

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

Held at  
14020 Torrence Avenue  
Burnham, IL 60633  
September 22, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: Trustees John Cap Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Village Clerk Lus Chavez  
ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Jacqueline Cosby had the following concern:

- Resident that walks two dogs on 141<sup>st</sup> & Bensley Avenue doesn't pick up after his dog's waste

Carol Dills had the following questions:

- When 138<sup>th</sup> Place flooded last May, why didn't she see any Burnham employees
- Why does the Trail Park on 138<sup>th</sup> Place never receive any type of notices from the Village

David Shea had the following concern:

- Cars drive very fast on Greenbay Avenue as well as Burnham Avenue

John Hajduch had the following comments:

- Board Meetings that are videoed on YouTube can be positive for all
- Why is the Clerk's office closed since March
- Where are the quarterly reports
- Would like a copy of the bills
- Why do we not have a backup for the FIOA Officer

Gerald Hunter had the following comments:

- He rebutted in regards to community meetings, they were being held
- Community Garden, who paid for that?
  - Who is able to benefit from the Community Garden
- If an official or employee is in violation of an Ordinance, can we file a complaint
- Is the Harvey guy our Water Works Engineer?
- Sewers need to be cleaned
- Grading of alleys is unnecessary, just creates dust
- Is the Harvey guy responsible for the sewers?
- He called EPA to report illegal dumping by Cundiff's

Dwight Young had the following comments:

- Why is the Clerk's office closed
- His water bill issue has been ignored
- Clerk has ignored my attorney
- Ordinance states someone is to come out and read meter- never done

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. 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 and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Polk's responses:

- Mr. Young- Clerk has reached out to you
  - Some residents have had high usages once meter was replaced because we did not have a consist read
  - Employee did not do the best job on reading the meters
- Jerry- In regards to the sewers, when you were employed you were in charge of the sewers
- John-in regards to the reason for videotaping meetings-it is solely for political reasons- and that is why is shall not be praised
- Carol-the tablets will be given out throughout the trailer park- it was an oversight

Mayor Polk had the following to report:

- As always "Welcome everyone"
- Sewers have been cleaned
- COVID-19
  - 173 on record for Burnham-68 in our community
- Census Reported has reported so far 62.5% have completed Census
  - Last Census we had 70.1% completed
  - You have until the end of the month to complete the Census
- Tree trimming- couple of weeks
- Sidewalk repairs- soon
- Some street patching-Mackinaw Avenue and 138<sup>th</sup> Place
- Electronic Waste will be held on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- COVID testing along with mask distribution on October 24th

Also for the record-Village of Burnham is doing ok, making more progress than 113 years ago

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Chavez had the following to report:

- Early voting begins October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Calumet City Library
- Visit our website [villageofburnham.com](http://villageofburnham.com) for the following:
  - Purchase vehicle sticker
  - Notices inserted in the Utility bills
  - Events to be held
    - Electronic Waste Day
    - COVID testing
- Sign up for CodeRed on our website
  - In order to receive any type of emergency or alert for Burnham
- On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>- Vehicle stickers will be sold at the Community Center
  - Hours will be posted
  - Vehicle registration required

Presentation by Fire Chief Powers to Fireman George Dafnis for 30 years of serves

Also the creation of The George Dafnis Award for Firefighter of the year

Qualities for The George Dafnis Award:

- Place yourself before others
- Dedication
- Show positive influence

George Dafnis was presented with The George Dafnis Award for Firefighter of the year

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

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- COVID-19 testing and mask distribution to be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Senior carryout lunches are \$1.50 at the Thornton Township Senior Center located at 1420 Huntington Drive, Calumet City on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Dog walkers must pick up the dog waste and current pet tag
- 200,000 deaths due to Coronavirus
- Stay safe, wear your mask and keep your social distance

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Village of Burnham and Teamsters Local #700 Public Works Department from May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- General cleaning
  - Illegal dumping should not be done

**ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the lowest bidder for the project of CDBG #1507-099 Project #15-576.01-145<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Extension, bids were reviewed at the September 15, 2020 advertised bid opening for the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Extension. Lowest bidder for project is H. Linden and Sons Sewer and Water, Inc in the amount of \$251,444.00.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the lowest bidder for the project of MFT Section 21-00000-01-GM -Project #21-R0016.01;2020-2021MFT Concrete Replacement Program, bids were reviewed at the September 15, 2020 advertised bid opening for the 2020-2021MFT Concrete Replacement Program. Lowest bidder for project is J & J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc- in the amount of \$82,042.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

3. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the lowest bidder for the project of MFT Section 21-00000-02-GM -Project #21-R0016.02;2020-2021MFT Pavement Patching Program, bids were reviewed at the September 15, 2020 advertised bid opening for the 2020-2021MFT Pavement Patching Program. All of the bids were correct and in order. Lowest bidders for project is D Construction, Inc in the amount of \$ 81,978.24

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson

4. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve Ordinance 2020-O-004 AN ORDINANCE CREATING AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 50- LAW ENFORCEMENT. ARTICLE II- POLICE DEPARTMENT SECTION 61 AND SECTION 62-80, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

5. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to the RESOLUTION 2020-R-012 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO APPLY FOR A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS (CRF) BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE COUNTY OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A BODY POLITIE AND CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

6. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to the RESOLUTION 2020-R-013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UPDATE OF THE COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

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

**FINANCE:**

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

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: None**

**PARKS AND RECREATION: None**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS  
AND REMONSTRANCES: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to adjourn.

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

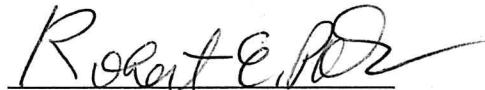
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson



Village Clerk



Mayor