

VILLAGE OF UPLANDS PARK

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6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

PRAYER:

Chairman Williams said a prayer before the regular board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular board meeting is called by Chairman Kenneth Williams at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees McClendon-Roberts, Martin, Gamble, and Iwenofu. Also present is the Village Clerk Charlotte Graham, Accountant Charles Ellis, Chief Harlan Smith. Attorney Doug Rudman arrived at 6:15 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE OF VISITORS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Ms. Johnson-resident Mr. Martin-resident Ms. Ringo-resident
Steve Pokornory- STS Care Care Towing

1. Trustee Iwenofu asked the chairman if he could speak as a visitor. Trustee Iwenofu told the board and citizens he is going to the municipalities to tell everyone he is running for state rep, and he is asking for support. He stated there are issues in Jefferson City, and he has a list of supporters.
2. Chairman Williams said STS Care Care Tow Company is here to discuss the bid for towing; He then gave the floor to Chief Smith. Chief Smith said the village has an open contract for towing. Combs Towing contract has expired, and weren't able to fill out their license. St. Louis County would not give them a license. Chris Hayes will be airing a story on Tow Companies. He advanced Trustee Martin that Combs was operating without a contract or license. One of their issues was pricing. STS charges \$150.00 per tow and have the proper insurance, equipment, and have a secure storage lot. He then turns the floor to the president owner Steve Pokonory. Mr. Pokonory said his workers work delinquently, have been in business for 40 years. He has towed for Jennings and the City for 30 years which has branch out from service. He has a full service shop, and the brochure sows the recommendations. He stated his business does it right and have good people working for him. The equipment is new and they company has been growing since it started. They have not missed a call, and are transparent on what they do. He runs his tow yard like a business, and the package shows everything. They are on call 24/7 seven days a week. He stated with cell phones and the website. He also service Jennings and Hillsdale vehicles. Trustee Gamble asked about stickers. Mr. Pokonory explained the stickers to Trustee Gamble and said the stickers will

be provided to the police department. Trustee Gamble asked about issues with derelict vehicles. Mr. Pokonory said the home owner is given 40 hours to correct it. He stated on private property there are three segments type of forms to be filled out (example was given). Trustee Iwenofu asked about precautions. Mr. Pokonory said the will be no repos, and they follow the book. His company goes to the website to find out who the owner is, and get the delinquent information. Trustee McClendon-Roberts asked if the company had problems with break-ins. Mr. Pokonory said they did have some. He put up a 16 feet yard fence. Some kids were going through looking for change. He also greased the poles and has more lighting. STS takes the responsibility for damages. Only one person has been terminated. The tow company sits right off of West Florissant. The city police sit on their lot at night, and they have no incidents at all. Trustee Iwenofu asked if a person basically let the vehicle go, what about their personal items, and why charge a fee. Mr. Pokonory said it a liability. If no one picks up the vehicles, they are allowed to get the items in the vehicle. More discussion entertained. Chairman Williams asked the board if they had any more questions. He thanked Mr. Pokonory for coming out. Mr. Pokonory told the board his people are very responsible. He also stated he can run without a contract, and the village will not be responsible. He told the board they will find everything you need and they are always responsible. He thanked the board for their time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Chairman Williams entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 12, 2010. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Trustee Martin. Trustee Gamble asked Mr. Ellis the accountant a lot needs to be done. Mr. Ellis said a lot of transaction. Trustee Gamble said the board is not getting copies of the bank statements. Mr. Ellis said he get the copies of the bank statements on the details on what is cleared, but not all. He said he is going to work with Ms. Martin.

Roll Call; Trustees Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, Martin-yes, and McClendon-Roberts-yes. Motion Carried.

2. Chairman Williams entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the special board meeting of resetting the board held on April 28, 2010. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections. Seconded by Trustee Gamble. Roll Call; Trustees Gamble-yes, Iwenofu-yes, Martin-yes, and McClendon-Roberts-no. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The accountant Charles Ellis thanked the board. He told the board he has been here since the 1st month of February. He presented the summarize basis. He told the board there is no specific details at this time of the checks. In the check detail, checks cleared the bank and there were nine deposits. There is a clear balance of \$4,466.11 in the general funds. Mr. Ellis told the board there was a power outage over the weekend and he reconciled the account today. Again he would like to see about getting online with Truman Bank, and he was waiting for the board to reset. ON the 2nd page are the assets. Going back to 07 it gave details which should be accounted for and research

