

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 10, 2019**

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, and Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek.
ABSENT: Village Clerk Luz Chavez

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Trustee Richardson

Motion made by Trustee Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Cap to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019

ROLL CALL:

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

ABTAIN: Trustee Denise Bonner

NAYS: None

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to open the meeting to the public

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

OPEN SESSION:

Pat Olson stated she had 2 questions, the first one was about the status of the EPA loan and then asked about the extra revenue we are receiving from the increases in the water and sewer rates. She stated that the extra income so far would be \$176,000 and \$440,000 total. Her second question was if we can still patch Mackinaw this year or as soon as possible. The third question was about problems with the police and public work pensions. Attorney Stanley Pagorek addressed the problem as being a state problem and how the law makers in Springfield and working on it.

John Hajduch was next asking for quicker responses to his questions about the village's finances, water rate increases, and spending policies. He asked what the top 2 things that we have spent money on?

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to close the meeting to the public

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor recently attended a fraud seminar. Residents can fill out a form to be notified if your title has been compromised. He also talked about the Senior Tax Exemption and Freeze. You must be 65 years old and have an income under \$64,000. The mayor also mentioned about the need to spend some money to get the lift station repaired and stated the Dwayne will address it. Cottage Park has been under water and we applied for a grant from MWRD. He had the Village Engineer talk about the \$50,000 grant that we received and the plan we have in place to address it once the weather improves. That time frame will be spring and summer before the work is started.

CLERK'S REPORT:

No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer welcomed the residents who came out tonight and those watching on You Tube. She talked about the thank note that we received from the former Fire Chief Andy Horberg for the party and gift he received from the village. Trustee Greer asked people to take the IDOT survey on-line, they would like your opinion about traveling on state roads. The website is www.idot.illinois.gov. Starting in 2020 many people could lose their SNAP benefits if they don't have children and don't work. The new law could affect 140,000 recipients in Illinois alone. The new Marijuana law was signed by our governor and will take effect on January 1, 2020, we are the 11th state to legalize it in the country. She read the new rules. Line Dancing will resume on January 18th and every Saturday from 10 am to 12. Everyone is welcome. In January 1st a new cigarette tax will be imposed that will raise the cost from \$1.00 to \$2.98 per pack. Minimum wage also goes up the first of the New Year from \$8.25 to \$9.25. Then on July 1st is goes up to \$10.00 per hour and an additional \$1 an hour until 2025 when it should reach \$15. Be careful when purchasing gift cards because there are scams going on. The 2020 census starts on April 1st if you don't want someone to come to your door you can do it on-line. The results are confidential and are very important. She listed numerous reasons for accurate results. Another new 2020 law prohibits employers for asking about wage histories. They can be penalized from the Illinois Dept. of Labor (1-866-812-4365). Trustee Greer wished everyone a Happy Holiday and talked about the Village Basket Program on December 19th, bring gifts to the village hall by the 12/17. She also mentioned the Thornton Township Food Pantry.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Claybrooks mentioned that the leaf collector has been out picking up leaves.

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

Motion was made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. to approve Resolution 2019-R-010 Hammond Water Works Supply Agreement. Village Attorney addressed minor changes that we made to include two Chicago businesses that buy their water from us.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

FINANCE:

Motion was made by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the Village of Burnham's aggregated Levy for 2019 for the purpose of compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law as being \$3,400,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to pass Ordinance 2019-O-009 an Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 of the Village of Burnham, Cook County, Illinois, 60633-2081.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson started wishing everyone a good evening and mentioned that CEDA will be here on December 14th from 10 am to 2 pm. You must call the village hall ahead of time to schedule an appointment. You'll need your social security card, last 30 day proof of income, and copies of your gas and electric bills.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Bonner started off by thanking the many volunteers that help out at the village. She then mentioned the holiday programs at the Calumet Memorial Park and the dates and ages. The CMPD Winter Brochures were out and there is a “55 and Better” program on December 14th.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,
AND REMONSTRANCES: None**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Claybrooks thanked the Public Works staff for the Christmas lighting decorations that they put up.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will no regular scheduled Village Board Meeting on Christmas Eve December 24, 2019 according to our schedule as stated by Trustee Bonner.

Motion was made by Trustee Denise Bonner and seconded by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. to adopt the schedule of 2020 Regular Board Meetings of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Burnham.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None


Village Clerk ~~Clerk~~ Trustee


Mayor