

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 9, 2018**

Mayor Robert E. Polk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk, Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek and Clerk Lus Chavez
ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the minutes of December 28, 2017 subject to review.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to change the order of business and begin with Ordinance, Resolution and Planning and open session before the adjournment.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to pass on RESOLUTION 2018-R-001 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CLASS 8 CLASSIFICATION FOR 14515 SOUTH ALICE AVENUE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED CLASS 8 CLASSIFICATION FOR 14515 SOUTH ALICE AVENUE, BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-2081 TAX PIN NO. 30-06-400-036-0000

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk had the following to report:

- We always welcome the community's input
- We need to try to work together

- There are issues with investment purposes and other issues that need to be addressed by our residents
- Do not be misled
- We have people posturing and politicking
- Burnham is advancing and making progress and people are investing money in Burnham
- And again I ask that we all work a little more collectively and disagreeing is fine
- That is part of the democratic process
- Please do not obstruct the meeting
- We have people that always complain about the same thing every meeting
- We have people that run for election and lose ever time
- We need to stop the nonsense and work together
- Every election I have run I have won, this shows that the people have spoken

Trustee Graciela Garcia stated for the record that any type of new business coming to Burnham would need to get a tax break. Currently we are not receiving any type of money for that property.

Trustee Denise Bonner stated for the record that not all Boards give an incentive to new businesses

CLERK’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer reported the following:

December 2017 Calls:

Total of 22 Fire calls	12 day	10 night
Total of 34 ambulance calls	24 day	10 night

- Over 200 laws became effective as of 1/1/18 for the State of Illinois
 - SB55- Happy Obama Day August 4 is our 44th President's birthday. It's also now Barack Obama Day in Illinois to honor the Chicagoan's historic election and two terms in the White House.
 - SB764- SCH CD-CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE Requires schools to post contact information for the Department of Children & Family Services to report child abuse or neglect
 - SB722- Creates tougher sentencing guidelines for repeat gun offenders while working to keep nonviolent offenders out of prison
 - SB 1413-Eliminates the fee for a copy of their birth certificate when a person is released from the DOC
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- “We Call Police” signs still available at Village Hall
- If you know of someone that is disabled or uses oxygen in their dwelling have them fill out a Residential Medical Form, this way the Fire department be well informed
- If you know of anybody in need, have them contact the Committee of Public Education, Health, Safety and Welfare. Committee members are Trustee Brenda Greer, Trustee Carmella Richardson and Trustee Travis Claybrooks. If we do not have an answer we will find that answer and get back to you.
- Words of wisdom “Happy New Year to each and every one of you, do what you do and do what you love to do, and give it your very best. Whether it is business or playing baseball or going to a new theatre or any field, if you don’t love what you are doing you can’t give it your very best, get out of it. Life is too short, Happy New Year.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Claybrooks reported the following:

- Public Works have been applying salt and snow plowing
- Public Works has also taken down solicitation signs, which are against Village of Burnham Ordinance.
- If you see these signs please contact the Village Hall or contact Trustee Claybrooks on his personal cell phone

FINANCE:

Trustee John Cap Jr commented if anyone else did not have phone service at their home

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve on authorizing the payment of this month's bills when funds become available

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: Trustee Denise Bonner

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Carmella Richardson stated the following:

- Winterize your homes
- Insulate your water pipes
- Run water to avoid pipes freezing
- If pipes freeze, apply a heating pad on them or use a hairdryer
- Wrap hot towels over pipes or use a portable space heater
- Do not use a blow torch or propane heater to unfreeze the pipes
- If you are unable to thaw out the pipes, contact a plumber to assist you

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Denise Bonner stated the following:

- Hosted by Thornton Township -Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration to be held on January 15th at South Suburban Collage, doors open at 9:00 a.m. with special performance by Coolidge Middle School Jazz Band
- Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fitness and Fun Activity located at Sand Ridge Community Center
- On Saturdays, January 20th thru February 10th held at Sand Ridge Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Hosting Parenting with a purpose
- Visit the website at mycmpd.com for the Calumet Memorial Park District
- Or call 708-868-2530

