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VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 7:00 PM
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER
21801 TORRENCE AVE

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Derrick Burgess called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:17 p.m.

Upon Roll Call of the Board of Trustees, the following were:

Present: Trustees Brewer, Grant, Jones, Tate, Todd and Zupon

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from those in the audience.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Mayor Burgess spoke on an ordinance amending certain sections of the Village Zoning Code and the Unified Development Code. The proposed amendments went before the Zoning Board and they voted to recommend to the Mayor and Board the updated ordinance as presented. This will be an agenda item at the next Board Meeting.
- Clerk Campbell-Pruitt advised that the Village will partner with the Cook County Board of Review to present to residents of Bloom Township a Tax Appeals Forum on October 25th. The outreach event serves to assist property owners file property assessment appeals. Attendees were asked to bring their most recent property tax bill.
- Director Wiszowaty provided a summary of proposed community and utility solar projects. After which, he introduced Mr. Mark Pruitt of Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC) Solar Development LLC who provided a presentation on Solar Development. In his presentation, he provided: historical data; future energy jobs; opportunities and benefits for Sauk Village; and partnership opportunities.

Trustees engaged in discussion and asked questions to gauge the presenter's' level of expertise and longevity with the projects presented.

Mr. Pruitt requested a letter of engagement (letter of intent) for a two- year commitment to the project. There are no expenses due, and there are termination provisions. It

was concluded that additional research and exploration are required to ascertain regional impact as it is developed.

- George Panagiotopoulos (Panas) came before the Board of Trustees to discuss a TIF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT/PROJECT PLAN. He discussed projected plans for the area stretching from Washington Square Café to the old laundromat and to request a TIF Development Agreement for TIF 4. He stated that he has \$400,000.00 to enhance the areas.

Trustees asked about enclosures for garbage bins, and who would assume responsibility for cost overruns. They asked that the agreement be changed to explicitly state that the company will be responsible for overruns and that the Village would not be held responsible for any additional funds. Mayor Burgess stated that prior to the Village paying, all work must meet code and signed off by the Village attesting the fact. This item will be place on the agenda.

- Trustee Brewer provided a final copy of the Senior Advisory Council's Policy and Procedures manual to everyone. She stated that no one sent questions or concerns. Trustees provided much verbal input, they addressed:
 - Ordinance Review Committee involvement. It was suggested that the document be presented to the Ordinance Review Committee
 - They asked what was meant by the Event Planner?
 - In discussing the financial language, planning and access, they asked that this language be removed or to state that there will be a line item within the Village's budget
 - Non-political activities were discussed as well as conflicts in scheduling
 - The further discussed the following items:
 - i. Emergency contact forms and what mechanism would be used to insure privacy.
 - ii. Reimbursement of fees
 - iii. Alcohol usage and who would monitor events and daily use of the center
 - iv. Profiteering
 - v. How renters would access the key
- Trustee Zupon spoke on Village Communications and asked for an ad hoc committee. After discussion, it was determined that Clerk Campbell-Pruitt would continue with plans for Communication Outreach.
- Trustee Todd spoke towards the two changes recommended for the Standing Committees and that the ordinance is readied for action at the next Board meeting. It will be added to the Agenda.
- Marchelle Barber provided an extensive presentation on a proposed Art Program to bring to Sauk Village. She spoke of her previous locations, business involvements and educational experiences. She is a consultant with several school districts including CPS. She referenced a rough draft of the proposal submitted and stated the desire to

start with Senior Programs. It would be a twelve-month project, divided into quarters and provided two days a week.

- Trustee Jones, offered that this is an opportunity to connect people in the Village and that the program can bring cultural activities, diversity and unity. He suggested that the two should talk further to determine how the program can be brought to the Village without draining the finances.
- Trustees joined the discussion by stating or inquiring:
 - i. How it connects with the Pathways to Progress
 - ii. How it would be funded as there was concern if it is in the budget and how to generate interest in the program.
 - iii. It was decided that this topic will be revisited.
- Trustee Tate asked that discussion of the Resident Handbook be postponed and that he will discuss it under general comments at the next meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TRUSTEES

Trustee Todd announced the Ordinance Review Committee meeting planned for 9/25, and that the Dog Ordinance is under review. She asked about the street signs voted upon and stated that she did not wish it to fall between the crack. She asked to continue the food basket Give-Away and asked that the Holiday Cheer Committee Meeting be planned for the following Wednesday in the Senior Center. Discussion ensued about the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony and if there would be a conflict. It was established that there would not be a conflict and that the Parks, Recreation and Youth Services would be distributing toys, not food baskets.

Trustee Jones had no comment.

Trustee Tate had no comment.

Trustee Grant had no comment.

Trustee Zupon asked that the Board consider establishing the time of 4 pm – 7 pm as official Trick or Treat hours. Trustee Zupon asked if outside sales for the blankets are going forth and if the raffle is posted on Social Media. She announced that the Caps Program and bags are on-going initiatives and are being collected at the library. Trustee Zupon inquired about the date for the Christmas Parade as the Library has books to donate. It is scheduled for December 9th.

She announced that the Public Safety Committee meeting planned for the next day had been cancelled, and the next meeting would be the October meeting.

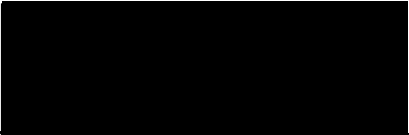
Trustee Brewer stating that she is searching for a map for the CDBG Funds. She was advised that Director Jasinski should have one.

Mayor Burgess stated that the last day for the Disaster Relief would be the next day and asked that items be delivered to the Police Department. He stated that Gift cards are preferred.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved be Trustee Brewer and seconded by Trustee Todd that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous.


Mayor Derrick N. Burgess


Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt