

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, August 25, 2015 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this regular meeting of the of Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Covington stated that Trustee Roudez notified her that he was on vacation for the Month of August.

Also present were Village Manager Bola Delano, Attorney Matt Welch, Finance Director Sharon Floyd, Acting Police Chief Dan Murphy, Deputy Fire Chief Brain Chellios, Public Works Manager Jerry Hunt, Director of Governmental Affairs Tim Williams, HR Director Maxine Jackson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

First Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Reginald Williams, led the ordinance in prayer prior to the business portion of the meeting.

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 Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the BOT held Tuesday, August 11, 2015 as presented.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Reginald Williams thanked the Village of University Park for partnering with First Baptist Church in its first Annual Community Fest that was held on August 8, 2015. He stated that with the Villages help, over 300 children received book bags and schools supplies.

Mr. Larry Wayne commented that Governor Rauner had signed HB 107, which would significantly help disabled veterans with assistance and lower property taxes.

Mrs. Mildred Morgan commented on the length of time that the Board spent discussing an ordinance that dealt with animals. She stated that she would walk her dog in any open field, and would not pick up any defecation from her dog, and if the police got involved, she would insist that they prove that the defecation was from her dog. She stated that the Board should spend its time on important legislation, and leave man's best friend alone. She also questioned the need for a vehicle for Village Manager Delano and IT Director Bolton.

Trustee Oscar Brown responded to Mrs. Morgan stating that all legislation is a part of Village business, and that she should comply with the law.

Mr. Ruff addressed the Mayor and Board and commented that he is pleased to see a Board that is functioning as it should, and not as some municipalities that he has seen.

Ms. Gina Williams commented that she is pleased with the way meetings are being conducted, and she thanked God for Manager Delano for her professionalism and getting things done. She also stated that she has concerns that Trustee Payton is no longer endorsing the Concerned Citizens Committee as he did prior to the election.

Mrs. Vanessa Lawson, University Park Library Board Trustee greeted the Board and announced that September is library card sign up month, and asked parents to please bring their kids to the library and take advantage of many services that are offered. She also commented on information she had received from the police chief relating to the death of a child in this community, and offered condolences to the family. Mrs. Lawson stated that she agrees with Mrs. Truss that an attempt to censure ones right to voice its opinion is a violation of our constitutional rights. She read from the Constitution, and urged the Board not to interfere with the freedom of speech.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: **Third Reading – An Ordinance Amending Section 1442-04 Of Chapter 1442 of Title Four Of Part Fourteen Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Pertaining to License Fees and Bonds of Contractors.**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion to Approve Carried **Ordinance Number O2015 – 35.**

F-1b: Second Reading – Ordinance Amending section 1232-02 (D)(4) Of Chapter 1232 Of Title Six Of Part Twelve Of The Codified Ordinances of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Increasing the size of Storage.

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Nays: Trustees Payton and Griffin
Absent: Trustees Larry Brown and Roudez.

Motion to approve carried.

F-1c: Second and Third Reading – An Ordinance of the Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Authorizing The Purchase of Certain Tax Delinquent Properties In the Village of University Park

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

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

Motion to Approve Carried **Ordinance Number O2015 – 36.**

F-1d: Second Reading – Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property No Longer Necessary Or Useful To The Village And Authorizing The Sale Or Disposal Of A Fire Department Vehicle

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion to Approve Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – CONTINUED:

F-1e: Second Reading – Ordinance amending section 610-10 Of Chapter 610 “Animals Of The General Offenses Code to Add A Penalty for Dog Walking In Restricted Areas.

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion to Approve Carried.

F-1f: A Resolution Of The Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Establishing certain Dates for Meetings of The Village Board Of Trustee During the Month of July and August.

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

Village Manager Delano explained the objective of this piece of legislation, noting that most State and Federal governments reduce meetings during the summer months.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Griffin, and Mayor Covington.
Nays: Trustees Payton and Oscar Brown.
Absent: Trustees Larry Brown, and Roudez.

Motion to Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2015 – 18.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second and Third Readings - An Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving An Economic Development And Real Estate Tax Abatement Agreement By And Between The Village Of University Park And Holland LP

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

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that since he had received this agreement less than four hours before this meeting, he would like at least 48 hours to review it, and for the Board to take action.

F-2a – continued:

Village Manager Delano responded that she and the attorney had been working with, and in discussion regarding this item; that they had reviewed the documents and made significant changes to the original documents and brought forward a cap of \$750,000.00 as opposed to a 1.7 million dollar tax abatement over a 10 year period. Additionally, the hiring commitment is still in place.

Attorney Welch explained that this agreement includes a specific number of residents that are to be hired.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Payton, Griffin, and Mayor Covington.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Larry Brown, and Roudez

Abstained: Trustee Oscar Brown.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O-2015 - 37.

F-2b: First Reading - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1470 Of Title Six Of Part Fourteen Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Establishing The Good Neighbor Residential Rental Housing Licensing Program

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve first reading of this ordinance.

Village Manager Delano stated that this legislation is brought forward, and she is concerned with information she received that one apartment complex will set aside 119 units for Section 8 recipients; also there is a problems with squatters, and the Village has nothing in place to deal with these problems. Therefore, there is a need to start the process of stronger housing control.

Trustee Griffin asked if the Village could put a limit on the number of Section 8 allowances.

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that the Village of University Park does not discriminate on terms of income. He also stated that Section 11 should be changed to Section 10, he also would like to see #99 of the clause to allow for expansion, and also feels that there should be some rights of tenants, and a look at how water rates are charged to tenants included in this piece of legislation. Other than that, he feels this is a good ordinance.

Trustee Payton commented that financing at Thornwood House Apartment is contingent on Section 8 other individuals who need assistance, and stated that there are good and bad tenants. However, this ordinance does not address squatters, as this is a civil matter that needs to be addressed by State legislation. He referred to pages 4 and stated that there is a problem in sections (g), (e), and (h), and he would like to see stakeholders involved in this process.

Motion To Table F-2b:

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

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

Motion To Table To A Workshop Carried.

F-2c: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving A Conference Attendance Policy

Mayor Covington explained the essence of this resolution.

Trustee Wilson stated that she would like more specifics.

For lack of a motion or second, no action was taken on this item.

F-2d: A Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving A Branch Pickup Policy

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

Trustee Griffin questioned the number of times small branches are picked up.

Village Manager Delano commented that branch pick-up is part of the garbage collection contract, and with the shortage of staff in the Public Works Department, and the need to re-structure, Public Works would only pick up on specific dates.

Public Works Manager Hunt responded that previously the Village picked up branches three times a week.

Trustee Oscar Brown voiced his concern with proposed cuts to significant residential service, and stated that if it a manpower issue, perhaps branches could be picked up once a week.

Motion To Table:

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

Ayes: Trustees Payton, Griffin, and Oscar Brown,
Nays: Trustee Wilson and Mayor Covington.
Absent: Trustees Larry Brown, and Roudez.

Motion To Table Carried.

F-2e: Bills Payable

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve a listing of the general operating expenses for the Village of University Park from August 12, 2015 to August 24, 2015. The following funds will be charged for those expenses.

General Operation Fund	\$ 291,239.56
Road & Bridge	\$ 1,781.46
Town Center	\$ 9,557.44
Golf Course	\$ 52,441.09
Capital Project Fund	\$ <u>7,145.11</u>
Total	\$ 362,164.66

Trustee Griffin questioned check numbers 85337, 85350, 85351, 85352, 85384, 85409, and 85401.

Finance Director supplied the information on the aforementioned checks, noting that two were for the golf club; one for CMT brought the Village up to date on those payments; one was for the final payment of an agreement with an employee, and two were for scholarships.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked why a detail invoice list is no longer listed with bills payable.

Finance Director responded that this is an attempt to save on copying cost. However, she would email the information to anyone who desires it.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Payton, Oscar Brown, and Mayor Covington.
Nays: Trustee Griffin.
Absent: Trustees Larry Brown, and Roudez.

Motion To Approve Carried.

H. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK, MANAGER, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, and COMMITTEES

Trustee Payton reported that unfortunately, there was not a quorum of Village Board members for the finance committee to hold the scheduled quarterly financial review with the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Griffin reported that I-57 interchange project is scheduled to open the second week in October.

Village Clerk Dee Jones reminded everyone of the Senior Fun Day on Wednesday, August 26th and invited them out for a day of fun, games, dancing and delicious food.

Village Manager's Report:

Village Manager Delano reported that they had hired a new Chief of Police. She expounded on the process of selecting the chief, noting that there were 45 applications for the position, and the decision was to hire Mr. John Pate. She stated that Mr. Pate's resume' was extraordinary, and she introduced Mr. Pate, and stated that he would be sworn in at the next Board meeting. Manager Delano thanked Sgt. Dan Murphy for his efforts during this vacancy.

Mayor Covington stated that she was not involved in this hiring process.

H-1: Mayor's Report:

Mayor Covington reported that there is a need for residents to attend 201-U School Board meetings and voice their concerns of the possibility of building a new school, and probable protest. She also reported on concerns of industrial park residents that they encountered during the tour that she and Manager Delano conducted last Friday. She stated that some of the businesses indicated that they would be moving due to the implementation of the Employee Head Tax, and that Reinhart is moving now. Mayor Covington also reported that Bimba Manufacturing has started a project for our kids. She stated that over the last three months she has seen a lot of process in getting this Village on track, and that she will be bringing in investigators.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:41 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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