

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 **APRIL 27, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1b. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1c. On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers (absent with reason/arrived at 7:20 pm)

A quorum was present.

Trustee Benson asked Village Attorney Vasselli if there was a State statute or Village ordinance that states if there can't be a prayer before the meeting. VA Vasselli will check into that.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 9, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

b. March 23, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above. Trustee Anderson stated that there were some corrections she has not had time to discuss with the Clerk.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion asking if the corrections changed the content of the minutes. Trustee Anderson stated that they do not change the content. Village Clerk Williams stated that typographical errors were removed during the final edit; she will address Trustee Anderson's concerns. Trustees Williams and Burgess rescinded the original motion and restated the motion to include approving the minutes as written with any corrections deemed necessary by Trustee Anderson without changing the content.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Brunetta Hill –Corley- No report (Not present at this time- entered at 7:40 pm)

Mayor Towers announced that COS Corley is en route.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

Pet licenses are now on sale. Current pet licenses expire April 30, 2010. The cost of the pet license is \$15.00; if the pet is spayed or neutered the cost is \$7.00.

The Village stickers will go on sale May 3rd and must be displayed by midnight June 30, 2010. Fines will be imposed and the sticker price will increase after the June 30th deadline. The price of the sticker is \$25.00. The 2010 Census will be displayed on the sticker. Discounts of \$20.00 are available for seniors, disabled vets and disabled persons (one per household).

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

VT Carmichael has been working with the finance department to monitor finances for bill payment and payroll. The quarterly Police Pension Board met April 21, 2010; there was an election process for Police Pension Board positions. The Police and Fire Pension Board members will be in training May 18 – May 21, 2010.

3d. Village Attorney- Mr. Jimmy Vasselli- No report

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

VE Czarnik met with Public Works Director Kevin Weller to prioritize the street resurfacing project. Changes have been made due to the higher than anticipated costs. New engineering agreements will be submitted to the Board to reflect the new priority, including the Orion bridge repair.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Sauk Village youth group encourages all youth to participate in the special non-violence project (Are You Tired of the Violence Surrounding Youth?) that will be held every Wednesday from 4pm -6pm at the Paesel Center. Discussions include drugs, gangs, bullying, guns, youth activities and jobs.

The VISTA group is looking for donations of clothes and shoes to provide to residents as needed. VISTA meets Monday – Thursday from 11:00 am– 4 pm in the Paesel Center.

Mayor Towers spoke with Cook County regarding the POET program for summer jobs for the youth; information will be provided at a later date.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee offers free movie Monday every second Monday of the month. The next Monday Movie will be May 10th. Prior to the movie the McConathy Public Library will be offering a workshop at 11:00 am for the seniors; a free lunch will be provided. Reservations must be made by calling the library. The next Senior Committee meeting will take place May 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

4b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that the Sauk Village Community Center was inspected by the Sauk Village Fire Department. Minor violations were found and have been brought to the attention of the Chief of Staff; those violations should be corrected before the next inspection on May 30, 2010. An inspection from the Public Health Department will be scheduled in the near future. The Sauk Village Youth Basketball program is in the final weeks; one week was added due to the Easter Egg Scramble.

Trustee Benson gave an update on basketball standings. Details on the playoffs will be announced at a later date. Flyers for the Sauk Village Beauty pageant will be released in a few days. Line Dancing continues on Mondays and Thursdays.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that there was no meeting of the Housing Authority Commission in April due to vacations and work schedules. Trustee Hanks stated that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Joliet Junior College from 8am -3 pm. A list of what can and cannot be dropped off will be available at the front desk.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers No report (not present- entered at 7:20 pm)

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that he and Village Clerk Williams attended the South Suburban Municipal Economic quarterly seminar in Homewood last Friday. Discussion included money available for existing business who are struggling in the South Suburbs, wind turbines and the high speed rail that is planned for the South Suburbs. The high speed rail will be accessible in Crete. Establishing foreign trade zones was suggested as a way to bring money into the Village.

