

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
June 13, 2017**

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

PRESENT: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk, Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek and Village Clerk Lus Chavez

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner to open the meeting to the public at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

Jacqueline Cosby addressed the board with her concern of her neighbor's berry tree, this berry tree leaves berries on the sidewalk and those berries are tracked into her home. Is there anything that can be done about it? Mayor responded by saying this is one of the reason we ask the residents to cut down or remove those unwanted tress before they become a nuisance. (We will have the Code Enforcer look into this matter)

Tonya Davis addressed the board asking about the abatement for mosquito. Mayor Polk responded that Cook County does come out every summer; they only spray a little because so many people have upper respiratory issues. And they place pellets in the sewers.

Andrew Johnson wanted to know when the Torrence Bridge would open. Mayor Polk responded that he took his announcement he was going to say. And that the Torrence Bridge re-opened on June 2, 2017.

Mayor Polk asked Ms Howard to address the Board with her proposal:

C.K. Cleaning Specialists will provide summer youth workers to The Village of Burnham via One Summer Chicago program 4 days a week for 4 to 5 hours a day.

This proposed venture will be supervised by C.K. Cleaning's business manager Scottie Miller.

Our goal is to provide jobs to our youths while giving The Village of Burnham weekly landscaping, officer work, cleaning help.

- Mayor asked if they equipment for the landscaping, would that be provided by C.K. Cleaning?  
Ms. Howard said Burnham would have to provide that.
- Mayor asked if The Village provides them with the equipment for landscaping and the equipment is damaged by the workers what are the repercussions.  
Ms. Howard replied that her company is insured.
- Trustee Carmella Richardson asked how many kids would be able to be hired.  
Ms. Howard said she would have to give them the number and the program is from June 26<sup>th</sup> thru August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustee Brenda Greer asked if the children were from Burnham.  
Ms. Howard said all the children are from Chicago because it's a Chicago program.
- Mayor asked if possibly in the future the children could be from Burnham for this summer program.  
Ms. Howard said not this is a trial run and thru her company if pursued next year, yes
- Trustee Travis Claybrooks asked what was the name of the program?  
Ms. Howard said One Summer Youth Chicago.
- Trustee Brenda Greer said she was interested in the liability?  
Ms. Howard said her company would take on that liability.  
Mayor asked her that she would than provided us with the documentation stating that?  
Ms. Howard said she would also add us on her insurance.
- Trustee Travis Claybrooks asked what hours and week and how many days?  
Ms Howard said 4 days a week and 4 to 5 hours a day.
- Clerk Chavez asked Ms Howard if she had two companies one based in Burnham and the other in Chicago.  
Ms. Howard said No  
Clerk Chavez asked how is Chicago letting you have this youth summer program? Does the city of Chicago falsely think the work is being done in Chicago?  
Ms. Howard No, they do not think that. The children would also being doing office work.  
Clerk Chavez asked what kind of officer work because we wouldn't have anything in the office.
- Trustee Brenda asked Ms. Howard why she picked Burnham.  
Ms. Howard answered because I live in Burnham and my company is in Burnham and our children it would be a lesson to them in Burnham. She stated her company works in Chicago, Dixmoor and all over. This would be free work. And Burnham would only be picking up a small per diem of the cost by paying the supervisor.
- Trustee Graciela Garcia stated that this program the children can work anywhere.
- Mayor said we would give enormous consideration to this program and he would definitely find plenty of work for the youths.

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner to close the meeting to the public at 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Polk mentioned that the Torrence Bridge is officially open since June 2<sup>nd</sup>. And also there is Rumor that the bridge at 130<sup>th</sup> would be closing but there is no confirmation of that.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Village Clerk, Chavez mentioned the following:

- Illinois Secretary of State Mobile was here at the Village Hall and this was the following count:  
DL – 20  
State Id's – 19  
Written Test – 1  
Stickers -12  
Vision tests – 15  
Motor Voter – 3  
Organ donor – 11
- Marshmallow Roasting Night at Lawhead Park, next to Village Hall on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the training for Lt. Joshua Daisy for Certified Arson Investigator. The amount to send for training is \$2,283.00. Currently the village does not have anyone with this certification on either the police or fire department. Having someone on the department with this certification will allow us to have someone in house lead and perform these investigations which will increase the likelihood of successful investigation and prosecution.

Trustee Denise Bonner said “that this service would be a great service to the Village of Burnham”.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

2. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the hire of Salvador R. Woodie as a part time police officer contingent upon the successful completion of the additional testing (polygraph, medical, drug test, psychological, background

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

Trustee Brenda Greer read the May calls:

20 Fire- 15 day and 5 night calls

31 Ambulance- 16 day and 5 night calls

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the Illinois Housing Authority having financial assistance for Cook County for homeowners. Also in response to the growing Latino Community, South Suburban College has established the Latino Center for Information and Services. The Center is located in the Counseling Center Room 2350. The mission of the Center is to Help Latinos Achieve the Dream through education. Also Illinois Treasurer's Office came to our Community Center on May 25, 2017 and was very successful and two residents discovered they had some money. Also a reminder the Garage Sale is Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> its \$10.00 a vendor and it's a nice time to meet your neighbors and we ask you support this event. You can come to the Village Hall and sign up and share the information with others. So we can have a very successful day. And again there is no Success in I, it takes each community resident to make it successful.

Trustee Denise Bonner wanted to take this opportunity to thank Officer Blair King and Officer Stanley Kus in effectuated an arrest here in our strip malls, that lead to two guns being recovered out of our strip mall. Thank you and job well done.

Mayor asked Chief Horberg to give an updated on the fireman from Dolton, 36 years old, four kids lost his life in the line of duty during a fire call. He had been a firefighter for approximately 10 years. He collapsed during the fire. The cause of death has not been determined.

A wake this Friday in Country Club Hills at Leek and Sons Funeral Home 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and funeral Saturday morning. And it's incredible how many firefighters come from all over to attend.

Mayor asked a moment of silence for the Firefighter.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

Trustee Travis Claybrooks wanted to commend the public works department for a good job on cutting the parkway and the vacant lots thru the Village and during this hot weather. Also he received good feedback from a resident on the grading of her alley.

Trustee Denise Bonner also wanted to mention that the LED lighting down Burnham Avenue looks great.

## **ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM BY ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 103 "CONFLICTS WITH CERTAIN HOME RULE ORDINANCES OF COOK COUNTY" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mayor asked the Village Attorney to explain to the Board.

Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek mentioned that this Village by a referendum many decades ago declared the Village a Home Rule Entity, under the constitution in 1970. Gives this village a substantial amount of power to enact various ordinances. Usually you have to be a city town or village in population of at least 25,000 in population or you do it by referendum. Cook County is another public entity and body is a home rule unit, we the Village exists in the geographical boundaries. In the fall Cook County commissioned two ordinances. The first one had to do with the minimum wage and state and federal are at 8.25 an hour, they enacted in an ordinance by the 1<sup>st</sup> of this year increasing to 10.00 an hour imposing all the communities in Cook County after July 1<sup>st</sup> would increase to \$11.00 an hour. Several people felt that was improper exercise of power and sought to take other opinions by the State Attorney Office to its legality, Came and issued its opinion and they did not have the powers in other Home Rule communities, such as the Village of Burnham and 24 or 25 communities have opted out of these ordinances and created their own Ordinances saying that they are going to create their own ordinance to follow State and Federal Minimum Wage and the sick leave period of time employers would have to give to their employees thru Cook County, they would earn up to 40 hours 1 hour of sick leave up to 40 hours a year. This resulted as disadvantage to communities and business communities. That is the reasoning behind the opting out of those Ordinances and having our own and following the State and Federal rules. We tend not to be bound by Cook Counties Ordinance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Brenda Greer

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

### **FINANCE:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to approve on authorizing the payment of last month's bills as funds become available.

### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr.

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Trustee Carmella Richardson wanted to thank those residents that have called to say that a street light is out, I appreciate all the help and please call the village to let them know. She tries to make her rounds every other week but a light can be out before that time. If you could just call them into the village.

Mayor said to please be precise on the location of the street light that is out.

Trustee Brenda Greer said that one community member had mentioned that one of her lights was out and it was addressed and she says thank you very much.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Trustee Denise Bonner said that at the Community Center we're going to get with Chief Horberg and possibly arrange something for training to the volunteers and the workers at the Community Center on the usage of the fire extinguishers.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:**

Trustee Denise Bonner stated that she is looking forward to reading the commendation for those two officers.

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,  
AND REMONSTRANCES:** Mr. Verrett passed away a couple of days ago.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rob Gaylord and Rob Wagner from Connor & Gallagher One Source addressed the board with a summary explanation of the submitted proposal. Connor & Gallagher One Source is the Village's current carrier of casualty and other insurance policies. One Source will provide and aid in the implementation of various policies and procedures. This will allow the Village to be proactive in areas that will help reduce our insurance risk and deductibles. The proposal shall be submitted in the following meeting in writing. The cost is \$2,275.00 monthly.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
Village Clerk

  
Mayor