

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday January 10, 2017 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mayor Covington, Mayor Pro-tem Larry Brown called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Acting Village Manager Johnna Townsend, Village Attorney Loren Glennon, Village Prosecutor Gary Mueller, Police Chief John Pate, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Brown 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 Griffin seconded a motion to approve minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held December 13, 2016.

Trustee Payton referred to page 3 of 7, paragraph 8, and noted that his comment reads “the Treasurer is not involved in the finance committee”, and should read “prior to being appointed as Village Treasurer he was not involved with the finance committee”.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Glennon reminded the public of the rules governing public comments.

Ms. Redman voiced her concerns regarding parking of disabled vehicles on Samson Drive; the deplorable conditions of the property and garage at 485 Pebble Beach Court, and the length of time that half of the light on the east side of the Marquee has been out.

Ms. Tonnie Adams asked what efforts were made to notify the public of the electoral process.

Trustee Oscar Brown responded to Ms. Adams stating that he feels it is the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the information necessary to run for office, and to inform their constituent.

Village Clerk Dee Jones responded to Ms. Adams stating that notice of the hearing of the Electoral Board was posted at Village Hall and at #90 Town Center Drive along with the agenda for each call.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Re-appointing Devon Dilworth Village Treasurer

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

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Brown asked to know why this action is being brought forward, if the treasurer is still being paid his normal compensation.

Trustee Payton responded that this appointment should have been made at the beginning of the new term of the Mayor. However since it had not been done, the action is brought forward now.

Mr. Dilworth addressed the Board and public stating that he knows of discrepancies in accounting, posting to the general ledger, composition of the Treasurer's report, and other inconsistency...

Ayes: Trustee Wilson.

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

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Abstained: Trustee Larry Brown, who concurred with the action of the Board.

Motion To Approve Failed To Carry.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: Motion – Approving a Contractual Agreement Between The Village of University Park And IRH Financial Consultants

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

Mr. Devon Dilworth stated that the Village could hire a full-time accountant for less than the fifteen thousand dollars per month that they are paying this firm until April 2017. He stated that he does not agree with the hiring of this firm.

Trustee Wilson voiced her concerns, and asked for clarity relating to payments for the reconciliation of bank statement, and requested a list of bank accounts being reconciled. She also asked for clarity on attorney fees as listed as #16 in this agreement and Force Majeure as listed as #9.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded to Mr. Dilworth noting that the cost of the previous financials staff was a lot more than the fifteen thousand dollars per month for this financial consulting firm. She noted that salary for financial staff ranged from forty-five thousand per year to more than eighty thousand per year plus employment benefits, and that the consultants are for a short term to clean up our financial mess.

Mr. Ed Rodgers responded to Trustee Wilson related to attorney fees and stated that this would only apply to problems between IRH and the Village of University Park related to violation of the contractual agreement.

Village Prosecutor Mueller explained the meaning of Force Majeure as listed as #9, noting that if the Village or the consultant is not able to comply with the terms of the agreement due to acts out of control of either party.

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2b: Bills Payable

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded the motion to approve payments of the following paid and payables. The following accounts will be charged for those payments.

General Fund	\$ 285,990.74
Applied Systems TIF III	\$ 698,371.54
Family Dollar	<u>\$ 55,432.37</u>
TOTAL	\$1,039,794.65

Motion To Amend Bills Payable:

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to remove Direct Energy from The list of bills payable and vote to approve that the Village attorney intercede and Communicate with Direct Energy.

Acting Village Manager Townsend commented that we have been unable to find Board Approval for entering into an agreement with Direct Energy.

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2c: Motion Approving The 2017 Calendar Year Meeting Schedule.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve the 2017 calendar year meeting schedule with the following corrections and additions:

F-2c: continued:

*Board of Trustees from July 4th to July 11, 2017, and November 8th and 22nd to November 14th and 28th.

*Finance Committee – Remove July meeting.

*Human Services & Special Events Committee to meet the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. At Village Hall.

*Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee from June 7th to June 1, 2017.

*Senior Citizens Committee from May 13th to May 10th; June 10th to June 14th; July 15th to July 12th; August 12th to August 9th; September 9th to September 13th, and October 14th To October 11, 2017.

Motion To Table:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to table this item to the next agenda

Ayes: Trustees Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown.

Nays: Trustees Larry Brown, Wilson, and Payton

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion To Table Failed To Carry.

Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Wilson, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried.

G. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES, CLERK, MANAGER, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, and COMMITTEES

No reports given.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None noted.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to move into executive session for purposes of litigation, pending or eminent at 8:04 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Wilson, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Mayor Covington.

Motion to Approve Carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:41 PM and resumed the regular meeting with nothing to report out.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:42 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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