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

Trustee Williams stated that copies of last months Sauk Talk are on the back table. May Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, April 30th by midnight. The Public Relation Committee met last week to discuss finalizing Student Government Day finances. Trustee Hanks asked that the record reflect Trustee Myers entered at 7:20 pm.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that he and the Ordinance Review Committee have been meeting with Police officers while reviewing certain ordinances, such as, loitering, playing sports in the streets, walking in the streets and writing tickets. Trustee Myers asked that these ordinances be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley- No report- (not present at this time)

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Police Chief Martin

Police Chief Martin reported that 11 tickets have been written for walking in the street; these tickets will continue. Mini bikes have also been a concern. Chief Martin stated that police personnel and police policies will not be addressed in public. Chief Martin stated that applications for the POET program are available at 1010 Dixie Highway and 15900 S. Cicero Avenue (Oak Forest Hospital) for 18-24 year olds. An additional program for 14-17 year olds will be available at a later date. The Work Illinois program is also available.

Mayor Towers asked Chief Martin to report on how many tickets have been written for walking in the street since the last meeting or basketball in the street since the last meeting. Chief Martin reported 11 tickets for basketball playing or walking in the street, 3 curfews, 2 mini bikes and 2 for hoops. Village Clerk Williams asked Chief Martin to verify the statement that police personnel and police policies will not be addressed in public meetings and clarified if 11 tickets were pertaining to walking in the street and playing basketball in the street. Chief Martin answered affirmatively on both.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that last week Baskin Robbins had their .31 cent scoop night. The Fire Department volunteered to scoop ice cream and bring the new fire truck for residents to see.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the first street sweeping of the year started April 19, 2010. Residents are reminded not to park on the street on garbage pick up day and encouraged to help keep Sauk Village clean. The second sweep will be May 17, 2010. Please keep debris from clogging the sewers and drains. Grass cutting is continuing. DH Weller asked residents to be patient due to the fact that the department is shorthanded. Residents have complained about potholes; potholes will continue to be cold patched throughout the year. The first branch pick up of the season will be May 3rd and will end on May 14th. All branches have to be out by May 9th.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski informed the residents of an upcoming workshop called "Keep your Home" is taking place at the High School in Country Club Hill on May 15, 2010 from 9 am –noon. This is a workshop for residents that are having financial problems and want to keep their homes. Flyers are in the back and in the hall. There will be free onsite assistance; a list of documents that you must bring to the workshop is listed on the flyer. Residents placing cut grass in the streets and clogging the sewers and drains will be ticketed. Please pick up litter. Tickets are now being issued for grass violations.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Gloria Gibson- No report

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Director Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson responded to a question asked last week. As in most communities, there is not an all clear alarm after the tornado warning sounds. DH Johnson stated that ESDA also participated with .31 cent scoop night at Baskin Robbins.

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

5h. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee will be doing focus groups on community policing. The first focus group will be Saturday, May 1st from 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm in the Senior Center. The committee is looking for suggestions on how the community can help the Police Department with crime and violence. There will be focus groups for more than one part of the community. This week the group will be residents from the northern end near Peterson. Flyers are available.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Extending the Terms of an Agreement with Gonzalez & Associates, P.C. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Trustee Burgess stated that an amount is not included in the ordinance. Attorney Vasselli stated that the amount is stated as lower than the previous amount but the actual rate of \$40.00 will be inserted into the ordinance.

A motion to approve at the rate of \$40.00 was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

April 14, 2010- April 27, 2010

Trustee Hanks stated that all trustees should have received a revised accounts payables list in their box which reflects the accurate amount of \$377,567.54 to be approved.

Trustee Burgess questioned if invoice #123141 for Gonzalez & Associates was for payment of the current month for the interim Finance Director.

Trustee Williams questioned charges to Minuteman Press in the amount of \$528.04 and \$399.05.

FD Gloria Gibson will investigate.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable as stated above.

Trustee Hanks asked if the payables could be presented in the template that was previously used that breaks down what department incurred the expense.

Trustee Williams inquired if the Civic System was used to print the list; is that a problem. FD Gibson will investigate.

Trustee Burgess asked if there was money available to pay all payables on the list. FD Gibson answered affirmatively.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the revised Accounts Payable dated April 27, 2010 in the amount of \$377,567.54. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8b. Ratification of Student Government Day Expenditures

November 27, 2009 – April 13, 2010

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the expenditures as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to move item 8c. to the end of the agenda as item 9c. to then be moved to Executive Session for Union Negotiations and Collective Bargaining Matters.
Trustee Burgess seconded the motion

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Brunetta Hill –Corley

Chief of Staff Corley stated that the Illinois Summer Works Program is a grant that will assist residents between 18-21 to obtain work. COS Corley will be researching the grant; flyers and information will be available once the Village completes the process. Businesses can also take part in this program. Employees hired for their businesses will be paid out of this program. COS Corley stated that she attended a community forum with various residents where Senator Toi Hutchinson was on hand to address issues such as taxes, water and infrastructure, employment, foreclosures and how the Village can obtain funding for these issues. The department head meeting was held last week. The department heads are continuing to tighten their belts with regards to spending.

Mayor Towers asked for an update on the Census.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley stated that the Village participated in a rally last week to encourage all Census ballots to be mailed in. The Village is now at 69% returns. Census workers will begin knocking on doors if residences are identified as not returning the ballot. The rally was well attended. Music, food, t-shirts, caps, etc... were on hand.

Village Clerk stated for the record that Chief of Staff Corley entered the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Williams stated that a suggestion was made at the last Board meeting that a special meeting is needed in order to discuss the Village budget; has a date been set. COS Corley stated that some dates will be suggested soon before the next Board meeting. Trustee Hanks suggested that the Trustees provide their availability to the Chief of Staff.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Village Clerk Williams respectfully requested the Board of Trustees to read the minutes that are placed in their boxes by 5:00 pm on the Friday before the Board meeting and to bring any corrections to the Clerk's attention before noon on the day of the Board meeting in order to help the process of approving the minutes to move smoothly. Having no corrections brought to the Clerk's attention before tonight, copies of the final draft of the minutes are on the back table available for the public. Board packets used to be delivered to the homes of the trustees. Village Clerk Williams suggested that this practice be brought back so the trustees will have ample time to read the minutes and bring corrections to the attention of the Clerk.

Trustee Williams made a motion to add personnel to the agenda for Executive Session.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Mayor Towers asked the audience members to speak loudly and clearly. Mayor Towers stated that all questions will be limited to 3 minutes and personal attacks will not be entertained.

Trustee Hanks stated that there has to be a motion from the Board to limit audience participation. Attorney Vasselli stated that it is true that there needs to be a motion and approval from the Board.

John Dennis presented a MIA POW Veteran flag to be placed on the flag pole. Mr. Dennis invited everyone to participate in the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31, 2010 at the St. James Cemetary. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing on that day. Mr. Dennis asked that the information be placed on the marquee.

Rose Langston stated that the Accounts Payable Disbursements have not been available recently. Village Clerk Williams stated that they are available at the front desk and copies will be available at the Board meetings from now on. Rose thanked Public Works for the fine job with the street sweeping and suggested that youth be utilized in cleaning up the community. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks & Rec is in the process of making posters asking the youth to pick up their trash.

Kerry Pratt, 45 year Merrill Avenue resident stated that the 11 tickets that were written do not reflect the amount of kids that walk on his street- there are hundreds of kids walking in his street. (what time frame were the tickets written- 1 week). Kerry questioned that if this is a public forum why can't questions be asked of the Police Chief? Mayor Towers asked Kerry to ask the question. Kerry asked why more tickets aren't being issued; move the basketball court behind the Police Department. There are no tickets written after 8:00 pm when the park is closed.

Chief Martin stated that he would not answer questions regarding personnel or police operation but will answer questions regarding tickets that are written. The officers are writing tickets.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board does want to hear the problems the residents have. Trustee Hanks stated that he called the Police regarding kids after curfew and tickets were issued. Everyone on the Board wants the community cleaned up. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board will give direction to the Chief on the way to go ahead.

Kerry stated that he keeps up his yard but nobody cares.

