

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER OCTOBER 6, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Village Clerk Williams called the roll.

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams.

Absent: None

1. Insurance Renewal Update- Chief of Staff Corley

a. Principal Life Insurance Renewal Extension to December 2009

COS Corley stated that there was an insurance update with the union reps for the Administration, Public Works and the FOP. Principal Insurance, (presented previously by Dean Cass) is on board with extending the renewal date until December 2009.

b. Lambent Insurance

The union reps wanted Lambent to provide a 90/10 run of the insurance. The Board previously chose option #1 which was an 80/20 plan. They also plan to grieve that 80/20 is not “substantially the same” as is stated in their contract. COS Corley asked for direction from the Board; whether to choose 80/20 or 90/10. This would apply to the PPO only; the HMO would stay the same. COS Corley stated that the TCO contract has not been fully yet and they are working with a \$100.00 deductible. Lambent told the union reps that the contract was only specific in that it gave parameters that you could not exceed the \$250.00 deductible and the co-pay that increased by \$5.00. The union plans to argue that the contract has terminology stating that it must be “the same” in regards to the 90/10. Trustee Anderson stated that this has been discussed for several months and does not need to be discussed anymore; the Board has been in limbo and the unions and employees know the financial state of the Village. Trustee Anderson said that the Board needs to stick with the plan that was chosen and make the decision final so they can prepare for the financial needs of that plan. Trustee Hanks requested that Lambent provide the Board with a layout of the plan showing the PPO with both the 80/20 and the 90/10 for a better understanding of the cost difference.

Trustee Benson stated that the Board has had the opportunity to discuss both proposals with both insurance companies 2 or 3 times; why revisit it- the Board already discussed and voted on the 80/20 and agreed to it. It was pointed out that the choice of broker was voted on. Option #1, which included the 80/20 plan, was discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting and the consensus was to choose that option, but there was no vote. When this was presented to the union reps they wanted a 90/10. Trustee Myers stated that Option #1 was discussed and agreed to with no vote taken; the unions can present the case again if they want to. COS Corley stated that the unions will only address this again if the Board stays with Option #1 with the 80/20. Trustee Benson wants to review the minutes for clarification.

Trustee Williams restated that Lambent should provide the differential between the splits. COS Corley stated that the info will be in the Board packets or sent by email on Friday.

2. Village Financial Matters-Finance Director Beverly Sterrett

a. Amendment to Budget

Opening of 3 new accounts to deposit garbage payments, water/sewer payments and bi-weekly insurance payments

DH Sterrett stated that signature cards have been signed and given to the bank to open the new bank accounts for the garbage(waste management) and water/sewer. There was no new account opened for the bi-weekly insurance; there is already a payroll account and the insurance will be paid from that account. Trustee Williams asked who signs the signature cards and if two signatures are needed on the checks. DH Sterrett stated that the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and the Chief of Staff are signers and two signatures are required. VA Vasselli verified that the Board consents to the opening of these accounts and reiterated that the purpose was to separate this money from the General Fund and to make payments from these accounts for those specific purposes. VC Williams stated that when she was asked to sign the signature cards she was also asked to sign a banking resolution that states that only one signature from either the Mayor or Chief of Staff is required in order to perform transfers, withdrawals or open new accounts. VC Williams stated that she compared that banking resolution with the one that was signed in May for the General Fund and Payroll Account and found that the earlier resolution stated "any two signatures" where the latest resolution states "singly" by the Mayor or Chief of Staff for Signatory Change, Transfer Authority, etc.. VC Williams asked if there was a reason for this change. VC Williams stated that she asked DH Sterrett to inquire about that when it was first presented to her stating that she was uncomfortable signing the document giving "any one person" full authority to perform financial transactions on behalf of the Village. DH Sterrett stated for clarification that the personal banker who handles these accounts wrote both resolutions without her input. VA Vasselli asked DH Sterrett to inform the bank that two signatures will always be needed to perform all transactions, including signing checks. VA Vasselli stated that before the resolution is ratified at the next meeting the appropriate changes will be made. Copies were given to the Board per Trustee Benson's request. VC Williams also stated that there is a blank slot on the resolution asking for the number of signatures and that "any two" also needs to be inserted there. DH Sterrett stated paperwork has been completed prior to the accounts being opened formally; pending Board approval next week. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board meeting minutes approving the opening of these accounts needs to accompany the signature cards and banking resolution. VA Vasselli stated that with the consensus of the Board, he will notify the bank in writing the Board will vote to approve the opening of these accounts at the next meeting and those minutes will be provided to them at that time. VA Vasselli verified that accounts will not be opened or funds deposited until after the next Regular Board meeting in one week. It was further stated that the Finance Director can transfer singly under the direction of the Mayor or Chief of Staff.

