

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

Held at
14020 Torrence Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
February 9, 2021

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, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert E. Polk and Village Clerk Lus Chavez, Attorney Stanley Pagorek- (over the phone)
ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021

ROLL CALL:

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

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, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Carol Dill had the following comments:

- How was the \$175.00 credit towards water accounts determined
- How will the remaining funds from the grant be used
- What is the status with sewer clean up's
- On February 6th- Trailer Park had no power-Veteran unable to have oxygen

Gerald Hunter had the following comments:

- Somebody had told him there is a personal parking spot for the clerk
- Noticed an extension cord extends from clerk home on telephone pole
- Many vehicles around Cundiff's
- Mayor good job on new grocery store besides the gas station and scrap yard

Andrew Johnson had the following comment:

- Asked for information regarding vaccinations

Carmelita Richardson had the following comment:

- At trailer park lot #34 Comcast wires hanging around her trailer

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk's response:

- Mayor has a correction on a statement - that the water increases were not recommended by the auditors- instead it was recommended by our CPA
- In reference to water credit-you need to have a water account-governmental body to another governmental body
- All sewers are continuing to be cleaned-unable to clean at one time
- Vehicles on Chippewa have been addressed
- Village of Burnham does not control the issues of a private owner-violations can be addressed-also many of the issues that residents living in the trailer park have falls on the individual of the lot due to the language in their lease
- Parked cars will be addressed
- If power is out- we can try to accommodate pertaining to life threatening equipment required to have power

Mayor Polk had the following to report:

- Free Covid testing on Saturday, February 13th at Community Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Received a flyer
 - Stated that Cook County President Preckwinkle funded the 175.00 per household water bill credit-**That is all completely false and a lie**
 - Stated that Village of Burnham debt is nearly 11 million- **That is all completely false and a lie**
 - Stated he could resurface streets and paving alleys- Alleys can't be paved because many alleys do not have sewers and water would go into garages-sounds good but not true do
 - Previous Village Clerk was not my clerk; she was elected prior to my term- I never stole a dime

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez had the following to report:

- Village of Burnham applied for the Cook County Care Relief Fund with the help of the current administration, we approved and from those funds- it was decided to apply to each water account a credit of \$175.00
- Credit of \$175.00 was applied to all water accounts this month and the invoices along with the receipt of the credit of \$175.00 were mailed on Friday, February 5th

Response to Gerald Hunter:

- Find out your facts, and do not be a liar
- Do not state things that are not true
- Look at yourself in the mirror before you speak

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- Have many Holidays in the month of February
 - Lincoln's Birthday
 - Valentine's day
 - Washington Birthday
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Black History month
 - Significance are the achievements of African-Americans
 - Fredrick Douglass was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman
 - Mae Jemison, American physician and the first African American woman to become an astronaut. In 1992 she spent more than a week orbiting Earth in the space shuttle Endeavour.
 - Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement"
- As of February 19, 2021-21,802 deaths in Illinois due to Covid-19
- Starting next week, the United States will be distributing to the vaccines directly to the communities
- Wear your mask-social distance-wash your hands
- Call 866-443-2584 to call for help to register for the vaccine
- General questions for Covid-19 call 1-800-889-3931
- Call Walgreens, CVS for more information regarding vaccine

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- Public Works 3 or 4 days have been plowing and salting
- Try to move vehicles from street in order for the plow to go thru

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson approve on the ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-001, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHING OF THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER, MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

FINANCE:

Trustee John Cap Jr. mentioned the following:

- You can contact St. Margaret's in Hammond to make an appointment for vaccination

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- Safety tips
 - Keep temperature at 68 degrees
 - Let faucet drip- in order to avoid pipes freezing
 - Do not use oven or grill as a form to keep warm
 - Keep space heater away from flammable objects or children

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Denise Bonner mentioned the following:

- Calumet Memorial Park District- Open Ice skating
 - Location: Wentworth Avenue
 - When: Monday thru Friday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Cost: \$5.00 Skate Rental \$3.00

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,
AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Moment of silence for:

Ms. Edda Mancuso from Hoxie Avenue
Ms. Josephine Siminski from Greenbay Avenue
Ms. Mary Jo Moyer from Mackinaw Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to adjourn.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Village Clerk



Mayor