Michelle Rylander, 28 year resident Merrill Avenue resident stated that she is ready to leave. She has made many calls to the Police- Police do often respond; kids disrespect the police- they are not afraid of them. There is retaliation- car and house windows get busted- cars gets painted, etc... Michelle met with the Mayor the night there was 150 kids at the park and walking in the street. The Mayor instructed her to come to the Board meeting; the next night her window was busted out. Michelle stated that she buys stickers for all of her vehicles and she can't drive them down the street. Trustee Burgess stated that Police officers cannot break the peace- there is no Marshall Law but residents can make complaints. Trustee Burgess stated that Police officers can have a greater presence there for a given time but does not suggest removing the hoops. Michelle stated that there are times when kids are playing basketball and there is no problem but there are others that congregate there swearing, taunting residents, etc... Michelle stated that the hoops should not be removed permanently, but they should be moved to a non residential area like behind the Village Hall or Police Department. Trustee Williams stated that more than one resident has brought this issue to the Board and that this has been an ongoing problem. Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Myers is working with Chief Martin to strengthen then ordinance. Trustee Williams suggested that the residents meet with Police Chief Martin to arrange a forum to discuss the issue, work with the Police Alliance Committee and make fines stronger. If kids rip up the tickets they should be given community service if applicable by law. Mayor Towers asked Attorney Vasselli to comment. VA Vasselli stated that he will confer with Chief Martin and Trustee Myers regarding the ordinances and the concerns of the residents and return with a unified proposal.

Trustee Benson stated that he responded to a call on Merrill Avenue and witnessed a huge problem with the congregation of kids (not sure where they were from) but that it was not related to the basketball hoops but it will be addressed. Trustee Benson stated that he will work with Trustee Myers and try to find something for the kids to do. Trustee Benson stated that writing tickets to kids may not help; you need to go after the parents. It was not a pleasant sight to see the boys and the girls out there; the parents need to be held accountable for their kids. Trustee Benson stated that he did see and hear the problems the residents there are facing; they are trying to protect their property and the kids were unruly.

Trustee Hanks stated that due to residents coming out and bringing this to the attention to the Board he requested removing the basketball hoops and asked that the Police Chief give the Board weekly updates on

tickets that are written. We have to support the Police Department to write the tickets and send a clear message to the residents early in the season.

Trustee Hanks stated that he agrees that the basketball hoops should be removed and relocated; basketball is not the problem but the crowd that comes with the basketball is. Trustee Anderson asked if a study could be done to determine where the hoops can be relocated to.

Mayor Towers stated that the kids will still congregate without the hoops.

Steve Symoniak, 38 year 221st Street resident, stated that 221st is a drag strip. He agreed that the hoops should be moved behind the Police station. The kids have no respect- they litter everywhere. They have nothing to do. Steve does not agree with bringing boxing to town. He suggested other sports be brought to town. Mayor Towers stated that the Community Center is open 8 hours a day. Steve said there is meeting after meeting- stop talking about it – do it.

Keneisha Hill stated that she received a ticket for parking across the driveway; she could not park on the street because it was garbage day. Where was she supposed to park? Mayor Towers told her to speak to Chief Martin.

Mike Brown, asked why police operations cannot be discussed in public if they are not pertaining to a matter that should remain secret. Mike said the laws on the books should be enforced and officers should be supported for enforcing the laws not chastised for it. Focus groups take a long time but the residents should come together to get something done.

Larry Stewart, 11 year resident, stated that there seems to be a cultural difference. Other members of his family have been here much longer and they have noticed a cultural change through the years. Larry stated that he has volunteered on various committees to try to make a difference; the Board needs to come together on this. Larry said the number of tickets should be increased. Larry said he spoke with teens yesterday, drove them home and found out about them. He stopped to speak with the parents also. The people need to come together. Larry stated that people should be made aware of the things that are available; there should be more things available for the kids and adults to bring them together. People leave town to do things.

Frank Harvey stated that there has always been a problem with the kids. You have to make the kids respect the police. Let the police do their job; other communities take action with the kids. People need to respect one another.

