

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 28, 2015**

Mayor Robert E. Polk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia and Trustee Brenda Greer

Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr. and seconded by Trustee Paris Ellison to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to open the meeting to the public at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

- Tonya Davis was inquiring if the Mosquito Abatement is included in our Real Estate Property Taxes. (The answer to this question is yes, also if you call they will come out to spray.)
- Jacqueline Cosby concerned about a dog on her block 141<sup>st</sup> Bensley
- Chris Brown and another resident Denise had a concern about the gate at the Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve, they would like to know who is responsible to close and open the gate.( The answer is that the Forest Preserve is responsible to open and sunrise and close at sundown.)  
He was also concerned about the dust from the alley leading into the Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve.
- Josephine Ross as a resident wanted every Homeowner to know that they should have their insurance company come out and inspect their home and vehicle due to the hail storm that happened a week ago.

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr. to close the meeting to the public at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor mentioned that residents are to purchase the village vehicle sticker by June 30<sup>th</sup> and displayed by July 1<sup>st</sup> on your window of your vehicle. Residents are given enough time to purchase the village stickers in the month of June, the office is open late on every Friday until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday the office is open. The police department will be giving citations for not having a village vehicle sticker displayed. Also we are going to add in our Ordinance a penalty when the vehicle sticker is not purchased on time.

Mayor also mentioned that Thorton Township was holding a Day in the Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. at Blackburn Park and that on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> in National Nite Out at 7 p.m. at Blackburn Park.

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

None

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

1. Motion made by Trustee Brenda Greer and Trustee Carmella Richardson to approve the appointment of Stanley Koysk as a member of the Police Pension Board.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

Trustee Brenda Greer mentioned the 2 in 1 Event on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 p.m., we are accepting donations for our event. Also the Community Center is open on Tuesday, Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday's 12 to 4 p.m.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:**

Trustee Paris Ellison mentioned that Public works is cutting the vacant lots between 140<sup>th</sup> and 141<sup>st</sup> and Marquette.

## **ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION AND PLANNING:**

1. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr., and Trustee Paris Ellison to pass on  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-002, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY  
1, 2015 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2016 FOR THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

2. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr., and Trustee Carmella Richardson to pass on ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-004, AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ALONG TORRENCE AVENUE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

3. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr., and Trustee Travis Claybrooks to pass on ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-005, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF SANITARY WASTE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO ANY STORM SEWER OR DRAINAGE FACILITY CONSTRUCTED AS A PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

4. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr., and Trustee Paris Ellison to pass on RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-005 APPROVING A PLAN FACILITATING TRAFFIC FLOW AND MOTORIST SAFETY ON TORRENCE AVENUE BRIDGE AND STREET OVER GRAND CALUMET RIVER WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

5. Motion made by Trustee John Cap Jr., and Trustee Carmella Richardson to pass on RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-006 A FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TORRENCE AVENUE BRIDGE AND STREET OVER GRAND CALUMET RIVER WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BURNHAM

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Graciela Garcia

6. Motion made by John Cap Jr., and Trustee Travis Claybrooks to approve the contractor's license for Champion Roofing Inc.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Graciela Garcia

**FINANCE:**

1. Motion made by John Cap Jr. and Trustee Paris Ellison to adopt on authorizing the payment on authorizing the payment of the Village's monthly bills and outstanding unpaid bills after approval by the Finance Committee when funds are available until the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Graciela Garcia

**PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Trustee Travis Claybrooks mentioned that if you would like to participate in the Calumet City Labor Day you need to contact them .

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:**

Dan Spencer on Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve

Burnham Prairie is an approximately 80-acre natural preserve owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. The site contains ridges or dunes of low elevation separated by shallow ponds, poorly drained lakebed, or swales intermittently or permanently inundated with groundwater. The site is home to 270 plant species, including two threatened plant species and one that is endangered; six endangered bird species; and a rare mammal, the Franklin's ground squirrel. The diversity is threatened by the absence of fire, and by contamination and modifications to the natural hydrology that have allowed non-native plant species to dominate, thus compromising the survival of native plants and animals.

The proposed project would re-route nutrient-polluted water away from the site and restore wetlands and associated habitats by planting high-quality native plants, removing invasive species and excess sediment, reintroducing fire management, and incorporating water storage outside of the natural area.

These activities will restore marsh, prairie, and savanna habitat that was historically present. Woodlands consisting of invasive woody species will be cleared with subsequent fire management to allow native seed banks of rare plant species to germinate. Restoring the remnant habitat will greatly benefit migratory and wetland species of birds, especially the shore birds and waterfowl that frequent the Calumet greenways, by providing forage, shelter, and breeding habitat.

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEMORIALS,  
AND REMONSTRANCES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Village President's (Mayor's) announcement that the Village of Burnham is a fair housing community.
2. Motion made by Trustee Carmella Richardson and Trustee John Cap Jr., to adopt on the suspension of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees until the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Graciela Garcia

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Travis Claybrooks and seconded by Trustee John Cap Jr., to close the meeting to the public at 8:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Graciela Garcia

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Village Clerk

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Mayor