

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **FEBRUARY 7, 2017.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington-House and Williams-Baig

Absent: Trustee None

2. Executive session- Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2017)

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington-House and Williams-Baig

Nays: None

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:03 pm.

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion was made by Trustee Washington –House and seconded by Trustee Williams-Baig.

Present: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington-House and Williams-Baig

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 7:32 pm.

3. All questions and comments must be directed to the Mayor. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak on agenda items only.

None

4. Adjournment

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Williams-Baig.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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 FEBRUARY 21, 2017.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Trustee Williams – Baig acted as Mayor Tem in absence of the Mayor.

Mayor ProTem Williams-Baig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tates, Washington-House and Williams-Baig

Absent: Mayor Hanks

2. Insurance Renewal – Owens Group- Bruce Mitchell / Valary Lewis

Valary Lewis reported the current Property and Casual Insurance is up for renewal at the end of March. The presentation is well in advance of the renewal date in order to allow plenty of time to address questions or concerns. The Owens Group has negotiated on behalf of Sauk Village. Discussion included a snapshot of the claims history, open claims (still developing) and a comparison of last year's program compared to this years program. The village is trending downward in the number of claims. The HR Employee manual is complete and needs to be reviewed by all employees. Following this manual will continue the decrease in claims. Workers Compensation claims are also trending downward significantly by working collectively with the Owens Group.

Bruce Mitchell stated carriers look at 7-10 years of losses. The year 2016 does not have any significant claims as far as Law Enforcement and Elected Officials unlike past years.

Chubb is providing a 3% reduction over last year. The overall coverage, including Risk Management and Third Party Assistance (TPA) is 3% over last year's cost. Risk Management and TPA has decreased 22%. Property and Casualty has increased 12%. The Law Enforcement deductible remains the same.

The entire proposal was reviewed and will be presented for approval on an upcoming board meeting agenda. Questions should be directed to Village Administrator Fairman.

Valary will provide a report of claims paid out last year.

Additional discussion included:

The meaning of small claims.

Odelson and Sterk has completed their review of the Employee Manual. The village is now conducting a final review before presenting it to the employees.

Employees on Workers Compensation are evaluated by the claims adjusters before they are deemed ready to return to work.

2. Public Comment

All questions and comments must be directed to Mayor Hanks. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Bernice Brewer commented on the Owens Group presentation with regards to the Senior Center insurance and police department and retention fees. Bernice stated her attorney told her that YRC Roadway has offered Sauk Village \$650,000.00 to settle the water contamination case. Bernice commented on other water related issues.

Mayor Williams-Baig stated all details regarding the Senior Center were handled with the mediation that took place downtown. Each individual committee does not need to have their own insurance; they are

covered under the village insurance. Mayor Williams-Baig reported the YRC/ Roadway discussion was held in Executive Session. The board cannot address pending litigation in the open. It is unclear how the information is known outside of Executive Session. Valary Lewis explained the village should maintain the retention as low as possible in order to keep the village from coming out of pocket.

Pat Couch commented on a Facebook article that used a derogatory term when referencing a recent incident where a police report was filed.

Frank Williams commented on how litigation, FOIA's and unpaid water bills and back taxes contribute to the lack of village funds.

3. Miscellaneous Business

Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked which trustees voted for money to be transferred from the water fund on the last Account Payable. Board meetings are the wrong venue to discuss Facebook posts.

Trustee Tates stated anyone can submit a FOIA and someone should process it. FOIA's and agendas can be handled internally without going to the attorney. Trustee Tates commented on borrowing money from the Water Fund for non-water related items. Trustee Tates stated the focus should be on the meeting and not Facebook posts.

Trustee Jones reported volunteers are needed to stuff Easter Eggs on Friday, April 14th in the morning.

