restaurant at the golf club stating that there is no accountability, lack of direction, and that he is frustrated and thinks matters should be checked into.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants to see a project management plan.

Trustee Griffin stated that he thinks the Board should consider a private entity running the restaurant and bar.

Trustee Larry Brown commented that he welcomes looking at alternatives to stop the bleeding at the golf club. However, he does not feel that a majority of the loss is contributed to the restaurant and bar.

Trustee Liz Williams commented that the golf club advisory committee needs to meet to discuss items such as this. However, there has been difficult in getting a quorum.

Trustee Payton stated that he finds it strange that the golf club advisory committee was allowed to stay without holding regular meetings and that he too feels that a loss in excess \$1 million this year was not only the restaurant, but also on the golf side.

Attorney Diamond stated that as a point of law, public employees of a governmental entity should communicate their complaints and views through the rank of government in writing, because the Law does not allow for "free speech" by public employees at a public meeting.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Alexander-Griffin commented that she is a 30 year resident of this Village, and finds it embarrassing when the Mayor refers to this community as "in the hood".

Mrs. Mildred Morgan voiced her concern that on her attempt to reach someone in code enforcement, the Village Manager's office or the IT director on July 3 at 2:30 in the afternoon and found no one in the office to deal with her complaint relating to litter coming from Family Dollar. She also voiced her concern with problems with Comcast.

Mrs. Mae Gordon voiced her concerns that at the last meeting there was such disrespect for the Mayor from the Board and each other. She stated that she wants to see the Board working together for this Village, and that she feels that the Police Chief should do as the Mayor directs him and remove individuals who could be safety risk.

Mr. Robert Travis asked to know if the golf club had a sprinkler system at the time of the fire; commented on the need to have minutes of committees and commissions posted on the website. He also stated that the golf club advisory committee had discussed options for the restaurant and bar and forwarded that information to the Board but no action has been taken. He also stated that the Board needs to revisit the elimination of certain committees and commissions.

Mrs. Debra Taylor commented that there is a lot of good going on in her neighborhood, and she asked for clarity on payments to the industrial Park tenants and asked if this Village still qualifies as a food desert.

**G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**G-1a: Second and Third Readings — Ordinance Amending Part 4, Title 6 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park, As Amended, Regarding The Use Of Wireless Telephones And Electronic Communications Devices While Driving**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of this ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O2014-31.**

**G-2: NEW BUSINESS**

**G-2a: First, Second and Third Readings — Ordinance Accepting The Lowest Responsible Quote For Two Toro Mowers And A Chemical Sprayer And Authorizing Financing Of The Mowers And Sprayer For The University Golf Club & Conference Center**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of this ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O2014-32.**

**G-2b: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 660 (Safety, Sanitation And Health), Section 660-03 (Litter Control), Providing Requirements For Trash Container Enclosure Facilities In Multi-Family Residential Developments**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Larry Brown asked to know what has been ineffective in the codes, or code enforcement to adequately monitor the situation and issue fines or citations; he asked if there had been concerns or problems with the dumpsters as they currently exist. He stated that he feels the cost would be passed to the residents of those complexes.

Village Manager Linear responded that code enforcement was out over the last weekend issuing tickets for litter.

Mayor Covington commented that she feels the cost will be passed on to the tenants, and that this item was tabled for clarity, however, there has been no clarity given to the Board. She also voiced her concern with the limited amount of time allowed to build these enclosures before the enforcement of the ordinance, and that she also feel this will create health and safety issues and that this is not done in other communities.

Trustee Roudez stated that the sole intent is to clean up our community.

Attorney Diamond commented that there was a typo on page 1; paragraph 2 relating to the dimensions.

Trustee Payton asked for clarification on page 1 and then questioned each aspect of the specifications, and stated that he does not understand the aggressive nature and need for passing of 3 readings of this ordinance at this time. He also asked the number of building omplexes that would be affected by this legislation.

**Motion To Table:**

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to table this item.

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin and Roudez.

Absent: None.

***Motion To Table Failed.***

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to amend this ordinance to 1<sup>st</sup> reading only

**G – 2b: Roll Call on Amendment:**

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

***Motion To Amend To 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Failed.***

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to amend this ordinance to first and second readings.

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

***Motion To Amend to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings Carried.***

**G-2c: Resolution Supporting A Partnership Between The Parks & Recreation Department And Illinois Flames Track Club And Authorizing A Donation Of \$1,000 To The Illinois Flames Track Club**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried***

**Resolution Number R2014 – 13.**

**G-2d: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Professional Services Agreement With Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. For Mosquito Abatement Services**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried***

**Resolution Number R2014 – 14.**

**G-2e: Bills Payable**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown second a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park as incurred for the last two (2) weeks from June 25, 2014 to July 8, 2014. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ \$289,996.46
MB Financial Special Fund	\$ 23,410.58
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 9,110.00
Town Center Fund	\$ 12,858.11
Golf Course Fund	\$ 64,084.03
TIF III	\$ 432,329.10
TIF V	\$ <u>22,266.23</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 854,054.51</b>

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None..

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

**H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGER COMMENTS**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

**J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roudez moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 9:50 p.m.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC, RMC  
Village Clerk*