

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(Telephone Conference Call)**

April 28, 2020

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

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

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020 and April 14, 2020

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 John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to open the meeting to the Open Comment Session.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

*submitted by an email from John Hajduch :

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

(1) I understand Mr. Polk, Grier, Richardson and Chavez are still serving as mayor, trustees and clerk for the village of Burnham. I have been calling and sending emails since mid December concerning the water meters and other subjects. I have legitimate concerns. All of you have simply refused to return calls. All of you have been hiding behind your phones...and now all of you are using this virus to hide. Its a shame the election is yet a year away. The residents need to know about this

(2) The village currently does not have a garbage contract. I understand Calumet city swithed over to Republic for garbage pickup..as they were much cheaper. I wish somebody would address these problems..

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to close the Close Comment Session.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk had the following to report:

- Residents stay safe
- 30 confirmed COVID-19 in Burnham and 2 deaths from COVID-19
- Thank you to everyone especially Calumet City, Urban Efficiency, Wes Towing, Burnham School, BPD, BFD and Trustees Cap, Claybrooks, Greer, Richardson, Clerk Chavez that participated in Village of Burnham Motorcade on Saturday, April 25th
- Village will be repairing sidewalks, please contact Village Clerk's office for sidewalks that need to be repaired

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez had the following to report:

- Reminder that Utility Bills are monthly once your water meter is replaced
- Ethic Statement has been extended to June 1st in order to be filled

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

1. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the promotion on the following members of the Burnham Volunteer Fire Department:

Engineer Corey Dafnis to Lieutenant Corey Dafnis

Engineer Steven Hotkiewicz to Lieutenant Steven Hotkiewicz

Firefighter Dave Saitta to Safety Officer of the Village of Burnham Fire Department

Firefighter Ginelle Ellis to EMS Coordinator of the Village of Burnham Fire Department

Firefighter George Dafnis to Engineer George Dafnis

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- Virus in U.S. has passed one million
- Masks are mandatory as of May 1st in Illinois
- Census is hiring

- Thornton Township in Harvey is giving food boxes on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m.
- Everyone make sure you wash your hands regularly

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks reported the following:

- Public Works is cleaning throughout the Village
- Stay safe

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING: None

FINANCE: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- Water meters replacements will resume on the 2nd week of May, 275 remaining
- Assistance on paying utilities please contact 708-566-5143
- ComEd is extending disconnects to June 1st
- ComEd help for assistance program please call 1-800-334-7661
- In 2021 ComEd will lower rates

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: On Saturday during motorcade, we stopped to celebrate Ms. Wilson's 100th birthday

COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS

AND REMONSTRANCES: Mr. Johnson from Hoxie Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson Declaration of Local State of Emergency Executive Declaration of Local State of Emergency Pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11), and the Code of Ordinances, Village of Burnham Chapter 26, Civil Emergencies, Article II, Section 26-36.thru May 28, 2020 which is 30 days.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Mayor



Village Clerk