

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

Held at  
14450 S. Manistee Avenue  
Burnham, IL 60633  
November 22, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Trustees John Car Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Clerk Lus E. Chavez

ABSENT: Trustees Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

Motion made by Trustee Jefferey Hodges seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to approve the corrections of regular minutes of November 10, 2022

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to open the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

John Hajduch addressed the Board with a comment that he does not receive returned phone calls when he leaves a message. And he made a comment about Trustee Garcia's new cement stairs and having no railing and also made unnecessary comments in regard to his personal opinion of her. Also made unnecessary comments in regards to Trustee Brenda Greer. And he expressed his own personal frustrations to the Board because he doesn't receive any communication.

Gerald Hunter made his own opinion to the Board in regard to two of the largest companies that were in Burnham J & J Newell and Scrap Metal Services he stated they went out of business. He also stated his opinion on where is the Village obtaining the funds to make new purchases. Accused the Village of gauging the water rates in order to have slush funds. He had a concern with the business on 143<sup>rd</sup> Hoxie.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

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

- Mayor stated for the people that have not attended previous meetings, we have the same individuals that come to the meeting asking the same questions over and over and try to vex us, annoy us, and make accusations all the time
- Mayor assured that the Village of Burnham is making great progress and you have his word
- Asked the residents to remove any abandoned vehicles on the street in order to be clear once the snow season begins
- Village will be having a workshop in regard to fraud committed on real property
- Village is offering our Seniors snow removal service

Trustee Garcia addressed the comment made by John Hajduch in regard to her improvements to her home that she went thru the proper procedures and inspections. And as a Trustee and resident, she has the right to make her improvements. It should not be anyone's business what is being done in front of her home.

\*Gerald Hunter began to disrupt the meeting, and Mayor asked for Gerald Hunter to be escorted out of the meeting.

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

- Apologized for the disruption being made
- Clerk's office shall be closed for Thanksgiving Day and will re-open Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:**

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the following:

- It's a tradition to watch football on Thanksgiving Day
- More than 54 million will travel for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Illinois Housing Development Authority announced it's reopening a mortgage assistance program-application and information at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org) will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023.
- If you know anyone or a family in need of a Holiday Basket, please contact the Village Hall to be placed on the list.

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

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve contracting a company to assist the Public Works Department during this winter season not to exceed \$24.00 an hour.

### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

\*Tree trimming is finishing up, if any residents with concerns with a tree needing to be trimmed contact the office, please

**ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-004 REVISED WATER RATE AND LATE PENALTY AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE VILLAGE’S WATER RATES AMENDING CHAPTER 98-UTILITIES, ARTICLE I – DIVISION 3 – RATES AND CHARGE SECTIONS; 98-161 – RATES ESTABLISHED; AND SECTION 98-161 SUBSECTION (2) LATE PENALTY AND SECTION 86-424 OF THE REVISED SEWER TAX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to approve the new business application by Aries’s Beauty Bar. The location would be 2306 State Street Burnham, IL 60633

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

3. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the new business application by Ortega Auto Repair Inc. The location 13900 Torrence Avenue, Burnham, IL 60633

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

4. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to approve the new business application by JH Vending LLC. The location would be from his primary residency on 144<sup>th</sup> and Calhoun, Burnham, IL 60633

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

Trustee Graciela Garcia mentioned the following:

- Addressed the unnecessary comments made by John Hajduch and Gerald Hunter during the open session
- Flex n Gate holding a Job Fair to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**FINANCE: None**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES: None**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Trustee Jefferey Hodges mentioned the following:

- Burnham's Holiday 2022 Vende O Rama will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Community Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.- \$40.00 per date, set up provided 1 table and 2 chairs are included.
- At the Holiday Vende O Rama will have COVID vaccinations and testing. In addition to IHEPA
- Burnham Toy Drive accepting donations of new unwrapped toys for our local children in our community-Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall
- Residents that are need, please contact the Village Hall at 708-862-9150 to be placed on the Holiday Basket list.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,  
AND REMONSTRANCES: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Trustee John Cap Jr. mentioned that the Village of Burnham is working with the State on trying to reduce the speed limit on Torrence Avenue and Burnham Avenue thru State Street.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to hire the temporary hire of Christopher Hodge and Elias Caples for the Public Works Department.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Mayor