

**Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, August 8, 2017 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
	Paula C. Wilson	Present
	Theaplise Brooks	Present
	Curtis McMullan II	Absent (arrived @7:15 pm)
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present

Also present were Village Attorney John Wise, Village Manager Amara Enyia, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Chief Pate, Parks and Recreation Program Supervisor Neva Jenkins, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, 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 Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve minutes of June 27, 2017

Ayes:	Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	Trustee McMullan.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

## ***E: General Public Comments***

Lieutenant Jeff Duhoski, University Park Fire Department addressed the Board and voiced his concerns that for 2 1/2 months there has been no progress in resolving the issue relating to the Default Judgment filed in December 2016 for lack of funding of the fire pension fund in the amount of 175,000. He noted that Mayor Covington and Manager Enyia were working on it but Manager Enyia informed them that since the Board did not approve her contract, her hands were tied and there is nothing more she can do. He further stated that originally they informed Acting Manager Townsend of the situation with no resolution.

Ms. Gina Williams addressed the Board and thanked Police Chief Pate for the great job that he did in putting on the safety forum and updating residents about safety concern. She thanked Mayor Covington, and those Trustees who came out. She also thanked Manager Enyia for the outstanding job that she has done.

Ms. Bridgette Carey, Operator of Cool Mist Vapor Shop addressed the Board to introduce herself as the new proprietor of a Vaporing shop located at 1303 Hamilton.

Ms. Bernice O'Brien commented that she would like to see public comments at the end of the agenda items

Mayor Covington responded to Ms. O'Brien stating that the Board has been moving public comments back and forth on the agenda for years, and it is before the agenda items based on the last request for adjustment.

Ms. Debbie Stroud, Chair Of The University Park Senior Citizens Committee addressed the Board and announced that the Senior Citizen's Committee would be making a donation to Settlers Pond and the University Park Youth Athletic Association as part of the seniors giving back. She also invited everyone out to the Senior Citizen Fun Day on Wednesday, August 30 from noon until four pm.

Mrs. Star Lawson voiced her concerns with reports of a \$20,000 request from Dr Enyia without Board approval; that our tax identification number is suspended; that she would like to see Aqua Water Company provide drinking water in the parks, and asked the Board to check with Aqua Water Company to see if that could be done. She also noted that the website has not been updated and that the minutes from June and July are not on the website; that insurance payments taken out of employee paychecks were not being paid to the insurance companies. She thanked Dr. Enyia for the work she has done, and noted that residents want to work together with the Board, and that transparency is needed.

Mayor Covington responded that the \$20,000 is a disputed rumor; that the IT Director and Village Manager are working to update the website; that taking care of the insurance coverage is a Managerial responsibility and that she was not aware of the situation with the fire pension fund until recently, and that she and Robinson Engineers installed a GIS system for our website.

Manager Enyia responded regarding the \$20,000 and explained that she had not been compensated to date; that she met with the police department and fire Department leadership regarding money taken out of their paychecks and the pension fund; that she met with the IT Director to discuss soliciting bids to redesign the website; she stated that our FEIN is on hold and she has been working to resolve the issue that is due to misuse of motor fuel tax funds.

Trustee Payton responded that the hold on the FEIN has nothing to do with misuse of MFT Funds, and that IRH is conducting a forensic audit to see where our finances are.

IRH Senior Vice President Lamar Rogers commented that all TIF accounts are being examined by the Roche Law Firm, and that Bluelink is requesting payment for real estate that may not be reimbursable. He also noted that IRH have two certified public accountants working with Village staff to reconcile 2016 to update the fund balance.

Trustee Wilson stated that she wants reports of all reconciliations and monthly reports given to the Manager.

Public Works Director Richardson stated that Craig Park and Pine Lake have running water but the bathrooms were not open.

Ms. Kari Boykin addressed the Board and stated that she was disappointed that the Board did not come to an agreement with the Village Manager. She also stated that Mr. Mike Shamie, Owner of Avatar Cooperation had sent a letter to the Board of Trustee asking that they retain Amara Enyia as the Village Manager. She read the letter to the public.

**F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F-1a: 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings – Ordinance of The Village of University Park Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Adopting The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018**

Trustee Brown moved, Trustee Brooks seconded motion to approve third reading of this ordinance.

Due to concerns from the Board, it was decided to table this item.

**Motion To Table**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to table third reading of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

***Motion To Table Carried.***

**F-2: NEW BUSINESS**

***F-2a: First, Second, and Readings – An Ordinance Amending Section 210-01 of Chapter 210, of Title Four, of Part Two of Codified Ordinances of the Village of University Park Changing the Regular and Committee Of The Whole Meeting Dates of The Board of Trustees***

Trustee Brown moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve first, second, and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustees Payton and Brown questioned the need for the changes.

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to amend this item to first and second readings tonight.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustee Payton.  
Absent: None.

***Motion Carried.***

**Roll Call As Amended Approving First And Second Readings:**

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustees Payton and Oscar Brown.  
Absent: None.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

**F-2b: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Lease Of Commercial Property By And Between The Village Of University Park And Leukemia Research Foundation, Inc for Unit #6 Town Center Drive.**

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve this ordinance.

Trustee Brown referred to page 4, and asked if commercial leases could waive the five day notice.

Trustee Wilson asked if they would be given any months of free rent.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O 2017 – 16**

**F-2c: First, Second and Third Readings - Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Between The Village Of University Park And Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board For The Funding Of A 9-1-1 Surcharge Reallocation**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O 2017 – 17.**

**F-2d: First, Second and Third Readings - Ordinance Authorizing The The Extension Of The Police Officers' Eligibility List**

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O 2017 – 18.**

**F-2e: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Section 899-02, Of Chapter 899 Of Title Four, Of Part Eight Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park Related To The Real Estate Transfer Tax**

Trustee Brown moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve this ordinance.