b. Requisition Certificate #70

COS Corley presented two requisitions representing draw downs from TIF 2 and TIF 3. Certificate # 70- \$16,854.65 includes a draw down for Baxter & Woodman, Kane, McKenna and Robinson Engineering. The documents were incomplete and COS Corley stated that she would verify these figures and recopy the information for the Board.

c. Requisition Certificate #71

Certificate #71- \$4,215.78. Trustee Hanks inquired about TIF reimbursement. DH Sterrett stated that TIF hours worked were last tracked in 2006 and this was used as a rationale to determine the TIF reimbursement for 2007 and 2008 since no actual records were kept during this time. Kane, McKenna agreed with this rationale. Trustee Hanks stated that in 2006 there was a lot more building taking place and a lot more meetings; last year permits were down especially in TIF #3. DH Sterrett stated that she spends more time now than in 2006 tracking approximately 35 bank accounts. DH Sterrett further stated that in 2006 she spent about 8 hours a month on TIF 3 and now is spending about 8 hours a week and that monthly meetings have always taken place and actual records are being kept now. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Hanks if he feels that the reimbursement should actually be lower. Trustee Hanks stated that it just needs to be quantified; there was a lot more going on- meeting with potential developers and more

economic development meetings. DH Sterrett felt that this was a conservative number because she was not charging the Board's time with this number for 2007 and 2008 and that was considered in 2006.

d. Extension Request on Promissory Note- to be an ordinance for the next meeting

COS Corley stated First Midwest Bank has agreed to extend the Promissory Note in the amount of \$200,000.00 until January 1, 2010.

DH Sterrett gave the financial update and reviewed the monthly statement with the Board that showed the monthly revenue and where the budget stands and asked if the Board was comfortable with the format. In August, after 34% of the year had elapsed, the total general revenues up to that point were way down at 20% , and the expenditures were 27%. The Amalgamated Bank funds have not been posted yet due to time restraints. These include funds 210- Fire, 280- 911, 410-Utility Tax, 461 & 481- TIF 2 & 3 and 605- Debt Service Fund. DH Sterrett stated that Cook County is now saying that the property taxes may not be ready until December 1, 2009 or after. A payment of \$73,000.00 was received from the State. As of October 10, 2009 there was \$88,000.00 in the bank to meet payroll; payroll is estimated at \$160,000.00. There is an AT&T bill that must be paid. This leaves a shortfall of approximately \$69,000.00. DH Sterrett is working on formulating a Plan B; we are just making payroll every time. Illinois Funds will issue short term loans to municipalities by loaning money to a bank that will work with the Village at 2% interest and they loan it to the Village at between 2% and 4 ½ %. DH Sterrett has been looking for a bank to work with the Village. The Village has several small accounts with Park National Bank and a running balance between \$100,000 to \$160,000 with First Midwest Bank along with the Promissory note with the balance of \$200,000.00 plus interest. Both banks would not work with Illinois Funds, DH Sterrett stated that there is \$9,467,495.00 in TIF accounts at Amalgamated Bank but they are no longer participating in the Illinois Funds program. DH Sterrett has also checked with Illiana Credit Union but has not had a response as of today. DH Sterrett stated she is making every effort to find a bank to work with us and stated that the Board should consider moving accounts from the banks who do not help us to the bank that does. Mayor Towers stated that the agreement would have to be checked as far as the TIF accounts. Trustee Burgess stated that the same situation occurred years ago and Attorney Vittullo handled the transaction with a Downtown bank. DH Sterrett also stated that she is confident that there is a bank that will work with us but she wanted the Board to be informed. Trustee Burgess asked if any reasons were given for refusing the loan. Park National is just not in the position to do that right now and stated the negative press about the Village. DH Sterrett will be meeting with Kane, McKenna on Thursday and they will be looking at larger banks that may be in the position to help the Village but they might also ask what the Village will do in return. Kane, Mc Kenna is also looking working cash bonds and looking for long term loans; one year won't help. DH Sterrett also looked into vehicle licenses and police fines noting that vehicle licenses have gone down every year since 2005.; there are more cars in town since 2005 and therefore there is missing revenue. DH Sterrett and Gerald Pyke are contacting the State to compare vehicle registration information. Police fines are also down. DH Sterrett submitted a newspaper article that stated the percentage of time that tickets are issued or not issued. Sauk Village issues tickets only 49% of the time which also causes lost revenue.