Trustee Washington-House reported the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13th at the Fire Station at 7:00 pm. Residents and businesses are invited to contribute to and participate in the Unity in the Community free concert taking place on Friday, March 10th at 6:00 pm.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Darryl King from 102.3 FM and the Bling Bling and Willie the Entertainer will be on hand. Everyone is invited. Trustee Washington-House stated the decision has already been made that residents can talk about anything they want for their three minutes. Trustee Washington-House said she is constantly FOIA'd for the programs she does. She answers the FOIA's and will continue to hold programs. Trustee Washington-House thanked everyone who helps with the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Trustee Myers reported the Housing Commission is now working with the Police Department and Cook County to sign complaints for people breaking into vacant homes and moving in to them. Trustee Myers stated a recent Cook County grant was denied because of the negativity surrounding Sauk Village. Trustee Myers would like to FOIA the minutes from the Cook County meeting where this was discussed. Trustee Myers commented on the attack of a clerk at the front desk. Police Chief Kowalski stated the offender was arrested. Trustee Myers requested that Public Works install a protective barrier at the front desk. Trustee Myers reported the Fire Department is looking for Part Time firefighters aged 18 years old and up that can pass a background check and physical.

Mayor ProTem Williams-Baig stated the programming for Student Government Day and judging for the village sticker for the 60th Anniversary is moving along. Mayor ProTem also commented on the residents being allowed to have their three minutes and the decorum during the meeting. Mayor ProTem Williams agreed that the past due taxes and unpaid water bills are part of the problem of the lack of village funds. Mayor ProTem Williams-Baig suggested a contingency fund four months ago to maintain funds in the water fund for emergency. Residents are told to FOIA information that is not readily available. FOIA's do not go to the attorney. They are handled in house. If the FOIA requestor is not satisfied with the response and reports this to the Attorney General attorney input may be necessary. Agendas only go to the attorney under special circumstances. Trustee Williams-Baig stated that when comments are placed on Facebook on a page that uses the village logo and the name of the village people look at that. This is election season.

Negativity is not necessary. Let's move forward. Election materials cannot be passed out in the board room.

4. Adjournment

Mayor ProTem Williams-Baig asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Mayor ProTem Rosie Williams- Baig

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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 FEBRUARY 28, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Williams- Baig called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm due to the absence of Mayor Hanks.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Williams- Baig led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call

Present: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington-House and Williams-Baig

Absent: Mayor Hanks

Trustee Williams-Baig asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor ProTem.

Trustee Myers made a motion to appoint Trustee Williams-Baig Mayor ProTem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Washington-House.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Myers, Washington- House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Tate

Motion Failed

Trustee Williams-Baig directed Village Clerk Williams to contact Mayor Hanks by telephone for the purpose of having him join the meeting. Village Clerk Williams reached Mayor Hanks by phone just as he was entering the building.

Trustee Williams-Baig asked for a motion to recess. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington- House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees None

Motion carried

Recess was called at 7:08 pm.

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Washington –House.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Tate, Washington- House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees None

Motion carried

The meeting reconvened at 7:11pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment- All questions and comments must be directed to the Mayor. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on any topic. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

None

3. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Fire Department/ 911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen (Absent) Village Administrator Fairman read the report.

Chief Stoffregen reported the Fire Department responded to 22 calls including 3 box alarms, 3 ambulance / Police Department Assists, 2 brush fires, 2 CO alarms, 2 fire alarms, 3 lift assists, 1 mutual aid, 1 smell of smoke, 4 vehicles accidents (10-50) and 1 structure fire.
Training for the newest engine continues. The engine will be in service on March 20th.

B. Police Department-Police Chief Kowalski –

CalCom Report: For a period between **1/24/2016** and **2/28/2017** the police department received **1374** calls for service.

-Police Service Case Summary: During the period of **1/24/2017** thru **2/28/2017** the Sauk Village Police Department had a total of **96** arrests.

-Cases of Note:

On **2/17/2017** Sauk Village Police Department was invited to participate in a prostitution sting by the Lynwood Police Department. The invitation came due to their participation in one of our stings several months ago. Both departments were successful in securing several arrests on a variety of charges.

-People Engaged in Advancing Community Enrichment P.E.A.C.E. (in the South Suburbs): On **2/21/2017** Chief Kowalski met with Karen Fulton, Executive Director. Ms. Fulton is a retired educator who has created the group PEACE for the South Suburbs. The group's mission is to enrich the youth and families and create positive community change.

As a side note the Case Coordinator/Social Worker for Rickover Junior High School had an introductory meeting with Ms. Fulton on the subject of Restorative Justice during the 2015-2016 school year. The Social Worker for Rickover is planning on having future trainings within the district.

