

***Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees
For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties
Illinois, Held Tuesday, March 28, 2017 At #90 Town Center
Drive In The Village Of University Park***

A. CALL TO ORDER

Due to the late arrival of Mayor Covington, Mayor Pro-tem Larry Brown called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Absent (arrived @ 7:08)
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 Village Attorney George Robinson, Village Prosecutor Gary Mueller, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

Mayor Covington arrived at 7:08 pm and assumed the Chair.

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 Roudez moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve minutes of the re-scheduled meeting held March 16, 2017

Mayor Covington referred to page 3 of the minutes and commented that all of her comments were not in the minutes.

Roll Call On Minutes:

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Griffin, Roudez, Oscar Brown, And Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustees Larry Brown And Wilson

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: General Public Comments

Mrs. Debra Taylor addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees and requested an opportunity to have copies of items on the agenda and copies of changes in public comments. She also asked to know how many days are left before IRH Financial gives a report to the Board, and whether or not a new contract with them was approved.

Trustee Payton responded that the contract was approved at the special meeting held earlier tonight, and that IRH stated that they would have financial report at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Tonnie Adams commented that she would like to see the contract ordinance, copies of tabled items, and to know why the public is not receiving a full agenda packets prior to the meeting so that they could be fully informed and give their input to the Board.

Mayor Covington responded that she would respond to Ms. Adams later.

Mr. James Worthington of the Youth Baseball Association addressed the Board and stated that their season begins on April 29th, and that they are in need of umpires, and donations. He also asked to know how they could apply for the \$6000 in funds allocated to youth baseball.

Trustee Payton responded that they would need to provide the Village with receipts of purchases to be reimbursed.

Trustee Wilson asked if the ball fields would be ready for the beginning of the season, and noted that the parade is scheduled for May 20th.

Public Works Director Richardson responded that they would begin work at Craig Park next week.

Mrs. Bridget Franklin addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees and stated that she is disappointed to see that youth activities were not mentioned in the budget, and that she wants the community to fund youth programs, and bring back family fling. She also stated that her family had been betrayed by someone possibly on the Board, stating that her husband Donell Franklin ran for Trustee in the past, and that he is dedicated to youth. However, someone reported to the Chicago School Board that her husband did not live in the City of Chicago and he lost his job, but that God had a plan for him and he found a new job the following day. She shared some of the obstacles that her husband has overcome and his dedication to youth and community. Mrs. Franklin stated that she feels the war on this Board has trickled down on him, and they have reached the point that they trust none of them.

Mayor Covington responded to Mrs. Franklin and stated that she will contact her with a way to find out who contacted the Chicago Board of Education because she too was reported to her job, and had to endure strenuous questions.

Ms. Gina Williams addressed the Board and stated that “there are snakes in this garden”, and that they turned against their friend Liz Williams, but they will not forget them. She also asked to know when she would get a copy of the attorney bill for the electoral Board hearings, and she wants to know why Moses Mays was paid \$10,000.

Village Clerk Dee Jones responded that they had not yet received a bill from the attorney relating to the electoral Board hearings.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second & Third Readings --Ordinance Authorizing The Acting Village Manager And Staff To Declare Surplus Personal Property Items And Authorize The Disposal Of Surplus Items.

Public Works Director Richardson stated that the information in the packet reflected the inventory of surplus items, however only a portion of those items were to be declared Surplus.

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to table this ordinance.

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

Motion To Table Carried.

F-2b: Bills List (Paid and Payable)

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Payton seconded the motion to table this item.

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

Motion To Table Carried.

G. Mayor's Report

With the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Covington issued the following Proclamations:

a) Proclamation - Kids to Parks Day - Proclaiming May 20, 2017 As Kids To Park Day In The Village Of University Park.

This proclamation was read by Trustee Wilson

b) Motorcycle Awareness Month - Proclaiming The Month Of May As Motorcycle Awareness Month In The Village Of University Park.

This proclamation was read by Trustee Payton

Mayor Covington reported on events and meetings that she had attended, or participated in since her last report, which included signing off on the bid specifications and requirements for the work at restoring sewers in the Sandra/Black Hawk area where HUD paid the Village's portion of the grant; she also read the request for bidders; she also reported that she is working with Governors State University to restore and staff the Cable Studio; she participated in the League of Women Voters at an event this past Saturday in Park Forest, where State Senator Toi Hutchinson and other notable South Suburban Women were speakers and participants; that there will be a bold hiring initiative for veterans at Jewel.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Paula Wilson asked the Board to bring back the ordinance on standing rules and the policy for public comments. Because, as Trustee Liaison for the Human Services and Special Events Committee she wants it allowed for that committee to hold meetings.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None noted.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 7:55 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones

*Dorothy R. Jones, MMC
Village Clerk*