

# Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, September 13, 2011 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 7:26 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 Ivan Tomic, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Sgt. Darryl Stroud, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Lewis-Childress, Golf Club General Manager Paul Blockoms, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, Economic & Community Development Director Kim Porter, 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 Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves minutes of the regular meeting held August 9, 2011 as amended to reflect the following corrections: Trustee Oscar Brown referred to Item F-1a: and stated that Trustee Williams voted **Nay, not Aye**, Trustee Williams concurred with the correction as noted.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

***Motion Carried to Approve, as Amended.***

**Reading of Minutes continued:**

It should be noted that a check of the video and audio recordings of the regular meeting held August 9, 2011 revealed that Trustee Williams voted **Aye, not Nay**. Therefore, that portion of the minutes will not be changed.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves minutes of the regular meeting held August 23, 2011 as amended to reflect the following corrections: Mayor Covington referred to page 3, paragraph 4 under Committee & Commission and noted that Clowning Around agreed to return for the continuation of Family Fling **at no additional cost, not at an additional minimal cost**; Trustee Payton referred to page 9, paragraph 2 under his question to include that **he suggested that Manager Linear and Public Works Director Townsend look into a thirty year warranty, and define what this limited warranty covers. Mr. Linear and Townsend indicated that they would**; Trustee Larry Brown referred to page 10, paragraph 3 under bills payable, and stated that it was **he, not Trustee Oscar Brown**, that asked if payments for umpires was included.

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

***Motion Carried to Approve, as Amended.***

## **E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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

Village Manager Lafayette Linear reported that he is moving forward with the interview process to fill the positions for Police Chief and Finance Director; that he is working with a facilitator for the Board Retreat; that he, Mayor Covington and Director Townsend had a kick-off meeting with the new Engineering firm, and began working on a five-year plan for maintenance and upgrades of our infrastructure.

Trustee Griffin referred to a question he asked at the last meeting relating to a credit card charges and payment to AT&T, and asked Manager Linear for a status of his request. He also asked if the empires had been paid for their services.

Manager Linear responded that the payment was for telephone and internet services for the village, and that they are still waiting for proper paperwork from the empires.

Trustee Griffin stated that he toured the public works department and did not see any spare parts for repairing or replacing lights, or for vehicle maintenance, and asked for an inventory of the equipment, supplies and maintenance reports of the public works department. He also asked to know what equipment is not in working order.

**Village Manager's Report – continued:**

Director Townsend responded that lights and fixtures are kept in a locked cabinet, and if the secretary was not at her office, depending on when Trustee Griffin was there, she was probably somewhere on the premises, and that except for one truck all vehicles are up and running.

Trustee Williams noted her concerns with the following items: 1) condition with the tunnel area at Sandra Drive, and stated that a resident informed her that he did a cost analysis of what is needed, and said the cost would be approximately \$78.00; 2) Are all the tenants who are leasing spaces at the Town Center up to date with rents; and when will the newsletter be published and available to the residents.

Manager Linear responded that the tunnel area at Sandra Drive is on the list for repair; Town Center business operators have different terms to their leases, some have certain incentives, but he thinks that for the most part most tenants are living up to the terms of their lease. However, he will set up a workshop with the Board to discuss these concerns, because he has not had an opportunity to review each of the lease agreements.

Mayor Covington stated that under the previous administration, tenants were allowed incentives, and not required to pay rent.

Trustee Payton stated that it is one thing to hold the tenants responsible to live up to the terms of the lease, but that the village also has an obligation to live up to their responsibilities, and make needed repairs.

Mr. Walter Perkins addressed the issue relating to the newsletter, and stated that he is working on the editing process, and that an electronic copy would be available by the end of September and the hard copy would be mailed to residents in early October.

Trustee Williams asked if the Village of University Park lost the eight million dollars grant that was for the Central Avenue/University Parkway Road Project, and the two million dollars for the Cicero Avenue Road Project, and if the village had paid its share of the matching funds.

Manager Linear deferred to Trustee Roudez for information in this issue.

Trustee Roudez stated that the project was to be let by September 1, 2011, and that the Grant requires that the Village have funds of eight million dollars to match the grant. However, he feels that the project can be done in phases, with the first step to repair Central Avenue, and then move forward with Step 2, Cicero to Crawford. He further stated that he does not feel that we have lost the funding.

Director Townsend stated that if we just complete phase 1, and that we have some funds toward the project, and that the new target date is March, 2012, and that they are looking at funding sources.