Trustee Williams asked what happened to the company that was working with the Village Sticker mailing program. DH Sterrett stated that they promised a savings to the Village of \$3,000.00 and there was no savings and the company did not follow through on their promise; the Village did not get the \$3,000.00 that was promised.

Mayor Towers asked the status of the red light cameras. Trustee Williams stated that a study was done to determine how many cars run the red light and stated that Chief Lacheta has been in communication with the company. Trustee Hanks also stated that there was a study done to determine if the company would profit from the cameras after making the initial investment of installing them at no cost to the Village. VA Vasselli stated that there is a rumor that the company went bankrupt.

DH Sterrett mentioned that even though an ordinance was passed in 2006 that runs through 2011 that increases water and sewer rates at in gradual steps the expenditures still exceed the revenues and this will stop in 2011.

Trustee Burgess asked if the shut off rate has increased in the past year. DH Weller stated that they have increased; the amount of the increase was not known. DH Jasinski stated that the ordinance for water has been changed but there has been no new construction. There is also a large number of foreclosures and vacant homes. It was mentioned that apartment buildings receive one bill regardless to how many apartments are in the building. Weatherstone Lakes and Candlelight Village also receive one bill and the residents are billed from within their development. It was determined that additional research will be done and this will be readdressed. DH Sterrett stated that this information will be included next week's report. Trustee Burgess asked if the Police Tow fund is still separate. DH Sterrett stated that there is a separate line item in the General Fund for Police Tow.

VC asked if there will be enough funds in the account to sign and issue payroll checks. DH Sterrett stated that at this time the money was not there but she was confident that it would be in place for payroll and the AT&T bill in time to issue both of these.

e. Working Cash Bonds

COS Corley stated that there will be a meeting regarding working cash bonds on Thursday; no trustees need to be present.

3. Ordinances

a. Illinois Funds Loan- VA Vasselli restated that an ordinance or resolution needs to be in place naming the bank who is partnering with the Village in order to go forward. A draft copy was submitted to the Board. VA Vasselli suggested that a substantial amount should be borrowed in order to avoid the same predicament the Village faces now. The amortization of these funds can be for one year so it is recommended to take out a working cash bond to pay the short term note with the working cash bond and amortize the term of the longer term borrowing to 10 years which was researched by the prior bond council. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board needs to be informed if and when any collateral will be used to secure these loans. Trustee Hanks asked if First Midwest would loan the Village \$700,000.00 with the understanding that \$200,000.00 would be used to pay off the initial loan. COS Corley stated that they would not do that.

b. Liquor & Tobacco Policy- Illinois has offered a grant for \$1,100.00 to be used for Liquor and Tobacco enforcement; a sample policy was provided to the Board. A sting operation is set up to send underage people in to stores to purchase alcohol and cigarettes. This is already being done in the Village but a policy needs to be in place to validate the acceptance of the funds. Deputy Chief Sailsbery prepared the grant; the funds were received last week this ordinance will be on the next agenda for approval.

c. Amending the Fiscal Year- VA Vasselli referred to prior discussions of amending the fiscal year. This ordinance will be on the next agenda for approval.

d. Approving Kane, Mc Kenna & Associates, Inc. as Financial Advisors to the Village of Sauk Village- Village Attorney- James Vasselli

This ordinance approves maintaining Kane, McKenna as financial advisors to the Village. Kane, McKenna has been with Sauk Village from the beginning and they have been great through the recent process. Contracts were

submitted to the Board and nothing seems to have changed as far as rates. Kane, Mc Kenna will also be working with the Village on Thursday to help find additional funds.

