

**Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees
For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties
Illinois, Held Tuesday, October 10, 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 7:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Paula C. Wilson	Absent
	Theaplise Brooks	Present
	Curtis McMullan II	Present
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present

Also present were Village Attorney John Wise, Interim Village Manager/Police Chief John Pate, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Parks and Recreation Director Keely Childress, IT Director Deryl Bolton, 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 McMullan seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 2017.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: General Public Comments

Mrs. Mary Truss voiced her concerns with parking on both sides of the street on Olmstead, and abandoned vehicles in that area. She asked all residents to help keep the Village clean by removing tree and other debris around their homes, and asked if the deadline for branch pick-up could be extended.

Mayor Covington responded that there is an item on the agenda tonight to address parking in the Village.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Third Reading – Ordinance Amending Section 210-01 and 210-02 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 and Establishing An Order Of Business For Committee Of The Whole Meeting

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve third reading of This ordinance

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2017 – 22.

F-1b: Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 440, of Title Eight, of Part Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois, Restricting Parking At Specific Locations and Regulating Overnight Parking

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2017 – 23.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: Motion to Authorize a Deposit in the amount of \$3,000.00 for ADR Systems of America, LLC for Mediation Costs in the matter of Clorox International Company vs. Village of University Park (17 CV 62).

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee McMullan seconded the motion to approve this item.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Wilson.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2b: Bills Payable (Paid & Payable)

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve the following bills payable list of critical general operating expenses that the Village has occurred from September 13, 2017 through September 26, 2017. The following funds will be charged:

General Fund Account	\$` 66,754.49
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,480.88
Town Center Fund	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 68,585.37

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to amend the main motion to add a check in the amount of \$9,392.74 to Bright Computers for equipment to the police department. Thereby changing the General Fund to read \$76,177.23, and the total for bills payable to read \$77,978.11

Roll Call on Amendment:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Wilson.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

G. Reports of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Clerk, Manager, Appointed Officials, And Committees\Commissions

G-1 and G-2: Presentations by Illinois Housing Authority and Ingalls Occupational Health (Postponed to October 24, 2017)

G-3: Reports Of Appointed Officials

Parks and Recreation Director Keely Childress reported that in conjunction with the University Park Library the Parks and Recreation Department would be hosting "Trunk and Treat" on October 28th, and invited officials and residents to come out and participate, and that youth basketball would be held October 26th through November 7th.

IT Director Deryl Bolton reported that Comcast Engineers were out last week testing the fiber lines between Comcast and the cable studio and they are now working, and now the Village needs to develop a plan to upgrade the equipment in the cable studio; the voice over IP System has been tested, and he is working with the Interim Manager on redesigning the Village website.

Trustee McMullan asked if GSU would be working with the cable studio and this project.

Mayor Covington responded that GSU is working on a proposal to present to the Board.

Mrs. Star Lawson asked if the IT Director is responsible for the maintenance of the cable studio.

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios reported that the fire department responded to more than 1,207 calls during the last month; reminded residents that even though time change is not until November, that they should change the batteries in all of their emergency notification systems, and that open burning of leaves is not allowed within Village limits.

Public Works Director Richardson reported that 46 diseased trees have been removed, and tree trimming is ongoing; they used 176 tons of asphalt in street patching, and street sweeping is ongoing.

Mayor Covington stated that Trustee Wilson asked her to ask where the new trash cans are located, and that she wants to see the receipt for the 20 trash cans.

Public Works Director Richardson responded that the new trash cans are at Craig and Olmstead Parks, and he would provide the receipts.

Reports of the Village Manager

Interim Village Manager/Police Chief Pate reported that the current budget and the 2015 audit have been finalized; that they are working to complete three more MFT resolutions by next week; he is working with a Grant Writer regarding building and infrastructure grants, and working on funding for the youth development center.

Report Of The Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams reported that she is glad that the parking ordinance passed for the safety of our children and residents.

Trustee Brown reported that the Parks and Recreation's Fun and Board and card games is ongoing at Thornwood House on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Trustee Brooks commented that youth football is almost over and thanked Mayor Covington for her support. He noted that he takes pride in his work to enhance the lives of our youth. He apologized for missing some of the meetings during this process, and thanked Trustee Williams for working with him on the Aqua rate hike project, and stated that he wants GPS Systems installed in all police vehicles.

Trustee McMullan thanked department heads for working with Chief Pate in his role as Interim Manager, and thanked Chief Pate for the outstanding job he is doing.

Report Of The Mayor

Mayor Covington reported on meetings and events she has attended and participated in since the last meeting, which included a visit she made to the office of Congresswoman Kelly to inquire about a letter from her to ask for a reduction in the hearing of the water bill, noting that her assistant stated this might not work because this is a private utility company. However, she stated that she is sending the same request to Senators Hutchinson, Harris, and State Representatives Al Riley and Anthony Deluca; A meeting was held, and requests were made that the County support the Village by enhancing the stop sign at I-57 Interchange with a larger stop sign and reflectors to avoid additional accidents at that site. She attended the SSMA Planning meeting and requested that IDOT place a stop light at the same site when the budget will allow. She also attended the Democratic Dinner where Senator Pat McGuire received the Walsh Leadership Award, noting that last year our own Jim Harris received that award.

Report Of The Mayor – continued:

Mayor Covington reported that she also attended the monthly SSMBC meeting where they met to discuss monthly issues on suburban issues, and celebrated the victory in the passing of the senate bill that was nonunion to bid for local projects, and she attended the Celebration of Life for Mr. Ron Davis, where Rev. Dr. Brenda Mitchell spoke beautifully about the family and the residents on University Park's behalf. She also noted that Representative DeLuca would host a Shred Day this week at the Town Center from 8 – 10:00 am.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None noted.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee McMullan moved, Trustee Brown seconded a motion to move into executive session for purposes of litigation (pending & probable) at 7:56 pm.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:41 pm with nothing to report out.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee McMullan moved, Trustee Brown seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:42 pm.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones

*Dorothy R. Jones, MMC
Village Clerk*