

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 26, 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  
ABSENT: Village Clerk Lus Chavez

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Paris Ellison to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*\*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 Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr., to open the meeting to the public.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Carol Dill addressed the Board with the following concerns at the Trail Court located on 138<sup>th</sup> Place:

- That the landlord is a slum lord
- He has had Com Ed cut-off the electricity
- He has cut-off the water
- The water pressure has burst pipes
- Electrical lines that are dangerous

- The owner does nothing about the concerns the residents have in the Trailer Court

Edil Chavez addressed the Board with the following concern:

- Terrible smell on 138<sup>th</sup> Place

Andrew Johnson addressed the Board with the following question:

- How many lines and characters on the marquee outside the Village Hall
- How long does it stay up
- The message is better if it is shorter

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Paris Ellison to close the meeting to the public.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Trustees John Cap Jr., Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer and Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor mentioned that our current Electrician Inspector Mr. Kaminski has given us his resignation as of January 30, 2016.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

None

**PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:**

Trustee Brenda Greer had the following reports:

- Thornton Township will hold Income Tax Returns for 65 and older every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday during the months of February thru April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ComEd Smart Meter's seminar to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March.
- Watch your diets and take your medicine to prevent strokes.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

Trustee Paris Ellison had the following report:

- Torrence Avenue Bridge demolition has started
- Public Works Department is keeping the streets clean, we have been thankful that there has not been much snow

**ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr., to table on taking action on RESOLUTION 2016-R-001 FUNDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM, THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60633-0000

**ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**FINANCE:** None

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Trustee Carmella Richardson had the following:

- Thornton Township offers: Low Income Home Energy Assistant Programs at 333 E. 162<sup>nd</sup>, South Holland, IL and they also offer Food Assistance at 15340 Page Avenue, Harvey, IL

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Trustee Travis Claybrooks had the following:

- Health & Fitness Fair to be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Calumet City Clerk accepting water for the residents of Flint, Michigan (bring water during office hours of 9 to 5) 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL and is also asking the Village of Burnham to donate money.
- Disney Movie Tea Party at Sandridge every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday
- Princess Ball to be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2-6
- Memorial Field House Soccer Ages 10 thru 12- Thursdays

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:** None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2. Motion made by Trustee Benda Greer and seconded by Trustee Travis Claybrooks to table until to a later date the proposal bids for asbestos material testing at the following locations: 2945 E. 138<sup>th</sup> Place, 3001 E. 138<sup>th</sup> Place and 14146 Mackinaw from the following companies: Green Environmental Tech, Environmental Consulting Group, Inc and Professional Service Industries, Inc

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Trustees John Cap Jr., Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer and Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Graciela Garcia and seconded by Trustee Brenda Greer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Trustees John Cap Jr., Paris Ellison, Graciela Garcia, Brenda Greer and Carmella Richardson and Travis Claybrooks

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Mayor