4. Driveway Variance- Mr. & Mrs. Vance Persons- Sherry Jasinski- Community Development

DH Jasinski updated the Board that the Persons are moving forward with their 22 foot driveway along with the recommendation of the Zoning Board; this will also be presented on next week's agenda for Board approval.

5. US Cellular Kohler Generator- Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley received a letter from US Cellular representative Celia who is looking to install a Kohler generator as emergency backup. There is already a contract in place with US Cellular and this would provide an additional \$200.00 of revenue to the Village. DH Jasinski stated that the permit and plans are already completed and once approved by the Board they will be forwarded to Interim Chief Stoffregen and VE Jim Czarnik. DH Weller stated that it would be located behind the west water tower inside a fenced area and will probably have a 100 gallon diesel fuel tank with the generator sitting on top with a 2-3 day running time. Trustee Myers stated that the Fire Department needs to inspect it also. Trustee Hanks stated that a firewall may need to be built. COS Corley stated that this will be removed from the agenda until the Fire Department and Code Enforcement have reviewed the plans.

6. Final Security Plan- Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley stated all changes discussed previously have been made and the doors will now be checked by Amanda Miller instead of Joanne Paesel. Trustee Williams referred to #3 and #4 asking if there is a back up plan if the sergeant who is stationed at the meeting is called away on an emergency- what is the reason for the sergeant to be at the meeting if they are on duty and are they really necessary. COS Corley stated that in the past there was police presence at the regular Board meetings but not the Committee of the Whole. It was stated that the Police Chief is present to give his report and therefore there was not a need for a sergeant to be taken off the street for Regular Board meetings and officers could always be called in at the discretion of the Chief; strike number 3. Trustee Burgess stated that Police presence at Board meetings sets a bad tone. Trustee Hanks stated that he serves the people of the Village and does not feel threatened by them. Past meetings held in the old Village Hall were different because the Police Department was in the same building.

Mayor Towers stated that COS Corley has also assigned duties to the sergeant after the meeting is adjourned and the Board goes into executive session. Trustee Williams stated that executive sessions take place only at Committee of the Whole meetings after adjournment. There is no need to reconvene. VA Vasselli stated that executive session is a closed meeting after adjournment and therefore the Village would not be in violation of the Open Meetings Act but he will research this further and report to the Board in two weeks. Trustee Anderson stated that she felt that the building being open was for the safety of the residents more so than the Board and she would like to see all final corrections made this time because it has been discussed 4 or 5 times already. Trustee Hanks asked COS Corley to make the names more generic- do not use specific names- just position or department to avoid rewrites later.

7. FOIA Request Update- Village Clerk Williams

VC Williams stated that she prepared a memo to the Board with regards to the new Freedom of Information Act that goes into effect January 1, 2010. Several FOIA requests have come through since May 2009. Some requests have been handled timely and some not so timely. In January the 7 business day turnaround will change to 5 business days and appeals will also be more difficult. There are many changes to the current law and many changes are anticipated to the new law both before and after January; legislatures are still heavily fighting this law. Non-compliance can cost between \$2,500.00 and \$5,000.00 per occurrence, therefore, compliance will be a great concern.