We will be coordinating free training with the PEACE Group and the Police Department in the future.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Mayor David Hanks

Mayor Hanks apologized for being late. Mayor Hanks met with the Cook County Commissioner, Cook County Board President and Speaker of the House, State Representatives and several mayors downtown this afternoon. The weather also played a factor in his late arrival.

Mayor Hanks read the Collector's Report for December 2016.

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported the "What's Happening in Sauk Village" is on the back table.

Upcoming events include Unity in the Community on March 10th, Easter Egg events at Crossroads Church of God and Parks and Recreation April 15th, Student Government Day, Property After Death Workshop (Bi-lingual presentation) March 30th, Spring Craft / Vendor Show April 8th and Comcast Cares Day April 22nd- Community Clean Up 7:30 am – 130 pm. (Comcast, Mentoring Youth through Technology, Crossroads Church and Sauk Village volunteers) waivers are required. Projects are being identified. Light refreshments, t-shirts and gloves will be provided. Election information is also available. Mail ballot applications are now available. The last day to register to vote by paper application is March 7th. Grace period registration and Early Voting is March 8th –April 3rd. last day to register to vote on line is March 19th. Early Voting is March 20th-April 3rd. Election Day is April 4th. Polls are open 6:00 am-7:00pm. Additional information is available by accessing www.cookclerk.com or www.saukvillage.org. Please encourage everyone to register for Sauk Village Official Email alerts at www.saukvillage.org.

C. Village Administrator/ Director of Public Safety- JW Fairman, Jr.

2016 Water Revenues:

As of the end of January, 2017- Fiscal YTD water revenues increased by \$338,226.40 over the same period a year ago. This represents the ninth (9th)straight monthly increase in water revenues.

Most of the revenue has come as a result of staff identifying non-payers and related issues involving tampering of water collection data. It has taken staff more than a year to identify these circumstances and taken corrective action.

2016 UCR Crime:

The end of the year 2016 UCR crime statistics show a decrease of 23% over 2015.

For the social media folks who for whatever reason continue to misrepresent Sauk Village's UCR crime information, please use the graph that I am providing as a visual for your media page.

Currently, 2014 UCR information has been released. The 2014 adjusted information will be released later this year along with the 2015 UCR data. The reason for the adjusted 2014 UCR came as a result of a conflict between the New World Software which was purchased by the village to collect and report crime information and reporting data submitted by the former Chief of Police for that period. (A graph was available to the board residents.

Trustee Burgess asked whether if we would have to borrow from the Water Fund to make the next payroll. Village Administrator Fairman stated Finance Director Rao has not indicated the need to borrow from the Water Fund at this time.

Trustee Tates asked for an update on the Hazardous Materials report. Mayor Hanks said that he has no update at this time.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Senior Committee/ Beautification Committee- Report read by Mayor Hanks

Mayor Hanks reported the Bloom Township Senior Community Lunch Program luncheon 'Hula Hula' on Wednesday, March 15th at the Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stony Island, Lansing. Cost \$6.00 for township seniors and \$12.00 for out of township seniors. Ticket deadline is on Wednesday, March 8th.

Tickets for the Tuesday, April 11th luncheon (last luncheon for the season) with 'The Incognito's' will go on sale at the March event. Senior Department is taking appointments for AARP tax preparation.

Openings are still available for several trips again this year. Call (708) 754-9400 for appointment and/or information. Affordable transportation available within the township, call (708) 754-8200 a couple of days prior to an event, there is no charge to the Community Luncheon.

AgeOptions and South Suburban Senior Services are making several 'Medicare Fraud Presentations' in several local communities. On Monday, March 13th the presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. at the McConathy Public Library preceding the BP screening, luncheon and movie (Oliver). Reservations required, call (708) 757-4771, seating limited. A 'Fraud Prevention Fair' Friday, March 17th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. will be held at the Josephine P. Argento Senior Center, 1700 Memorial Dr., Calumet City. Bring your old Medicare Summary Notices or other personal documents to be shredded – a secured drop boxes will be on site. Play Fraud Bingo!