Trustee Payton stated that this transfer tax increase equals 300%, and he does not want an increase because we are taxed enough.

Mayor Covington read a list of communities whose transfer tax is higher than University Park.

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to amend this to first and second readings tonight.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustees Payton, and Oscar Brown.  
Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve First And Second Readings**

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustees Payton, and Oscar Brown.  
Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve First And Second Readings Carried.**

**F-2f: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois And The State Of Illinois For Construction Engineering Of The RTA Access To Transit Various Sidewalk Improvements**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O 2017 – 19.**

**F-2g: Resolution Appointing Robinson Engineers, LTD. Project Consultant for The RTA Access To Transit Various Sidewalk Improvements**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried Resolution Number R2017 – 09.**

**F-2h: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement By And Between Onsolve, LLC And The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois For An Emergency Notification System**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Trustee Brown asked if the funds for this project could come from the 911 Grant. Chief Pate responded that the funds could be used for that purpose.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried Resolution Number R2017 – 10.**

**F-2i: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Relating To Participation Of Officials In The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brown seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried Resolution Number R2017 – 11.**

**F-2j: Motion To Re-Establish the Housing Committee, Code Enforcement Committee, and Information Technology/Cable Committee**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion to approve this Motion.

**Motion To Table:**

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

Ayes: Trustees McMullan, Payton, and Oscar Brown.  
Nays: Trustees Wilson, Brooks, and Mayor Covington.  
Absent: None.  
Abstained: Trustees Williams.

**Motion To Table Failed**

**Roll Call On Main Motion:**

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustees McMullan, Payton, and Oscar Brown.  
Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried.**

**F-2k: Motion Appointment of Gina Williams To The Plan Commission For A Full Term To Expire August 7, 2020**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee McMullan seconded a motion to approve this Appointment.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion To Approve Carried.**

Accompanied by Mayor Covington, members of the Board of Trustees, Plan Commission Members and family, Village Clerk Dee Jones administered the Oath Of Office to Gina Williams.

**F-2l: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing an Employment Separation and General Release Agreement with Amara Enyia.**



**Motion To Table:**

Trustee Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to table this item until after executive session.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, and 'Oscar Brown,

Nays: Trustee Wilson, and Mayor Covington.

Absent: None.

***Motion To Table Carried.***

***F-2m: Bills Payables***

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brooks seconded motion to approve the bills payables.

Trustee Payton stated that he would like removed, all payments to Smuckers and Bluelinks and any other companies in TIF 5 due to the court injunction against withdrawing funds from TIF 5 accounts without court approval.

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to pull all payments in TIF IV and TIF V from the bills payable list

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

**Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:**

Ayes: Trustees Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Williams.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

## **G. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Covington gave the following report: she stated that she appreciated the fact that Aqua Water Company came out to explain the information that had been placed in everyone's water bills for several weeks, and noted that there is a website that you can give input to [ICC.Ill.gov](http://ICC.Ill.gov) and place your complaints. She stated that Mr. Joe Loveless started the complaint process over three years ago, and that is how Attorney General Lisa Madigan got involved, She asked that residents continue to send their input to them. She also reported that there will be a meeting with all Will County Mayors and with our Congresswoman Kelly where she will be requesting a letter of support from her to IDOT for a traffic signal light for the Exit off 1-57 and grant information for tree extraction and materials for potholes.

Mayor Covington reported that The Board will start looking to amend some of the ordinances that can generate revenue for the Village, and there are many services that have not been visited since 1988. She stated that she has shared with the Board tonight this information that Our Code Enforcement Department has shared with her. She thanked the Police Chief and his Commander and Sgt. for sacrificing their Saturday to open themselves to the public for three hours of information on how, what and why safety matters. She also reported that the \$1million for the Cicero Project is not from Will County.

Congratulations once again to a successful Unity Fest at First Baptist Church. They also united with Miller Chapel and Faith Movers. We appreciated the union of the religious community. She also noted that Mayors are scheduled to host a discussion on the violence in our community and discuss some resolutions. She further stated that We as a Board are working to better serve you and will continue as a collective body to do just that. We appreciate your input and support. There is a level of respect that everyone must give to one another and it has to start now.

### ***Reports Of Trustees***

Trustee Wilson stated that she wants to see the Treasurer, finance, and IRH work to bring a decent budget the Board for approval.

### ***Reports Of Appointed Officials***

Village Treasurer Dilworth reported that he would like for the Board to work on the budget report, stating that he will give as much help as possible.

## **H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

None noted.

## **I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee moved, Trustee Wilson Brooks seconded a motion to move into executive session for purposes of personnel and litigation at 9:40 pm.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Wilson, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, and Mayor Covington.  
Nays: Trustee Brown.  
Absent: None.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

The Board returned from executive session at 12:15 am August 9, 2017 and took the following action:

***F-2I: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing an Employment Separation and General Release Agreement with Amara Enyia.***

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion to approve this Employment Separation and General Release Agreement with Amara Enyia as Amended: That this amendment is contingent on the approval of the language by Amara Enyia, with changes to the agreement as directed to Village Attorney Wise.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Brooks, McMullan, Payton, Oscar Brown,  
Nays: Trustee Wilson, and Mayor Covington.  
Absent: None.

***Motion To Approve Carried***

***Ordinance Number O 2017 – 20.***

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 12:18 AM, August 9, 2017

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Dorothy R. Jones, MMC  
Village Clerk*