

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

January 26, 2021

Held at
14020 Torrence Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633

Mayor Robert E. Polk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. using the proper social distancing. All the board members wore masks and guest wore masks.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees John Cap, Jr., Denise Bonner, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek (over the phone)

ABSENT: Village Clerk Lus Chavez

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Trustee Cap-

Motion made by Trustee Cap and seconded by Trustee Claybrooks to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN: Trustee Denise Bonner

NAYS: None

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to open the meeting to the public

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

OPEN SESSION:

Carol Dill from the trailer court mentioned all the problem the residents are having with the property manager. The list includes problems with sewers, water and electrical. She mentioned that and electrical pole was replaced but the wires were never moved over. They have a resident that doesn't have a working toilet. The grease trap that connects the property to the village sewer needs to be cleaned out frequently at a cost of \$1000. Carol mentioned a time when the sewers needed to be cleaned but I didn't get the exact time, might have been every 2 years. She also mentioned that property owner is also operating a Laundry Mat opened to the public in the trailer court without a business license. Carol also mentioned that the village debt is now \$10,000,000

Christina Martinez complained of the sewer odor at Carol's trailer.

Bill Campliss in trailer #8 talked about the electrical pole that is still held up with ratchet straps even though the new pole has been installed but the wires haven't been moved over.

John Hajduch mentioned that he received a Happy New Year's call from the mayor. He talked about the village being 6.3 million dollars in debt and how we raised the water rates to pay for the new meters.

Motion made by Travis Claybrooks 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

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk talked about referring the trailer violations to the Police, Building Commissioner, and Code Enforcement Officer. Sewer cleaning on the east side of the village has been awarded to Cal City Plumbing and the work will start as soon as the temperature gets above freezing. The sidewalk restoration project was suspended due to the COVID-19 outbreak but it will continue. The mayor mentioned how he doesn't neglect the east side of town. He mentioned that Burnham in 2020 has been progressing more now than any time in its 112-year history.

CLERK'S REPORT: Absent

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer talked about the Center for Disease Control (CDC) benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Their priority is safety; the COVID-19 vaccine doesn't contain a live virus. The vaccine will keep you from getting seriously ill even if you get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated yourself will protect the people around you. The vaccine is a safer way to build protection. The COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic. Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, these measures are not enough. The vaccine will work with your immune system so it is ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. She was asked when will it be my turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine? Each state has set up their own plan for deciding which group will be vaccinated first. You can contact you state health department for more information. The goal is for everyone to be able to get a COVID-19 easily as soon has large quantities are available. As vaccine supplies increase more groups will be added to receive the vaccination.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Claybrooks mentioned that Public Working was out plowing streets last night and today. All the equipment is working and we are using calcium chloride with the rock salt. He thanks the residents for showing up at our COVID-19 testing events. Trustee Claybrooks thanked 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 up no bags. This includes PPE which should be tied up in bags. They are still requiring garbage payments.

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING: None

FINANCE:

Motion was made by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve on authorizing the payments of this month's bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Trustee John J. Cap, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to authorize a credit of \$175.00 to be applied to all active water meter accounts. This allocation was received to the local government from the Cook County Cares Relief Fund. on authorizing the payments of this month's bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson talked about the rent relief fund and rent assistance. I think that it is expiring tomorrow at 10:30am. For more information, call 708-755-4357. Commonwealth Edison is still giving out electrical bill assistance and the number is 1-888-806-CARE.

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,**

AND REMONSTRANCES: We Held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Weeden who passed away suddenly

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: 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

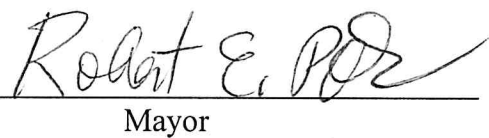
ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



Trustee John Cap Jr.



Mayor