

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR** MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER ON **FEBRUARY 23, 2010.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1a.** Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- 1b.** Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1c.** On roll call:  
Present: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams  
Absent: Trustee Benson (absent with cause)  
A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. February 17, 2010 Special Meeting**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.  
Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.  
On roll call:  
Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

**3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Corley**

Chief of Staff Corley will be reviewing policies and employee evaluations with the department heads.. All municipal checking accounts, including accounts held by committees or commissions are also under review. There will be several “arrests” among employees / elected officials within the Village, including COS Corley, for a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Each “arrestee” was asked to raise “bail money” for the charity.

**3b.Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams**

Pet licenses go on sale April 1, 2010. Current licenses expire April 30, 2010.

**3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Carmichael**

VT Carmichael is currently working on transferring the annuities from the Police Pension Fund account to the new investment company, as well as, working with Finance Director Sterrett on reviewing the Accounts Payable, Receivables and General Ledger.

**3d. Village Attorney- Mr. Vasselli – No report**

**3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report**

**3f. Mayor’s Report: Mayor Towers – No report**

**4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES**

**4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson**

Trustee Anderson thanked everyone that participated in the annual Chili Cook-off. First place-Dolores Randall, second place- Gigi Austin and tied for third- Jessie Boswell and Nadine Morgan. Monetary prizes were given to all winners. Trustee Anderson thanked judges Mayor Towers, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief

Stoffregen, Interim ESDA Director Amon Darnall, Rosie Jones, Laura Seeley, Ken Dee and volunteers Debbie Morgan and Fran Frederenko. The next Senior Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

**4b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson (absent)-** No report

**4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks**

The Housing Authority will be sponsoring a NACA Workshop on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 9am – noon in the Village Hall to provide South Suburban residents with home owners assistance and home save options. Flyers are available in the Village Hall and will be posted throughout the Village. Appointments must be made through the NACA website [www.naca.com](http://www.naca.com). All Village buildings need to be available that day.

**4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers**

Three ordinances were reviewed at the last Ordinance Review Committee meeting. The sidewalk ordinance was tabled. The other two ordinances were sent to the Village Attorney for review and will be presented to the Board at a later date. Trustee Myers will be attending an Arson and Fire Investigation class taught by the FBI on March 1st– 5<sup>th</sup>.

**4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess**

Phase two of the Clean Up project will be completed next week. Paint donated by Behr paint will be presented to the schools and churches in the next week or two. Phase three will begin in the Spring and will include paint donations to various homeowners; check the May Sauk Talk for more information. Behr Paint will continue paint donations for a non specified time.

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

**4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams**

Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, February 26, 2010 by midnight per the Sauk Talk policy. Student Government Day essays were picked up Friday, February 19, 2010; essay judging will take place tomorrow. Winners will be notified on Friday. Student Government Day tickets will be available for purchase at the Village Hall next week. The Public Relations Committee is still working to select a caterer for the dinner; ticket prices will be determined after the caterer is chosen.

**4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley**

There are several 2010 Census kickoffs taking place throughout the South Suburbs. More Census trinkets are available for residents and will be distributed at the Village Hall and the Community Center during sports registrations. There will be various locations for residents to seek out information about the Census including churches and the Sauk Village Recreation Center.

## **5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

**5a. Police Department: Chief Martin-(absent)** No report

**5b. Fire Department: Chief Stoffregen**

The new fire truck should be on line by Saturday or Sunday.

**5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller**

The salt supply is holding up very well; pothole patching will begin when the weather allows.

**5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski –(absent)** No report

**5e. Finance & Administration Department: Mrs. Sterrett**

In addition to the Weekly Cash and Financial Analysis submitted to the Board, DH Sterrett added that property tax receipts for the month of February are more than \$50,000.00. Property taxes are due March 2, 2010 and the bulk of the tax receipts will be received at that time.

**5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall-** No report

**5g. 9-1-1 Board: Deputy Chief Stoffregen** – No report

**5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett**

Commissioner Sterrett requested that three Human Relations Commissioners be sworn in to renew their commission. Commissioners Pharaoh Halbert, Kimberley Johnson and Beverly Sterrett were sworn in by Village Clerk Williams. Commissioner Sterrett presented the Annual Sauk Arrow award to recipients Jennifer Chandler and Dereck “Lil D” Thompson in recognition of their efforts to improve the Sauk Village community. The Junior Sauk Arrow Award was presented to Jennifer Chandler along with a proclamation that was read by Mayor Towers recognizing Jennifer for the many hours of community service she has donated to area food pantries and Toys for Tots, her efforts to raise money for cancer patients and her participation in the Mc Conathy Public Library summer reading program. The Sauk Arrow Award was presented to Derek “Lil D” Thompson along with a proclamation read by Mayor Towers recognizing the time and energy Dereck spends on WYCA 102.3 FM – gospel hip hop radio show. Dereck also volunteered with the Feed the Children foundation, Sauk Village Human Relations Commission’s Gang Prevention workshop and participates with various youth programs, rallies, seminars and workshops throughout Chicago land encouraging our youth to make a difference.

**5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson** –

The next meeting of the Police Alliance Committee will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6 pm in the Village Hall.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6a. Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Motor Fuel Tax Infrastructure Project Matters)**

**6b. Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Motor Fuel Tax Infrastructure Project Matters)**

**6c. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2000, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6d. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, and for the General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6e. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2003A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6f. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6g. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6h. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6i. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

**6j. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated above.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated above. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements**

**February 10, 2010 – February 23, 2010**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable as stated above.

Trustee Burgess asked for a total amount paid to the law firm of the Village Attorney since May, 2009 through February, 2010.

Trustee Burgess made a motion that only insurance, bonds and payroll be paid at this time. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

### **7b. Personnel Matters – Closed Session**

Trustee Hanks made a motion to move item 7b to item 8c. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **8a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees**

Trustee Williams stated Student Government Day will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the Village Hall. Reports from all elected officials, department heads and service providers will be read by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Rickover Junior High School. Everyone should be present by 6 pm for picture taking with their counterpart. Sponsors are still needed; sponsors will be listed on the back of the dinner program. Individual sponsorships are \$20.00; business sponsorship is also being requested. World's Finest Chocolate candy sales are ongoing as a fundraiser for the event.

Trustee Myers stated that there will be an Ordinance Review Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7 pm in the conference room.

### **8b. Questions from the Audience**

Rose Langston thanked Kevin Weller and the Public Works department for the great job they are doing on the snow removal.

Barb Dorman, editor of the Southland Voice, asked if she could get pictures from the Chili- Cook off and copies of the proclamations.

Trustee Hanks mentioned that the proclamations were presented on behalf of the Human Relations Committee, not the Village Board, therefore, no vote was needed to approve them.

Bloom Township Representative Keith Lott stated that there will be an energy assistance program starting March 24, 2010 from 9 am – 4:30 pm, on a first come, first served basis. The guidelines are the same as LiHeap; residents can register for both programs.

Larry Stewart wanted to promote the free Southland Voice newspaper that is circulating good news and lots of information throughout the South Suburban area. Larry also mentioned ads can be placed in the paper.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session.

A motion to adjourn to closed session with no further action to be taken was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers .

All Ayes

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:33 PM.

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Mayor Lewis Towers

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Village Clerk Debra L. Williams