needs to be done for March and April. Trustee Iwenofu said Ms. Metcalf was working on 2008 through 2009. Mr. Ellis said she did the reconciliation for those months. He is trying to find out why the figures are there in 07. Trustee Iwenofu stated we are suppose to use the computer to write the checks, instead of hand written. Mr. Ellis said he asked Trustee Martin to write a list and he will print the checks to be sign. Trustee Iwenofu said that's the reason for having the system. Trustee Gamble asked about the checks that were outstanding for 07. Mr. Ellis said the checks have not cleared the bank. He stated they may have been entered twice. Mr. Ellis said this has been an issue. The checks never cleared or they were written twice. Trustee Gamble said it's hard to believe 07 checks have not cleared. Chairman Williams said by dealing with this, let's work together. Sometimes it gets overwhelming. Give your questions to the accountant, and we can get together to solve the issues. Mr. Ellis is doing the best he can. Trustee Iwenofu said Mr. Ellis is doing what the board wants him to do. We need to get the material he needs. He will be giving the information that we need. Trustee Iwenofu said sometimes it gets difficult. We need to get the information he needs to track it. Trustee Martin said Mr. Ellis is doing the best he can. She and Mr. Ellis have talked. He will show her what he is looking for and work out a schedule to get it done. The 2007 cancelled checks are here. Mr. Ellis has some of the books to do what we are asking him to do. Trustee Iwenofu said the board needs to get a grip on the village finances (example). Mr. Ellis said Trustee Martin is keeping an account and knows what has been paid. Trustee Martin said she should have made copies. April 1st through the 30th tells what was deposited, and who was paid. She has her own personal record, and this is the way she keeps her records. She does not pay a bill unless the money is there. Trustee Gamble told Trustee Martin he has been asking over a year that we owe. Discussion entertained. Chairman Williams said everyone has a schedule, and a lot of bills do come in. He knows a young lady who is doing internship with St. Louis County. Bring bills out and we will vote on them. It gets overwhelming, and he will be taking off from work sometime soon. Mr. Ellis said as far as Quick Books the records are in the program. A lot that was entered in 06 and 07 were paid by check and has already been paid. Trustee Iwenofu said he knows Trustee Martin spends a lot of time working here, and choose the bill to be paid. One person can't do this by themselves. His suggestion he have is the board needs to know what we are paying. Chairman Williams said let's work it out and work together.

CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT/PETITION:

Mr. Martin said he is a resident, and he comes to the monthly meetings regularly. He asked Trustee Gamble if he had a perfect system, and if he could do a better job. If so, he needs to step up.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Chairman William thanked Trustee Martin for watching out on things while he was out of town.
2. The village has signed the contract for Better Family Life. A lot of work needs to be done. Trustee Martin said there are two branches of volunteer worker. Trevon Donaldson who worked last year will return, and work with the police

department. He will come from the city. Others will come from the county branch. Usually those that come from Better Family Life are young men. The older ones worked upstairs. Last year they got our records together for Ms. Metcalf and Ellis to get the reconciliation done. Chairman Williams said get as many as possible.

3. Chairman Williams said the resolution for Eastway Gateway will be done under new business.
4. The chairman said he appreciates serving as chair. We need to work together. If one falls we all fall.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. Attorney Rudman said he has discussion in litigation and personnel.
2. Attorney Rudman told the board the village needs requirements for finger printing. There are certain types that are required. It's an opportunity \$2.00 per case, which is included in case fees. The equipment is expensive. And the officers are going to other municipalities to do that. The increase on the requirements is to record disposition for finger printing. He will be speaking to Judge Ayers and the chief about the new finger printing. The board needs an ordinance for \$2.00 fee for finger printing to create a data base. You need to work toward compliance.
3. Attorney Rudman said the annual Municipal Clerk Conference is this month. The board needs to consider sending the clerk. The courts work under the 21st judicial court. He also stated there need to be an increase on reporting drug charges and others.

VILLAGE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Chairman Williams told the board to report the jobs you are assign to. If not bring it up in new business. Report according to your job.

1. Trustee Gamble said he will compose a letter to the new residents. They are getting confuse putting trash with the yard waste. Chairman Williams told him to work with the clerk. Trustee Martin said when the census information was pass out, information was put in the package about the trash. The clerk said she gives out the information when they received their occupancy permit. Trustee McClendon-Roberts said she made the cards. Trustee Iwenofu said have the code enforcer go talk to the people. The chairman told Trustee Gamble to get his letter together. Chief Smith said he has spoken to the resident himself. Trustee Gamble said we have an ordinance.
2. Trustee Iwenofu said there is a pot hole on Pine Grove. He contacted MO. Water, and someone is coming down. He has talked to them last week and today. They tore up the street. MSD put a line in today on Pine Grove. If anyone has concerns let them know. Trustee Martin said before the board reset she talk to Batteast about the pot hole. Trustee Iwenofu said the damage was done by MO Water. There is no need to pay Batteast. He will call them again.
3. Trustee Martin said she would like to see more money coming in. The budget is tight. St. Louis County drop to \$3,000.00 from \$6,000.00. MO. Department of Revenue \$1,500 to \$1,600.00. She is looking for that to drop. The money is truly dropping, and we need to make some decisions.