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MEMORIALS: None

AND REMONSTRANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Trustee Denise Bonner asked if the town hall meeting would be held on January 4th
- Mayor Polk replied that it would not be held that day; it would take place at another time.
- Trustee Denise Bonner asked if the town hall meetings would still be held and on what side of town
- Mayor Polk replied yes we would and the location of the first meeting has not been decided
- Trustee Denise Bonner asked when we started reading the meters and who is reading them
- Mayor replied that they have already started to read them and began on the side that needed the current readings which was the new side of Burnham and the Burnham Firemen are helping us to obtain the readings needed (Note: this information was announced at the last meeting)

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks stated that Com Ed was out trimming trees from around the wires and started around Marquette, Manistee and Saginaw.

Public Workers Superintendent Dwayne Liddell stated they would be out for another month in this area

Motion made by Trustee Denise Bonner and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to open the meeting to the public at 7:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Village attorney Stanley Pagorek addressed the Board and Public if anyone would be willing to donate large luggage. A medical team of twelve would use the luggage as carry on's to transport medical supplies one way to third world countries. In February they are heading to Ghana, Africa to provide medical assistance. Any donations can be brought to the Village Hall from now to the next board meeting. And any stickers you would like to donate, they use as a check off when the children are seen. It would be greatly appreciated

Litricia Payne, Circuit Judge of Cook County, First Subcircuit introduced herself

Pat Olsen stated and asked the following:

- FOIA regarding the ILEPA loan for the Village of Burnham
- She asked if another attorney is working with our Village Attorney on the ILEPA Loan
- And if we are going to have a water increase and also have an increase in taxes
- She also asked if a tax levy would have to be a referendum
- Do we need to have a huge increase in our water
- And is everything that she stated correct

John Hajduch stated and asked the following:

- He also retrieved the information regarding the ILEPA loan for the Village of Burnham
- He stated that Mayor Polk indicated on the application that we did not need an increase
- He asked what changed from when it was indicated on the application to the water increase that was passed in November 2017.
- Can we have background checks
- Is an Ordinance considered a law

Joyce Bishoff stated and asked the following:

- these minutes do not reflect the last minute
- trucks filled by water from fire hydrants not addressed from last meeting
- Asked Trustee John Cap how much is charged for filling the trucks with water
- Who are the companies
- Can you bring a copy to the next meeting for the charges
- Asked Trustee John Cap regarding the agreement between Burnham and Calumet City regarding State Street, at that time the water rates needed to be increased and after 10 years they would go down. Was that done, why weren't the rates lowered
- Bring any documents pertaining to the monthly bills
- Why wasn't there any considerations to Seniors on the increases
- Why can't we have prepared packages
- Were we eligible for any grant money
- Suggested that we have a large meeting at a large facility

Dolores Hurley stated the following

- Residents are placing chairs to save parking spots, can this be addressed

Carol Dills addressed and asked the following:

- Her side knows what the firemen look like
- Asked what the sewer rates were because not addressed in the minutes

Gerald Hunter stated the following:

- He was formally in charge of the water and sewer department
- And was not terminated for incompetence
- He states between the increase of water and sewer at \$11.00 we would take in revenue of 2 million dollars
- He stated that the extra revenue would pay for other expenses instead of water and sewer
- And we have been losing money in our water fund for years
- What is the extra funds going to

Trustee Graciela Garcia stated for the record that the Bike trail is not funded by the Village or the bridge over the train crossing

Renee Henley stated the following:

- She can't afford this increase on the water

Joan O'Bannor asked the following:

- Will they be taking appointments on the new meter
- Are they going to give grants to the seniors

Mr. Brauch stated the following:

- Going to have to hold meeting at Burnham School to inform and pass out flyers

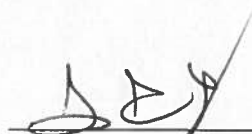
Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to close the meeting to the public and adjournment at 8:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

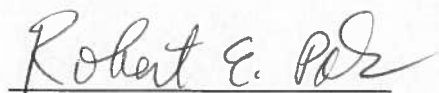
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



Village Clerk



Mayor