Bob Gungorius, longtime resident, asked the Village Attorney if it was determined by the Chief or the Board that the Police Chief does not have to answer questions about department issues or policies at a Board meeting. Attorney Vasselli stated that he does not believe that was what Chief Martin said; rather he clarified it later to say that personnel issues would not be addressed- this is a long standing policy that personnel issues are not discussed openly by the Board. Bob stated at the last meeting it was stated that tickets are written at the discretion of the police officer and that speaking with the children and the parents is the best approach before doing any action against a child or parent in violation of an ordinance. Mayor Towers stated that it is the discretion of the officer. Bob asked if there is a way to track violations and if the Board is given this information. Trustee Hanks stated that he asked for a weekly report earlier in the meeting. Bob asked if any of the tickets that were issued had been voided and if voided – who voids them. Chief Martin stated that none had been voided. Bob asked if he is able to get a list of violations and citations under the FOI Act with names and addresses removed. Does the police officer have the discretion whether or not to write a ticket if there is an expired Village sticker or parking on the street on garbage day or snow days? Mayor Towers said they should follow the law. Bob asked if these three violations are enforced why the other ordinances aren't enforced; enforcement should be fair and equal. VA Vasselli stated that police officers will act fairly and equally and will use their discretion as to who receives a ticket; the Board stands behind the Police Department. Bob asked what court does the tickets for walking in the street go to- (local court). Bob asked VC Williams if there has been any improvement on her street since last time- yes, there has been improvement. Bob stated that citizens are concerned about retaliation and damage to their property. All citizens should be treated fair and equally and with respect; we are not being protected.

Young Brookwood resident stated that she is having a hard time finding a job in the Village and has no transportation to work outside of the Village. She stated that there is nothing in the Village for people her age to do. She would prefer to work. Mayor Towers told her to contact the Chief of Staff.

Rosie Jones stated that it is not only children that are the problem- grown people are the problem, too. It is not the kids that are the problem – it is the parents. This problem has gone on for years.

Steve Pritchett thanked Police Chief Martin for the police patrol in Deer Creek. His property is constantly vandalized.

LaVerne Steward asked if there is an open policy to talk to the Police Department one on one. His stated that he is retired and sees drug dealing constantly; they stay out there all night. He would like more patrols. He is thinking about moving.

Elizabeth Pratt, 44 year resident, stated that Sauk Village has changed drastically. Parents of the children who are vandalizing the homes and businesses should be held accountable. As a parent, she was part of the community. Parents don't care now. They send their kids out to the park where there is drinking and drug dealing. She tries to maintain her yard; drug packets are found in her yard. The basketball hoops are located at a dead end – out of sight out of mind. The kids do not care about curfew. There are signs posted about walking in the streets- the kids ignore that too. She may have to move too. We need to encourage new residents and businesses in Sauk Village but people will not come if we do not take the town back from the kids- some who come here from other communities.

Pat Couch stated that she has complained many times. Eleven tickets issued is a shame. The residents are tired of complaining and want to see something done now. Pat said she wanted to sign a complaint against kids that she has had repeated problems with; the officer spoke with the kids and did not write a ticket. Issue the tickets; make money for the Village for programs for the kids. The court system is also a problem- things keep getting continued. Pat is glad to see more residents come out with concerns.

Mike Brown quoted Chicago- vs. – Morales; ordinances need to be specific and the Village needs to implement what others have tried to do to control disciplinary problems. You cannot regulate congregations but you can control what happens in the congregation. Mike stated that the residents have to be empowered to help the police; watch and report to the police. Mike stated that the body language from certain Board members hopefully is not an indicator of a lack of concern for the residents.

Frank Williams asked if it was possible to obtain a copy of all of the meeting minutes since this administration began. Frank stated that signs should be posted in the parks stating that the park is open from dawn to dusk and it should be enforced. Frank asked if it is true that 20 kids can legally hang out in front of a house. The kids as well as adults have become a problem. Residents have to come to the meeting to hold everyone accountable. We have only just begun.

