

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

Held at  
14450 S. Manistee Avenue  
Burnham, IL 60633  
February 13, 2024

Mayor Robert E. Polk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Village Clerk Lus Chavez  
ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia and Trustee Brenda Greer

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the regular minutes of January 23, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Trustee Carmella Richardson  
ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to open the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

- Michael Nielson had the following to address:
  - Is the Village of Burnham part of the Central Square Unify
  - Agreed that the Mayor was doing a good job (mentioned later in the open meeting)
- John Hajduch had the following concerns:
  - Reference the flyer for the lead pipe replacement, stating Village is not respectful to residents
  - Ordinance 003 & 007 not posted to website
  - Are audits required by law
  - Is the garbage supposed to be out for bid
  - Speed bumps should be removed

John Hajduch approached the Mayor while speaking and slammed a tire spike which he found on the street by a speed bump

- Devin Wilder mentioned the following:
  - Mayor was doing a good job
- Josephine Ross mentioned the following:
  - Agreed with Mr. Wilder that the Mayor was doing a good job

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., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Polk mentioned the following:

- We are respectful to our residents in spite of John Hajduch statement

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Chavez mentioned the following:

- Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to observe President's Day
- Ordinance 2023-O-003 & 2023-O-007 were not used

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

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

January Burnham Fire and Medical Report-	13 Fire Calls	8 day	5 night
	64 Ambulance	39 day	25 night

**PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- Public Works has been grading alleys and filling potholes
- Basic general maintenance
- Public Works will fill potholes on 141<sup>st</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> in the east side

**ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the new business of an African Food Restaurant named Amala Sarah LLC located at 2464 E. State Street, Burnham, IL 60633-

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

**FINANCE:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned the following:

- Veterans Committee fundraiser engraved bricks \$100.00, placed at 140<sup>th</sup> Torrence-northwest corner

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Trustee Jefferey Hodges mentioned the following:

- Forest Preserve 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Community Center at 6 p.m
- Walk this Way-Sandridge-Monday thru Friday-9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None**

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,**

**AND REMONSTRANCES:** Moment of silence for Ms. Wilson she was 103 years old

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Presented George Dafnis with an Appreciation Certificate for all his hard work to help the Village of Burnham at the Community Center to have a FEMA site to help our residents as well any Cook County resident

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Powers presented a Certificate of Appreciation from FEMA to Mayor Robert Polk for welcoming and being so helpful during their time in the Village of Burnham at the Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Jefferey Hodges and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to adjourn.


**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks and Mayor Robert Polk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustees Graciela Garcia and Brenda Greer

  
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Mayor

  
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Village Clerk