

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

Held at
14450 S. Manistee Avenue
Burnham, IL 60633
January 14, 2025

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, Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek, Mayor Robert E. Polk and Clerk Lus E. Chavez
ABSENT: Trustee Travis Claybrooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion made by Trustee Jefferey Hodges and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of December 10, 2024

ROLL CALL:

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Juan Gonzalez had the following concerns:

- His corner home on 140th and Burnham Avenue was tagged with graffiti
- Concerned that there is not enough lighting at the PACE Bus Stop by his home.

Mr. Hunter had the following comments:

- Suggested that we place a stopwatch that can be seen during the Board Meeting
- Resident Parking only signs
- Leaves left on the parkway

John Hajduch had the following comments:

- Village's Audits
- Why tax money is contributed to Payroll for the Board and PW superintendent since they are part-time
- If Burnham is doing so well why are we not bragging about it
- Why were the taxes increased last meeting
- And continued with his comments about the way the Board votes for items

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to close the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Travis Claybrooks

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Polk stated the following:

- Snow plowing will continue during this evening
- If you have an inoperable vehicle, we ask you to remove the vehicle from the street
- Constant things are being said that are not true

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Chavez stated the following:

- The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day, which is also a Federal Holiday
- It's unfortunate that a resident who is a former employee feels he needs to make gestures of profanity during the Board Meeting

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:

Trustee Greer, please mention the following:

- Wishing you a New Year filled with growth, collaboration and success. We as a Board will continue to achieve great things and continue to build on an even stronger Community in 2025.
- The state of Illinois has the highest number of COVID-19 cases
- Consider donating blood, it can make a significant difference
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)-List of symptoms
 - Runny nose
 - Low appetite
 - Coughing
 - Sneezing
 - Fever
 - Wheezing
 - Trouble breathing
- A huge Thank you to our amazing Burnham Community for making our recent event a Splash of Color so successful, everyone had lots of fun and it was an enjoyable day with our neighbors. We can't wait for our Community Game Day for adults on January 25th, 3 pm to 7 pm
- CEDA will be at the Community Center on January 18th from 10 am to 2 pm
- Village of Burnham and AMVETS Post #43 are working together to have a Veteran Memorial by Memorial Day 2025. We are taking donations or if anyone would like to purchase a Memorial Brick for a loved one who has passed away.
- President Jimmy Carter passed away on December 29, 2024. He was our 39th President, he was the first President to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue on the day of his inauguration,

and he started FEMA. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his work to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts.

- Saturday, January 25, 2025, is Community Game Day at the Community Center from 3 pm to 7 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS: None

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to approve a new business Ann-Ethe Services LLC d/b/a Ann Ethe Services would replace the current laundromat located at 2300 E State Street Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Travis Claybrooks

FINANCE:

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance premium policy period of 1/1/25 thru 01/01/26 of Pennsylvania Manufactures Assign Insurance Company for the total annual amount of \$197,437.00. *Last year's annual premium was \$178,204.00.*

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Travis Claybrooks

2. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to approve the Village of Burnham insurance liability renewals totaling \$797,802.00, and on the authorization of the Village Clerk to sign said insurance renewal and agreement. *Last year's premium was \$795,946.00. The Agency Fee is \$10,000.00 the same as last year.*

Hadron Specialty
\$38,941.00

Commercial Property

Illinois Union Ins.
\$207,480.00

General Liability/Excess Auto

National Liability & Fire Ins.
\$260,689.00

Business Auto

Greenwich Ins.
\$78,690.00

Law Enforcement

Greenwich Ins.
\$76,636.00

Public Officials/EPLI

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| Kinsale Insurance \$63,930.00 | Excess Liability Law Enforcement |
| Kinsale Insurance \$55,496.00 | Excess Liability Public Officials/EPLI |
| Travelers Casually \$7,044.00 | Cyber Liability |
| The Ohio Casualty Ins. \$3,896.00 | Inland Marine |
| Paramount Claims Service \$5,000.00 | TPA Cost |
| Gaylord Insurance Co. \$10,000.00 | Workers' Compensation Agency Fee |

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Trustee Travis Claybrooks

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trustee Richardson mentioned the following:

- ComEd-New Year, New ways to save
 - Rebates & Discounts-Look for ComEd-Lower Price on new appliances
 - Incentives to Go Electric
 - Free Assessments
 - Visit ComEd.com/home savings

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Hodges mentioned the following:

- Thanked the whole Village of Burnham, the residents, Burnham Fire Department, Credit Union, ComEd, and Burnham Liquor for the biggest response to our Toy Drive. We were able to distribute toys to all our residents who signed up and also to Burnham School students.
- Thanked everyone for attending our 1st Splash of Color
- Another reminder of our next event on January 25th for Community Game Day for adults from 3 pm to 7 pm.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,

AND REMONSTRANCES: Moment of silence for Mrs. Molina, Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. Johnson, Trustee Claybrooks' s mother and President Jimmy Carter

Mayor Polk mentioned that he was able to go to Washington DC for President Jimmy Carter's Funeral

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee John Cap Jr. informed us that the Village of Burnham requires vehicles in Burnham to purchase and display a vehicle sticker. Also, in the State of Illinois, you are required to display a front license plate and a back-license plate. The cost if you do not have a license plate is \$164.00.

Trustee Jefferey Hodges wanted us to take a moment to think of all the Los Angeles County residents who have been affected by the devastating wildfires. And take a moment to thank our First Responders and Police Officers like Officer Kus

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