Janice Dunlap, Peterson resident, has a concern with the railroad track behind her house; it is covered with brush and there are animals in there. It has not been maintained in over a year. Janice also mentioned that to Senator Hutchinson. Janice stated that adults do congregate in the area on Jeffrey double parking and littering. When school kids get dropped off at the corner by the library they do congregate. This area needs to be patrolled. Vacant buildings in the community should be used for the kids; mentors are needed for the kids. Janice stated that there were blue lights at one time that controlled crime. (no one remembers the blue lights). People do not want to leave their homes; property revenues are plummeting.

Tokelia Williams, 9 year resident and VISTA worker, is agitated with the residents of Sauk Village. Tokelia said she has been a volunteer for many years. Parents need to address the problem at home before they address the problem outside the home. VISTA has been in the Village since August; they have placed flyers in various businesses and throughout the community. There is a survey box for residents in the Village- there are only 4 surveys in the box. VISTA was sent to assist the residents. No one comes even on food pantry day. Tokelia said the residents should make a change by helping VISTA workers help you. If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything.

Elizabeth Pratt attended the meeting with Senator Hutchinson and was glad to meet many residents that she did not know. Elizabeth loves the Sauk Talk; it informs people of what is happening in town. Elizabeth was wondering why the Sauk Talk was not being delivered to the homes. How will people who do not come to the Village Hall or the library get copies? Trustee Williams stated that the last issue that was professionally printed was in September; it was not mailed at that time due to budget constraints. The cost to print the Sauk Talk was approximately \$2,100.00 per issue plus postage. Rather than discontinue the Sauk Talk the Public Relations Committee now compiles and prints it in house still on a bi-monthly basis. Unfortunately, there have been less articles submitted lately. The Sauk Talk is also posted on the website. Unfortunately, the Sauk Talk was one of things that was cut when the financial issues came across.

Elizabeth asked if \$1.00 could be added to the water bill to offset the cost of the Sauk Talk.

Elizabeth stated that there is a need for a PA system.

Gary, 221st resident, stated that from 6pm – 9 pm Sunday through Saturday he counted 871 kids in the street- police do not stop them. Gary suggested bringing back volunteer reserve officers; there are people willing to volunteer to assist the police department. In the past, repeat offenders had to do community service.

Bill Lambert, 48 year resident, stated that there has been a hole in his front yard for three years; he has made numerous complaints. Bill stated that there is a problem with kids walking and riding bikes on Sauk Trail.

Bill stated that there have been more gunshot sounds; he is concerned that residents may start carrying guns to protect themselves. Bill stated that he complies with the sound ordinance but people constantly drive by with their radios blasting.

Ed Shankel stated that there is a pothole outside of McDonald's that needs to be addressed. It is a county road but we can fill it in. People who live on Sauk Trail pay taxes and buy Village stickers. He has made the trustees aware of the problem. DH Weller stated that the Chief of Staff has drafted a letter to the County.

Resident asked where the money goes from Parks and Recreation and who handles the account. How many people have to sign off on the account to spend the money. COS Corley stated that the Parks and Recreation expenses are allocated in the budget; there is no longer a checking account for Parks & Recreation. Resident asked who authorizes the spending for the Parks & Recreation Committee. Mayor Towers and COS Corley stated that the entire Board authorizes the spending. Resident asked who takes care of the parks. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee evaluates the parks and notifies Public Works if repairs are necessary. Resident inquired if the Parks and Recreation Committee works with the Sauk Village Sports Association. Trustee Benson stated that the SVSA is their own entity with their own board; they can ask the Village for help; it would depend on the Board what they could help with- Public Works does help with cutting the grass and the Village does not charge SVSA for the use of the field. Resident stated that there is not enough being done with the Parks and Recreation money. Resident would like to see where every dime from the Parks and Recreation Committee has gone for the past 5 years. Trustee Benson stated that the resident can file a FOIA request.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for collective bargaining, personnel and union negotiations. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

All ayes.

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Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:50 pm with no action to be taken.

Meeting resumed at 11:14 pm.

On roll call:

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

For the Record: Trustee Williams stated that a resident asked for all approved minutes from meetings since May of 2009. This resident will be notified that a FOIA request is necessary in order to obtain this info.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams