

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 9, 2016**

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

PRESENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer, Carmella Richardson, Travis Claybrooks, Mayor Robert E. Polk, Village Attorney Stanley Pagorek and Village Clerk Lus Chavez

ABSENT:

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

Citizens Speak

Visitors are always welcome to all public meetings of the President and Board of Trustee of the Village of Burnham. Interested parties wishing to speak should identify their intent to speak, they then may give their name and then make their comment. Person may also provide their address privately to the Village Clerk, if they so choose, person are advised that addresses are considered private information under the freedom of Information Act and thus are exempt from disclosure pursuant to any Freedom of Information request. However, in order to give proper consideration to all items on the agenda, the President has the authority to limit participants in debates and ill close repetitive or abusive remarks.

Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend a meeting and who require certain reasonable accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in the meeting are asked to contact the village Clerk's office at least one week prior to the meeting, when possible. To make these arrangements, call 708-862-9150

Motion made by Trustee Paris Ellison and seconded by Trustee Graciela Garcia to open the meeting to the public at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

Andrew Johnson addressed the board asking if Trustee Carmella Richardson has gone thru the capabilities that the smart meters are able to do.

Trustee Carmella Richardson responded that she has only seen that she uses a lot of electricity and at the Seminar being held on March 12th ComEd can answer any of the questions you may have.

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee Paris Ellison to close the meeting to the public at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor addressed the Torrence Bridge Project and asked Police Chief Belos to explain the details:

March 1st at 1:30 p.m. is the tentative date for the bridge to come down. For this to happen an explosion will take place, they will clear an area of 1,000 feet radius from the explosion. The explosion will sound like thunder. Once the bridge is down it will be placed on a barge and taken away. There is no need for any evacuation.

Fire Chief Horberg also stated that an incident action plan will take place on that day.

Public Works Superintendent Dwayne Liddell stated that we would probably receive calls on that day.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Village Clerk stated that many residents have had concerns about the Utility bills. If any resident has any concerns or questions, please call the office at 708-862-9150.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:

Trustee Carmella Richardson read the letter of resignation from our Village Dispatcher Kandance Mack. Her last day of work is February 15, 2016. The position for fulltime dispatcher shall be posted with prior experience required.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:

Trustee Paris Ellison had the following report:

- The lighting maintenance for the Torrence Avenue bridge has been transferred from Meade to Hometown.
- Public Works continue to keep Burnham clean

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve RESOLUTION 2016-R-001 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY, COMPANY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, THORTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

FINANCE:

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve on authorizing the payment of last month's bills and of outstanding unpaid bills as funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Trustee Travis Claybrooks had the following:

- Evolution Sandridge on February 20th 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- "When they began to Sing" on February 27th 3 p.m. at Downey Park
- Family Fun & Hip Hop dances March 18th 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sandridge Park

Thom Miller- Director of Recreation and Charles Dockery-Executive Director of Calumet Memorial Park want to make sure the Village of Burnham is included with all the events and services that Calumet Memorial Park District provide to the residents of Burnham.

Mayor thanked Calumet Memorial Park District for the Gazebo here at Lawhead Park.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1 Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the lowest bid for asbestos material testing at the following locations: 2945 E. 138th Place and 3001 E. 138th Place from Green Environmental Tech.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

- 2 Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Paris Ellison to table the approval of the lowest bid for asbestos material testing at 14146 Mackinaw Avenue from Green Environmental Tech once it has been tested.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trustees Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees John Cap Jr., and Brenda Greer

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee Carmella Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

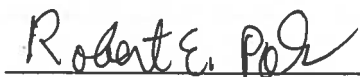
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Village Clerk



Mayor