

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 14, 2020**

Mayor Robert E. Polk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. using the proper social distancing. All the board members wore masks.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Trustee Garcia

Motion made by Trustee Bonner and seconded by Trustee Richardson to table the minutes of the March 10, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner 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:

Mr. Andrew Johnson asked about the chance that Illinois was going to open up on April 30th and that Indiana is scheduled to reopen on April 20th.

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia 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 Polk reported that the Burnham Ave. grade separation has started. The Village of Burnham suffered our first death due to COVID-19. Ms. Jackson on Calhoun passed away. We are planning on having a motorcade throughout the village on Saturday April 25th starting at 11:00 am. We'll kick off from Cundiff's Body Shop on Burnham Ave. The Cook County Ethics Statements are due on May 1st. Now is not the time to take money out of the bank or savings plans. Our neighboring communities have more COVID-19 cases than or 16

CLERK'S REPORT:

Absent

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer made a motion and it was seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the hiring of a part-time officer Terrium Crump. He has passed all the testing and is an Illinois certified police officer.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

Police Officer Crump introduced himself and told us why he wanted to work in Burnham. He was then sworn in by Lieutenant Bonner.

Trustee Greer than when on to thank all the First Responders and Healthcare Workers for their dedicated service. He talked about the new COVID-19 test site in Markham 3824 W. 159th Place open from 7:30 to 3:30. The site is open for people over 65 and 17 and over with pre-existing conditions. She mentioned that there our 23,247 cases and 868 deaths in Illinois. 16 cases in Burnham with the 1 death. The Federal Stimulus checks are coming out and will be issued as fast as they can be. Wash your hands and stay at home. She also mentioned the things to do in case you get sick. The 2020 Census has also been extended due to the virus. Again she mentioned that it's up to all of us to slow down the spread of COVID-19. To do this everyone must practice social distancing and avoid social gathering. Stay-up to date with information about keeping yourself and the people around you safe. Remember 20 to 25 percent of the people have no symptoms.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Claybrooks just had a few things. Thank the first responders and essential workers. He mentioned that Homewood Disposal is informing us to put everything in the cans and they will be picking no bags. This includes PPE which should be tied up in bags. They are still requiring garbage payments.

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

Motion was made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. to approve Ordinance 2020-O-001. This is a revision to the 2020 water rate, and it freezes the rate until April 30, 2021 to \$8.76 per 1000 gallons.

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 Brenda Greer to approve on authorizing the payments of this month's bills and last month's unpaid bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson warned residents to be aware of the sounds and smell of natural gas. The Urban Efficiency Project is on hold due to the virus.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

No Report

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,
AND REMONSTRANCES:**

We Held a Moment of Silence for Mrs. Jackson who passed away from the Corona Virus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to go into a closed session meeting.

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 Cap, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to close the Closed Session and revert back to regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to adjourn the meeting.

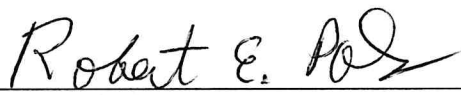
ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None



Village Trustee, John Cap Jr.



Mayor