

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

Held at
14450 S. Manistee Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
December 10, 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, Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Clerk Lus E. Chavez
ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of November 26, 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 Jefferey Hodges and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks 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:

- The board is voting on whether or not to raise our taxes
- The board is voting on replacing obsolete equipment for the water department
- commented that he has a 2000 Chevy Blazer, a cellphone and a computer that are obsolete but he can't buy one with Burnham tax money so he has to keep them
- referenced basketball rim missing at Burnham Park
- Commented on the Village of Burnham Toy Drive about Burnham School
- He had other repetitive comments he made in previous meetings

Mr. Hunter had the following comments:

- Calling in when street lights are out
- Resident Parking only signs
- Leaves left on the parkway

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk replied to the comments mentioned during the open session:

- The same individuals come to the meetings with the same complaints and they have no validity and make comments that are not true

Mayor Polk stated the following:

- People have been dumping illegally in different spots in Burnham, and eventually they will be caught
- Clerk Chavez and himself were able to inform some of our residents of missing exemptions for their property taxes that had not been applied for because of the meeting that was held at Burnham School
- Unkept and vacant properties in the Village of Burnham continue to be a burden

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez stated the following:

- Clerk's Office hours on Tuesday, December 24th-Office Hours 9 am to 12 pm
Closed Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31st -Office hours 9 am to 12 pm
Closed Wednesday, January 1st-New Year's Day

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:

Trustee Greer, please mention the following:

November Fire and Ambulance calls

Fire Calls 10	6 day calls	4 night calls
Ambulance 46	46 day calls	23 night calls

- We are holding a Toy Drive, and we are continuing to accept donations of new unwrapped toys for our local children in our community until December 14th. We thank everyone who has made donations

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Travis Claybooks mentioned the following:

- Continue to rake the leaves to the parkway to be picked up
- Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING: None

FINANCE:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the Village of Burnham's aggregated Levy for 2024 for compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law as being \$4,934,000.00. The aggregated amount was determined based on the 2023 Agency Tax Rate Report for the Extension Grand Total of \$4,698,860.00, multiply the amount by 105% and rounded off the amount.

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 John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve on ORDINANCE NO.2024-O-007 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025 OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 60633-2081.

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 continued speeders on Burnham Avenue

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

1. Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to approve the quote from Metropolitan Pump Company for new equipment & services at the Village of Burnham Water Pump Station the cost is \$59,760.00. These improvements will update our current equipment at the Water Pump Station

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 Richardson mentioned the following:

- ILIHEP will be at the Community Center on Saturday, December 14th, 10 am to 2 pm for assistance with light and gas utilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Hodges mentioned the following:

- Burnham has a Toy Drive, we are accepting new unwrapped toys until December 14th.
- We have been in contact with Superintendent Geraci of Burnham School about our Toy Drive
- And we will continue to work with Burnham School as we have always done in the past, the present, and in the future
- CMPD has a youth open gym on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm to 5:30 pm-cost \$5.00

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,
AND REMONSTRANCES:** Moment of silence for Mr. Rush

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve on authorize the canceling of the scheduled Board Meeting of December 24, 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

2. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges to adopt the schedule of 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF 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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Jefferey Hodges 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