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

Held at 14020 Torrence Avenue Burnham, IL 60633 October 26, 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, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk, Village Clerk Lus Chavez and Attorney Stanley Pagorek ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr, 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 suspend the regular order of business and go into executive session.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee John Cap to return to the regular order of business and out of executive session.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to open the meeting to the public.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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Mr. Wallace addressed the Board with the following comment:

• More lighting needed on 142<sup>nd</sup> Saginaw Avenue

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

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- CDBG project on Saginaw Avenue continues and should be done by Monday
- President and Board of Trustees meetings shall resume at the Village Hall next meeting

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Chavez reported the following:

- Trick or Treat hours for Halloween will be 3 to 6 p.m.
- Secretary of State Mobile Unit will at the Senior Center 13925 Entre Ave.
  - o November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1:30 pm
  - o No Real ID's will be issued
  - o Renewal of State ID and Driver's License
  - o Renewal of Plate stickers

# PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

1. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on hiring the of Gary Kempf as a Part Time Police Officer for the Village of Burnham. Once he has fully completed and passed the testing (polygraph, medical, drug test, psychological and background).

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

2. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve on the appointment of Interim Chief Nick Nomikos to the rank of Chief for the Burnham Police Department effective November 1, 2021, with salary and benefits attached to the rank of Chief as fully set forth on the Village Ordinance No. 2021-O-001 dated February 9, 2021 and Ordinance No. dated September 29, 1994-Section 50-43 continuous service compensation, of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Burnham.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None 3. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on the appointment of Lieutenant David Bonner to the rank of Captain for the Burnham Police Department effective November 1, 2021, with salary and benefits attached to the rank of Captain as fully set forth on the Village Ordinance No. 2021-O-001 dated February 9, 2021 and Ordinance No. dated September 29, 1994-Section 50-43 continuous service compensation, of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Burnham.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**4.** Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the authorization for the Village of Burnham's Board of Police and Fire Commissioner's to update the list of eligible candidates for the Rank of Lieutenant, taking applications, conducting appropriate tests and posting notices as soon as possible.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

5. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the authorization for the Village of Burnham's Board of Police and Fire Commissioner's to update the list eligible candidates for Full-Time and Part-Time Patrolman, including accepting applications, conducting testing and compiling a current eligibility list for patrolman.

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- Plastic tags the plastic tags or metal ties tell you which day of the week bread was baked on. The codes are as follows: Monday – blue, Tuesday – green, Thursday – red, Friday – white and Saturday – yellow
- Thornton Township Christmas Program- registration is now

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

Trustee Travis Claybrooks reported the following for Public Works:

- Public Works picked up branches after storm
- Tree came down on 140<sup>th</sup> and Marquette Avenue
- Street sweeper was out today
- Getting the fleet ready for the winter season
- Rack the leaves to the parkway- leaf collector will pick them up
- Front louder needs repairs

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<sup>\*</sup>Mayor Polk mentioned that a day would be designated for the leaf collector probably on a Monday. Also a tree by the Village Hall needs to removed.

#### ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING: None

#### FINANCE:

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

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- o Nicor Gas Free home assessment- www.nicorgas.com/schedule
- o Nicor Gas free energy kits call 877-886-4239 or www.nicorgas.com/freekit

### PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Mayor Polk stated again that Christopher Hodges resigned as of October 1, 2021
  - o Will be filling the position by the end of the year
- Mayor Polk that the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Blackburn Park
  - o 20 plus kids participated
  - o Appreciated Fire Chief Puchalski and Assistant Fire Chief McPherson for assisting in the event
  - o Thanked Jeffrey Hodges for also assisting with the event
  - o Kids where given candy and treats and they won prizes that were donated and food was provided
  - o The goal and objective is to engage in our young people in this community and to inspire and think positive
  - o We appreciate all the departments-we work collectively-and Burnham is doing well despite anyone says-You have my word on that

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

# COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES: None

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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# **NEW BUSINESS:**

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# ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to adjourn.

**ROLL CALL:** 

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

Claybrooks NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Village Clerk

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