

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

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

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

Meeting in prayer

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 Travis Claybrooks to approve the minutes of March 9, 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 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

Gerald Hunter had following comment:

- Regarding rights on asking questions

John Hajduch had following comments:

- Thanked Police regarding recent incident with police thru alley
- Why no question and answer during board meeting
- Outsiders are more accommodated instead of the residents
- Mayor and entire Board must think the residents are really stupid
- Who does the board answer to

Carol Dill had the following comments:

- Trailer Park did not receive a flyer (which was a campaign flyer she referenced)
- She took offense to the same flyer she did not receive

Melissa Garcia had the following comments:

- Public officials do need to be accountable
- But public needs to be respectful
- The public attending meeting need to follow the guidelines in order for everyone to be safe and be respectful
- The bridge on Burnham avenue has a sidewalk need for repair and trees that are hanging

Renee Ellis had the following comment:

- Pot Holes 141st Manistee

Joyce Bishoff had the following comments:

- Decline in town
- High water rates
- Village deficit
- Monthly sewer charge
- No buildings in our parks

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson 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:

- Glad the Police caught the individual down the alley
- The Board of Trustees and all of us work together for the benefit of the residents
- Some residents feel they speak for every resident in the Village and that is not the case
- If a resident has a concern they can always contact the Village with their concerns and ask for myself
- If we have a question we are unable to answer will try our best to get an answer for you
- The village has never had six employees in the water department
- The sidewalk on Burnham Avenue will be looked on Manistee will be looked at
- Water bills in Burnham are comparable for the area
- Burnham is not in a deficit -Burnham is also doing well
- This is a political season and people are not stating the facts
- Grant received from Connie Howard for Burnham Park was given to the Calumet Memorial Park District
- Skate Board ramp at Burnham Park was not part of that grant
- Village of Burnham will continue to do well

Mayor invited Dave Schilling from Robinson Engineering and he presented a presentation

- Robinson Engineering has been with Village of Burnham since 1960
 - Dave Schilling has been working with the Village of Burnham since 2006
 - General Municipal Services
 - Motor Fuel Tax

- Property and survey
- Development Plan Reviews
- Grant writing
- Sewer and Water Operation, maintenance and permit rewards
- Infrastructure Design and construction engineering
- Completed Projects
 - 145th Street water main Extension-\$250,000 funded by CDBG
 - 2020 MFT patching at 22 locations completed- \$88,0000 funded by MFT funds
- Upcoming projects
 - 141st to 143rd Saginaw Avenue resurfacing- \$100,000 funded by CDBG
Sewers needed to be lined before going forward with the resurfacing
Expected to begin resurfacing in June 2021
 - Cottage Park Green Infrastructure-\$50,000 funded by MWRD
 - Direct all the storm water into bio whales so they go into the soil or evaporate- instead of causing flooding
 - Torrence Avenue Mulit use path
 - Recreational loop along Torrence Avenue- \$255,000 funded by Cook County- construction late 2021
 - MFT sidewalk replacement 48 locations - \$85,000 funded by MFT funds
 - Starting in April 2021- bid awarded to local business in Burnham J & J Newell
 - IDOT will be resurfacing Torrence Avenue from new bridge down to Sibley Avenue- funded by IDOT- curve ramps will be updated

Mayor stated for the record again- The Village of Burnham is doing well- regards to what anyone says- Burnham will keep moving forward and Burnham-Burnham is not going to fade away from the earth-and you got my word on it.

CLERK’S REPORT:

- Clerk’s office window has been open since last Monday, March 15th. The office window is 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 checks to be taken at the Clerk’s office window.

- Calumet City Library located at 660 Manistee Avenue, Calumet City, IL 60409 is an Early Voting site for our area

Monday, March 22nd Monday, March 22nd through Monday, April 5th

March 22-27 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 28th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 29th – April 3rd 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

April 4th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 5th 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/agency/vote-mail

**Mayor Polk introduced a special guest
Illinois House Representative Marcus Evans Jr**

- Mayor Polk always reaches out in regards to the Village of Burnham
- Our State Representative for the last 8 years- we work together with State Senator Sims
- We want all resources to reach local communities
- All municipalities have been struggling due to Covid-19
 - Cares Act funds were given to the State and in turn given to the county and then to the municipality
 - Complaints were- funds should have gone directly to the municipalities- more funds will be provided to municipalities to help them with financial struggles

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

1. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner to approve on the following applicants to the Burnham Volunteer Fire Department Melanie Cuellar, Shenay Crater, John Daugherty, Robert Scott Jr. upon pending successful completion of a medical exam and drug test.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

*Trustee Denise Bonner thanked the applicants for the Fire Department for choosing Burnham- Burnham has wonderful people

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following to mention:

- As of today State of Illinois has administered more than 4.3 million doses of Covid-19 vaccinations
- Governor Pritzker stated that he will not end state face covering requirement
- On April 12 all adults and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine
- Tornado season begins in March
 - Seek shelter in a building- in a basement-interior space on the lowest floor

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- Public Works has been:
 - General cleaning
 - Grading alleys
- May 16th thru May 22nd is National Public Works
- Ms. Renee thank you for letting us know about the pot holes

- We need to all to work together and he is proud to be a resident of Burnham

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING: None

FINANCE:

1. 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., 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 Travis Claybrooks to approve on the replacement of the roof at Village Hall/ Police 14450 S. Manistee Avenue to the lowest bidder which is Calderone Enterprises- \$38,050.00

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on the sale of Public Works -1996 International Dump Truck IHTSDAAR4TH376810 for the amount of \$5,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Denise Bonner to approve on authorizing the purchase of Window Replacement/Eye Wash Station/Additional Camera's/Security Alarm/ PPE an estimated amount of \$11,000.00 for the Village of Burnham Water 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

Trustee John Cap Jr. cleaned up Burnham Avenue Bridge

Frank Duke made a comment that never has had any problems and all our neighbors take care of each other and Mayor Polk has been outstanding and what you are saying is outstanding.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Denise Bonner mentioned the following:

- Calumet Memorial Park District Easter Hunt at Burnham Park at 12 p.m. on April 3rd

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 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



Mayor



Village Clerk