

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

Held at
14020 Torrence Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
February 23, 2021

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, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Village Clerk Lus Chavez, Attorney Stanley Pagorek- (over the phone)
ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to open the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

Carol Dill spoke of the following:

- Money owed to Chicago and Hammond for water
- Care Act Funds should be used for Covid relief
- Feels that tenants should receive the \$175.00 credit

John Hajduch spoke of the following:

- Referenced Clerk keeping time allotted to speak at meeting
- Did not receive a phone call, pertaining to copies he requested
- Spent 82k on sidewalk and 82k on streets- doesn't feel we applied for grants
- Sewer cleaning – also feels we didn't apply for grants
- Had question on term limits

Joyce Bischoff spoke of the following:

- No protection from Covid-19 pertaining to the residents at Bria Nursing Home

Gerald Hunter had the following comments:

- 175.00 credit was applied to water accounts- do not agree with it
- Additional funds are vague
- Treasurer has not been at meetings to explain how funds are spent
- Doesn't feel the use of the funds can be trusted with Mayor

- He alluded the funds would be used towards the election coming up

Antwon Russell spoke of the following:

- Speaking to Mayor directly about electioneering
- Suggested to Board to edit the Minutes
- According to him he cites the sources
- As a police officer he will not allow injustice by another police officer
- He is respectful

Jill Belsios spoke of the following:

- Why doesn't the Village help the seniors and veterans to the poll to vote
- Has the owner of trailer park contacted the Village and if he hasn't- has Code enforcer followed up on the citations
- Cables line hanging in the trailer park
- "That's a lot of a white man privilege from a black man"

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., Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer and Carmella Richardson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk's response:

- Hanging wires at trailer park will be fully addressed once weather is warmer
- To Gerald Hunter's comment about I can't be trusted with the funds
 - I signed for the funds along with the clerk and we would not use the funds unlawfully
- To Joyce Bishoff the residents at Bria have the freedom to go outside of the facility
- Recent attendance by people at the meetings, are politically driven

CLERK'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following question and answer from CDC:

1. Has the Covid- 19 vaccine been tested?
 - a. Like all vaccines Covid-19 vaccines have been vigorously tested for safety before authorization in the United States
2. Can you transmit Covid-19 after getting the vaccine?
 - a. Since scientist haven't yet found evidence that the vaccines provide mucosal immunity. Someone who is vaccinated and had no symptoms of illness may be caring the live SARS-COV2 virus and spreading it to others by coughing, breathing or sneezing (mucosal-means glands that makes a thick slippery fluid from nose, lungs and stomach)
3. How long does it take for COVID-19 vaccine to take effect?
 - a. It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination.

4. How does Coronavirus spread?
 - a. Experts believe the virus spreads mainly from person to person.
 - b. Droplets- when an infected person cough, sneezes or talks
 - i. Droplets or tiny particles called aerosols carry the virus into the air from their nose or mouth or anyone within 6 feet maybe infected.
5. Can I get Covid-19 from food?
 - a. There is no evidence of food, food containers or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19. It is possible that the virus that causes COVID-19 can survive on surfaces or objects for a period of time.

Correct and consistent mask use is a critical step everyone can take to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19. Masks work best when everyone wears them. Not all masks provide the same protection, when choosing a mask look at how well it fits and how well it filters the air and how many layers it has.

- Make sure with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others out
- Choose mask with a wire

In general, the more closely you interact with others the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreads. Keep items on hand when venturing out., a mask, tissues, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if possible.

Reminder stimulus money may be headed your way before the end of March.

CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. That's why it's important for you to consider your own personal situation and the risk for you and your family and your community before venturing out. Remember some people have the virus and don't have symptoms. COVID-19 vaccination does not carry the live virus.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS: None

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING: None

FINANCE:

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to approve on authorizing the payment of this month's bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

PUBLIC UTILITIES: None

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,
AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Moment of silence for:
Tom Papierz passed away

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to Adjourn.

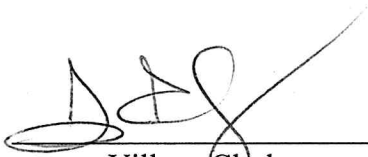
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Village Clerk



Mayor