FOIA requests can come through the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Administration, etc... Recently there have been FOIA's requesting financial information and not all of that information is easily attainable. These requests have not all been completed timely and if the new law were already in effect we would already have been fined a couple of times. VC Williams stated that there were opportunities at the IML conference last week where the new law was discussed. The Clerk's portion of the conference discussed the law extensively. VC Williams provided the Board with copies of the information she received at the conference. VC Williams stated that currently the Village Clerk is the FOIA Clerk but the new law states there needs to be a FOIA Officer and the Village Clerk is already an officer and would be in violation of holding two offices. A full time FOIA Officer is suggested to handle all FOIA requests that come into the Village; these need to be date stamped, time stamped and initialed by whom they are received and also mark the date that is 5 days from the received date. If there is one FOIA Officer and they are on vacation for 5 days when the request comes in then there is already a violation before the FOIA Officer even sees the request. VC Williams suggested that there is more than one FOIA Officer; one in each department- Fire, Police, Code and Administration. There will be mandatory on line training for FOIA Officers that must be completed within 30 days of the new law taking place. There is a seminar taking place October 23 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in Bloomington, Illinois that covers FOIA and Labor Laws and Code Enforcement strategies. This is a free seminar. VC Williams suggested a Head FOIA Officer that would oversee the department FOIA Officers and that would also stay abreast of all of the anticipated changes that will probably occur. Someone needs to maintain control and make sure that all information regarding that request is kept in a separate file and that the requests are handled promptly. If the file is ever requested and is found to be incomplete that is a violation. VC Williams suggested to the Board that someone be delegated to attend the seminar and also to decide who the FOIA Officer will be. Trustee Williams asked who would be fined if the FOIA request is not answered on time. VC Williams stated that the FOIA Officer would be in violation, which under some circumstances could even mean appearing in court in Springfield. The Clerk would be responsible to answer the charges but the Village would receive the fines. VC Williams stated that in the last few months as FOIA Clerk she has noticed that these requests are not handled as seriously as they should, often turned in late or incomplete and some have even been retaliatory in nature. VC Williams is uncomfortable with that because the information is not readily available to the Clerk in most cases and she relies on others to gather the information. There are also times that the information is offsite. For example, it is also suggested that any new contracts have a stipulation included that says that they must provide the Village with any information requested within less than the 5 days so we can complete the request. For instance, if a contractor is hired by the Village and we need to get payroll records to answer a FOIA request then they must be obligated to do so under contract. VC Williams asked VA Vasselli to respond. VA Vasselli stated that the law has been chopped repeatedly and is still a work in progress due to the fact that it is considered unduly burdensome. VC Williams said that it was also suggested that a fulltime FOIA Officer be hired but the Village does not get that many FOIA requests to justify that; there are enough fulltime employees to delegate incoming requests to. Trustee Williams stated that with the new law being so harsh and the possibility of fines to the Village the Board should be made aware of all FOIA requests. VC Williams agreed that was a good idea. Some recent requests, the FOP for example, the Board should know what type of information they are looking for. VC Williams stated that there is no specific FOIA policy in place to her knowledge. There is a form but the form does not state the fee for copying and other charges associated with answering the request. COS Corley asked DH Sterrett what the fee was and she stated that at one time she thought it was high as \$.25. VC Williams stated that she believes it is capped at \$.10 for black and white copies letter and legal size copies and that the fee is waived if the response is not answered timely. The new law requires that the first 50 pages are free which can cause multiple requests rather than one request naming several items. VC Williams asked if the Board agrees to \$.10

a page until the new law takes effect. Trustee Williams stated that she felt that someone should attend the seminar and then a FOIA policy should be put in place and restated that the Board should know the trail of the FOIA's before a charge of \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 is brought to the Village. Trustee Hanks agreed that the law will change repeatedly before it is put in place and that there can be several officers handling the requests after taking the on line class and no person needs to be hired to work with FOIA requests. Trustee Benson asked if the previous Board chose the FOIA Clerk. Trustee Anderson stated that as a FOIA requestor she received her information from Dick Dieterich and often they were returned asking for an extension because he needed more specific language. The request needs to be specific. COS Corley and VC Williams stated that when the FOP request came in it involved more than one department. Both VC Williams and COS Corley sent a letter and gave each department a copy of the request asking them to respond for their department. Trustee Williams suggested that the Mayor, Chief of Staff and the Village Clerk meet to discuss what the policy should be until January; it seems that there is double work now. Trustee Hanks stated that in the past the FOIA's could have been handled by either the Village Manager, Administration, Police Department, etc... VC Williams stated that she was told that it was her responsibility and since she is not a fulltime clerk she has informed the front desk to call her when a request comes in so she can handle it immediately. It was agreed to look at this later.

8. Miscellaneous from the Board

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Benson stated that tomorrow the Parks & Rec Committee will continue to evaluate the parks and lots.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee invites everyone to participate in the Spaghetti Dinner October 17, 2009 from 3 pm – 6pm. There will be entertainment- the Morgan Family and Flora Haynes' Line Dancing.