Mayor Covington stated that the previous Engineers had not been as aggressive as they should have been in assisting in finding funding sources. However, the new Engineers are looking at grants to assist us with the funding.

Manager Linear stated that we did not lose funds allocated for this project, and that there had been no request for payment.

Trustee Roudez voiced his concern with the process for garbage collection, noting that some renters are having service cut off without notice to them. He suggested an amendment to the ordinance that would give a thirty day notice to the renter before service is discontinued. He also suggested that notice is given that garbage collection service is delayed one day following a legal holiday. Trustee Roudez also voiced his concern of the need for a stop sign at the corner of Sullivan Lane and Hickok.

Village Collector Claudia Webb responded to Trustee Roudez noting that she has been sending out notices for any overdue bills for the last thirty days, and that notice regarding garbage collection service being delayed one day following a legal holiday is on the back of each bill.

Code Enforcement Director Kim Porter stated that notices are sent to the owner of record of the property, and it is the responsibility of the owner to pay for garbage collection, unless the tenant is indicated in the lease agreement as the responsible party.

Trustee Oscar Brown commented on a comment he heard earlier that some lease agreements in the Town Center were oral, and stated that he feels that contracts regarding land should be in writing.

Village Attorney Ivan Tomic stated that oral lease agreements are almost unenforceable. He stated that each lease needs to be looked at individually.

Trustee Larry Brown voiced his concern that residents were told that they would have to complete a FOIA before they could receive a full agenda packet.

Village Attorney Ivan Tomic stated that under the law, we are only required to provide the agenda, not supporting documentation.

Village Clerk Jones responded that at the previous meeting, the Board agreed, and she informed the public that only the agenda would be provided prior to the Board meetings, and that a request under FOIA for information that had not been presented to the Board would probably be denied. However, the information would be available once the Village Board had taken action on agenda items.

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

Mayor Covington reported that she is working hard on getting our youth involved in the political process and looking at establishing a Youth/Trustees in training program, along with bringing forward Ethic Committee appointments.

Mayor Covington reported on the numerous meetings and events she has attended with various board members and staff since the last meeting, including presenting a Proclamation at the Annual Muslim Convention in Tinley Park; meetings with State Representative Al Riley and Robinson Engineers regarding plans to move the University Parkway road project forward; meeting with the attorney, manager, clerk and one trustee in preparing upcoming agenda for distribution to the Board at least one week prior to the Board meetings; GSU President Elaine Mammon where they discussed GSU and the Village of University Park partnering to make this a college town, and the Dual Degree Program at GSU. She noted that she is meeting with Dr. Mammon every other week; she attended the anniversary of First Baptist Church; budget meeting of School District 201-U. She also commented on an upcoming job fair to be held at Chicago State University on October 13, 2011.

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

Trustee Payton extended thanks to Staff, Volunteers and everyone involved in the Back-in-School Family Fling held Labor Day weekend, and expounded on the main attraction Killer Ray Wilson. He also reported on the events planned by the HSSEC (Human Services & Special Events Committee) including Senior Appreciation Month which included line dancing; bingo with free draft beer and popcorn; and an ice cream social. He stated that the HSSEC would like a meeting with Mayor Covington and Manager Linear to discuss other plans that they have. He thanked those who are using the services of the Farmers Market, noting that this year the selection is limited, but good, and indicated that next year they will begin the process earlier, and he requested the support and cooperation from village residents.

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

Public Works Director Jerry Townsend reported on the kick-off meeting that he had with the new village engineers, and noted that they will be submitting a grant for funding for repairs to our infrastructure.

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress reported that Total Roofing would finish the roof at the Barn by this weekend, and invited the Board to come by for a tour of the facility; she commented on a site visit from Landmark Preservation relating to the historic status of Riegel Farm, and announced that the First Flower & Community Garden at Riegel Farm is now producing lots of fresh vegetables that are available for residents.

**Reports Of Other Officers – continued:**

Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson reported that young broadcaster's program would begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$50.00 per individual, and it is open to everyone, not just residents of University Park.

Golf Club General Manager Paul Blockoms reported that the Golf Course would be down for needed required maintenance from September 19 – 21, 2011; that they would be assisting GSU with its summer cook out this coming Friday; and that the Hooked On Golf needs at least twenty kids for the program, and that to date there are twelve kids registered. He noted that the program is at no cost for participants, and lessons are from 4 – 6 p.m. weekdays.

Economic & Community Development Director Kim Porter reported that the Code Enforcement Department has received complaints of residents who have no garbage collection illegally dumping their garbage in other resident's containers. She advised those individuals that illegal dumping is punishable, and fines can be assessed to those caught doing same.

Trustee Roudez asked if the village could look into Scrapers going through garbage for recyclables.

Mayor Covington commented on the need for a recycling program, and stated that she would send some information to Ms. Porter.

Village Treasurer Dilworth reported that a finance committee meeting would be held on September 26, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. He also reported on his attendance of the IML, and the information and contacts that he acquired at those meetings

## **F. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F-1a: Third Reading – Ordinance Amending Title Six Of The Administration Code To Add New Chapter 233 Establishing A Department Of Human Resources**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board approves third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Payton, and Larry Brown.

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

Absent: None.

**Motion Failed to Carry.**

Mayor Covington voiced her disappointment with this action of the Board and noted the need for this department.

**F-1b: Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Chapter 271 Of The Administration Code Entitled “Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners”**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded that the Board approves second and third readings of this ordinance.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried***

**Ordinance Number O2011-25.**

**F-2: NEW BUSINESS**

**F-2a: First Reading – Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With The Owner Of A Tract Of Land Consisting Of 154.68+/- Acres At The Northwest Corner Of Stuenkel Road And I-57 [154.68 +/- Acres On The Northwest Corner Of Stuenkel Road And I-57 In Unincorporated Monee Township, Will County, Illinois, Pin: 14-05-300-003-0000]**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

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

***Motion To Approve First Reading Carried.***

**F-2b: First Reading – Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The Village Of University Park [154.68 +/- Acres On The Northwest Corner Of Stuenkel Road And I-57 In Unincorporated Monee Township, Will County, Illinois Pin: 14-05-300-003-0000]**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

Trustee Payton noted that the entire PIN Numbers were not recorded and asked that this item be amended to reflect the entire number.

**F-2b: - continued:**

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to amend the main motion to add the prefix to the PIN Numbers.

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

**Motion To Amend Carried.**

**Roll Call On Main Motion:**

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

**Motion To Approve First Reading As Amended Carried.**

**F-2c: First Reading – Ordinance Zoning Land Newly Annexed To The Village Of University Park, Illinois [154.68 +/- Acres On The Northwest Corner Of Stuenkel Road And I-57 In Unincorporated Monee Township, Will County, Illinois - Pin: 14-05-300-003-0000]**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

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

**Motion To Approve Carried.**

**F-2d: First Reading - An Ordinance Accepting A Letter Of Agreement Between The Village Of University Park And MBA Services For The Performance Of Auditing Services**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first reading of this ordinance.

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

**Motion To Approve Carried.**

**F-2e: First, Second and Third Readings - An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between The Village Of University Park, The Suburban Bus Division Of The Regional Transportation Authority ("Pace"), And Titan Incorporated For The Placement Of Passenger Bus Shelter Within The Village Limits**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Oscar Brown referred to Paragraph A: Approval of Shelter and asked for clarity on "approval of shelter", and if there would be additional approval of those areas near residential areas. He also noted concerns with the lights reflecting in windows of homes in residential areas.

Mayor Covington responded that most of the shelters are already in place, but new shelters would be erected on Western and on Cicero Avenue. Additionally, she stated that the Village would get \$900.00 per shelter for advertising.

Trustee Roudez referred to paragraph 5: Prohibited Advertisements, and asked to add Tobacco Products to that list.

**Motion To Amend Main Motion:**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to amend the main motion to add Tobacco Products to the list of Prohibited Advertisements.

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

**Motion To Approve Amendment**

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

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

**Motion To Approve Carried**

**Ordinance Number O2011-26**

**F-2f: First, Second, and Third Readings - An Ordinance Accepting The Proposal By Dell Financial Services LLC For The Leasing Of Computers To The Village Of University Park**

**F-2f: continued:**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Roudez asked if these computers are for use by the Village Board. Mayor Covington responded that they were not for the Board, but to upgrade existing laptops.

Trustee Payton noted that he discovered a difference in the 970.11 monthly payment times thirty-six months and asked for clarity.

Village Manager Linear responded that the difference includes estimate charges and other fees.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried***

**Ordinance Number O2011-27.**

***F-2g: Resolution Adopting A Requirement For \$100,000 Surety Bond For The Offices Of Village Treasurer, Village Clerk, And Village Collector***

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried***

**Resolution Number R2011-24.**

***F-2h: Appointments***

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the following individuals be appointed to the named committees and commissions, and that Rev. Lawrence Blackful is appointed as Village Chaplain .

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Commission</b>	<b>Term</b>
Patti Guinn	Public Safety	12/31/2014
Roosevelt Martin Jr.	Public Safety	12/31/2012
Bobbie Greer	Public Safety	12/31/2014

Jamal Powell	Public Safety	12/31/2014
Samuel Johnson	Code Enforcement	12/31/2012
Andre Covington	Code Enforcement	12/31/2014
Ron Taylor	Economic Development	12/31/2014
Joachim Mekoum	Economic Development	12/31/2014
Roosevelt Martin Jr.	Economic Development	12/31/2014
Drueada Henry	Economic Development	12/31/2013
Curtis McMullan	Economic Development	12/31/2012
Betty Reed	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2014
Robert Travis	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2014
Andre Covington	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2014
Stephanie Wilcoxson Jenkins	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2013
Deborah Orr	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2013
Ray Cage	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2012
Allison Jordon	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2012
Del Coleman	Cable/Information Technology Commission	12/31/2012
Drueada Henry	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Debra Taylor	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Mary Williams	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Devon Higgins	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Rhonda Campbell	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Diane Gonnigan	Education Advisory Committee	12/31/2014
Donna Gaston	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
Star Lawson	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
Steve Allen	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
LaNeatra Holliman	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
Sandra Warren	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
Robert Travis	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014
Barbara Brown	Human Services & Special Events Committee	12/31/2014

Trustee Roudez voiced his disapproval in mixing religion and politics, and bringing in someone from the outside to serve as Chaplain, and questions whether this violates any state or federal laws.

Attorney Tomic responded that this action does not violate any state status.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked if any of the Ministers in the Village had been contacted for consideration of this position.

Mayor Covington responded that they were supposed to have been contacted, and this action taken last year.

**Motion To Consider Appointments Separately:**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to consider all appointments separately.

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

**Motion To Consider Separately Failed To Carry.**

**Roll Call On Main Motion:**

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

**Motion To Approve Appointments Carried.**

**F-2i: Bills Payable**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from August 24, 2011 to September 13, 2011. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 76,723.64
Road & Bridge	\$ 29,786.18
Towncenter Operations	\$ 266.55
University Golf Club	\$ 70,172.42
Capital Project Fund	\$ 7,992.60
Payroll Fund	\$ 373.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 185,315.22</b>

Trustee Griffin referred to check numbers 74145, and 74241 and asked for clarity. He also referred to check number 74149 – CMT and asked if we are nearly finished with their payments.

Golf Club Manager Blockoms responded that check numbers 74145, and 74241 are for turf chemicals.

Manager Linear responded that there is still work that CMT is doing, so there would be more invoices forth coming.

**F-2i: Bills Payable – continued:**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

## **G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Steve Allen asked what happened to the beautification committee; what happened to the flower seeds that Mayor Covington bought last year; voiced his concern with the treatment of kids, and noted that this Board seems to be in confusion again, and stated that he wants them to come together.

Mr. Ed Johnson asked the Board if it had given any consideration to his proposal for a tennis program, and if they could give him a response. He also voiced his concern that the old Co-Op is wasting electricity cost by keeping the lights on when there is no business there.

Mrs. Mary Ann Alexander thanked the police department for the rapid response to her concern, and asked Mayor Covington to stop being condescending to some of the Board members; she stated that she and her husband have placed several calls to the Village Manager, but have never received a return call, so she asked him if he routinely return calls from residents. She also stated that she does not feel that the Board should appoint a Chaplain.

Mr. Robert Travis voiced his concerns that the golf club committee have not been meeting; with the matching funds that the Village must provide for the road project, and asked if any funds have been set aside for the project; asked the status of the Bulletin Board that he requested last year, and was told that it had come in; and restated his concern with the lack of a fire suppression system at Riegel Barn.

Mrs. Mildred Morgan stated to the Mayor that dictatorship is unacceptable, and voiced her concern that Mayor Covington crushed the work of "The Grew Crew", a group of kids who had worked on beautifying the village for six years, by having the flower pots removed. She also stated that she was a volunteer who was not paid for the work that she did for the village.

Ms. Deborah Stroud addressed the Board and thanked them for the support of the University Park Senior Citizens Committee Annual Fun Day that was held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked Mr. Townsend and staff of Public Works, Mrs. Childress and staff of Parks & Recreations, the Peerleaders, and Mr. Greg Murray for doing the barbequing for Fun Day, and Trustee Griffin and Mel Easley for their financial contributions. Ms. Stroud encouraged seniors of the village to join the University Park Senior Citizens Committee.

**General Public Comments – continued:**

Mrs. Star Lawson commented that she feels that having a Chaplain for the village is in order, however, she feels that the individual should be a Clergy from within the Village of University Park; she voiced her concern with the lack of recognition given to victims of, and responders to 9-1-1, and that we could not come together to honor our own, and those who protect our freedom. She commented on a workshop she attended relating to harassment in the workplace sponsored by the State Department of Human Rights, and indicated that she would share the information with Manager Linear, but asked that he pass it on to the appropriate individuals.

Mr. Martin Alexander, 1060 Blackhawk voiced his concern with the lack of jobs available in the industrial park area to residents of the village, and complained about the treatment he received from a police officer who stopped him for an alleged traffic violation, noting that he felt that it was unfair and unjust, and the officer did not have the dashboard camera turned on.

Ms. Sandra Heard voiced her concern that some tenants are not paying rent in the Town Center, and that some tenants have verbal agreements; she asked how the village deals with tenants who file bankruptcy, and if they then go rent free; she asked if residents have to request under FOIA copies of specific agenda items before the Board meetings, and if members of the finance committee could get financial packets prior to the next finance committee meeting. Additionally, she stated that she feels the position of Chaplain should have been offered to local Ministers.

Mrs. Marilyn Crockett commented on the high taxes in the village, and her concern with the appearance of the village, noting that it is not up to par; voiced her concern with vacant properties in the Fairway Estates with tall weeds that are not being addressed, and suggested that the Public Works Director should drive the village to see what needs to be done. She also asked for a status on the Cityscape property.

Mr. Kudo Baffour addressed the Board and informed the public of upcoming events at PK's Christian Restaurant including the upcoming appearance of actor/comedian Brew Man.

Ms. Laverne Williams commented on the surveys submitted to IDOT, and asked if the Board would make available to residents comments made by all.

LaNetra commented that she is working with our football and cheerleaders team, and gave a schedule of some upcoming events such as: Alumina Flag Football game on September 24<sup>th</sup> with the championship game on September 31<sup>st</sup>. She invited residents to come out and support our youth. She also commented on the tall grass and weeds on vacant properties, and suggested that residents should come together, cut grass and assist neighbors, pick up trash when they can and have the equipment.

Ms. Chere`se Williams commented that she supports the position of Village Chaplain, encouraged residents to support local businesses and patronize the farmers market.

## **H. BOARD CAUCUS**

Mayor Covington suspended the meeting from 9:25 p.m. to 9:48 p.m. to allow the Board to caucus. The following responses were given to concerns raised under general public:

Responding to concerns raised, Mayor Covington stated that Trustee Oscar Brown would write the plan and the village would bring back a beautification program.

Responding to concerns raised by Mr. Johnson relating to a tennis program, Trustee Roudez stated that the Board will work with Mr. Johnson on the program.

Responding to concerns raised relating to matching funds for the road project, Manager Linear stated that the project can be done in phases and that the funds would be available. He also noted that the Cityscape property is up for tax sale; relating to comments that flower pots were removed, he stated that the flower pots were relocated within the village, and that those pots are village property, and relating to HSSEC meeting with him and Mayor Covington, he stated that a meeting is planned for the near future.

Mayor Covington responded to concerns relating to the lack of available jobs in the TIF Districts, noting that most companies use temp services, and that jobs are a major concern with her, and she stated that most TIF Agreements have employment clauses, and the companies that do comply are penalized. Regarding the traffic violation stop by a police officer, she stated that the matter would be looked into. However, she wants an Officer friendly atmosphere in this village.

Responding to a question raised relating to status of tenants in the Town Center if they file for bankruptcy, Attorney Tomic stated that the debt might be erased, however, the tenant would have to vacate the property.

Responding to concerns relating to Fairway Estates, Village Treasurer Dilworth stated that Montalbano Homes is in bankruptcy court, and that Deer Creek Golf Club owners are not cutting the grass near homes.

Manager Linear stated that the Village would clear the area and bill the owner of record.

## **I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

## **J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Covington adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:35 p.m.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC  
Village Clerk*

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