

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

Held at
14450 S. Manistee Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
November 26, 2024

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

PRESENT: Trustees John Cap Jr, Jefferey Hodges, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Clerk Lus E. Chavez
ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion made by Trustee Jefferey Hodges and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of October 22, 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

John Hajduch had the following comments:

- Made comments about the water rates and his opinion about the current water rates
- stated his opinion on how the water and sewer fund was handled before the Mayor's term
- stating false comments and being disrespectful toward the Board members

Jackie Cosby stated the following:

- Someone is placing stuff in her mailbox she does not want anything placed in her mailbox that is not registered mail

Mr. Hunter had the following comments:

- Personal opinions on how the Village should conduct board meetings on two occasions
- What is the classification of Burnham Plaza
- Asking the Board if they would like to discuss during the meeting the ComEd Agreement
- Giving his opinion concerning CMPD

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks 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 replied to the comments mentioned during the open session:

- The statement the Mayor made about the property taxes, names were not mentioned and it is also public records.
- Hopefully there will be some resources to help with the increases of Cook County property taxes soon that have affected many of our residents
- ComEd agreement is to acquire permission because they own part of the land where the bike path would be placed
- Burnham Plaza Class 8 classification that was discussed back in 2008, when the property was vacant and is now part of the Economic Development for the Village of Burnham

Mayor Polk stated the following:

- A disgruntled person cannot go to Congress or the White House and give the President orders
- A disgruntled person cannot go to Springfield or The Governor and give him orders
- A disgruntled person cannot go to the Cook County Board and give the President of the Board any orders
- A disgruntled person cannot give orders to the Village of Burnham Board, they have no authority
- Remember a positive anything is better than a negative nothing

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez stated the following:

- Clerk's Office hours on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 will be 9 am to 1 pm, Closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024 for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 29, 2024 will be open from 9 am to 12 pm

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:

Trustee Greer, please mention the following:

- CDC states you may get a COVID-19 vaccine and a flu shot
- AARP will increase in June 2025 the membership from \$16.00 to \$20.00
- Christmas Pop will be held on December 7th at the Community Center from 11 am to 5 pm- variety of vendors will be attending
- A dead battery can give juice by using a rechargeable battery pack
- Stroke symptoms of arm or leg that suddenly impaired, slurred speech, inability to communicate-time to call 911
- We are holding a Toy Drive, we are accepting donations from November 1st to December 14. New unwrapped toys for our local children in our community

- Thanksgiving is a day to express gratitude for families, friend's good health and other blessings. And to give thanks.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on the (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding between The Village of Burnham and Teamsters Local No. 700, under the Collective Bargaining Agreement under Section 8.1 Wages. The MOU shall take effect November 1, 2024, if approved along with the signature by Local 700 and the Village of Burnham.

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 Travis Claybrooks mentioned the following:

- He loves how the Board works together as a team, no one is perfect. It's hard to work with so much dysfunction and keep the Village moving

Mayor Polk stated that the Village of Burnham is doing well and continues to make progress. And we will continue to take care of this community no matter what other falsely state

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-009 CLASS 8 CLASSIFICATION FOR SAM BADER'S BURNHAM PLAZA RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-009 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED CLASS 8 CLASSIFICATION FOR BURNHAM PLAZA, BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX PIN NOS. 30-05-100-006-0000; 30-05-100-004-0000; 30-06-200-085-0000; and 30-05-100-008-0000.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-012 COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY RECREATIONAL LEASE AGREEMENT TORRENCE AVENUE MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-012 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RECREATIONAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, AND THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-013 CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BURNHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING, AND THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve RESOLUTION NO.2024-R-016 2024 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-016 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

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 Carmella Richardson to approve authorizing the payments 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

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson mentioned the following:

- CEDA is accepting applications at Thornton Township for light and gas utilities.
- Also working on a date when CEDA can come to the Village of Burnham again

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Hodges mentioned the following:

- Wanted to address the comment about the CMPD, which is a separate entity from the Village of Burnham
- The public is more than welcome to attend the CMPD meeting which are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Sandridge Community Center at 600 Oglesby in Calumet City
- Trustee Hodges attends the CMPD meeting as a part of the public, and advocates for the Village of Burnham when he is there
- We can all advocate as a team towards the CMPD
- For the last 3 ½ years as a Trustee Hodges has advocated for the Village of Burnham very hard and diligently-we were able to have a music festival this summer in Burnham
- We aren't asking for appreciation for what we do but we do ask for respect
- CMPD has an open gym on Saturdays, which Trustee Hodges has introduced to the Village of Burnham
- Trustee Hodges is here to talk to people but he is not going to be disrespected
- CMPD has youth open gym on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm to 5:30 pm-cost \$5.00
- Burnham has a Toy Drive, we are accepting new unwrapped toys until December 14th.
- CMPD Tree lighting on November 29th at 6 pm to 8 pm-Free
- Happy that we all can work together

Mayor Polk said “When a person is always putting you down, they want to be where you are”

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

Trustee Carmella Richardson mentioned that November 16th was the groundbreaking for the Veteran's Memorial

COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,

AND REMONSTRANCES: Moment of silence for BFD George Dafnis's passing Helen Dafnis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to go into Closed Session per 5ILCS 120/2© (21); Discussion of minutes lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to come out of Closed Session per 5ILCS 120/2© (21); Discussion of minutes lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval of the minutes or the semi-annual review of the minutes.

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 Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to go back into regular session of the Regular Board Meeting.

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 Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson 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