

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, February 27, 2018 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 7:14 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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| Mayor: | Vivian E. Covington | Present |
| Trustees: | Elizabeth Williams | Present |
| | Paula C. Wilson | Present |
| | Theaplise Brooks | Present |
| | Curtis McMullan II | Absent (arrived @ 7:20) |
| | Milton C. Payton | Present |
| | Oscar H. Brown, Jr. | Present |

Also present were Village Attorney John Wise, Village Manager/Police Chief John Pate, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Village Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Neva Jenkins, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

Mayor Covington requested a "Moment of Silence in Memory" of the loss of resident and former Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Chair Gloria Barnett-Brookins.

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 Brooks moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting held October 24, 2017, December 12, 2017, and special meetings held December 19, 2017, and February 13, 2018.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: General Public Comments

Mr. Keith Griffin voiced his concerns with funding for training for the Trustees when the Village is supposedly broke; he questioned the statement allegedly made by Trustee McMullan that the previous Board approved a rate increase for Aqua Water Company; he voiced his objection to the restricted use of 90 Town Center by certain individuals, and stated that the Mayor should stop talking about people in negative ways.

Village Manager Pate responded that the allocation for training for the Trustees was previously passed, and the agenda items tonight is to transfer \$500 from each Trustees' budget to the clerk's budget for training. Therefore, there is no changes, or increase in the bottom line of the budget.

Trustee Payton responded that the Village Board has no power to raise rates for Aqua Water Company, this can only be done by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Mayor Covington responded that she does not talk about anyone.

Mrs. Sonja Jenkins voiced her concerns with attempts to silence certain groups or individuals and asked the Board to explain what they feel freedom of speech means.

Trustee Williams responded that she feels freedom of speech means that one is able to say whatever they want.

Trustee Wilson responded that one should be able to say what you think, however social media has guideline for what is posted on social media sites. She also stated that she had nothing to do with people being removed from Nextdoor, and that she did not start the next door social media.

Trustee Brooks responded that freedom of speech allows one to say whatever they want to as long as it is not in a threatening manner, or an act of disorderly conduct, and that he believes in First Amendment Rights.

Trustee Brown responded and explained the laws of social media and commented on limited public forum when monitored. He stated that Trustee Wilson had him kicked off of next-door without explanation.

Mayor Covington asked Trustee Wilson to confirm that Nextdoor started as a communication tool in the Fairway Estates where she lives.

Ms. Deborah Stroud thanked Public Works Director Richardson and his staff for the snow removal, and the rapid response to fixing the streetlights on Amherst. She offered her condolences to the Barnett and Brookins family in the loss of Gloria Barnett Brookins.

Mrs. Diane Humes voiced her concerns with the lack of response and repairs to streetlights on Madison Lane in the Rosedale subdivision. She states that she has called public works at least 6 times since January with no result.

Public Works Director Richardson responded that would check the list and get back to her, but assured her that the matter would be taken care of.

Mayor Covington stated that she was notified that lights are also out on Cassandra Drive in the Rosedale subdivision where a resident does not feel safe because she reported that it appears that she gets robbed every February for the past 2 years.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Section 1456-02 Of Chapter 1456 Of Title Four, Of Part Fourteen Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park Pertaining To Fees For The Demolition, Relocation And Removal Of Structures

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Wilson.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2018 – 04.

F-2b: First Reading – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 232 Division of Fire (Several Sections)

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded a motion to approve first reading of this Ordinance.

Trustee Payton asked that the language stating that firefighters not covered is removed.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2c: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of An Addendum To The Lease Of Commercial Property By And Between The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois And United Dental Resources Corporation For Town Center Unit 70 Addendum to Add Additional Year to American Smiles Lease

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brooks seconded the motion to approve this ordinance.

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2018 - 05.

F-2d: First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois Establishing A Policy For The Use Of 90 Town Center Drive by Elected Officials Of The Village.

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

Trustee Brooks commented on this ordinance stating that he was under the impression that the Village Manager usually handled the use of number 90 Town Center Drive, voiced his concerns with the restricted use of the facility, stating that he does not object to the Meeting of The Minds using the facility if it helps to move the Village forward. However, he does not feel it is fair for them to book monthly meetings. He further stated that he would not object to booking the facility for Mrs. Truss if she asked him, and asked if that was done, would it also be appropriate for the concerned citizens committee to book the facility every Saturday.

