

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

Held at
14020 Torrence Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
March 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, 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 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: Trustee Denise Bonner and Trustee Travis Claybrooks

ABSENT: 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 and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

John Hajduch had following comments:

- Village's deficit
- He is self-employed 21 years doing well
- Village applied for Community Development Block grant
- Feels remaining CARES funds to be distributed among the poverty rate
- Not in agreement that remaining funds remain in the corporate fund

Pamela Dickerson had following comments:

- Speed bumps needed on Goodrich
- Cleaning lot behind town homes

David Romo had the following comments:

- Speed bumps needed on his street

Jerald Brown had the following comment:

- Concerned about vehicles turning left on 141st and Torrence Avenue

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson 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, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Monday, March 8th Drive thru COVID testing at Village Hall 10 a, to 2 p.m.
- Spring is almost here- please clean up
- Mayor spoke with Comcast concerning the hanging wire at Trailer Park
- Certain issues need to be addressed to proper authority
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Mayor invited Mr. Jansma the owner of the Trailer park to speak at the Board Meeting today he stated the following:

- Carol Dill has been his manager for the last 3 years at trailer park and lives on site
 - She has been working with Comcast for three years to have them bury the lines
- Mr. Jansma has two meters at trailer park and will distribute the credit of \$350.00 among the tenants at the trailer park

Mayor stated that in future when you have a concern on regarding private property it should be directed to the owner of the property and not brought to a meeting to cause havoc for political reasons. He also would like to thank Mr. Jansma for coming to the meeting.

And we are about helping the people and doing things legally. Burnham is also doing better than its existence of 113 years.

Mayor invited Leslie Phemister -Transportation Planner-South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and Matthew Buerger, P.E.-Senior Project Manager

Leslie presented the following projects:

- Burnham Avenue Grade Separation
- Burnham Greenway Gap

Matt to presented the following project:

- Dolton State Street Project

CLERK'S REPORT:

- The Clerk's Office continues to serve our residents with no interruption of services during this pandemic. Because of the pandemic the Clerk's office has been closed for the safety of our residents and staff. This was an unprecedented event worldwide.
- We have continued to monitor the State's guidelines for COVID-19. There have been less reported cases of Covid-19 and with now having the vaccine available we can move forward.

- I am happy to announce that the Clerk’s office window will be open on Monday, March 15th. The office window will be open Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will continue to service our residents over the phone or email villageofburnham@burnham-il.gov or by our night drop. Only one resident at a time will be able to be serviced at the window. Again we will continue to practice social distancing, mask is required and a temperature check to be taken at the Clerk’s office window.
- The Village of Burnham will *always* seek and has always applied for grants to bring improvements to our Village and reduce the monetary burden of our residents. On today’s Agenda there is a request for approval for a CDBG grant application, which is requested every year.
- Cook County received \$429 million from the US Treasury under the CARES Act. The Village applied for and met the criteria and was awarded \$624,827.81 from Cook County’s Coronavirus Relief Fund. On January 26, 2021, the Village Board approved a \$175.00 credit to be applied to each water meter account from the funds received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The remaining funds will be used to maintain Village services, Public Safety, Police and Fire Departments.
- Calumet City Library located at 660 Manistee Avenue, Calumet City, IL 60409 is an Early Voting site from Monday, March 22nd through Monday, April 5th:

March 22-27	9:00 am- 5:00 pm
March 28	10:00 am-4:00 pm
March 29-April 3	9:00 am-7:00 pm
April 4	10:00 am-4:00 pm
April 5	9:00 am-7:00 pm

April 6 – Election Day at your home precincts.

Mail Ballot applications for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted. If anyone would like a mail in ballot, I can provide one after the meeting also you can also apply online www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/agency/vote-mail

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following to mention:

- Daylight saving time on March 14th
- Orthodox lent begins March 14th
- St. Patrick’s Day March 17th
- Spring begins March 20th
- Palm Sunday March 28th
- Questions and answers concerning COVID vaccine
- Benefits to COVID vaccine will keep from becoming seriously ill
- Numbers to call and make appointments
 - Aunt Martha Medical Group- 877-692-8686
 - Community Vaccine Program- 1-833-308-1988

- Robbins Health Center – 708-293-8100
- Family Christian Community Center- 708-596-5177
- A third stimulus could arrive at end of March for most

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- Public Works has been:
 - Picking up trash
 - Cold patching
 - Alleys will be graded once the alleys once they dry

*Clerk Chavez thanked Public Work and Superintendent for their hard work and dedication for our Village

*Mayor Polk mentioned that a grant for resurfacing alleys are not advantages

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve RESOLUTION 2021-R-003 FOR AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) 2021 PROGRAM YEAR APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, IN THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

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:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve on authorizing the purchase of an equipped Police Cargo Van in an estimated amount of \$49,857.00 for Village of Burnham Police Department.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on authorizing the purchase of PPE/Gear Lockers/Hoses/2 battery powered fan an estimated amount of \$60,000.00 for the Village of Burnham Fire Department.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- CEDA taking applications- Call 708-566-5143
- Hot water temperature safety recommended is 120 degrees Fahrenheit

- Mayor Polk mentioned that the residents need to apply for these grants/assistance that are available

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Denise Bonner mentioned the following:

- Calumet Memorial Park District is still conducting services virtual
- Thanked everyone for coming out

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.

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



Village Clerk