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4. Trustee McClendon-Roberts said the report on taxes for information for September 1st through October 1st; the allocation did not get cut.
5. Trustee McClendon-Robert said the Alltel settlement collect service on the mainline. You will not be eligible to file for additional money.
6. Trustee Iwenofu said there is pamphlet for getting help with water repair.
7. Trustee Martin said she have good news. The village owed St. Louis County \$8,400.00 for gas. We no longer owe them. We are getting our bills paid. Chairman Williams said make copies of the bills and put in the trustees mail box. Trustee McClendon-Roberts suggested a master list of all the bills. Trustee Iwenofu said the copies could be made in the back office. Trustee McClendon-Roberts said the copies can be ready for next month. Chairman Williams said can be revisited this next month.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Harlan Smith read the police report for the month of April 2010. After reading the report, Trustee Iwenofu asked about the mileage. The chief told him there are three cars. Trustee Iwenofu asked if all cars are driving at the same time. The chief told him no.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Iwenofu said the ordinance for the board of trustee's allowances is being disobeyed. The board has not been paid since the late last year. He motioned to make sure the trustees get their allotment. The motion dies for a lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman William told the board a resolution of support and participation of all Hazard Material Waste from Eastway Gateway. Trustee McClendon-Roberts motioned to introduce resolution bill number 403. Second by Trustee Iwenofu. Attorney Rudman read bill number 403. The chairman called for a vote. Roll Call; Trustees Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, McClendon-Roberts-yes, and Martin-yes. Motion Carried.
2. The chairman told Trustee Gamble copies of the bill will be made. He also stated the clerk is busy. The board need to work together to make it happen.
3. Trustee Iwenofu motioned to pay trustees all monies that are owed to them. Second by Trustee Gamble. Chairman Williams asked when the last time the board members have been paid was. Trustee Iwenofu said on the W-2 it stated the board members received all their money. We also have an ordinance. Trustee McClendon-Roberts said first of all the state is in agreement. The first thing get held is trustees salaries, and the state reflects that. Trustee Iwenofu said the Department of Labor states you need to pay us. Trustee Martin said you can vote for payment. But we are struggling to pay our bills. Roll Call; Trustee Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, Martin-no, McClendon-Roberts-no, Chairman Williams-abstain. Motion dies. The chairman said we need to understand the finances, and we will deal with this again.

4. Trustee Iwenofu said the county executive is trying to pass a bill with the legislature. If municipalities can't pay the bills, the county will take over. He is asking the board what they want to do.
5. Trustee Iwenofu said he had a meeting in Clay's office with the St. Louis County Chief. They are trying to make all local departments a precinct, and saying the municipalities don't need their own police department. The chief did tell the people to meet with him. We can provide services base on what we make. They are trying to take over. There will be a meeting held at UMSL. The citizens need to voice their opinion. He stated to everyone to be prepared the county is trying to take over. Everyone on need to be attend. The meeting will be held in June.
6. Chairman Williams said until the budget is passed, he entertained a motion to pay the bills. Trustee McClendon-Roberts motioned for the bills to be paid. The chairman suggested the motion to allow Trustee Martin to pay the bills. Discussion was entertained. The chairman said the village as a whole, he is asking for the correct motion. Trustee Iwenofu asked if he can amend the motion. He motioned the village continues to pay the bills until we have a budget. Seconded by Trustee Gamble. Roll Call; Trustees Martin-yes, McClendon-Roberts-yes, Gamble-yes, and Iwenofu-yes. Motion Carried.
7. Trustee Iwenofu said can we all try to get along so the village business can get done like tonight.
8. Chairman Williams said he will be sponsoring a town hall picnic to get the residents involved. He will be sponsoring the event himself. The board needs to be together.
9. Trustee McClendon-Roberts said after storm damage, the trustees need to make rounds after a storm.

AS A COURTESY TO THE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE VILLAGE (OPEN TO THE FLOOR):

Mr. Ellis said he would let the board know the bills are in a folder. He will have a list with the report next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Iwenofu motioned for the regular board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Gamble. Roll Call; Trustees Iwenofu-yes, Gamble-yes, Martin-yes, and McClendon-Roberts-yes. Motion Carried. The meeting is adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ BY: _____
VILLAGE CLERK **CHAIRMAN**