Motion To Amend:

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Wilson seconded the motion to amend this item to 1st and 2nd readings tonight.

Item 2-d continued:

Trustee Brown commented that he feels this is a deliberate attempt to quiet the voices of certain individuals.

Mayor Covington commented that to open the facility for 7 to 8 people is wrong when they could meet an individual homes, stating that there would be additional cost involved. She also stated that the committees are back, and meeting about things that move the Village forward, and she will not tolerate divisiveness of this group.

Trustee Williams stated that the group, Meeting Of The Minds do not speak about anyone, but they talk about economic development and growth of this community. She also stated that these are taxpaying residents.

Village Manager Pate responded that he has never restricted the use of 90 Town Center Drive by any elected official and has never objected to the meeting of the minds using the facility, and that Mayor Covington initiated this policy, not him.

Motion To Table to May 28, 2019

Trustee Brown moved, Trustee Williams seconded motion to table this item to May 28, 2019.

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

Motion To Table Failed.

Roll Call On Motion As Amended To 1st And 2nd Reading

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2e: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Implementing A Public Comment Policy For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois.

Trustee Wilson moved, Brooks seconded the motion to approve this ordinance.

Attorney Wise stated that the policy was changed to limit public comments to 30 minutes with 3 minutes per individual.

F-2e Continued:

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee McMullan seconded a motion to amend the policy to reflect a limit of 2 (two) Trustees to respond to each comment.

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

Motion To Approve Amendment Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion As Amended:

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number R2018-06.

F-2f: First, Second and Third Readings - Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Amending Chapters 890 And 892 Of Title Four, Of Part Eight Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park Amending The Rate Of Tax Imposed Under The Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax And Municipal Service Occupation Tax

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee Wilson seconded the motion to approve this ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Williams

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number R2018-07.

**F-2g: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Ratifying A
Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Village Of University
Park and Teamster Local 700**

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried Ordinance Number R2018-08.

**F-2h: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook
Counties, Illinois Authorizing And Approving A Resolution To
Utilize Motor Fuel Tax Funds For Maintenance Under The Illinois
Highway Code For Pavement Markings, Sidewalk And Concrete
Removal And Replacement, And Material Rock Salt**

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried Resolution Number R2018-05.

**F-2i: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Revising 2017-18
Annual Budget to Add Three Thousand Dollars For Meetings,
Conferences, and Training To The Budget Of The Village Clerk**

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried Ordinance Number O2018-09.

F-2j: Motion – To Approve Board Of Trustees 2018 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2k: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Engagement Letter By And Between The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, And Wipfli LLP For Services As Auditor

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee McMullan seconded the motion to approve this resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2018-06.

F-2l: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds From Certain TIF Accounts For The Reimbursement Of Redevelopment Project Costs Previously Paid Through The Village's General Fund

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brown seconded the motion to approve this resolution.

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2018-07.

**F-2m: Motion to Approve Proposal for Wireless and Mobile Data Services
With AT&T First Net**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee McMullan seconded the motion to approve this Motion.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

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

Trustee Brooks moved, Trustee McMullan seconded the motion to approve the following Bills payables for the period of February 9, 2018 thru February 23, 2018.

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| General Fund Account | \$ | 120,799.41 |
| Road and Bridge Fund | \$ | 9,258.75 |
| Capital Project Fund | \$ | 48,219.23 |
| Town Center Fund | \$ | 8,580.30 |
| Motor Fuel Tax | \$ | 22,069.37 |
| Total \$ | | 208,927.06 |

Trustee Wilson noted difference in the total listed on the cover sheet and the check register.

Motion To Table:

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Brown seconded a motion to table this item to a special Meeting on March 6, 2018.

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

Motion To Table Carried.

F-2o: First, Second and Third Reading - An Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Providing For A Feasibility Study And Report With Respect To The Designation Of A Certain Area As A Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area

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

Mayor Covington stated that this project would be at no cost to the Village.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2018-10.

F-2p: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Authorizing The Execution Of: (i) A Tax Increment Financing Consulting Services Agreement With Ehlers & Associates And (ii) A Payment Agreement With Venture One Real Estate, LLC

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Brown seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustee Wilson.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2018 – 08.

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

G-1: Reports Of IRH

IRH Development's Senior VP Lamar Rogers apologized to the Board and residents for His behavior at the February 13th meeting. He gave an update on the status of the work: That IRH has done which includes the following: completed several portions of the documentation required for the upcoming audit. This included several cash accounts and analysis of Fixed Assets in the Golf Club Fund, the Town Center Funds as well as the Governmental Assets Village-wide;

Reports Of IRH – continued:

IRH received and reviewed TIF Reimbursements requests and expenditures from Exeter, WP Carey, Clorox documentation IRH; working on reconciliation of Payroll cash for May, 2015 through April 2016 is in the process of being completed. Reconciling items that have been posted to Fund Balance; reconciled FY 2016 (May 2015 – April 2016). IRH has reconciled Golf Club FY 2016 (May 2015 – April 2016) This included identifying a sizeable number of reconciling items for each month that will need to be corrected in the General Ledger. Relating to the Forensic Audit he stated that the final summary and detailed schedule are being prepared to conclude, and is expected to be completed by March 6, 2018.

Reports Of Appointed Officials

Village Treasurer Dilworth stated that spending money for training without knowing the financial status of the Village is inappropriate.

Report Of Village Manager

Village Manager Pate reported that he is working on the new budget, and stated that he would like to present a clear budget, and asked the Board if any members see where there can be employee cuts to please let him know. He also stated that in the restructuring process he will be taking certain departments under the office of the Village Manager; the new Village Auditor is looking into a new budget system; relating to usage of 90 Town Center Drive, he stated that he has no knowledge of what rentals were used for, and if he is expected to restrict Trustee's use of the facility he feels it would put him in a subordinate atmosphere, and feels that the Board should pass legislation, or put the directive in writing. He further stated that he feels usage of the facility by the same group consistently should be charged a minimal fee.

Reports Of Board of Trustees

Trustee Wilson commented on the many shootings and gun violence in the country and reported that the League of Women Voters is urging everyone to contact their state Senators are representatives and support the Lethal Violence Order Of Protection (LVOP) which is SB 559 and HB 2354. She noted that this bill empowers family members who are concerned about a loved one hurting themselves or others to petition the courts to remove firearms. Contact information for your state legislators is located at http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/ . She also reported that the Chicago lawyers committee for civil rights education equity project would present an SOS Parents Information Meeting on March 10, 2018 at the University Park Library District.

Report Of The Village Clerk

Village Clerk Dee Jones reported that early and absentee voting is currently in process, and since early voting is no longer available in University Park, residents of University Park should contact the Will County Clerk's Office at 815-740-4816 to ascertain a location where they could vote early. She also noted that residents can cast absentee ballots by contacting the Will County Clerk's Office.

The entire Board of Trustees, Mayor and Village Clerk offered their sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Gloria Barnett Brookins who passed away earlier today.

Report Of The Mayor

Mayor Covington reported on meetings and events she has attended and participated in since the last meeting, and submitted the following report to the Clerk for inclusion in the minutes: Sorry Sad to hear about Ms. Gloria Barrette Brookings. Condolence and prayers are to the family; At the SSMMA Transportation meeting she spoke with the Metra, and letters were sent from her and by SSMMA President of the Transportation committee. I sent them my concerns along with photos that I had and some that were submitted from Trustee Curtis McMullan and Resident Diane Humes; I am happy to hear that the ROTC program is now in the process of merging with another school to bring it back to CMHS. I made a request when my daughter was in high school and once Dr. Hall became a Board member and later the President of the school Board she took full charge of perusing this effort. She stated it has been ten years to get it to this point. Congratulations. Look forward to seeing it to the full succession.

The Board will have a retreat shortly we are striving for March. We are also looking forward to a workshop on the Bus service once I get concurrence from the entire Board. We are looking for participants for the Village seal and Village sticker project. Congratulations to Southland College Prep School in Richton Park for their ground breaking today. I was honored to have been asked to participate. Congratulations to Mr. Sam BALARK from A T & T for his 20 year service and all of the support that he renders to the southland area. Great State of the Business Meeting and the wonderful guest that shared their information and our progress on projects for the Village. She looks forward to the SHERO marathon coming to University Park yet once again. Please sign up early it would be appreciated.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Special meeting March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee McMullan seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:40 pm.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, MMC
Village Clerk*