

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Held at
14020 Torrence Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
May 12, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: Trustees John Cap Jr., Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk, Village Clerk Lus Chavez, Police Chief Nomikos, Fire Chief Powers and over phone Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to open the meeting to the Open Comment Session.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

Andrew Johnson stated that on the behalf of Jackie Cosby, she would like to thank everyone for their well wishes during her illness

Maria Munoz stated the following:

- Gray house on Calhoun Avenue is it abandoned, high grass at this property
- #obamagate

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., Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk had the following to report:

- Gray house on Calhoun is abandoned and grass shall be cut
- #obamagate is a conspiracy and naive
- Please follow our website
- Please participate in the 2020 Census
- Residents keep the grass cut
- Anyone in need of a mask, please contact the Village Hall
- Please dispose of masks and gloves properly, not onto the streets
- Congratulation to Burnham Graduates-upcoming motorcade
- As of May 8, 2020- 121 cases of COVID-19 in Burnham

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez had the following to report:

- Reminder that Utility Bills are monthly once your water meter is replaced
- Payments can be made over the phone with a Visa or MasterCard, by mail or in our night drop against the brick wall (No Cash)
- Ethic Statement must be filed by June 1st

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- Happy Belated Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts
- Thornton Township Food Pantry every Wednesday starting at 9:30 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. located at 14340 S. Page Street
- Senior Carryout lunches are \$1.50 at the Thornton Township Senior Center 1420 Huntington Drive, Calumet City-every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Senior lunches are also served at the Riverdale Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Burnham Constantly moving forward under the Leadership of Mayor Robert Polk
- The Motorcade held on April 25th was to lift Spirits, we thank all our participants
- Our mask distribution was held last Saturday, was a success
- Water meter are being replaced
- Illinois cases of confirmed COVID-19-83,021 deaths – 3,601
- Governor Pritzler announces the Creation of "Restore Illinois"- it is a Five Phase plan in order to safely reopen the state; we are currently in Phase Two
- Coronavirus Expert Tips
 - Wash your hands frequently
 - Self-quarantine if you feel sick
 - Refrain from touching your face
 - Carry hand sanitizer
- Dr. Fauci- Top Chief Infectious doctor says "If we open to soon it will cause needless suffering and death"
- Symptoms of COVID-19
 - Fever, dry cough, aches and pains and difficulty breathing

- Individuals who are out of work due to COVID-19 are ineligible for State unemployment benefits.
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) begins May 11th for the individuals that were ineligible for State unemployment benefits; to be eligible you must be unemployed or unable to work due to COVID-19
- Some court proceedings will continue
- United Airlines will now notify passengers prior to boarding if the flight is full

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks reported the following:

- Public Works has been cutting the grass throughout the Village
- Public Works Week is May 17th thru May 23rd
- Garage on Greenbay Avenue has been torn down
- Yard waste is to be placed in biodegradable bags or a 30 gallon container along with a yard waste sticker that can be provided by the Village

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2020 –R– 006 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN REAL ESTATE PARCEL SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID REAL ESTATE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14512 SOUTH TORRENCE AVENUE, BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the ORDINANCE NO. 2020–O–002 SALE OF 14512 SOUTH TORRENCE AVENUE, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14512 SOUTH TORRENCE AVENUE, BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

FINANCE:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to approve on authorizing the payment of this month's bills and last month's bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- Water meters replacements will resumed as of 5/4/20-928 meters have been replaced
- ComEd is extending disconnection notices to June 1st
- CEDA- scholarship to Illinois colleges must be submitted by June 12th at 5 p.m. at 53 E. 154th Street, Harvey, IL

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Christian Health Center at 11:00 a.m. in Harvey on 154th Paulina

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner

Robert E. [unclear]
Mayor

Village Clerk