All senior citizens (50+ years), regardless of residency are welcome to attend the every Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m. Senior Open Activity. Bottled water and light refreshments are available. 'Rummikub' tile game is very popular with the attendees. However, we have other games, adult coloring (book and colored pencils) available or you made bring your own game or craft. The next Saturday is on March 25th and every 4th Saturday.

Fun Club Candidate's Forum Saturday, March 25th – see flyer for details.

Chili chefs needed for our 9th Annual Chili Cook Off Saturday, March 18th, see flyer for details.

The Senior Committee will meet on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Jones

Trustee Jones reported the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 7pm in the Village Hall. Open Gym is Saturday, March 25th from 11am to 2:30pm. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th starting at 11:00am until 1pm.

C. Public Works Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess provided an update on two lights out at 215th & Peterson- that is a ComEd problem. Sauk Village will take care of their end when ComEd completes the repairs. The lights were out in Deer Creek due to a blown transformer, which has been rectified. The lights out in Lincoln Meadows entrance are also a ComEd problem. The area with the storm sewer problem in Lincoln Meadows has been backfilled. Additional repairs will take place when the asphalt companies open. Storm branches should be picked up by the end of the week. Residents need to clean up around the sewers in order to allow them to drain. The next Public Works meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 7:00pm on the Village Hall.

D. Housing and Intergovernmental Committee- Trustee Tates

Trustee Tates stated the Intergovernmental Committee is networking with other communities to see what is offered that Sauk Village could benefit from.

The Second Housing Workshop is being finalized to provide information to first time homebuyers. Down payment assistance was provided to help individuals purchase a home at the last workshop.

E. Public Safety/Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated the Vicious Dog Ordinance is still under review. Trustee Myers will meet with Chief Kowlaski to review truck enforcement and animal licenses. Trustee Myers invited everyone to the Unity in the Community program scheduled for March 10th at Rickover Junior High.

F. Neighborhood Watch Committee- Trustee Washington-House

Trustee Washington-House thanked her co-chair Trustee Ed Myers for his assistance with the next Neighborhood Watch event, Unity in the Community, which is scheduled for Friday March 10, 2017 at Rickover Junior High. Doors open at 5:30pm. Participation is encouraged. A variety of entertainment is scheduled including, local talent, Willie the Entertainer and WVON radio personality Mrs. Darryl King. Donations will be accepted at the Village Hall. Trustee Washington-House reported the Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the Fire Station at 7pm.

G. Budget, Finance and Community Relations Committees – Trustee Williams-Baig

Trustee Williams-Baig reported the Public Relations Committee met to finalize the village sticker contest. Winners will be announced at a later meeting. Winners will also be given their prizes at that time. The list of questions for candidates response will be going out soon. The responses will be in the March Sauk Talk.

The Public Relations Committee also met with Bloom Trail to finalize Student Government Day events. The Village of Sauk Village turns 60 in the month of March. Due to March testing at Bloom Trail, Student Government Day will take place in April. Vendors and Department Heads will be asked to attend that meeting. Student Government Day will not be two events as in the past. Bloom Trail staff will only chose Sauk Village students.

The 60th Anniversary events include a parade and fireworks. Donations, volunteers and suggestion are always encouraged.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Approve all Accounts Payables and Disbursements- January 24, 2017 through February 28, 2017 according to Sauk Village policy

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned an expense for cartridges. Village Administrator Fairman stated the cartridges were his. Trustee Burgess inquired about the Neighborhood Watch expense. Trustee Washington-House stated the expense was for printing for the upcoming event.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays; Trustees Jones, Tate
Present: Trustee Burgess
Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve Special Meeting Minutes- January 24, 2017

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams-Baig.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Tate

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve Board Meeting minutes – January 24, 2017

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Washington-House. Trustee Burgess asked if the draft watermark means they can be changed. Village Clerk Williams stated all elected officials and department heads receive a draft copy of the minutes to review. If no corrections are requested, the draft minutes will be considered final and the watermark will be removed. If corrections are requested, the corrections are made before the final draft is filed for permanent record. All minutes on line and in the permanent file are final. Copies are available at any time.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays; Trustees Burgess, Tate

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve Special Meeting Minutes- February 7, 2017

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Williams-Baig.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays; Trustees Burgess, Tate