The cost of \$5.00 includes spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert. Tickets are available from Rose Langston, Trustee Anderson, Larry Stewart and the front office. The seniors also will be holding a senior forum on Saturday,

November 7, 2009 from 10 am – 1 pm focusing on "Taking the Mystery Out of Home Health". Speakers will be on hand to discuss home health and housing issues for seniors. Trustee Anderson also stated that the Sauk Village Citizens Police Academy will not be continuing. It was Trustee Anderson's understanding that the curriculum would be presented on a volunteer basis but that is not the case; the officers plan to be paid for that time. At this time, there is no money allowed for this type of overtime. Trustee Anderson apologized to the citizens who have been actively participating and she hopes to bring this back at a later date with volunteers. Mayor Towers asked if officers have been paid in the past. Trustee Anderson stated not that she did not know but the last time this was active was in 1995 and she was not sure. Trustee Hanks stated that they were paid as well as lawyers who came in to speak and there were also volunteers. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. Trustee Myers also stated that the Fire Department will be at the Sauk Village McDonalds on Saturday from 11 am- 3 pm celebrating Fire Prevention Week. They will also be visiting the public schools. The Board is invited to participate.

Trustee Hanks stated that he participated in classes at the IML conference with regards to the Video Gaming Ban and he has asked Trustee Myers and the his committee to look into the Video Gambling that the State has passed.

Trustee Hanks also stated that he asked COS Corley to look into the new massage parlor because there is an adult entertainment ordinance on the books and if this is a massage parlor it needs to be closed immediately. COS Corley stated that she and DH Jasinski have spoken with the owner and there will be a new sign up soon with the name "Healing Hands Spa". Also, Trustee Hanks asked everyone to keep his wife and family in prayers because his Mother – In Law passed away earlier today. He will forward all of the funeral information to COS Corley.

Trustee Williams stated that it was not clear that there was an executive session because it was printed on the back of the agenda where it normally two pages; that is a good effort for going green but she requested some kind of indication that there is a back side to the agenda be placed on the front. Also, Trustee Williams asked if the Trustees could speak in order rather than skipping back and forth. Trustee Williams stated that it appears that the Sauk Talk still will not be shipped and she inquired about the status of the Sauk Talk. This is the time of the month that she would normally start mentioning the Sauk Talk deadline for the next issue. Mayor Towers stated there is no money at this point to mail the Sauk Talk; issues have been passed out in the community and we should look at this month to month. Trustee Williams stated that people have been asking for the Sauk Talk and the printer needs to be informed. The Public Relations Committee is meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009; discussions have included possibly still creating the Sauk Talk and making it available on line only temporarily with limited paper copies available for those who do not have computers. The last issue as well as the last several issues are already available on line. If that is the direction of the Board then the Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, October 30, 2009 by midnight. Trustee Williams also stated if anyone has any questions about the Sauk Talk policy to see her before then. Trustee Williams stated that she requested information on September 15th and still has not received it. Emails went out to the Mayor, Chief of Staff and the Village Attorney and she has received no replies to the emails. Trustee Williams stated she was originally told that she would get the information the next day and still has not received it. Mayor Towers stated that he wants to make sure that the employees' rights are protected and not violated when personnel information is released. Mayor Towers stated that he is reviewing the Human Resource and the Rights to Know Act regarding employees' evaluations and he is not satisfied with the information he is getting and is still looking into it. Mayor Towers wanted to make it perfectly clear that he will not be bullied, threatened or pressured into releasing information that might jeopardize the Village. Mayor Towers felt that the emails were threatening and out of control. Trustee Williams asked if he was referring to the emails where she requested information on why she did not get it and subsequent emails where she asked why she was not getting the information and also asked why he chose to meet with the Village Attorney, the Chief of Staff and the Trustees individually except for her. Trustee Williams stated that she did not receive an email or phone call that there would be a meeting with him and the Chief of Staff to discuss 10 items that were discussed last week. Trustee Williams stated that no one contacted her via phone or email. Mayor Towers stated that there was a need to share important information with the Trustees and it was decided to start calling Trustees that Wednesday evening. Mayor Towers stated that they could only meet with one or two Trustees at a time in order not violate the Open Meetings Act. There was a previous Census meeting scheduled for Wednesday night so all trustees could not come in on Wednesday. It was decided to call Trustee Williams and Trustee Anderson in for Friday; VA Vasselli was supposed to call Trustee Williams about the meeting. Trustee Williams stated that she spoke with him about the issue but it was not his job to inform her. Trustee Williams asked the other Board members if any other trustee did not have the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and the Chief of Staff. It was her understanding that everyone else was called by the Chief of Staff to set up an appointment to meet with the Mayor and the Chief of Staff. Mayor Towers stated that is what happened on Wednesday but there was not time to meet with everyone so two trustees would have to meet on Friday. For the record, Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Anderson got a phone call to inform her of the meeting but she did not. Trustee Williams also stated for the record that if the Mayor is calling a meeting with the individual Trustees then she needs to be invited to that meeting. Trustee Williams stated that the Village Attorney should not be instructed to call her. The Village Attorney called Trustee Williams after she sent an email asking why she was excluded from the meeting. Trustee Williams stated that VA Vasselli never mentioned a meeting on Friday evening; he relayed the information after admitting that the Mayor instructed him to call her and he forgot to call. Trustee Williams stated that neither the Mayor or the Chief of Staff replied to the email to state that her email was referred to

the Village Attorney. Trustee Williams stated that her point is the continuing lack of communication since the Board has been sworn in. Trustee Williams stated that with regards to the Mayor reviewing the Human Resource correspondence and not being comfortable with that information it is her understanding that the Board is able to review information and documentation that pertain to the employees of the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the Board will be reviewing the files on the incoming Police Chief but she is not able to review the files with the evaluation of the current Police Chief that have cost him the reason to leave. Mayor Towers stated that those files are confidential. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers to provide that in writing including the statute that states that she is not able to get have the information she is looking for. Trustee Williams also asked that the new personnel coming in have Human Resources files. Trustee Williams stated that she does not understand why it so difficult to relay information to her; if the Board is supposed to be working together as a Board then they need to start working together and stop singling people out. VC Williams stated that she received information from the Election Board that there is an election on February 2, 2010 and they are requesting the Paesel Center as a polling place as usual. This is a Gubernatorial Primary Election. The stipend for the use of the Community Center is \$100.00 per precinct. Trustee Benson stated that he will inform the Clerk if the Community Center is available; it should not be a problem but he would check. VC Williams stated that she will pass the request to the Chief of Staff and Trustee Benson should inform her if it is available so the paperwork can be completed. VC Williams also stated that there are some changes to polling places and precinct numbers and the residents will need to be informed. Since the Sauk Talk is not being mailed to the homes there will have to be other ways notifying the residents of the changes. Trustee Williams asked when she will receive the information that she is asking for. Mayor Towers stated that he is not going to give a date; this is not the only thing he does. Trustee Williams asked that the Mayor be reasonable; she is not receiving any of the information she is requesting. Trustee Williams asked if he could give her a letter in 5 business days. Mayor Towers stated that he does not know when he would get the information and he was done with the conversation and moved on.

9. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston stated that it was her understanding that the Police Officer was present only because the meetings were no longer held in the same building as the Police Department and it was for the safety of the employees who work here at night and for the safety of the residents Rose also stated that when the Board goes into closed session they are not adjourned; it is still an open meeting and they still have to come back out and adjourn the meeting with no action taken. Trustee Hanks stated that there are two different types of meetings. The Committee of the Whole meeting does not require a readjournment after executive session. Rose stated that her concern was during the Regular Board meetings. Trustee Hanks stated that it is correct that after a Regular Board the Board does come out and readjourn after the executive session meeting and the Village Hall would stay up during that time and the Police Chief is present at those meetings. COS Corley stated that for the Regular Board meeting the doors are locked and the Police Chief stays while the Board is in executive session and in the case of the Committee of the Whole meeting the meeting is adjourned and there is no need for an officer to be present.

Rose also stated that since the Sauk Talk will not be delivered to the homes that a small newsletter should be available at the Village Hall. The response was that the Public Relations Committee is already working on that and everything depends on cost. Trustee Myers asked if there could be a notice on the water bill about the Sauk Talk changes. Space is very limited on the water bill.

Ed Shankel stated that the presence of the Police recently was to show support of the Police Chief and asked what was the status of the grant allowing the Village to hire an additional Police Officer.

COS Corley stated that the grant has been approved but this item is not on the agenda and therefore cannot be addressed.

Mayor Towers stated that Mr. Shankel can discuss that after the meeting.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the Senior Center and all are welcomed to attend.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Benson.

Mayor Towers asked VC Williams to call the roll.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams