

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

Held at
14450 S. Manistee Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
October 8, 2024

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of July 18, 2024

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, 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 Travis Claybrooks to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of August 13, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, 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 Jefferey Hodges to open the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

Maria Rosales asked the following:

- Anyone endorses Harris/Walz from the Board

Leon Wallace commented on the following:

- Need more street lights on 142nd and 141 Saginaw
- Neighbors play the music too loud
- Why do the calls go to Dolton

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk stated the following:

- We would need to look at our noise ordinance-it is a valid issue
- The reason calls go to Dolton is because that is our central dispatch

Mayor Polk mentioned the following:

- Work around the Village of Burnham for public safety reasons has been done along with upgrades
- Public safety is the Village's priority
- Cook County has assisted us in sewer cleaning in our Village
- We ask our residents not to blow grass clippings out to the street because that causes the sewers to back up

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez mentioned the following:

- The Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Indigenous People's Day
- Early Voting in the south suburbs begins for our area on October 21 at Calumet City Library

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:

Trustee Greer, please mention the following:

- The Village of Burnham & AMVETS Post #43 have joined to create a Burnham Veteran Memorial
- The Village of Burnham has installed 5-AED defibrillators at our 5 locations
- The Village of Burnham Police Department has purchased the body cameras
- Honor Flight Chicago: want to honor the Senior Veterans who served in WWII, the Korean War or the Vietnam War to apply for this trip to Washington DC
- Our work here in Village of Burnham is continuous, it does not stop, to refresh or reiterate is as follows:
 - Village installed 5-AED defibrillators at our 5 locations Hall, Community Center, Senior Center, Public Works and Water Pump Station
 - Body Cameras have been purchased
 - Vehicle stickers are still available for purchase
 - Lead line survey has been completed
 - Hosted two Blood Drives
 - Held two Garage Sales
 - Our First Gospel Fest this summer
 - Held our annual Community Day Event along with National Night Out this summer
 - Creating a Veteran Memorial in the Village of Burnham
 - Held Job Fairs

- Held and will hold Town Hall Meeting in regards to Cook County Property Taxes

Burnham is continuously Moving Forward

- Sign up for CODE RED
- We are holding a Toy Drive, we will begin to accept donations from November 1st to December 14.
- Christmas Pop Up to be held on December 7, 2024, 11 am to 5 pm at the Community Center
- Burnham Fire Department Open House will be held this Saturday at the Fire House from 10 am to 2 pm, Come join
- Cook County Build Up Program awarded the Village of Burnham \$150,000 to assist with the flushing, cleaning and jet rodding of our sewers
- Always be aware of your surroundings -If you see something say something

Mayor Polk mentioned that two daycares in the Village of Burnham have had the lead lines replaced due to Cook County Lead line program

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to approve the hiring of Alfonso Rocha for the Public Works position.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to approve D. Anderson Paving to complete the street repairs in Burnham. The cost is not to exceed \$25,000.00 funds from MFT would cover this cost.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the new business Card Credit Oasis Inc. a used car dealership located at 14559 Torrence Avenue, next to the Citgo Gas Mart.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees John Cap Jr., Jefferey Hodges, 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 Calybrooks to approve the authorization of the payment of this month's bills.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee John Cap Jr mentioned the following:

- Cleaned the Burnham Avenue bridge with a resident (Leo)

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson mentioned the following:

- Hammond Will increase again this year the water rate to \$4.14 on December 1, 2024
- IHEAP will begin taking applications-call 1-800-571-2332

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Hodges mentioned the following:

- CMPD will be hosting a Haunted House beginning October 11th thru October 26th, Fridays and Saturdays 6 pm to 10 pm- cost is \$ 15.00 at Finneran Park Lincoln Avenue & Freeland Avenue

Mayor Polk mentioned to our residents that it is important that toilet tanks in our homes are properly sealed when you flush. If that is not the case water will run through the toilet and cause an increase of water usage in your meter, causing an increase in your monthly invoice.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to go into closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes, 5ILCS 120/2© (11): litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the village has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Board finds that an action is probable or imminent, 5ILCS 120/2© (1): appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to come out of closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes, 5ILCS 120/2© (11): litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the village has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Board finds that an action is probable or imminent, 5ILCS 120/2© (1): appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to go back into regular session.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to adjourn.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Village Clerk



Mayor