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve and Hold Executive Session Minutes- February 7, 2017

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Tate

Motion carried

F. Motion to Approve Insurance Renewal- Owens Group

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Washington-House and seconded by Trustee Williams-Baig. Trustee Tate asked why we were rushing the renewal when it was not expiring until the end of March. Mayor Hanks stated every year the renewal is brought up at the 11th hour with little time to renew. This year there is plenty of time to ask questions. No questions were asked other than by Trustee Myers who called the Owens Group personally.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Tate

Tie Breaker- Mayor Hanks - Aye

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve the settlement in the case of Ponziano v. Village of Sauk Village Case No. 15-L02832 in the amount of \$6,900.00

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Washington-House.

The overview of the case was discussed in executive session. This is still pending litigation.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Jones, Myers, Washington-House, Williams-Baig

Nays: Trustees Tates

Motion carried

7. Miscellaneous Comments from the Mayor and Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams-Baig stated she also spoke with a resident about the street lights at 215th & Peterson who was upset because she has spoken with several individuals. Trustee Williams-Baig thanked village personnel (Mike & Kevin) for handling the situation calmly. This is a ComEd problem that needs to be rectified. Kevin suggested residents call ComEd to complain. Village Administrator Fairman will follow up with ComEd.

Trustee Myers asked Chief Kowalski to report on an accident this evening regarding a police officer. Chief Kowalski reported it was a minor accident as a result of the arrest earlier today. No one was hurt. Trustee Myers asked Homeland Security Director Vavrik to give an update on the storms. Director Vavrik stated the storm has passed for now but round two could still affect us. Village Administrator Fairman directed Trustee Myers to man the Fire Station overnight.

Trustee Tates stated a resident has inquired about who schedules and or cancels board meetings. Trustee Tates stated the Public Comment period should pertain to Village related materials only. Trustee Tates commented further on previous comments made during Public Comment, board discussions and Town Hall meetings. Proof should be provided when accusations are made. Trustee Tates stated there needs to be an update on Hazardous Mitigation Materials. Trustee Tates commented on four complaints regarding elected officials that were sent to the FBI, a laser policy that was developed by the attorneys when the village already had one and research done on reconnecting charges in various communities. Trustee Williams-Baig stated anything she said there is proof to back it up. This board decided to make Public Comment open to any topic for three minutes.

Trustee Washington-House stated the comments she made about the theft of her political literature is true and documented by a police report. Trustee Washington-House rebutted Trustee Tates further.

Trustee Jones reported Park and Recreation is always looking for volunteers. The Easter Eggs will be stuffed on Friday, April 14th. Several upcoming activities are planned including Open Gym.

Trustee Washington – House attended the School Board meeting last night. Intergovernmental Committee President Marva Campbell-Pruitt announced the committee may be dissolved due to the lack of participation and attendance.

Trustee Burgess stated the Intergovernmental Committee was successful in the past. Trustee Burgess stated he is still waiting for the answer to his question about who authorized a transfer from the Water Fund to pay Accounts Payable. Mayor Hanks stated the question was answered by email within a couple of days. Discussion was held on the problem with village emails. The email will be resent or a hard copy will be provided. Finance Director Rao keeps detailed records. Trustee Jones also requested that information.

Trustee Jones attended three Black History programs. All were great events and were very well attended. Trustee Burgess informed the school district that formal notice was not given to the elected officials. Black History should be celebrated every day.

Mayor Hanks commented on statements that are made during election year and apologized to the residents.

Meeting schedules are determined by the mayor and posted annually. Special meetings can occur throughout the year. Meetings can be cancelled if there are no items up for discussion or if presenters cancel. Notice is given by eblast and village postings as soon as we are aware of the cancellation.

The village board felt the residents were being stifled and agreed to allow public comment on any topic for up to three minutes. Social media is not a news source- it is someone else's opinion- usually one sided. There is no proof- just allegations. They think if you say it enough people will believe it. Mayor Hanks ignores Facebook. Get the information about what is going on by attending board meetings, reading e-alerts, read newspapers who send a reporter to cover the meetings. Minutes are available to show exactly what was said at previous meetings.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams-Baig and seconded by Trustee Washington-House.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams