

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, JANUARY 5, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Village Attorney Vasselli stated for the record that Mayor Towers was absent due to a family emergency. Trustee Anderson made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem. Trustee Benson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

1. Village Financial Matters

b. Working Cash Fund Bonds- Bernardi Securities, Inc. – Finance Director/ Chief of Staff

Phil McKenna and Mary Thompson presented an update on the working cash funds bonds. Bernardi Securities may provide bonds for a term of 5- 10 years with an interest rate of 4- 4 ½ %; no guarantee. The bond market continues to fluctuate; final terms will appear in the parameters ordinance next week. A levy will be placed on the books to repay the working cash fund bonds; payment from other sources also possible. An agent will act as a tax intercept; placing the escrow in Amalgamated Bank. The Board was given a draft parameters ordinance. A parameters ordinance is used when there is volatility in the market or when the borrower is not in a strong financial situation. The parameters ordinance will not exceed \$575,000.00 plus interest. The bond must close by the end of January to make the \$200,000.00 Midwest Bank loan payment. A complete summary report presented after closing will include the exact levies, interest rates and comparables from other communities. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that he does see any significant changes that need to be made at this time and that he will continue to seek advice from the financial advisors. Projected total debt service is approximately \$73,000.00- \$74,000.00 annually from tax levy. The first \$74,000.00 fire truck payment will come from the fire fund; money is being moved from the tax levy to the fire fund.

a. Weekly Update- Finance Director Sterrett

i. Promissory Note Payment due to First Midwest Bank

ii. First Leasing Payment due on Pumper Fire Truck

c. Discussion of Municipal Funds

The majority of the property tax distribution has been received. The next distribution will be in March and April. The working cash bond will help pay older debts. The Fire, MFT and Water and Sewer funds are in better shape; some past due payables are being released. The General Fund is still guarded. The Board received an update memo which included estimated debt service schedules.

d. DP Partners Letter of Credit/ Name Change-Chief of Staff Corley

Notification was received that DP Partners is changing their name. This has happened several times in the past. COS Corley will follow up to see how this relates to Sauk Village. This is just an update; no action to be taken.

2. 2010- MFT Program Agreement- Robinson Engineering

The renewal for the 2010 – MFT Program Agreement for CDBG funds was presented to the Board and will be placed on next week’s agenda for approval. CDBG funds of \$90,000.00 will be used for planned shovel ready street reconstruction projects.

3. Dental Insurance Renewal- Kevin Mies

The Board made a decision to switch to Aetna Insurance for dental coverage effective January 1, 2010. Issues to Aetna’s plan design were presented to Kevin Meis from a US Steel Workers Union representative. Other Village issues include employees will not receive their Aetna dental insurance cards until the third or fourth week of January due to the timeframe we are currently in, the unions may file a grievance (validated or not) and payroll deductions for those electing dental coverage for dependents will not be deducted until the January 15th payroll. Retiree’s would also have to be informed of the change. Aetna has not been informed of the Board’s decision to switch and business as usual with MetLife can continue at no increase of premiums; the Aetna plan would have saved approximately \$3,000.00 not including employee contributions. The previous ordinance has to be rescinded and coverage will continue with Met Life. Changes can be made to the dental plan at a later date when there is more time to alert employees and the unions. It was suggested that renewals for medical and dental plans be keyed together.

4. Life Insurance Renewal Extension- Dean Cass

Dean Cass updated the Board. Employees recently took advantage of the Aflac renewal. Flexible spending accounts are also available on a calendar year; the employee could evaluate additional expenses passed on by coinsurances of the medical plans pretaxed. The Standard Plan was compared to the current Principal Life plan that expires December 31, 2009. The Standard offers additional benefits such as portability, accelerated death benefits, travel assistance program, Line of Duty benefit and optional voluntary life insurance (with 15% participation) and offers a two year rate guarantee with a lesser premium. The Board agreed to place the approval of the Standard on next week’s consent agenda.

5. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 09-052 and Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Retain its Current Dental Insurance Carrier for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This ordinance refers to the dental coverage discussed in item 3.

b. An Ordinance Regarding the Employment of a Municipal Officer

c. A Resolution Appointing a Certain Individual to a Specified Position within the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

A preliminary draft ordinance was presented to the Board regarding the employment of a Municipal Officer. The Board was advised to present any issues or changes to Village Attorney Vasselli. These items will appear on next week’s agenda; not on the consent agenda.

Trustee Burgess asked that the Board return to item 1c for further discussion.

Trustee Burgess asked how many separate checking accounts are existing in the Village that are not budgeted accounts. Finance Director Sterrett mentioned separate checking accounts are maintained by the Public Relations Committee, Fire accounts, the Senior Committee and Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that Village Attorney Vasselli will check into the legalities involved regarding separate checking accounts.

6. Miscellaneous from the Board

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Village Clerk Williams stated that information for the 2010 elections has been posted in the Village Hall; flyers are available in the back. Voter's registration ended today for the February 2, 2010 Gubernatorial Primary election. VC Williams asked that all committee meeting minutes be presented to the clerk on a monthly basis in order to be kept on file in the clerk's office. Some committees have been compliant; others have not.

Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall; Student Government will be discussed. Fundraisers will continue to help raise funds for Student Government Day. The committee is seeking individual sponsors to donate \$20.00 and business sponsors; the names will be placed on the back of the program. All donations should be given to Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams. The Library is sponsoring a Bunco Night at the Library and candy is still available for purchase. Sauk Talk articles were due on December 31, 2009 and four articles were received. The Sauk Talk will be completed with those four articles. Please comply with the policy; the last Friday of the month/ bi-monthly at midnight.

Trustee Myers thanked everyone for the sympathy cards and calls regarding the passing of his sister. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Trustee Benson stated that country style line dancing will begin again on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7 pm. There is no update on the youth basketball program. Trustee Benson is asking the trustees to sponsor a team.

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to the Senior Movie on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 1 pm. Save the date for the next Chili- cook off on Saturday, February 13, 2010 noon- 3 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate- compete in the chili- cook off for cash prizes. The cost for all you can eat chili is \$2.00.

The next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

7. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston added that there will be a speaker and luncheon prior to the movie at 11:00 am. Seniors should contact the library to RSVP.

Jimo Kasali stated that too much time was spent discussing the checking accounts. Jimo inquired what officer is being hired and where the money is coming from.

Parks & Recreation Committee member Nancy Baker asked when the next Parks and Recreation meeting was and when it was changed. Trustee Benson stated that he changed the meeting due to a scheduling conflict to January 6, 2010; he tried to notify Nancy by phone. Nancy stated that committee heads should hand in their

minutes or not get paid for the meetings. Nancy stated that she was told that the Parks and Recreation Committee could not fundraise because they were a federally tax funded committee; tax payers fund the committee so no major fundraising could take place other than sell concessions or charge for events. VA Vasselli stated that he would look into it.

8. Adjournment to Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel, collective bargaining and threatened and pending litigation.

The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Ayes: All Ayes

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

9. Executive Session

a. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Sauk Village or legal counsel for the Village of Sauk Village (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2009)

b. Discuss probable or imminent litigation as the Union has requested arbitration regarding a union grievance (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)(2009).

c. Discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village of Sauk Village and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)2009.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hanks

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 ON **JANUARY 12, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1a.** Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 1b.** Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1c.** On roll call by Village Clerk Williams, the following were
Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: None
A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2a. August 18, 2009- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to accept the minutes of August 18, 2009. Trustee Benson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Trustee Williams

2b. August 25, 2009- Regular Board Meeting

November 3, 2009- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to accept the minutes of August 25, 2009 and November 3, 2009. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2c. October 27, 2009- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to accept the minutes of October 27, 2009. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

2d. December 8, 2009- Regular Board Meeting

December 15, 2009- Committee Meeting

December 22, 2009- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above.

Trustee Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of December 8, 2009, December 15, 2009 and December 22, 2009. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Trustee Myers

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Corley

The discussions at the first 2010 department head meeting included job descriptions, performance evaluations, the security plan, inventory department, communications, financial update, community development, increasing permits, vehicle stickers and late fees, allocation of inspections and fines, vehicle maintenance, uniforms and one sign for a combination of business advertisements for the corner of 394 and Sauk Trail.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

The approved minutes and the Sauk Talk are available tonight until 8 pm or during normal business hours. The Gubernatorial Primary election is February 2, 2010 election. Changes have been made to the polling places and precincts of Sauk Village. Precincts and polling places are posted in the Village Hall, on the website and in the Sauk Talk; further information is available on line at www.voterinfont.com or call the Village Clerk.

3c. Village Treasurer Mrs. Carmichael

The next Police Pension meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010. The meeting for the election of a new investment company is still pending.

3d. Village Attorney-Mr. Vasselli

VA Vasselli read a proclamation acknowledging January 15, 2010 as Fire Safety and Prevention Day in Sauk Village after the tragic loss of the two young great nephews of Mayor Towers during a house fire. Residents are encouraged to take steps to prevent and detect fires in their homes, install fire detectors and develop fire evacuation plans.

3e. Village Engineer: Mr. Czarnik- No Report

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers read the Collector's Report from May 2009 through October 2009. Mayor Towers acknowledged all of the expressions of sympathy for him and his family.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

The Chili Cook Off is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2010 from noon – 3 pm in the Senior Center. Everyone is invited to bring their chili to competing for cash 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. The cost for all you can eat chili is \$2.00. The next Senior Citizens Committee meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The library hosted the Senior Movie Monday as well as a quarterly safety workshop and luncheon. Free senior movies are the second Monday of the month at the library at 1 pm.

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

The co-ed basketball program is on hold due to the lack of registrations. The committee will check into adjusting the registration fees to make the program more affordable. The SSDMC youth are preparing posters for Black History Month, Martin Luther King's birthday and the 2010 Census. The next Parks & Recreation meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall; an Easter egg event will be discussed.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

The date for the NACA Home Save/ Purchase workshop has not been finalized; the proposed date is not available. This bi-lingual workshop will be available to the entire South Suburban area. The next Housing Authority Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

The December meeting was canceled due to a family emergency. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The committee will with the Police Chief and Village Attorney to review the recent changes to the State law and check if any Village ordinances need to be updated. Trustee Myers acknowledged all of the expressions of sympathy to him and his family upon the death of his sister.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, January 13, 2010 at the Village Hall at 6:30 pm. The committee will be working on a PR sheet for Sauk Village as part of the LOIS One program. LOIS One will present the Village nationwide.

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

A shortened version of the Sauk Talk was completed due to the lack of articles. Sauk Talk and Website policies were presented to the Board to reiterate the procedures and due dates for updates. The committee met last week to discuss Student Government Day. Student Government Day is Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at the Village Hall at 7 pm. The Student Government Day dinner will be held March 25, 2010 at Villa De Bruno. The committee continues to fundraise. Personal donations of \$20.00 and all business donations will be listed on the back of the program.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

Committee members will be present at all schools for Parent Teacher Conference Day on January 28, 2010. Census information and trinkets will be distributed. The youth group will be making posters and all residents are encouraged to stand up and be counted when census ballots come out in March 2010.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Interim Police Chief Rebecca Sailsbery- No Report (Absent)

5b. Fire Department: Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen and Deputy Chief Atwood will fly out Sunday for the final inspection of the new fire truck. The fire truck should be in the Village within a few weeks. The aerial was repaired several times and is under warranty. The engine needs to be replaced and the aerial will be out of service for one week; surrounding communities have been notified.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

Snowplowing for the first major snowfall of 7 inches went well. Residents also did a good job of not putting snow back in the street. Patching of potholes in the streets will proceed depending on the supply of asphalt. Mayor Towers and Trustee Burgess commended the department on a job well done with keeping the streets cleared.

Trustee Williams inquired about the salt supply. DH Weller stated that we are fine; there is about 3 ½ tons.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt tax services are now open for business. No word on Nancy's Pizza and Al's Beef. Mayor Towers inquired about the daycare. The daycare is still under construction; should open soon. Trustee Burgess inquired about the trees being cut down on the corner of 394 and Sauk Trail. That area is unincorporated; there has been no communication with the owner.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Mrs. Sterrett

The 6 month Expense/ Revenue Comparison was presented to the Board; finalization is dependant on any adjustments by the auditors. The software will be changed in the system to reflect the change of the fiscal

year. The Fall tax distributions are almost over, Spring distributions begin in March. An update of Accounts Payable held and released was included in the Board packets.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall

ESDA is continuing to assist with after school patrol; children are not listening and fighting in the street.

5g. 9-1-1 Board: Chief Stoffregen

The 911 Board reimbursed the Village \$68,000.00 for the 2007 debt service payment.

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett

The next Human Relations Committee meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Residents are encouraged to join the Police Alliance Committee. Trustee Anderson canceled tonight's meeting due to an emergency.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6a. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter into an Agreement for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Life Insurance)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve consent agenda item 6a.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 09-052 and Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Retain its Current Dental Insurance Carrier for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve consent agenda item 6a.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to an Agreement for the Lease of a Pumper Fire Truck for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7c. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Frank B. Martin, Jr. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Williams

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7d. A Resolution Appointing a Certain Individual to a Specified Position within the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Police Chief)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess and Williams

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7e. An Ordinance Providing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$575,000.00 for the Purpose of (i) Providing Additional Funds for the Working Cash Fund and (ii) Funding Certain Bond Issuance Costs

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Benson.

Trustee Burgess asked if the interest rate is known. VA Vaselli stated that this is a parameters ordinance; interest cannot exceed the certain amount as stated in the ordinance. VA Vasselli asked Kane, McKenna Representative Mary Thompson to clarify; the interest could range from 4- 9 % on the 10 year loan- more than likely 4-5%. Trustee Williams asked if this was the same parameters and guidelines as discussed in last week's committee meeting; that is correct. Trustee Hanks stated for the record that the bond is not to exceed \$575,000.00 and that \$200,000.00 will be used to pay off the First Midwest Bank loan leaving \$375,000.00 as working cash. VA Vasselli stated that issuance costs will also be paid; the balance then would be working cash.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

7f. A Resolution Approving the CDBG Funding for the 2010 Road Infrastructure for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

December 23, 2009 – January 12, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Trustee Hanks stated for the record, as stated previously, payroll, insurance and bonds should get paid first.

Motion carried.

8b. Swearing in of Village Officer

Mayor Towers asked Village Clerk Williams to administer the oath of office to Police Chief Frank B. Martin.

8c. Board Acceptance of Proclamation

Trustee Hanks asked that item 8c be added to the agenda in order to approve the Fire Safety and Prevention Day in Sauk Village proclamation.

Trustee Hanks made to motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and comments from the Board of Trustees

None.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston expressed sympathy to both the Myer's and Tower's families. Rose also commended the Public Works department on a job well done keeping the streets clean and salt available.

Nancy Baker read a letter that was posted in the Community center stating that no children or adults are allowed in the office. Nancy stated that the kids have a good rapport with Sandy Cosey and often come into the office to talk with her, get help with homework, etc... Trustee Benson stated that the letter was intended for Sandy Cosey, not Nancy Baker, to address the confusion caused by people congregating in the office. Trustee Benson stated that Nancy can come in the office; she is a member of the committee. Mayor Towers agreed with Trustee Benson that adults and children are allowed in the Community Center to participate in programs and should not congregate in the office; Sandy Cosey's job is not to entertain the children. Mayor Towers stated that Sandy has been given direction to allow children and adults in the office to purchase refreshments, conduct business and leave the office.

Other residents and Board members agreed that children and adults have come to the center to visit with Sandy; children are often consoled by Sandy and use the Community Center as a safe haven. Mayor Towers stated that it is no problem for adults or children to visit the Community Center; he will address the issue with Sandy. Jeff Morden suggested adults and children meet outside of the office.

Rosie Jones mentioned that the kids in Deer Creek are also a problem; gangs and drug sales. This was referred to Chief Martin.

Ed Shankel asked what corner the trees were being cut down; 394 and Sauk Trail.

Rosie from Weatherstone Lakes asked if the Student Government Day policy could be changed to include kids that live in Sauk Village and attend Sandridge School. Trustee Williams will address this with the committee.

Nancy Baker asked if the Parks & Rec Committee will meet on Monday- Village offices are closed for the holiday. Trustee Benson stated that he plans on polling the committee members to see if they want to meet.

Pat Couch invited Police Chief Martin to the Ordinance Review Committee meeting.

Ed Shankel inquired about the status of the police grant; the officer is in the academy.

Larry Stewart stated that the police chief and other adults should visit the Community Center to check out the programs that are offered.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to adjourn.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, **JANUARY 19, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update- Finance Director Sterrett

1. Promissory Note Payment Requesting Extension- Finance Director Sterrett

Funds are coming in slow and the working cash bond is delayed until approximately mid February; checks are being released only as needed. The Board will approve payroll, insurance, bonds and the lease payment for the fire truck at the next Board meeting. Finance director will give the Board a memo prior to the meeting of any other checks that need to be approved.

2. Bond Hearing Update- Attorney Jimmy Vasselli

The bond sale has been delayed; should close the first week of February. The Promissory Note payment has been extended to May 2010 without penalty. A resolution will need to be approved by the Board to approve this extension. The Promissory Note will be paid upon receipt of the working cash bond.

b. Municipal Funds Update- Brunetta Hill- Corley, Chief of Staff

A list of accounts held in Park National Bank, including pertinent account information was provided to the Board. This list is incomplete; COS Corley and Park National Bank branch manager, Belinda DeKruiff, will work to update this list. All statements will be sent directly to the Finance Director. Accounts will be reviewed and altered as necessary. Research is still ongoing if a committee that receives their funding from property taxes can also have a separate bank account.

c. Payment to DP Partners from TIF Account- Attorney Jimmy Vasselli

DP Partners is entitled to an annual increment payment of an amount in excess of \$870,000.00 under the redevelopment agreement. Sauk Village receives 10 % of that increment for allocated TIF eligible expenses. Finance Director Sterrett stated that the TIF has been billed through 2008.

Chief of Staff Corley presented TIF Certificate #75 in the amount of \$11,725.54. This certificate does not include all of the invoices presented by Attorney Lou Vitullo. Chief of Staff Corley will research the invoices more thoroughly due to the fact that the invoices involve work performed in 2008.

2. Approve 2010 Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule

The 2010 Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting schedule was presented to the Board. Discussion regarding February 2, 2010 and November 2, 2010 Committee of the Whole meetings included possibly changing the meeting date to another date of that week or canceling the meetings altogether due to those dates falling on election days and some Board members may not be available.

In the past, the Board would meet on Election Day unless there was a Village election. Mayor Towers stated that some Board members may be involved with elections outside of the Village and asked for a consensus. The consensus was not to cancel the meeting on those dates.

3. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This ordinance approves an agreement to retain Robinson Engineering for the 2010 resurfacing project for Jeffery Avenue. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

b. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Increase Vehicle License Fees)

Department heads were asked to provide ways to increase funding. Department Head Jasinski provided information on current vehicle sticker prices and those of neighboring communities. A \$10.00 increase of vehicle sticker fees was proposed. The Board was not entirely favorable to adding this cost on to the residents; the Board was more favorable to raising penalties and performing roadblocks for compliance. Further research will be done to check when the last increase took place; could be as long as ten years ago. Contractors licenses were raised within the past few years and are capped. DH Jasinski suggested passing any Cook County and Village inspection fees on to the businesses. Permit fees for animals, fences, pools and licenses for vending and other businesses will be compared to other municipalities. This was placed on hold pending further investigation. Previous options, such as layoffs and furloughs, have been discussed to save money.

c. An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Certain Change Order in Connection with a Construction Project for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This ordinance refers to a change order provided by Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$4,692.12. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

d. A Resolution Supporting, Approval of and Consenting to an Application by R&N Management Company, Inc. for the Renewal of a Class 6b Designation, pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as Amended, for the Real Property Located at 22401 Sauk Pointe and 22300 Joshua Drive, Sauk Village, Illinois for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

R&N Management is requesting to renew their Class 6b designation which is expiring after a six year term. Renewing the Class 6b designation will cost the Village additional tax money that would be received under a different designation. Negotiations are ongoing to work with R&N Management. Village Attorney Vasselli will keep the Board updated.

4. DP Partners Name Change-Brunetta Hill-Corley, Chief of Staff

DP Partners has notified Sauk Village, in writing, of a name change. This has occurred several times in the past. DP Partners will sign a perfunctory letter stating that Sauk Village is not responsible for DP Partners by any name. No Board action is required. Mayor Towers will sign off with the Board's approval.

5. Miscellaneous from the Board

Trustee Benson asked for clarification between the current FOIA request policy and the Clerk's role in keeping minutes. It was explained that the current FOIA Officer is Cindy Wagner. Cindy Wagner will forward FOIA requests to the appropriate party. In the case of the Clerk, upon receipt of a FOIA request the Clerk will provide any documents that are in her possession at that time. Village Clerk Williams asked that minutes from committee and commission meetings be turned in timely, as well as, ordinances, resolutions and Board meeting minutes signed off by the Mayor, in order to answer those requests timely.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, January 21, 2010 at 7 pm. The committee will be reviewing the recent changes in the laws and how they affect Village ordinances and outstanding ordinances like truancy and baggy pants. Trustee Myers invited Police Chief Martin or a police department designee to attend the meeting.

Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations fundraiser will be Bunco at the library on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 7 pm. The cost is \$5.00. The check from the Fuddrucker's fundraiser has been received. Trustee Williams asked if the explanation of executive session on the agenda be more specific. Trustee Williams asked why the Jacobs Group has not come back before the Board. The contract is being revised slightly in a way that does not alter the Village position in any way. The revised contract will be presented to the Board and approval of this contract will be placed on next week's agenda for approval. Retakes for the website are available tonight and next Tuesday.

Trustee Burgess stated that his committee will be attending the South Suburban Economic Development seminar on Friday, January 22, 2010.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee is hosting the Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from noon – 3pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Morgan family. The Senior Committee is looking for volunteers to compete in and judge the cook off. The cost is \$2.00 for all you can eat chili. The next Senior Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Chief of Staff Corley stated that members of the Census Committee attended a luncheon for the 2010 Census kick-off. The next census kick off will be Saturday, February 13, 2010- time to be determined- at Lincoln Mall. Sauk Village youth group, boxing group and pageant winners will be participating. Chief of Staff Corley warned residents not to let Census workers in your home.

6. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston stated that the meeting dates should not be changed for non-Village elections; the time could possibly be altered.

7. Adjournment to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel and threatened and pending litigation.

The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Meyers and Williams.

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

8. Executive Session

a. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Sauk Village or legal counsel for the Village of Sauk Village (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2008)

b. Discuss threatened and pending litigation with the State of Illinois (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)(2008).

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON JANUARY 26, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2a. January 5, 2010- Committee Meeting

2b. January 12, 2010-Regular Board Meeting

2c. January 19, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes stated above.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for the roll to be called.

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

Nays: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Brunetta Hill -Corley – No Report

Chief of Staff Corley was not in attendance; joined the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

3b.Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

The Gubernatorial Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. There have been changes to precincts and polling places. Those changes and the offices up for election are listed in the Sauk Talk, the Village website and posted at the Village Hall and library. Voter information is also available at www.voterinfonet.com. Copies of the precinct changes and a street index will be available at all polling places as well as the fire station (in case people are not aware of the change). Copies of the baseball registration flyers, Sauk Talk and the Southland Voice are available at the back table. Southland Voice is requesting positive information from Sauk Village, such as, news of upcoming events, news and pictures of events held and letters to the editor. The last day for early voting is January 28, 2010.

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

The Police and Fire 1st Quarterly Pension Board meeting was held last week. The annual meeting of the Firemen's Investment Fund will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Finance Director Sterrett, Treasurer Carmichael and Fire Deputy Chief Atwood will attend to review the current status of the Fire Pension Investments. Regarding the Police Pension, a new investment company (Mitchell, Vaught and Taylor), was voted on and approved at the Pension Board meeting last week. VT Carmichael and FDC Atwood will attend an Ethics Training next Tuesday.

3d. Village Attorney- Mr. Jimmy Vasselli

Village Attorney Vasselli is working on various issues regarding labor matters, bond and other financial issues and general administrative matters under the direction of the Chief of Staff and the Mayor as well as updating ordinances in accordance with the new laws with Trustee Myers.

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

The list of 2010 roadway repairs is wrapping up; waiting for funding.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

The first installment of property tax is now 55% of the total bill, rather than the previous 50%. Call Mayor Towers at his Markham office 708/210-4100 with any questions or concerns with the tax bill.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

The seniors invite everyone to the annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 13, 2010. Eight volunteers have offered to cook chili; more volunteers are needed. There will be monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All you can eat chili is available for the cost of \$2.00. The next Senior Committee meeting will be held on February 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm. Free movies for seniors are available on the second Monday of the month at 1pm at the McConathy Public Library.

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

The 2010 Census Kick Off will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at approximately 9 am. The boxing club, pageant winners and SSDMC youth group will each make a presentation. Four members of the boxing club competed in Summitt, Illinois last week and came back with 2 TKO's and 2 losses. The enrollment period for the youth basketball program has been extended and the registration fee has been decreased to \$25.00. Practice will start Thursday in the Community Center.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Housing Authority Commissioner is still working with NACA; more information on the housing workshop will be provided when it is available.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

The Ordinance Review Committee met last Wednesday and reviewed several ordinances that have either failed or never were brought up before the Board. Police Chief Martin attended the meeting and provided helpful legal input. New laws are being reviewed with VA Vasselli to determine the impact they have on current ordinances.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Last Friday Trustee Burgess and Village Clerk Williams attended the quarterly Chicago Southland Economic Development seminar. The 3rd airport hopes to break ground within 3 years. The 9,000 ft. runway will be able to accommodate major airlines. The I-57 and I-294 exchange is underway; still seeking 100 million dollars in funding. The high speed rail station will run from downtown to Balmoral Racetrack. The Southeast Metra service line is coming soon and will run from Balmoral Park to the downtown LaSalle Street station with stops in Steger and other south suburban communities. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Village Hall at 6:30 pm.

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

Donations are still requested for the Student Government Day program. Individuals or businesses who donated will be listed on the back of the Student Government Day dinner program. A Bunco fundraiser was held at the library last Friday; a total of \$105.00 was raised. Pictures for the website are almost completed and bios are still needed. Gerald Pyke will meet with the Public Relations Committee at the next meeting which will be held on February 3, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. A new user friendly website is currently under construction and hopes to be unveiled by the end of February. The Sauk Talk articles are due by Friday, February 26, 2010 by midnight. All bios and pictures need to be handed in as soon as possible to be part of the updated website.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley- No Report

Chief of Staff Corley was not in attendance; joined the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Chief Martin

An inventory of police department equipment is underway. Chief Martin stated that the safety of the residents is his number one concern.

5b. Fire Department: Chief Stoffregen

The new fire truck was delivered today and will be displayed next Tuesday- weather permitting.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

Residents with sewer complaints were instructed to call the Police Department after hours before calling a plumber; the on call foreman can determine if the problem is Village related. Patching is proceeding- weather permitting. Complaints of iron in the pipes from the south side will be addressed as soon as possible when the hydrants can be flushed.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

Information on business licenses is still being gathered; a report will be given to the Board at a later date.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Mrs. Sterrett

The preliminary statement for the underwriting of the working cash bonds will be going out tomorrow; the funds could be received by early February. Property tax bills have gone out. The Village should receive tax money in March. Spending is still conservative.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall

Equipment repairs are underway. The after school patrol is continuing.

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

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett- No Report

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson –

The next Police Alliance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 6 pm in the Village Hall; everyone is invited to participate.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Hanks requested that item 6c. be removed from the consent agenda and be moved to New Business.

6a. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

6b. An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Certain Change Order in Connection with a Construction Project for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

6c. An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Maturity Date of a Certain Promissory Note Issued to First Midwest Bank for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Moved to New Business per motion)

6d. An Ordinance Ratifying Amendments to an Agreement with Jacobs Group, Inc. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

6e. A Resolution to Authorize a Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve items 6a, 6b, 6d and 6e.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.
On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc. for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.
On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements January 13, 2010 – January 26, 2010

Trustee Hanks mentioned that there is a memo that includes the payment of payroll, insurance and bonds and five additional vendors. Trustee Hanks stated that if any other payments are made, at the discretion of Finance Director Sterrett or Chief of Staff Corley, that have not been approved previously on accounts payable the Board will have to make a retroactive approval.

Trustee Burgess questioned the month services were rendered for invoice #10855 under General Fund-professional services in the amount of \$21,717.83; that detail was provided to the Board in the past.

Finance Director Sterrett will provide the Board with that information.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the accounts payable but to make payments only for payroll, insurance, bonds, American Messaging, Aramak Uniform Service, Ray O'Hern in Lombard, Comcast Cable and Skyline Disposal.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

8b. DP Partners Name Change

VA Vasselli is redrafting a letter with regards to the name change of DP Partners and will be brought before the Board to be ratified or in the form of a resolution at a later date.

8c. Approval of Board Meeting Dates

Chief of Staff Corley joined the meeting. The dates of the 2010 Board meetings will include election days February 2, 2010 and November 2, 2010. This notice will be published.

8e. An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Maturity Date of a Certain Promissory Note Issued to First Midwest Bank for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (moved from the Consent Agenda)

Additional documentation is required from First Midwest Bank. A motion is needed from the Board to allow the extension of the maturity date of the promissory note for three months; the working cash fund bonds will be received in February to pay this note. Trustee Hanks stated for the record that the money from the working cash bonds will be used to pay First Midwest Bank upon receipt.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

8d. Proposal for Closed Session to Discuss Threatened and Pending Litigation

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board was not given documentation regarding the issue to be discussed in executive session and asked that memos be given beforehand.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Hanks withdrew the motion to adjourn to executive session at this time. Trustee Myers withdrew the second to that motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams thanked Robinson Engineering for their donation to Student Government Day.

Trustee Williams asked if approval of the board meeting dates require a vote. VA Vasselli stated that there was a consensus from the Board and no vote is required; this information will be posted.

Trustee Benson stated that Country Western line dancing is available on Thursdays from 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the Community Center with instructor Flora Haynes.

Trustee Myers stated that there are two openings on the Ordinance Review Committee.

Chief of Staff Corley stated that the Census Committee will be handing out census literature at open house for all three schools on Thursday. Trustee Benson stated that the pageant winners will also be on hand distributing literature.

Trustee Myers asked what the final outcome was in regards to allowing Sandridge students to participate in Student Government Day. Trustee Williams stated that it was posted on the marquee for all out of district students to pick up a packet of information for Student Government Day. The packet was due to be returned by Friday, January 22, 2010; parents would have been called to a meeting to discuss the schedule of events for that event. No one picked up a packet. Next year the Public Relations Committee will attempt to notify out of district students earlier. VC Williams stated that a message was left in person at the home of the resident who made the request.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston stated that AARP is no longer preparing taxes at the library. Those services are available at Bloom Township on Mondays and Thursdays.

Larry Stewart commended the Mayor and Parks and Recreation Committee for seeking out residents for the basketball program over the weekend. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Benson is working with Sandy Cosey, flyers are in the school and phone calls are being made to increase registration. Mayor Towers stated that the program should be up and running and coaches are still needed.

Jimo Kasali stated that he would sponsor an undetermined amount of children for the basketball program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn to executive session for pending and threatened litigation was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All in favor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 2, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update- Finance Director Sterrett

The bonds are schedule to be done next Tuesday. The promissory note will be paid first; the balance of the bond money will be used to pay other bills. There is approximately \$587,000.00 of past due payables that need to be prioritized. Releasing the oldest checks first will be a priority; \$105,000.00 is outstanding from April and May. The original checks may be stale and may need to be voided and rewritten. Trustee Hanks asked that a priority list of checks to be released including vendor, amount and date be provided to the Board before they are presented for approval by the Board. Another list of checks still outstanding also needs to be submitted to the Board. The prioritization will be the responsibility of Chief of Staff Corley and Finance Director Sterrett. The Accounts Payables from April through August have been approved in prior Board meetings. Only payments of payroll, bonds and insurance have been approved since *September 8, 2009 per FD Sterrett. Attorney Vasselli stated that all checks that have been approved previously need to be ratified before being disbursed.

Village Clerk Williams-Note: Accounts Payable of September 9 through September 22, 2009 per the minutes of September 22, 2009.

1. Ratify Promissory Note Payment Extension-Chief of Staff Corley

The extension to ratify the promissory note has been extended through March 2010. The promissory note will be paid upon receipt of the working cash bond.

2. Working Cash Fund Update- Chief of Staff Corley

The closing date for the working cash bond is February 9, 2010. The paperwork has been filed.

b. Municipal Funds Update-Chief of Staff Corley

An updated list of bank accounts that remain open at Park National Bank D/B/A US Bank was presented to the Board. Any accounts independent from the Village will be removed from the list; these accounts include Chamber of Commerce, Sauk Village Fire Cadets and Sauk Village Fire Insurance Fund. Discussion regarding keeping or disbanding checking accounts for the Public Relations Committee and the Parks and Recreation will be tabled until February 16, 2010 due to

Trustee Benson's absence. The Chamber of Commerce is inactive but does have a balance in their checking account. An investigation needs to be done to track the last Chamber of Commerce members and to either start the Chamber of Commerce again or decide where to place the money that remains in the account. COS Corley stated that signers on all accounts will be updated and the Village Treasurer will be added as a signer on all Sauk Village accounts that require any two of three signatures. Trustee Hanks is requesting that all committee checking accounts be closed and all money be funneled through the Village accounts; including fundraising money.

c. Bond Abatements

Bond abatement forms have been prepared by Finance Director Sterrett. Ordinances and resolutions that allow for the abatement of the bond payments will be presented to the Board soon..

Mayor Towers thanked FD Sterrett, COS Corley, VA Vasselli and the Village financial advisors for working diligently on the bond abatements and the working cash bond to secure money for the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that members of the Board received a reminder by certified mail from Cook County stating that the Debt Disclosure Statement is past due. The Village needs to respond to this by ordinance; this needs to be a priority. FD Sterrett stated that when the copies of the financial statement are received this will be satisfied. Trustee Hanks asked that an update letter be sent to Cook County. Trustee Myers asked FD Sterrett and VA Vasselli to check that the Village is in compliance.

2. 2010 MFT Program Forms- Chief of Staff Corley

A list of proposed street repairs for the 2010 MFT program was submitted to the Board for review. The repairs have already been approved. These forms will be signed by the Mayor and Village Clerk and submitted to IDOT after approval at the Board meeting of February 9, 2010.

3. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Ratifying the Sale of Personal Property for the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois- Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire pumper 5101 was placed on EBAY for \$13,000.00; there were no bids. Hannibal, Missouri Fire Protection District has paid the Village \$11,000.00 for the purchase of the pumper. Trustee Hanks stated that the money should go toward the payment of the new fire truck. Chief Stoffregen stated that the fire department needs equipment; the money could go toward the fire truck payment and the necessary equipment can be paid out of the General Fund. Trustee Hanks asked for a list of equipment the fire department needs. This ordinance will appear on the February 2, 2010 agenda for Board approval.

4. Miscellaneous from the Board

COS Corley stated that the 2010 CDBG block grant application is due February 18, 2010. COS Corley, DH Weller and Village Engineer Czarnik have identified streets and infrastructure to be included in the

application by the end of the week. COS Corley stated that two meetings should have been held; one in November. A notice will be posted in the paper for public hearings on 2/15/10 at 7 pm and on 2/16/10 at 6:30 pm.

Attorney Vasselli stated that he will research a parameters type of resolution that can be passed at the next Board meeting allowing the Board to move forward pending on what was found at the public hearing meetings of 2/15/10 and 2/16/10; the resolution could then be passed the following week.

Trustee Williams stated that the information regarding the legalities and past precedent of the above needs to be submitted to the Board.

Trustee Hanks suggested the following schedule:

2/15/10 7:00 pm Public hearing

2/16/10 6:00 pm Public hearing

2/16/09 6:30 pm Special meeting to pass the resolution

The notice of the public hearings will be posted in the Southtown Star, library, post office, the Village Hall, the Village marquee and posted on the website.

COS Corley stated that the minutes from the special hearings and the ordinance will need to be inserted in the application packet on February 18, 2010.

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be February 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be February 3, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The Student Government Day essays will be picked up on February 19, 2010 for judging on February 24, 2010 at 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to judge the essays. Interested volunteers should contact Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams. Essay winners will be notified on February 26, 2010. Student Government Day will be held on March 23, 2010. The Student Government Dinner will be held Thursday, March 25, 2010; location not yet determined due to the fact that Villa DaBruno is moving to Munster, Indiana. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, February 26, 2010. There will be no extensions to the deadline. The Website Committee is working with Gerald Pyke on redesigning the look and feel of the Village website. The Grand Opening of the new website should be in March. There are still bios and other updated information needed for the website; these need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Trustee Myers stated that the next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA Workshop has been approved and will take place on March 20, 2010 from 9 am – Noon in the Village Hall. The workshop is a home purchase/ home save program that will be available to all South Suburban residents. Access and availability for all municipal buildings will be needed

for that day. Police and ESDA presence will be needed; large crowds are expected. Flyers will be distributed to South Suburban Mayors and Managers and placed in the Sauk Talk and newspapers. Trustee Hanks stated that Commissioner David Chick worked very hard to bring this program to the Village. There could be as many as 1,000.00 participants.

Trustee Anderson invites everyone to the Chili Cook off on February 13, 2010 at the Senior Center from noon – 3 pm. The committee is still looking for volunteers to cook chili; monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The cost for all you can eat chili is \$2.00. The senior movie will be on Monday, February 8, 2010; refreshments will be served. The next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

5. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

No audience participation.

6. Adjournment

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

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Meyers and Williams.

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON **FEBRUARY 9, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks (absent with cause)

A quorum was present

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 6, 2009 Special Meeting

b. June 30, 2009 Special Meeting

c. August 24, 2009 Special Meeting

d. January 26, 2010 Special Meeting

e. October 27, 2009 Special Meeting

f. February 2, 2010 Committee Meeting

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve only the minutes of items 2a-2d as stated above. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of items 2e and 2f as stated above.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve items 2e and 2f as stated above. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Corley

Chief of Staff Corley reported that the 2010 CDBG application is complete and must be filed by the February 18, 2010 deadline. There will be public hearings on February 16, 2010 and February 17, 2010; public notice has been posted in public buildings and the Southtown newspaper. The Working Cash Bond closed today. Past due bills will be reviewed and prioritized for payment. The Department Head monthly meeting was held Monday, February 8, 2010; various projects and communications were discussed. State Representative Anthony DeLuca has formed the South Suburban Mayoral Economic Development Committee which will meet on a monthly basis. COS Corley attended the first meeting held in Beecher on February 5, 2010. Funk Linko made a presentation and expressed an interest in the South Suburbs; an email communication has been sent to Andy James- DP Partners.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 15, 2010 in observance of President's Day.

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Carmichael

VT Carmichael and FD Sterrett continue to review the General Ledger, Accounts Payable & Receivables.

VT Carmichael and Fire Deputy Chief Atwood have completed the ethics training for the Police and Firemen's Pension. VT Carmichael is also continuing to work with the Police Pension's new investment company, Mitchell, Vaught & Taylor, regarding the transfer of the annuity contracts.

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

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

VE Czarnik reported that a field crew will be conducting a survey and final cost analysis on the streets to be resurfaced this year.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers reported that a representative from CEDA will be available in the Community Center on Wednesdays from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm by appointment only. CEDA Representative Doreen Bennett is accepting appointments to assist Sauk Village residents with foreclosures and rental evictions. Call Doreen to schedule an appointment at 708/754-9400 or 708/754-4575. Sauk Village VISTA is sponsoring a Clothes Closet to assist residents with clothes and shoes. Call 708/758-9115 for assistance or to inquire about making a donation.

Bloom Township is accepting property tax appeals. Appeals can be filed online or in person with the Cook County Assessor's office. Exemptions for Seniors, Homeowners and Disabled veterans/ persons are also now being accepted. Call the Markham office at 708/210-4100 for further assistance.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

The Senior Committee is sponsoring the Chili-Cook Off this Saturday, February 13, 2010 from noon-3 pm in the Senior Center. The cost is \$2.00 for all you can eat chili. Judging will take place for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The next meeting of the Senior Committee will take place on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The Senior Committee also presented their monthly movie at the Library on last Monday.

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

The basketball program is up and running. Practices take place on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays in the Community Center during the hours of 4 pm – 8 pm. Teams have been chosen (5- A teams and 3-B teams); coaches and referees are ready to begin the season. Letters for support have been distributed to Board members and Department Heads. Games will be played on Saturdays between the hours of 9a – 3 pm. Sauk Village will be sponsoring a youth football program. The Sauk Village Seminoles website should be available by February 19, 2010- www.saukvillageseminoles.com. There is also a cheerleading program that is being introduced. Registration for the football and cheerleading programs starts February 19, 2010 and ends June 5th, 2010. Late registration will run until August 1, 2010. The first game will be the last week of August. The cost for football is \$285.00 and cheerleading is \$180.00. The pageant winners will make 5-10 minute speeches at the 2010 Census kick off being held in Matteson on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from noon-4 pm.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks – No report

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

The next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Two possible new ordinances regarding sidewalks and assistance from the Fire Department in writing code tickets will be open for discussion.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, February 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 will be picked up from the schools on Friday, February 19, 2010. Sponsors are still needed; sponsors will be listed on the back of the dinner program. Individual sponsorships are \$20.00; business sponsorship is also requested. Judges are needed for Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

More Census trinkets are available for the residents. The 2010 Census kickoff will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Lincoln Mall from noon- 4 pm. Performers and entertainment include bands from local high schools and the Sauk Village boxing team. Prizes will also be distributed.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Police Chief Martin

Concerns being addressed include personnel, reestablishing rapport with vendors and inventory of equipment and property. Police service is moving up a notch; more supervisors are on the streets.

5b. Fire Department: Chief Stoffregen

The new engine for the aerial is under final inspection and should be ready in a couple of days. The new fire truck should be ready to be placed into service within a couple of weeks.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

Snow crews have been out all day and will continue after midnight. Water main breaks are also being repaired. Complaints of broken mailboxes from the snowplows are investigated but are sometimes due to poor property maintenance or heavy snow rather than the plows. These complaints are investigated.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

Business owners along 394 and Sauk Trail have been contacted regarding a meeting on February 19, 2010. The topic of discussion is cleaning up the corner by listing all businesses on one sign rather than individual signs. Residents have inquired about the wood cut down on the corner of 394 and Sauk Trail. Mr. Fefferman stated that residents may take the wood.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Mrs. Sterrett

The Revenue and Expense report was given to the Board for the month of November; the December report should be out next week. The audit should be completed and available next week. The Working Cash Bond closed this morning; over \$500,000.00 was deposited in the checking account this morning. Finance Director Sterrett and Chief of Staff Corley will be reviewing and prioritizing Accounts Payables. The outstanding line of credit will be paid immediately.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall

There is continuing trouble with kids walking in the street after school. There is an ordinance against this and it needs to be enforced.

Trustee Myers asked if the ESDA Department has the authority to write P tickets. Interim Director Darnall stated that they cannot write tickets but they do notify the Police Department.

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

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett

The next meeting of the Human Relations Committee will be Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall rather than Monday, February 15, 2010.

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson –

The Police Alliance Committee met tonight to discuss the application and participation in the National Night Out program. Duties have been given to committee members.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Ratifying the Sale of Personal Property by the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois for the Village of Sauk Village (Fire Truck #5101)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 7a.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements January 27, 2010 – February 9, 2010

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

Trustee Burgess inquired about Invoice #10870- what month does that invoice cover; two weeks ago he asked the same question about a similar invoice #10855 from the January 26, 2010 payables. Trustee Burgess inquired if the invoices for vehicle repairs and maintenance were from a recent month- there is no date of service. COS Corley stated that they were presented a month or two ago, all at one time, but they are dated as far back as September. Trustee Burgess stated that dates of service should be included with the bills. Trustee Williams asked if a table or graph could be prepared to include what the actual invoice date is, when they were actually received by the Finance Director and when they were due. Trustee Burgess made a motion to pay only payroll, insurance and bonds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers. Trustee Burgess and Trustee Myers withdrew the original motion. Trustee Burgess restated the motion to include paying only insurance, payroll and bonds as well as checks # 48294, 48504 and 47909. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

8b. Proclamation for Tabitha Anderson- A Fire Story

Mayor Towers stated that Tabitha was very brave and commended her for using the skills she achieved through her attendance at the Fire Academy. Tabitha saw a fire coming from a residence and used her skills to alert the Fire Department immediately which enabled the Fire Department to quickly contain the fire. Mayor Towers asked Village Clerk Williams to read the proclamation to Tabitha Anderson.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn to executive session after question 9b for the matter of personnel. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that the item regarding the Tuesday after hours service that is referred to in the Finance Director's report should be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston asked what the status of the Memorial bricks is; are there any pending orders? Village Clerk Williams stated that she was not notified of any outstanding orders when she took office. Anyone who placed an order for a brick but did not receive it should call the Clerk in order to start an investigation.

Rose Langston asked why the portrait of President Obama has not been displayed in the hallway. COS Corley stated that it was not communicated that it should be placed in the main hallway; she will take care of that.

Ed Shankel asked if there was anything being done about the shoplifting ordinance that was proposed previously. Trustee Myers stated that the past Police Chief was going to investigate with the detectives and get back to the Board; there is already a section in an ordinance now. Trustee Myers will bring it to the Ordinance Review Committee when the information he needs is received.

Mary Howard stated that the Rickover Junior High Raiders won the Regional Championship. They will be playing in Park Forest tomorrow at Park Forest Junior High School at 6 pm for Sectionals and on to State if they win.

Nate Griffin stated that residents should stand behind and support the Mayor and Trustees. The Mayor has an open door policy and allows residents to speak without being cut off.

Rose Langston stated that the Mc Conathy Public Library will start doing income tax preparation tomorrow by appointment only for seniors and low income residents; seniors get preference.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn Sine Die.

A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:48 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:47 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for the roll to be called.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 16, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers (joined in at 7:28 pm.)

Mayor Towers asked if there was any objection to taking agenda items out of sequence. There were no objections.

5. Financial Presentation- Jacobs Group, Inc.

A presentation for the Jacobs Group was made by John Conway- Jacobs Group and Rick Lites- Loop Capital Management. Loop Capital Management is a full service/self-funded operation. The presentation explained possible financial scenarios that could assist Sauk Village in finding new money. Bank qualified bonds and BABS (Building America Bonds) were explained and suggested. The Village has approximately 43.8 million dollars of outstanding debt which includes about 40 million dollars of self supporting TIF debt. Sauk Village has debt service capacity of \$600,000.00. Sauk Village is A rated right now. Once a team is assigned to the Village and a proposal is presented the timeline could possibly be a 9 week process from start to closing.

A lower cost funding will be researched. There is no minimum amount to borrow; one million or more is okay. Payback is predicated by the length of the loan with no penalty for early payoff; fees would be a maximum of 2%.

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update- Promissory Note Payment

b. Municipal Funds update- Brunetta-Hill Corley- Chief of Staff

Finance Director Sterrett stated that the Promissory Note has been paid and presented the list of accounts payables that have been held and are now released for payment; these payments total \$223,638.00 and will be mailed the next business day. A letter was written to First Midwest Bank asking that they accept the past dated checks. A letter was also inserted in the payment envelopes thanking the recipient for their patience. FD Sterrett stated that approximately \$50,000.00 was held back to assist in payroll and other payables as needed. The Board stated that only checks that have been previously approved may be mailed. Since September 8, 2010 the Board has been approving only payroll, bonds and insurance. All checks submitted for approval after that date need to be resubmitted to the Board for approval. There are still some large, past dated outstanding checks (mostly attorney payments) that are being held. COS Corley and FD Sterrett chose the priority of payments and chose to pay as many of the older dated checks as possible without spending the bulk of the money on checks with substantial amounts even if they were older. Discussion included paying the older bills regardless of their size and pay the later dated checks with the property tax payments coming in March; not doing so could affect the Village's rating.

The flip side was that the smaller vendors need their payments in order to continue to provide services to the Village where the larger firms can wait for their money. The Village bond and credit ratings will be affected if the months old payments continue to age; meanwhile current bills continue to come due. Another factor is that service providers need to be paid in order to maintain service. COS Corley suggested giving the Board a list showing all checks that were approved prior to September 8, 2010 that have been prioritized for payment, a list a checks that need to be approved that were held from previous accounts payables after September 8, 2010 and a list of the 2 large payments withheld in order to pay more of the smaller checks. FD Director Sterrett asked for clarification and direction; many vendors are calling for payment. COS Corley stated that all payments that were approved prior to September 8, 2010 will be released for payment except for the two attorney bills; this list will be provided to the Board. The next list to be submitted for consideration will show all checks held since the September 8th accounts payable. The final list will be the two attorney bills that are several months old.

2. Customer Service Window Closing 2nd & 4th Tuesday- Beverly Sterrett- Finance Director

Finance Director Sterrett proposed closing the customer service window on Board meeting nights due to the lack of activity. There are currently 2 or 3 customers and 2 or 3 phone calls between 5pm - 8 pm. The extra hours Cindy Wagner spends on these nights reduce her hours during the week taking other personnel away from their duties in order to handle Cindy's responsibilities. The night deposit box is available for after hour payments. The window may reopen during Village Sticker sales. The Board will agree to this proposal pending on the residents understanding the situation.

3. Proposed Map Amendment (Mr. Alan Fefferman)-Sherry Jasinski- Community Development

DH Jasinski introduced Mr. Allan Fefferman. Mr. Fefferman stated that he requested a rezoning of the corner of Sauk Trail and Jeffery about 2 ½ years ago to commercial status to make way for a Credit Union. This request was denied at that time. Mr. Fefferman provided the drawing that he presented at that time. The Board asked if the Credit Union is still interested in coming on board. Mr. Fefferman stated that they are. DH Jasinski stated that a map amendment is needed; two of the three lots are already commercial - the third lot is R1 and needs a C2 designation. The Board needs to give him the go ahead to take the next step to the Zoning Board. The C2 designation opens the property to a vast number of types of businesses that would be allowed. DH Jasinski will provide a list of C2 eligible businesses to the Board. The request was denied previously because there was no letter of intent submitted with the request. Mr. Fefferman stated that a letter of intent was submitted to the previous Mayor. The letter of intent was never given to the previous Board. A map amendment is needed before going to the Zoning Board. A letter of intent was requested again in order to go forward with the map amendment. Mr. Fefferman also inquired about an easement by the bowling alley. Mayor Towers stated that we should deal with one item at a time. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

7. Motor Fuel Tax Infrastructure Project Matters- Jim Czarnik, Village Engineer

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that resolutions and agreements authorizing this year's MFT and emergency repair program will be placed on the agenda for approval next week. This would include approximately \$600,000.00 in resurfacing.

4. Village Life Insurance Update- Brunetta Hill-Corley, Chief of Staff

COS Corley stated that the Board previously agreed to move the life insurance from Principal to The Standard. The Principal policy was set to expire in December but has been extended until some time in February. An issue has come up with an employee who is currently on Workman's Comp. The Standard policy states that an employee needs to return to work in two months or be dropped from the policy.

This employee has been on Workman's Comp for more than two months. The Village is required to continue life insurance for this employee. COS Corley will check the statutes to determine if the employee can be dropped from the life insurance policy while he is on Workman's Comp and if he can be reinstated when he returns to work; his health policy will not be affected. It was also suggested to look into a separate policy for the employee. Chief of Staff Corley will keep the Board updated.

6. Building Upgrade for Police Station- Police Chief Martin

COS Corley stated that Police Chief Martin has included some estimates for necessary repairs that are needed for the Police Station. Chief Martin stated that there is a history of water leakage in the basement of the Police Department, faulty ejector pump and sewerage on the floor which causes mold and fumes. This is a health hazard and needs to be fixed. Proposals were presented to repair leaking windows and seal the cracks in the basement walls. Chief Martin also proposed remodeling the employee kitchen area to boost employee moral. It was stated that these problems have been brought before the Board by the previous Police Chief but denied due to budget restraints. COS Corley and Chief Martin stated that there are extreme violations that need to be addressed. Chief Martin stated that OSHA has cited the Village for the violations; (when cited? Don't know- no documentation). COS Corley stated that the employees have been promised that the violations would be corrected in the past and they still exist.

Discussion continued that there have been several necessary things that the Police Department have asked for recently but been denied due to the lack of funds; where are the funds coming from now? There was money projected in the costs of the new Municipal Center to upgrade the Police department and the Community Center but this was depleted with cost over runs on the Municipal Center. The Police Department personnel did attempt to make some repairs on their own but were told to stop. Village Attorney Vasselli will investigate possible TIF funds that the Police Department is entitled to from police calls, etc... to help increase revenues. Also addressed was the fact that bonds are needed from the contractors and that these services need to go out for bid or the bid process needs to be waived. It was suggested that the Village Engineer be consulted before any work is considered. The Board agreed that the issue needs to be addressed; it is a hazard.

The basement is a priority- stop the leak and mold. Use companies that are certified to remove the mold and companies that are licensed to work in the Village. Chief Martin stated that work was started by employees in the kitchen but needs to be completed by professionals. Chief Martin was instructed to bring bids back to the Board.

8. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Designating Places of Deposit for Funds and Money for the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village

This ordinance will be tabled to the next Committee meeting. There is no ordinance on the book that stipulates that committees cannot have separate accounts. The Public Relations Committee has lost funding for the Sauk Talk and does not want to cancel Student Government Day due to lack of funds. The Parks and Recreation Committee has money allocated from property taxes but fears that it will not be available for the programs as needed. The Senior Committee also has fundraisers to fund their events. Even though these committees have budgeted line items earmarked for their events they need to fundraise to secure that the funds will be available for the activity or the event. Further research is needed. Discussions involved the need of Committee heads to keep detailed records of income and expenses for all money in their committee accounts. If money is raised by sponsorship, do the expenses need to be voted on by the Board or does the Committee head have the discretion to spend accordingly and file a report with the Chief of Staff after the fact and keep the Board updated at weekly meetings? Another scenario is to deposit fundraiser money into the General Fund under the committee's line item with expenses also being deducted from that line item. COS Corley does not suggest mixing fundraiser money with the General Fund; it is possible it would be used for other purposes. There is money earmarked for particular events that is not available to the various committees; therefore, fundraisers help generate income for those events. Also, if a committee raises money to use for a particular event and the amount of money falls short- where will the balance come from? If the event is a Board approved event, then any shortfall will have to be presented to the Board for approval. Trustee Hanks stated that all of the money raised on behalf of the Village should run in and out of the Village accounts with Board approval for every expense. Trustee Burgess stated that separate accounts were not needed for Parks & Recreation in the past. The grant money and tax money has a separate line item for Parks and Recreation and all receipts from the various events were turned over to the Village immediately. Trustee Benson stated that previously money has been allowed for in the budget for a variety of reasons but was not available in many cases when it was expected to be there. Mayor Towers stated that past practice of moving money around in the General Fund will not continue. Trustee Anderson stated that it was previous practice for the Senior Committee to raise their own funds for their events and they should not have to come before the Board to spend the money. Trustee Williams reported that she continues to update the Board weekly on the sponsorships and expenses and projected future income and expenses; as Student Government Day grows closer there will be items purchased daily prior to a Board meeting. If the money is raised by the committee for an event, then a final report should be all that is needed and recommends a policy that all committee heads need to follow. COS Corley asked that copies of all checks received by the committee be given to her with a detailed report along with receipts and that a ledger be kept by the committee. Trustee Williams also needs to know if the balance left in the Public Relations account should remain there where it is separate from other Village money or should it be placed in the General Fund under the committee's line item. The Volunteer

Appreciation is the next event and these funds need to be readily available. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review committee will work with Village Attorney Vasselli to bring an ordinance to the Board that will work with the above discussions. A new Municipal account policy will be included on the next agenda.

b. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Snow Removal)

Trustee Myers, per residents suggestions, proposed an ordinance be approved stating that homeowners must shovel their snow on the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow fall of 2 inches or more. This will prevent kids from walking in the street due to the sidewalks not being shoveled. Trustee Myers worked alongside VA Vasselli and inquired with other communities to assist in drafting this ordinance. Discussion followed regarding enforcement of vacant homes, renters versus owners, disabled and senior residents, etc... Trustee Myers will bring it before his committee and bring a redrafted version back to the Board.

c. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Foreign Fire Insurance Board)

Tabled to the Committee meeting of February 23, 2010.

9. Miscellaneous from the Board

Trustee Anderson thanked everyone who participated in the Chili Cook off; in particular the committee, the volunteers and the judges; 80 people were in attendance. Judges were Mayor Towers, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Stoffregen, Interim ESDA Coordinator Amon Darnall, and residents Rosie Jones, Ken Dee and Laura Seeley. First place went to Dolores Randall for the second year in a row, Gigi Austin took second place and there was a tie for third place.

Trustee Hanks reminded everyone that the NACA workshop will be at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 20 from 9 am - noon. Flyers for the workshop will be distributed at Park National Bank and other businesses as well as the Village Hall, Sauk Talk and website. Trustee Hanks also stated that House Bill 2585 needs the support of Mayors and Fire Chiefs.

Trustee Benson stated that registration for the Sauk Village Seminoles takes place Friday, February 19 from 4pm – 8 pm and Saturday, March 20 from 11 am -3 pm. Registration will be held every Friday and Saturday until June 5th. Registration after June 5th will include a late fee. Flyers are being distributed in surrounding communities, school districts and Village businesses. The football fee is \$225.00 and the cheerleading fee is \$180.00. It is the goal of the committee to have the kids participate in a program without having to go outside of the Village. The website is up and going: www.saukvillageseminole.com. State Representative Anthony DeLuca is looking into getting Bloom Trail for home games. Parks and Recreation is working with Rep. DeLuca on a community wide basketball program. The next Parks and Recreation meeting is Monday, February 22, 2010. Line Dancing is continuing on Monday and Thursday. The basketball program has 10 teams with 7 kids per team. Sponsors are still needed. Practicing is continuing on Thursday, Friday, Saturdays and Sundays.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee meets Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7 pm. Village Attorney Vasselli will work with the Committee on the ordinances presented tonight.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due next Friday. Trustee Williams stated that there was a suggestion that a proclamation be created in honor of the Rickover basketball program for their efforts in taking 3rd or 4th place in the State Finals. (Final game will determine position.) Essays are being picked up Friday for judging next week Wednesday at 7 pm. The essays include the student's name, address and phone number in the upper right hand corner and that information is removed before being distributed to the judges. All essays are assigned a number. The judges read and rate the essays until the finalists are determined by the judge's tallies. Winners will be announced on Friday, February 26, 2010. The schools will be notified and a letter will be sent to the homes. Student Government night is Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7 pm in St. James Didier Hall. Special thanks to Trustee Burgess and Pam Scott for securing the hall. The dinner will be catered. Judges, sponsors and volunteers for set up and clean up of the hall are needed. Attendance is usually around 150 people. Mayor Towers asked if the Senior Center could be used. Trustee Williams stated that it is not large enough. Student Government Day usually costs around \$1,800.00 but having the event at a hall rather than a restaurant should save money. The committee is raising funds but will make cuts where necessary. Suggestions were made to downsize the event. Trustee Williams stated that this is for the kids and it has always been a special event for them; hopefully there will not be much money needed from the Village to help fund the event.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the School Board meeting is postponed due to traveling for the basketball finals. The School Board Finance Committee will meet next Thursday at 6pm and the Board meeting will be at 7 pm. VC Williams asked if the Board will still be sponsoring a team; a donation of \$25.00 from the Clerk and all Trustees should be given to Trustee Benson.

Chief of Staff Corley stated that she, along with, Mayor Towers, Chief Martin and Trustee Benson and the pageant winners attended the 2010 Census Kick-off at Lincoln Mall on Saturday. Many Mayors and representatives from other communities and sports figures were also present.

10. Comments and Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston asked what Tax ID number the separate committees use and if they use a tax exempt letter. She stated that she was told that each committee was supposed to have a separate tax exempt letter; she usually purchased things through the Village. Chief of Staff Corley stated that she will correct that so that she will be able to use the letter. With regards to 8b- who is liable if someone falls on the part of the sidewalk that is considered Village property? Trustee Myers will investigate further and discuss this with the committee. Rose stated that kids walk in the street in the summer when there is no snow.

Pat Couch stated that even when the streets are shoveled the kids will not stop walking in the street. This is a problem. She calls Police all of the time and asked that the Police will do something about this. The kids will not walk on the sidewalks. Pat Couch also mentioned her concern with several residents living in small homes. One family in particular is appearing in court tomorrow; Chief of Staff Corley stated that they are aware of the situation and alternate housing options have been provided to that family.

Trustee Myers invited Police Chief Martin to speak with both residents.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 pm.

There was no Executive Session as stated on the agenda.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **FEBRUARY 17, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

**1. 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program- Application Review Public Hearing
Brunetta Hill-Corley, Chief of Staff; Jim Czarnik, Robinson Engineering**

VE Czarnik presented the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Board for approval and for feedback from the public.

2. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

No public present.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Footnote per Attorney Vasselli: Publication requirements were met with accordance of the law. No public present before or during the entire meeting.
Agenda attached.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **FEBRUARY 17, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1. A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Submission of an Application to the County of Cook, Illinois Requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2010 for the Village of Sauk Village was presented to the Board for approval.

See attached resolution.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Motion carried

2. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

No public present.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Footnote per Attorney Vasselli: Publication requirements were met with accordance of the law. No public present before or during the entire meeting.

Agenda attached.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **FEBRUARY 17, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meetings and Public Hearings Held on February 16, 2010 and February 17, 2010 in Connection with the Village's Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds from Cook County for the 2010 Program Year

Motion to approve the minutes of February 16 and February 17 Special Meetings and Public Hearings was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

2. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

No public present.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Footnote per Attorney Vasselli: Publication requirements were met with accordance of the law. No public present before or during the entire meeting.
Agenda attached.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 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. 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– 5th.

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 8th 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.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 **MARCH 2, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update- Village Finances

b. Municipal Funds Update- Chief of Staff Corley

c. Village Financial Matters- Chief of Staff Corley and Village Treasurer Carmichael

Chief of Staff Corley thanked Village Treasurer Carmichael for training alongside the Finance Director prior to her retirement; enabling her to work with the financial advisors in the interim.

VT Carmichael stated that the weekly cash and financial analysis statement indicates that a great number of property taxes have been received and bills are being prioritized for payment; insurance, bonds and payroll are still the priority. VT Carmichael is also working on reconciling bank statements and updating the General Ledger in order to maintain the actual amount available in all accounts. COS Corley will be working with the Accounts Payable clerk to provide a list of prioritized bills to be submitted to the Board for approval at each Board meeting after verifying that funds are available. There are still some older outstanding checks that need to be paid in full or partial payments made.

COS Corley presented a proposed policy for the Board to review regarding Committee checking accounts. The Board needs to submit their comments and suggestions to Chief of Staff Corley. Committee chairmen who have checking accounts are also encouraged to meet with Chief of Staff Corley to provide input.

Trustee Burgess stated that he is still waiting for information regarding payments to the law firm from May 2009 to present for non TIF matters. COS Corley stated that the information will be provided this week.

2. Proclamation for Rickover Junior High Basketball Team

Chief of Staff Corley worked with School District 168 to prepare the proclamation for the Rickover Junior High basketball team. Trustee Williams previously suggested the proclamation to acknowledge their efforts in the basketball championship. Trustee Williams also suggested that the proclamation be read on Student Government Day by the student Mayor.

(Discussion of Student Government Day then continued including the fact that the agenda is written in advance in a way that students can follow the meeting agenda and make the motions. Village Clerk Williams requested a meeting with the Village Attorney, Chief of Staff and Trustee Williams in order to finish the groundwork needed for that night.)

3. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Designating Places of Deposit for Funds and Money for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This item was addressed within the discussion of items 1b and the proposed policy for committee accounts. This item has been tabled.

4. Discuss Proposition for Possible Consolidation of Meetings- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson requested that this item be tabled until the next committee of the whole meeting of March 16, 2010 in order to conduct further research.

5. Land Map, Allan Fefferman- Sherry Jasinski, Community Development

Mr. Fefferman was not in attendance. DH Jasinski did provide a list of what types of businesses are allowed in an area zoned C2. DH Jasinski stated that Mr. Fefferman has not provided a letter of intent and still wants Board agreement before he continues to the Zoning Board. The Board is concerned with a C2 designation because it opens that area to a wide variety of possible businesses. This item is tabled until Mr. Fefferman provides the Board with a letter of intent.

6. Miscellaneous from the Board

Trustee Williams stated reports for Student Government Day are due on Friday, March 19th by email. The Public Relations Committee is continuing to fundraise in order to self fund this event. Board members, department heads and service providers are encouraged to contribute \$20.00 to help defray the cost of their dinner and their counterpart. All sponsors will be listed on the back of the dinner program. Tickets are available for purchase at the Village Hall at a cost of \$10.00. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) at St. James Didier Hall located at 224th & Torrence Avenue. Student Government Day includes breakfast and lunch for the students, as well as, a tour of Village buildings and time to practice their roles for that night.

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA Workshop will be held on March 20, 2010 in the Village Hall from 9 am – noon. The workshop has been posted in several places and flyers have been distributed. COS Corley asked Trustee Hanks to advise her how he needs the Village Hall to be laid out and what buildings would be required. Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA group did request a microphone. Trustee Hanks stated that Commissioner David Chick has done a great job of bringing this opportunity to the Village.

Trustee Benson reminded the Board of Trustees that their individual sponsorship for the basketball team is \$25.00. Trustee Benson stated that State Representative Anthony DeLuca will be conducting the Parks & Recreation State Committee meeting for the South Suburban area at the Village Hall at 8 am on March 12, 2010. The basketball season begins this Saturday. There are 9 teams and games start at 9 am. The football program is being announced on Channel 19; ages are 5-15 years old and open to all south suburban residents.

Trustee Hanks stated that there have not been referee contracts submitted to the Board for approval and inquired about insurance for the football program. Trustee Benson stated that the contracts will be submitted to the Board and he is still investigating insurance for the football program; the Village insurance does not cover the football program.

7. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston asked if Trustee Hanks gave flyers for the NACA workshop to Bloom Township. Rose also asked if Trustee Benson informed any groups using the facilities on March 20th that the facilities would not be available.

8. Adjournment

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

Ayes: All Ayes

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON **MARCH 9, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks (absent with cause)

A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 9, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

b. February 19, 2010- Emergency Board Meeting

c. February 23, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2010.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

Chief of Staff Corley stated that the monthly department head meeting was successful. The department budgets were discussed. Concerns included the care of vehicles and buildings and clothing allowances for the Police Department. The Finance Director position has been posted in various locations. Residents have expressed concern regarding post winter street clean up; community service workers may be utilized.

COS Corley will contact the Beautification Committee regarding cleaning up various business facades. COS Corley thanked Village Treasurer Carmichael and the staff for their assistance in the Finance Department since the retirement of Finance Director Sterrett.

Trustee Burgess thanked COS Corley for providing the information requested regarding the Village Attorney. Trustee Hanks asked if there is a time frame for the posting of the Finance Director. COS Corley stated that it will be posted for 5 days according to the employee manual but the time frame was open; a final date will be posted. Trustee Hanks stated that in the past the Village worked with church volunteers, scout troops and Public Works around April or May to organize a Village cleanup. Public Works supplies the equipment. COS Corley stated that she will notify the organizations to see if they would like to participate.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the front desk is no longer open after hours during Board meeting nights. 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.

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael has been working with Gonzalez and Associates (interim Finance Directors) to bring the General Ledger and bank reconciliations up to date, as well as, preparing for the transfer of the Police Pension Fund to the new investment company.

3d. Village Attorney- Mr. Jimmy Vasselli

Village Attorney Vasselli has been working with COS Corley and the Finance Department on Village financial matters including following up leads of potential funding sources. VT Vasselli is also meeting with State and local officials and DP Partners regarding economic development issues, working with the Ordinance Review Committee and litigation matters. The bond abatement was completed to assist the Village in abating the taxes for the 44 million dollars worth of outstanding debt.

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

VE Czarnik reported that field work is being completed to evaluate the roads that will be resurfaced this program year. Many roads need extensive repair. Costs will be determined and brought to the Board.

VE Czarnik met with Police Chief Martin and Public Works Director Weller regarding flooding problems in the basement of the Police Department; a report from a structural engineer will be forthcoming.

Trustee Burgess asked if the intersection of Torrence Avenue and Sauk Trail belongs to the State (Yes) and can we bring that to the state's attention as an emergency. VE Czarnik stated that the Mayor can write a letter to bring it to their attention.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that Com Ed is offering a helping hand to customers; a one time 50% credit when 50% is paid on outstanding bills where a disconnection notice has been received within the past 120 days; must have a medical or financial hardship. Call 888/806-2273 to inquire.

The VISTA program is providing clothes and shoes to Village residents Monday through Friday from 10 am – 3 pm in the Community Center; donations are also accepted during those times. Respond Now has seen an increase in residents applying for food baskets; they are located in the Community Center on Tuesdays between 10 am – 2 pm. Panera Bread continues to donate bread on Thursdays from 1 pm -4 pm.

Bloom Township is providing a utility assistance program for Bloom Township residents starting March 24, 2010 at 9 am at the Bloom Township office located at 425 South Halsted Street in Chicago Heights; must bring current ID with correct address, proof of last 30 days income, utility bills with your name on it- the utility must not be disconnected. Residents can only apply for this program once every 12 months.

Mayor Towers will be delivering meals to Sauk Village seniors on March 24 along with other mayors across the country as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson thanked everyone who participated in the senior Chili Cook Off and invited everyone to participate in movies at the library every 2nd Monday of the month at 1 pm – light refreshments are served.

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

Trustee Benson stated that the basketball season starts this Saturday; four games per Saturday for nine weeks- 2- A division teams and 2-B division teams. Games begin at 9 am in the Community Center. Practices are ongoing. Coaches (Mayor Towers will be coaching and expects to win his first game) and referees are in place. Refreshments are sold at all games. Please support the teams.

The football/ cheerleading registration is every Friday 4 pm – 8 pm and Saturday 11 am- 3 pm at the Community Center. Football and cheerleading coaches are needed. The South Suburban State Parks & Rec Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 8 am in the Village Hall. State Representative Anthony DeLuca will be hosting the event.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA (Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America) Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 9 am – noon in the Village Hall. To register for the purchase/save your home workshop go to www.naca.com or by phone at 888/302-6222 (NACA). Trustee Hanks asked COS Corley to make sure that all Village vehicles that can be removed are moved from the parking lot- Sauk Village Baptist Church will allow them to park there. Trustee Hanks will verify how many people are expected to attend.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the committee is working with Police Chief Martin and other trustees on a local shoplifting ordinance and an ordinance or amendment that would allow the Fire Inspectors to write fire code citations. Both ordinances should have drafts submitted in the Board packets Friday. The committee is continuing to review and correct minor errors in the code book. New members are encouraged to join the committee; contact Ed Myers at the Village Hall. Residents are encouraged to make suggestions or call with questions.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The topics include updating Village information for the LOIS web site. Trustee Burgess will be working with COS Corley and the department heads to obtain current information. This web site is open nationwide to prospective businesses looking to open in the area.

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

Trustee Williams stated that the updated financial report will for the Student Government fundraising efforts will be presented next Tuesday. Student Government Day dinner tickets are on sale for \$10.00 at the front office; no credit cards will be accepted. All ticket money will be kept separate from Village money and deposited in the Public Relations account. Student Government Day is Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7 pm. All reports from elected officials, department heads and service providers are due by Monday, March 19, 2010 by email. The dinner will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at St. James Didier Hall at 7:00 pm; doors open at 6:30 pm.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley reminded everyone to fill out and return their census forms and stand up and be counted. Three question and answer centers have been established to assist residents- the fire department, community center and Emmanuel Church – from March 19, 2010 to April 19, 2010. Call the COS with any questions. Trustee Williams asked if additional tokens and posters can be available for Student Government Day. COS Corley will call the Census director.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Police Chief Martin

Police Chief Martin stated that more supervisors have been placed on the streets. Chief Martin thanked the engineers for checking on the flooding issue in the basement of the Police department. The records division is open for service from 8 am – 5 pm. Chief Martin will be addressing the issue of kids walking in the streets and invited citizens to visit the Police department. Chief Martin thanked Trustee Anderson for inviting him to participate in the Police Alliance Committee.

5b. Fire Department: Chief Stoffregen

The new fire engine is in service but still waiting for a few small tools. Chief Stoffregen clarified the dates the census volunteers will be at the Fire Station. Crete Township is offering HAZMAT classes at a minimal cost three weekends in a row; 8 firefighters will be attending.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that with the winter thaw comes debris in the streets and clogged sewers. Village clean up and pothole patching will be ongoing. Storm sewer clean up will start on the north side of town. Sanitary sewer cleanup will also begin soon.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated that warning tickets are being issued for homes with Christmas lights displayed. All holidays light should be removed by March 31, 2010. The National Electrical Code states that all holiday lights should be removed within 90 days. Business licenses will be expiring on April 30, 2010. Property maintenance inspections should be completed by the end of April or mid May.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Gonzalez & Associates, P.C. (interim) Gloria Gibson

Ms. Gibson is working with the staff to get an understanding of the flow of Village finances and is also working with the Chief of Staff and Village Treasurer to put things in perspective where the finances are currently and where the Village should be going.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Interim Director Mr. Darnall (absent)

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

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett

Mrs. Sterrett stated that she has volunteered on many committees over the years, namely, Housing Authority, Police Pension Board, Fire Pension Board and the Human Relations Commission. The Human Relation Commission was set up as part of Fair Housing Ordinance 6-14 in October 1986 and amended by ordinance 6-24 in February 1987. The Human Relations Commission was inactive for several years. Mrs. Sterrett asked the Board to reactivate that commission seven years ago. The Board activated the commission appointing Mrs. Sterrett as chair (she presently remains chair). Mrs. Sterrett turned in her keys to the building upon her retirement. With the upcoming meeting approaching, Mrs. Sterrett approached the Mayor for keys to gain access to the building. The Human Relations Commission is in the height of the busy season; several events are in the works. Mrs. Sterrett was told that someone will be present to give her access to the building but she is requesting keys to have access. Mayor Towers stated that he directed the Chief of Staff to hold off on giving the keys to her due to the fact that she was no longer employed by the Village. Mayor Towers stated that this is a personnel issue that will be addressed later. Mrs. Sterrett stated that her volunteering is not tied to her employment. Mayor Towers will notify Mrs. Sterrett what direction he will be taking with regards to the Human Relations Commission. Trustee Williams suggested that personnel be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting to discuss the matter.

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee met today at 6 pm. Discussion took place regarding Sauk Village's participation in the National Night Out program. The committee members will provide flyers, write letters and approach local businesses. A Jonsing contest is proposed. Other activities will also involve prizes; a 38 inch digital TV has already been donated as a Grand Prize. Trustee Anderson stated that people are encouraged to join the Police Alliance Committee.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving the Agreement(s) for Basketball Referees

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 7a.

Trustee Burgess asked if these are individual agreements- individual contractors? In the past, there was a company contracted for this purpose. Trustee Benson stated that these agreements are for independent

contractors provided by an assigner from the Chicago Public Schools Association (at no cost) that he has used in the past. They will assign the certified independent contractors.

Trustee Hanks stated that past practice is that completed contracts are presented to the Board; the contracts that are submitted are blank. Trustee Benson stated that the contracts will be signed on each day of the game that a contractor attends. Trustee Burgess stated that, in the past, money was allocated for the referees and checks were written in advance to the corporation and given to Sandy to distribute. Trustee Burgess asked if checks will be made out to the referees each week. Trustee Benson stated that the referees will be paid in cash on the day of the games. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that the payment will be \$22.50 for A division games and \$24.50 for B division games for a total of 4 games a week for nine weeks. Trustee Burgess stated that there is no accountability with cash; VA Vasselli stated that receipts will be maintained. VA Vasselli stated that contracts can be signed by referees for the games this weekend and ratified at a later date. (If a referee does not attend a game- he will not be paid). Trustee Hanks stated that the amount of money paid to the referees is lower than the previous year and is included in the budget.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with a Caterer for Student Government Day

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 7b.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

February 24, 2010 – March 9, 2010

November 24, 2009 – February 23, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Hanks inquired about vendor #2863 for Don Morris Architects approximately \$2,000.00. DH Jasinski stated that was related to a Village inspection - the bill is appearing late.

Trustee Hanks also inquired about B&K Services in the amount of \$1,573.58. DH Weller stated that this bill relates to service on the large truck for Public Works.

Trustee Hanks stated that the new format is different and does not easily identify the department that the expense is for. COS Corley stated that money is in the bank to cover all of these payables with no exceptions and the format is a work in progress.

Trustee Williams asked if the checks have been prewritten prior to approval. COS Corley stated that no checks will be prewritten. Checks will be typed after Board approval and mailed on Thursday.

Trustee Williams inquired about the expense for car washes. The car washes are for the Police department- one coupon book for \$140.00 and \$98.00 one time charge where the dog was travelling in a car used to transport people.

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

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that letters were placed in the boxes of all department heads asking for assistance in transporting students on Student Government Day. Trustee Williams, Police, Fire, Code, ESDA and Public Works normally provide vehicles and personnel to pick the kids up from school and they are used to transport kids throughout the day touring the Village buildings. The kids are dropped off at home after school if they need a ride. The kids are responsible for their own transportation to return to the meeting at 6:15 pm for pictures and the Board meeting. Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams will pick up any kids that are unable to attend due to lack of transportation. Trustee Williams asked that all department heads contact her with the details of how many volunteers and vehicles each department will be providing.

Trustee Myers thanked the ESDA group for their help with a South Suburban Task group fire on Monday night.

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks & Rec committee thanked all of the supporters of the Basketball program:

Skyway Bowl – Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill- Corley, Learn as you Grow, Del Galdo Law Group, Sauk Village Firefighters Association, Sauk Village Police Department, Sauk Village Police Association, Trustee Benson and Attorney Vasselli, Mayor Lewis Towers, Board of Trustees- Anderson, Benson, Myers, Williams and Village Clerk Williams and Police Chief Martin. (Trustees Hanks and Burgess gave their contribution at this time.)

9b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston asked if background checks have been done on the referees. Trustee Benson stated that background checks were not needed; there is no major contact with the kids. Trustee Williams stated that they may have that as part of the program they are certified under. Trustee Benson agreed.

Ed Shankel asked what was done about the Village tree that was cut back in November by a contractor defacing Village property. Kevin Weller stated that the Police department made a report.

Ed stated that he felt that the Public Works department is butchering the trees around 220th Street West to East. Ed also stated that the employees should not be wearing earphones while operating a chipper; it is dangerous. Mayor Towers referred this to DH Weller.

DH Weller stated that this is normal practice to cut the trees back; when the leaves grow it will not appear so noticeable.

Dorothy Robinson asked who is responsible for cleaning the area between 394 and Sauk Trail; it looks terrible. DH Weller restated that post winter clean up will begin soon.

Dorothy stated that the apartments on Jeffrey look terrible also and asked who is responsible for cleaning the yards. Mayor Towers stated that is private property and with the snow melting there is a need for clean up everywhere. Trustee Hanks stated that every year there is a push with scouts, churches, Village employees and other volunteers to help clean up the Village. Trustee Hanks stated that the Community Development department will begin issuing tickets to the owners of those properties (there are new owners for the Jeffrey Apartments.) Trustee Anderson asked if enforcement is state mandated.

Ed Shankel stated that there should be an ordinance for lights on bikes- it has caused the death of three people (not in Sauk Village). Ed also asked for clarification on the shoplifting ordinance. Trustee Myers asked that Ed meet with the Police Chief regarding the lights on bikes issue and stated that he is continuing to work with the shoplifting ordinance.

Trustee Williams stated that if a Trustee has more than one committee then more than one report will be needed for Student Government Day.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, MARCH 16, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

A quorum was present.

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update-Village Finances- Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.

b. Municipal Funds Update- Brunetta-Hill Corley- Chief of Staff

Ms. Gibson stated that upon reconciling 15 of the 22 bank accounts there appears to be a lot of revenue, expenditures and transfers of funds that have not been recorded. At this time, the State of Illinois owes Sauk Village at least \$257,000.00 in income tax (which may not be received during this budget cycle). Ms. Gibson is also working with Kane, McKenna on computing reimbursable administrative expenses due from the TIF's. COS Corley stated that accounts have not been reconciled since last year and there is no final accounting of funds at this time, however, funds are available to cover the proposed accounts payables of March 23, 2010 which leaves five checks remaining on hold from 2009 for a total of \$142,000.00 and unpaid invoices of 2010 in the amount of \$212,041.28. Going forward checks will only be printed as they are set up for payment. Trustee Hanks suggested that partial payments be made on the outstanding 2009 invoices. COS Corley stated that the revenues will be presented after the bank reconciliations are complete.

Trustee Burgess questioned the TIF payment to Gonzalez & Associates. COS Corley explained the structure of the payment. Trustee Burgess asked if TIF money can be used to upgrade the TIF properties before they expire. Mayor Towers directed Village Attorney Vasselli to research this further.

2. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Approving an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Pre- Application for Loan Assistance for Drinking Water Facilities for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Village Attorney Vasselli stated that the pre-application was prepared by Robinson Engineering to apply for a low interest loan through the IEPA for the purpose of bringing in Lake Michigan water. The loan could be between \$10,000,000.00 and \$12,000,000.00. Bringing well three back on line, capping well three or beginning a new well were discussed as alternatives to Lake Michigan water. The Board asked what other alternatives are available. Additional costs could be incurred which include possibly replacing infrastructure. Trustee Hanks was concerned that all of the necessary facts were not presented to the Board at this time, such as, the total cost and scope of the project, the percentage rate and payments of the loan and whether the Village could afford another drain on the finances. Village residents need to be considered and a referendum would need to be in place before any final loan application. This ordinance should state that this is preliminary and non binding. Further research will be conducted and the Board will receive updated information in their Friday packet. The loan pre-application deadline is March 31, 2010. Sauk Village would be first in line due to

the current contamination of well #3. The IEPA is expecting the Village to show an attempt to improve the quality of the drinking water. The Board also asked for an update from K+ who was asked to work with the contamination issues and the capping of well #3.

b. A Resolution to Authorize a Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This resolution refers to TIF Certificate #76.

3. Bud's Ambulance Rate Changes

COS Corley stated that Bud's Ambulance has submitted a notice stating that they are putting in a rate increase effective April 1, 2010. The last increase the Village has on file is from 2005. Trustee Myers stated that residents would be required to pay no less than \$1,000.00 for a base ALS transport. Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that any amount not picked up by insurance will be charged to the resident. Chief Stofreggen stated that the Village could provide the residents with ambulance service for approximately \$18,000.00 or less per year more than what Bud's Ambulance charges by employing paramedic firefighters. Mayor Towers questioned the availability of equipment. Chief Stoffregen stated that an outside company would provide the ambulance and other equipment and coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days a week which includes a certified paramedic and an EMT, insurance, bonding and the billing services; the fire truck would be paid off in three years. Our portion would decrease according to collections. The Village has not provided their own ambulance service for approximately 10 years due to staffing issues. The Board wants to meet with Bud's ambulance; rates should be negotiated. Chief Stoffregen will also provide a written proposal on the other company. Currently Bud's Ambulance covers Sauk Village and surrounding towns. An ambulance may need to be called in from another town as needed. The in house ambulance would stay in Sauk Village and Mutual Aid would be called in if the ambulance is the process of another call. Other local municipalities work with this company and follow this procedure. COS Corley will invite Bud's Ambulance to the next committee meeting. Further discussion of the in house ambulance and possible referendum will also be addressed at another time.

4. Comments and Questions from Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is next Tuesday. Department heads are needed to help transport the students. Pictures will be taken with student counterparts at 6:15 pm. Student Government Day dinner tickets are \$10.00. The ticket deadline is Friday. Students and one family member are complimentary. Trustees who contributed to the event will also receive one complimentary ticket. This is a self funded event; no Village funds are required. The down payment has been given to the caterer leaving a balance of \$575.00 in the Public Relations checking account. Anticipated contributions and ticket sales should cover all Student Government Day expenses. Trustee Williams thanked everyone for their help with the fundraising.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee is currently working on the LOIS program. Trustee Burgess will be working with COS Corley to obtain updated Sauk Village information. Trustee Burgess is trying to improve the appearance of Sauk Village in order to attract new business to the area. The committee is continuing to work with Behr Paint to donate paint to the local churches, schools and the municipality. Phase Two will include Village residents.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee invites everyone to save the date of Saturday, August 3, 2010 for Olde School Night at 6 pm at the Senior Center. The Senior Committee will sell water at the upcoming NACA Workshop.

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA Workshop is Saturday, March 20th from 9 am – noon at the Village Hall. Registration is done online at www.naca.com and could be limited to 500 registrants. Public Works will set up chairs; local churches and schools will loan us additional chairs. Trustee Hanks asked that all Village vehicles be moved from the premises to accommodate the visitors. Flyers are available. Trustee Hanks stated that items listed under personnel for executive session should pertain to contracts, employee salaries and other items relating to a particular person. Discussions concerning changes to departments or bringing on additional manpower should be conducted in open meetings. Trustee Hanks will ask that these discussions be moved to an open meeting if brought up in executive session.

Trustee Benson thanked Kevin Weller and Public Works for installing the sign for the Sauk Village Seminoles football program. Trustee Benson stated that the committee for 80th District State Representative Anthony DeLuca met on March 12th at the Village Hall to discuss issues with South Suburban park districts and parks and recreation. Recent changes to the laws and other Parks and Recreation Committee information will be submitted next week.

Trustee Myers will present two ordinances for review at the next committee meeting. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

5. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose was glad to hear that more details will be presented on the ambulance. Rose is concerned about what we are asking for in terms of the water.

Pat Couch is interested in the average response time for Bud's Ambulance, a record of how often they get lost on the way to a call and where they are stationed. Fire Chief Stoffregen stated they are stationed in or near Sauk Village. Pat said to take this in consideration.

Mike Brown asked for clarification on the Mutual Aid for ambulance calls. Chief Stoffregen stated that Mutual Aid responds upon call.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matters of personnel and litigation. Trustee Myers made a motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess. All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

7. Executive Session

- a. Discuss Personnel Matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2010)**
- b. Discuss Probable or Imminent Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11)(2010)**

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams
Submitted 8-6-10

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 **MARCH 23, 2010.**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

1a. Call to Order

Mayor Towers/ Charles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers/ Charles led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1c. Roll Call

Mayor Towers/ Charles asked Village Clerk Williams/Stevenson to call the roll.

On roll call by Village Clerk Williams/ Stevenson

Present: **Trustees Wharton** (Hanks), **Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson), **Johnson** (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. March 2, 2010 – Special Meeting

b. March 2, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers/Charles asked for a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated March 2, 2010.

Trustee Wharton (Hanks) - "So Moved "

Mayor Towers/ Charles – Can I have a Second?

Trustee Williams (R. Williams) "Second"

On roll call by Village Clerk Williams/ Stevenson

Ayes: **Wharton** (Hanks), **Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson),

Johnson (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Towers/Charles asked for a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 2, 2010.

Trustee McGee (Burgess) – "So Moved"

Mayor Towers/Charles – Can I have a Second

Trustee Davis (Anderson) – "Second"

On roll call by Village Clerk Williams/Stevenson

Ayes: **Wharton** (Hanks), **Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson),

Johnson (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Chief of Staff – Ms. Briana Lee /Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley
Madame Mayor and Corporate Board of Authorities

I am proud to report that I was not placed behind bars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In lieu of me not being taken prisoner, my husband (Rico Corley) stood in for me. I would like to thank him for doing so and he was able to post my bail in the amount of \$250.00. Over \$40,000.00 was raised in this event.

The MDA Lock-up would like to thank all elected and appointed officials for attending and look forward to seeing you next year.

A communication was received from Evelyn Sterling (Community Relations Coordinator) from the community of Park Forest. Ms. Sterling is a committee member on the Diversity Dinners committee. This is a south suburban committee that is reaching out across the municipalities looking to bring residents together throughout the region to celebrate its rich diversity.

The Diversity Dinners bring people of different races and ethnicities, religions, lifestyles and ages together to share a meal, discuss their common goals, understand their differences, address misperceptions and offer solutions to strengthen their communities.

All the details about this event have been placed on a flyer, which has been placed on the table in the back of the council chamber.

This concludes my report.

b. Village Clerk – Ms. Kelley Stevenson/ Mrs. Debbie Williams
Madame Mayor

Animal licenses go on sale April 1, 2010. Current animal licenses expire on April 30, 2010. The cost is \$15.00. If the dog or cat is spayed or neutered the cost is \$7.00.

Sauk Village vehicle stickers go on sale May 3, 2010. Current Village stickers expire at midnight on June 30, 2010. Late fees and tickets will be issued after June 30th. The cost is \$25.00. One senior per household is entitled to a \$20.00 discount. Other prices could vary.

Finally, I would like to recognize Mr. Anthony Shabazz from the Illinois Census Bureau. Mr. Shabazz and Mr. Kerry Dean are doing a great job of bringing information and trinkets to the Village to alert our residents of the importance of standing up to be counted during the 2010 Census.

This concludes my report.

c. Village Treasurer – Mr. Jacob French /Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

The Treasurer's position is appointed by the Mayor. The Village Treasurer is considered the custodian of all Municipality funds along with the Policemen and Firemen's Pension Investments.

The Village Treasurer has a mission to safeguard and efficiently manage public funds while providing the highest level of service.

This concludes my report.

d. Village Attorney – Ms. Brianna Hemp/ Attorney Jimmy Vasselli
Thank you Madame Mayor

As the Village Attorney, I help the Village with a variety of different projects, ranging from drafting ordinances that become the law of the Village to helping solve conflicts between the Village and other people. Drafting ordinances and resolutions is an important part of my job because these documents are the tools that the Mayor and Board of Trustees use to authorize the actions of the Village and its employees. I also review all of the contracts that the Village enters into to make sure that the rights of the Village are protected. An example of a type of contract

that I regularly review is an employment contract, which spells out the responsibilities and job benefits of employees of the Village.

This concludes my report.

e. Village Engineer – Ms. Anna Berglund/ Mr. Jim Czarnik

Thank you Madame Mayor

You have before you a pre-application for loan assistance for drinking water facilities. With the Board's approval, we will submit this pre-application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. With the IEPA's acceptance of the Village's application, Sauk Village will be prioritized and placed on a waiting list to obtain low interest loan funds for future potential improvements to the Village's water system.

This funding could be used to help make possible the water infrastructure improvements necessary to obtain Lake Michigan water from an adjacent community, provide a second water main crossing under I-394 to ensure continuity of service to half of the Village and install water main loops to eliminate dead ends in the system.

This concludes my report.

f. Mayor's Report – Mayor Lewis Towers/ Pamela Charles

I had the pleasure of working with Meals on Wheels on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in the handing out of over 20 meals to the seniors in the Village of Sauk Village.

The VISTA program is still going strong in the Community Center. The program is still accepting all clothing donations.

Respond Now is still handing out food baskets in the Community Center on Tuesdays from 10 am- 12 pm.

This concludes my report.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

a. Senior Citizens Committee – Trustee Zamira Davis /Trustee Anderson

Madame Mayor, the report for the Senior Committee consists of the following:

The Senior Committee met on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Senior Center. The following is a list of agenda items that were discussed.

1. An evaluation of the second Chili Cook off was completed. Again, congratulations to the winners and the best chili cooks were: First Place- Delores Randall (the second year in a row), Second Place- Gigi Austin and Third Place tie- Jessie Boswell and Nadine Morgan.
2. The Senior Committee will be sponsoring a new activity, Ole School Night, with a kick off on Saturday, April 3, 2010 6pm- 11:00 pm featuring music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. So, save the date of April 3rd on your calendar. Mr. Larry Stewart will be one of the contact persons of this event.
3. A survey was completed by Trustee Anderson for the University of Illinois Chicago for seniors to participate in a study on the treatment of osteoarthritis. The committee will be notified about it's acceptance in the study by the end of June, 2010.
4. Our next senior quarterly event is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2010. Save the date. Free Movie Monday at the McConathy Public Library is every second Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. Join us on April 12, 2010 for "Patch Adams", May 10, 2010 for "Drill Bit Taylor" and June 14, 2010 for "Mamma Mia". Refreshments will be served. Seniors - come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offerings social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. The clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities for seniors are:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm. The club is sponsoring Line Dance instructions.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

There will be no Jam Session April 4, 2010 because it's Easter Sunday.

Ceramic Classes meets every Wednesday at 8:00 am- 12 noon. The cost is \$5.00 per week.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.

Sauk Village Senior Committee invites all seniors to come and join us at our next meeting which is held every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. If you're a citizen that likes to be creative in planning activities for other seniors in our community we welcome your input.

Madame Mayor this concludes my report.

b. Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Tiarney Johnson (Trustee Benson)

Thank you Madame Mayor.

The Sauk Village Easter Egg Scramble will be held Saturday, March 27th 2010 in the Edward Paesel Center, coordinated by Ms. Nancy Baker, Parks and Recreation/Youth Services committee member with assistance from the members of the Parks and Recreation's committee. The Easter Egg Scramble will start promptly at 1pm. There will be 3 age groups, 0 to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

For this event, there will be 2,500 Easter Eggs packed with candy and a toy, and 12 of the eggs will have inside of it, a winning ticket for a well packed Easter basket donated by the Village Chief of Staff (Ms. Brunetta Hill Corley) and assembled by Ms. Nancy Baker. Thank you, Chief of Staff for your donation.

Townsend's Photo Company will be taking pictures of all youth who wish to take photos with the Easter Bunny and the 2009 Mr. and Ms. Sauk Village Pageant winners. There will be 3x5's for \$5 and 5x7's for \$10. Family set ups will be at the request of the family. Parks and Recreation is looking for a male or female to take the role of the Easter Bunny. If interested please contact Trustee Benson at 708-753-5130. Due to the Easter Egg Scramble, Friday's basketball practice and Saturday's tournament will be cancelled.

Thank you Madame Mayor. That concludes my report.

c. Housing Commissioner – Trustee Symone Wharton /Trustee Hanks

Thank you Madame Mayor.

On Saturday March 20th, the Sauk Village Housing Authority in conjunction with NACA (Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America) hosted a Purchase / Home Save workshop for South Suburban residents here at the Village Hall. The event is being applauded as a success and there is already talk of another workshop in the near future. There were over 800 in attendance which participated in both the Purchase and the Home Save portions of the workshop. The Village Hall side was filled with those looking to save their homes and the senior side was filled with residents looking to purchase homes. This type of workshop was desperately needed in the South Suburbs due to the economic down turn that we have faced over the last 10 years. This event could not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of Commissioners David Chick, John Poskin and Colleen Baughman.

I would like to personally thank everyone else that assisted to make an event of this size a success. It takes a lot of help to put on something of this size and as always our community stepped up to the plate. The following individuals and departments also assisted in making sure this event ran smoothly:

Mayor Lewis Towers, the Board of Trustees, Village Clerk Williams, Chief of Staff Corley, the Public Works Department, ESDA and the Police Department.

In addition, we would also like to thank the senior citizens of Sauk Village for allowing the Housing Authority to use their side of the Village Hall for this event.

Thank you Madame Mayor. This ends my report.

d. Ordinance Review Committee – Trustee Amber Taylor /Trustee Myers

Thank you Madame Mayor. I have a brief report tonight.

The ordinance committee met March 17th at 7pm. We tabled the ordinance on retail theft because our law firm advised us that we are not a home rule community so we cannot enforce our own ordinance. However, the state has an ordinance we can use, so it will be passed on to the Police Department.

An ordinance will be presented to the trustees at the next committee meeting for their approval. It is an ordinance allowing the Fire Chief and his designated inspectors the ability to write citations for fire code violations.

One final note, we are short members on the ordinance committee. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee please contact Mr. Myers.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

e. Economic Development Committee – Trustee Emilicia McGee /Trustee Burgess

The Economic Development Committee's mission is to promote business investment and job creation for our town. Our goal is to gain broad-based support from our local government as well as our local businesses and companies to jumpstart our economic recovery and start preparing for our town's future economic existence. We have set three tasks that will form the foundation of our mission: They are:

1. **Beautify existing commercial properties** to generate interest and pride with our local residents. By asking our existing businesses to clean up both inside and outside of their places, this will encourage new businesses to want to come to Sauk Village. To kick-off the beautification mission, the Economic Development Committee has asked Behr Paint to donate paint to our school district, religious institutions and our Community Center. Once this is completed, our next donation drive will be to residents to help them spruce up their homes during the spring.
2. **Post Sauk Village's profile on national websites.** This will help both commercial, retail and housing developers match their potential growth needs with our town's assets. The Economic Development Committee is currently working with our own Chief of Staff and regional experts who are helping us to achieve this task.
3. **Promote a positive image of Sauk Village.** Our goal is to only publish positive articles and advertisements about our town's existing housing, business opportunities and

community affairs to local newspapers and websites. Once our town's residential, commercial and retail statistics are published, the Economic Development Committee can continue with its mission to secure more businesses and jobs for its residents.

f. Public Relations Committee – Trustee Sydni Williams /Trustee Williams

Thank you Madame Mayor.

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for updating the web site and the Sauk Talk, planning Student Government Day and hosting an annual appreciation for employees and volunteers. The website is updated weekly with new agendas and minutes and the Sauk Talk is produced every two months.

This time of year is always very busy for the Public Relations Committee. There is a lot of stuff to do to prepare for Student Government Day. This year presented some new challenges that made the committee reorganize the way we normally handle things. All of the items needed for Student Government Day, including the sound system we have tonight, were paid for by funds raised by the committee.

I would like to take this time to thank our sponsors and all department heads who helped with transportation today, Public Works for setting up this room, the 2010 Census committee for providing gifts for the winners and everyone who has helped put tonight and the dinner tomorrow night together.

We have been working on a few other things worth mentioning as well. The March Sauk Talk has been postponed until the end of this week. The Public Relations Committee wanted to include the NACA event held last Saturday by the Housing Authority Commission, as well as, information and pictures from tonight's event.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board for their support of this year's Student Government Day, as well as, their support for the Proclamation later on tonight. When the Public Relations Committee suggested this proclamation and requested that it be read at Student Government Day the Board agreed it was a good idea.

Thank you Madame Mayor. That ends my report.

g. 2010 Census Update – Mr. Jimmie Sykes /COS Brunetta Hill-Corley

Census 2010 Report

The Census stand up and be counted committee has been quite busy. The 2010 Census ballots should be in your home. 10 questions, 10 minutes, please complete the form so that the Village of Sauk Village can be in receipt of any and all Federal FUNDS that are needed in order to continue to provide the services that are needed.

Three Questions and Answer Center has been established in the Village of Sauk Village. The purpose of this center is to assist residents with the completion of the Census Ballot. The center locations are:

*Community Center (located behind the Police Station)

*Sauk Village Fire Station

* Emmanuel Church

A census representative will be present at either of the above three sites to offer any assistance needed in the completion of the Census ballot. The hours of the center is still yet to be determined, and the tentative dates are March 22 – April 19, 2010. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates to the services at the above listed sites.

Sauk Village, Stand Up and be Counted in the 2010 United States Census.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Police Department – Police Chief Deja Dorsey/ Police Chief Martin

The Chief of Police is responsible for the public safety of all citizens that reside in the Village of Sauk Village. The Police Chief is to make sure that the patrolmen respond promptly.

The Chief of Police is responsible for traffic and animal control in the Village. In addition to all of the services that are being rendered by the Police Department, the Chief of Police is to respond promptly to citizen's complaints and concerns. Finally, the Chief of Police will continue to pay close attention to our seniors and the youth of Sauk Village.

b. Fire Department – Fire Chief Ryann Johnson /Fire Chief Stoffregen

My report to you will include the following: Status of equipment, personnel and training.
Equipment

I am pleased to report the new engine obtained in February, Engine 5101, and has been in service and responding to calls for several weeks now. We have made great strides in obtaining the necessary funding to properly equip this engine. We have had great support from the village and businesses to better equip our apparatus. As a continuing effort, the rest of our apparatus continues to be maintained on a regular basis.

Personnel

Because of his hard work and dedication to the Sauk Village Fire Department, we have promoted Lt. Russ Staley to the rank of Captain effective the end of February. We have also placed two firefighters in the position of acting Lieutenant. We feel that these two individuals will prove themselves through experience and education.

Training

Our weekly Tuesday training continues to provide ongoing classroom lectures as well as extensive hands on training. Participation has been very good. We continue to train with firefighters from the surrounding towns in an effort to promote continued support and excellent working relationships. We also have several firefighters continuing their education and development through college course study.

Thank you Madame Mayor. This concludes my report.

c. Public Works Department – Ms. Opeyemi Fanoiki /Mr. Weller

Thank you Madame Mayor.

Our first scheduled street sweeping for 2010 will begin on Monday, April 19. Residents are reminded that local ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm during the day of your garbage pick up.

The first scheduled hydrant flushing will be on the south side of town. This area is located south of Sauk Trail and west of Torrence Avenue extending to Deer Creek. Flushing will begin at 11:00 pm and continue through the morning of April 6 until the area has been completed. Residents should refrain from washing light colors for 24 to 36 hours after flushing.

That concludes my report.

d. Community Development Department – Ms. Shonta Baker /Ms. Jasinski

The Community Development Department will be starting our yearly property maintenance program, which includes street by street and house by house inspections of any exterior violations on homes as well as businesses.

With spring approaching we are expecting a high amount of inoperable autos as well as debris and garbage in front of homes and businesses. We are aggressively working to get these problems corrected with warnings and tickets.

We are asking that all residents and business owners make sure they keep the outside of their properties neat and clean. A clean and maintained property not only makes you look good but also keeps our community looking good.

e. Finance and Administration Department – Mr. Lance McGavock /Gonzalez & Associates, P.C. (interim)

Thank you Madame Mayor.

Financial Report for 3/23/2010

Continued reconciliation of Village of Sauk Village 28 bank accounts.

Continued updating of the General Ledger with unreported revenues on Village's accounting system.

Worked with State Comptrollers office to resolve issues with outstanding Local Income Tax disbursements, was notified that funds will be received within 90 -100 days.

Worked with State Comptrollers office regarding fiscal year October 31, 2010.

Worked with Vanessa from Amalgamated Bank and Mary Thompson from Kane, McKenna and Associates regarding "Officers Certificate" for General Fund reimbursements from TIF for fiscal year 2010.

This concludes my report.

f. Emergency Services and Disaster Agency – Ms. Arbriel Smith /Interim Director Mr. Darnall

Thank you Mayor and Board of Trustees.

With the coming of spring, we should be aware of severe weather outbreaks. ESDA has several trained weather spotters and will be called out for any severe weather. Residents should be aware of siren warnings for any severe weather. Our siren system is tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 am.

g. 9-1-1 Board – Ms. Portia Cannamore /Fire Chief Stoffregen

I represent the 911 Board for the Village of Sauk Village. The 911 Board is made up of representatives from the Sauk Village emergency service agencies. It was established to comply with Illinois state law to manage the Village's 911 phone system.

A portion of the one dollar 911 surcharge that residents pay on their phone bill comes from back to the 911 Board. This money is strictly used to maintain and upgrade the Sauk Village emergency dispatch equipment. The law is very specific about how this money can be spent. No salaries are paid from this fund.

Regular duties of Board members include filing an annual report to the state's attorney's office, keeping track of all cell phone carriers servicing our area and maintaining the separate bank account that 911 funds go into.

h. Human Relations Commission – Ms. Yasmeen Lewis /Ms. Sterrett

Thank you Madame Mayor.

The Human Relations Commission presented two deserving Sauk Village residents with Sauk Arrow awards for their many donated hours to the community. Jennifer Chandler received the Junior Sauk Arrow Award and Darrick (Lil D) Thompson received the Sauk Arrow Award at the February 22nd Board meeting.

Members of the Human Relations Commission will be attending this year's Diversity Dinners that celebrate the cultural richness of the Southland. These dinners will be held on April 22nd at various locations throughout the south suburbs. The Human Relations Commission is also in the process of planning another job fair to be held late summer or early fall.

That concludes my report.

i. Police Alliance Committee – **Mr. Daylen Hubbard/** Trustee Anderson

Madame Mayor, the Police Alliance Committee report is as follows:

The Committee met last Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm here at the Municipal Center. A recruitment plan was developed. We want your participation.

Mission statement:

Assisting the police department with retention of officers and funding research.

Developing two way information sharing with open communication and advocacy and education. Create a safe and productive environment for the community. Build a positive identity and image for the police department.

The committee is planning to participate in the National Night Out this year which will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. The final competition and prizes of the “that’s your mama” contest will be awarded. The village will be divided into the sections and citizens will be encouraged to participate as we provide crime prevention information. Therefore, the attack on crime will have a more localized approach.

This committee continues to reach out for more citizen participation in rendering support and assistance to the Sauk Village Police Department. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings every third Tuesday of the month here at the Municipal Center.

Madame Mayor this will end my report.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There are no items on the Consent Agenda

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- a. An Ordinance Approving an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Pre-Application for Loan Assistance for Drinking Water Facilities for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois
Mayor Towers/ Charles asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Tiarney Johnson: “So Moved “

Trustee Amber Taylor: “Second”

Mayor Towers/Charles: Village Clerk Please Call the Roll

Village Clerk Williams/ Stevenson:

Ayes: Wharton (Hanks), **S. Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson) Johnson, (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)

Nays: None

Motion carried

- b. A Resolution to Authorize a Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (TIF Draw # 76)
Mayor Towers/Charles asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Amber Taylor: “So Moved”

Trustee Symone Wharton: “Second”

Mayor Towers/Charles: Village Clerk Please Call the Roll

Village Clerk Williams/Stevenson:

Ayes: Wharton (Hanks), **S. Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson), **Johnson** (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)
Nays: None

Motion carried

8. New Business

- a. Accounts Payable and Disbursements
* October 13, 2009 – February 23, 2010
* March 1, 2010 – March 23, 2010
Mayor Towers/ Charles asked for a Motion to Approve.
Trustee Sydni Williams: “So Moved”
Trustee Emilicia McGee: “Second”

Mayor Towers/ Charles: Village Clerk Please Call the Roll

Village Clerk Williams/Stevenson:
Ayes: Wharton (Hanks), **S. Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson), **Johnson** (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)
Nays: None

Motion carried

- b. **Mayor Towers/Charles** – Reading of Proclamation for the Rickover Junior High Basketball team.
Mayor Towers/Charles requested that the Rickover Basketball Coach and Team Members step forward and read the proclamation.

Mayor Towers/Charles asked for a motion to approve the proclamation.
Trustee Sydni Williams: “So Moved”
Trustee Emilicia McGee: “Second”

Mayor Towers/Charles: Village Clerk Please Call the Roll

Village Clerk Williams/Stevenson:
Ayes: Wharton (Hanks), **S. Williams** (R. Williams), **McGee** (Burgess), **Davis** (Anderson), **Johnson** (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)
Nays: None

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees
Trustee Burgess thanked DH Kevin Weller and Public Works for a job well done in quickly handling the main break in Deer Creek yesterday. Trustee Burgess stated that all of the Student Government representatives did a fine job.
Trustee Williams thanked all of the Student Government Day essay winners and stated that this is the first year that all winners were present and that the meeting with very smoothly. Trustee

Williams thanked Public Works for setting up the meeting room and for taking the photos, and thanked the departments who helped with transportation today- ESDA, Police, Code Enforcement, Public Works and Fire.

Mayor Towers also thanked Public Works for their efforts and the Public Relations Committee for putting on tonight's affair. Mayor Towers also thanked the parents of all of the young people who participated; they did a fantastic job. Mayor Towers also commended the Rickover Junior High basketball team for their great season. Mayor Towers recognized Dr. Rudy Williams- Superintendent – School District 168, Scott Strong, Mr. Travellini, School Board President Arleta Bazile and School Board member Mary Howard.

Dr. Williams stated that the students did a great job; he looks forward to tomorrow night and encouraged the kids not to be nervous tomorrow. Dr. Williams thanked the Village for putting on this event; it is always good to showcase the children doing good things. Dr. Williams also stated that four years ago Rickover did not even have a basketball team and they did a great job this year. School district 168 has come a long way.

b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston stated that the Village Board has competition because the young people did a fantastic job.

John Dennis from the VFW and the American Legion reminded everyone that Monday, May 30, 2010 at 11:00 am there will be a service for the Veteran's at the St. James cemetery. The Boy Scouts will be participating in the ceremony. Everyone is welcome. There will be a 50/50 raffle. The VFW and American Legion will be placing a MIA flag in the Village. John asked Mayor Towers and Trustee Myers that he be placed on the next agenda to discuss a 4th of July parade for the Village. Anthony Shabazz from the US Census Bureau thanked Mayor Towers, COS Corley, VC Williams and all of the staff for helping to get the word out about the census. Anthony thanked the students for doing a fine job and stated that it is up to us to get the word out. He is confident that with these fine kids and their parents and the help of the Village residents Sauk Village will be well represented.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Towers/Charles asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Zamira Davis: "So Moved"

Trustee Tiarney Johnson: "Second"

Ayes: Wharton (Hanks), S. Williams (R. Williams), McGee (Burgess), Davis (Anderson),

Johnson (Benson), **Taylor** (Myers)

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, **APRIL 6, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update-Village Finances- Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.

b. Municipal Funds Update/ Internal Financial Controls- Brunetta-Hill Corley- Chief of Staff

Mayor Towers asked the Board to pay close attention to the Village finance update presentation; the Village is in serious trouble with finances. Mayor Towers asked that questions be held to the end.

Chief of Staff Corley has been working with the department heads, employees, Village Treasurer and interim Finance Department. Collectively, they came up with the following suggestions.

COS Corley stated that the actual receipts were not in line with the projection that had been previously approved by the Board. COS Corley stated that upon review it has been discovered that bank reconciliations have not been completed since April of 2009. The budget was not prepared with the proper percentages that were in line with the taxing revenue the Village would receive. The revenues being received can only assist with day to day operations that are forecasted and projected. If the Village does not look into increasing revenues, the Village cannot continue to operate day to day comfortably; we are beyond bare bones. COS Corley thanked the department heads and employees for their team effort as the village finances were discussed. The final financial perspective is in need of a major overhaul; a strategic economic development plan is needed. The employee manual states that due to changes to duties in an organization, lack of work or lack of funds reasonable efforts will have to be made to operate the Village effectively and efficiently. The finance office and the department heads are being asked to be proactive in their strategic planning of their financial budget.

As the finance office is forecasting and projecting how the expenditures are disbursed the Board needs to consider the following:

Increase of Village stickers, business licenses, contractor renewal fees and the utilization of Village facilities (these need to be organized and calendared with a cost). Revenues need to be increased.

Organize departments; could cause layoffs/part time work/ furlough days/comp time and overtime being cut more that it has.

Decrease the 100% medical coverage currently rendered.

Union contracts- reassess roles and responsibilities and possible salary adjustments.

Rewrite the tuition reimbursement plan-(none is being offered at this time) and training.

Need to increase fines on tickets, assess fees to building owners with vacant properties, inspection fees need to be added to the business license fees.

COS Corley stated that if the Village does not consider any or all of the above, the Village will not be able to make payroll or pay any medical expenses. COS Corley stated that the finance department has been working with Loop Capital (previous presentation made to the Board) to consider a possible loan to help work with day to day operations. This loan will be presented and supported with a capital project and a rebuild of the Village infrastructure and its water supply (Lake Michigan water and increasing the water per cubic feet is also a part of the equation.)

The revenue increases, possible reorganization and service cuts are all factors that will be used along with obtaining additional funds that allow the finance office to manage the Village.

COS Corley stated that the finance office is trying to amend the budget with actual numbers; department heads were asked to reestablish actual numbers that they need to run their department.

COS Corley stated that she will bulletize the financial story of the Village, present the capital project and work on the 5 year budget plan to solvency.

In closing, over the next week, financial figures are being gathered by department heads; available funds to pay for necessary expenses are also being reviewed. The following scenarios are possible-departmental reorganization, part time work force and a cost of opening the doors before lights and computers are turned on. Payroll and insurance alone is a cost of \$390,000.00 per month.

COS Corley asked if the Board could digest the information and send their questions or concerns via email; she will be prepared to respond at the next committee meeting. The budget does not reflect the correct projected revenue versus expenses. Errors from past years have been discovered.

Trustee Burgess asked for a copy of the above report. COS Corley will provide copies to the Board.

COS Corley stated that other municipalities are decreasing and reorganizing their workforce and increasing fees. Trustee Burgess stated that the home vacancies in the Village have affected the projected revenues. Trustee Burgess stated that other things can be considered rather than part time employees.

Trustee Williams asked how much worse is it now then it was in September when the situation was first brought to the Board; are we repainting the same picture. COS Corley stated that there was a brief influx of revenue from the working cash bond and property taxes; we are back to a deficit in payables amounting to \$586,000.00. The next revenue from taxes will be in December. Trustee Williams inquired why the budget was approved then ratified and is being ratified again. Interim Finance Director Gibson stated that the budget revenue projections were inflated. Ms. Gibson suggested expanding revenue, scale back services and project going forward how you want to proceed. Ms. Gibson stated that the cost of 1,000 gallons of water currently charged is lagging behind most communities. Increased rates are needed to support sewer and water infrastructure.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Village has lost businesses in the community and lost income from State, Federal and County; they are in the same position. Trustee Hanks stated that getting a loan is not the way to get out of debt. Trustee Hanks also stated that the Village residents are struggling; increasing fees to the residents is the wrong way to go. Trustee Hanks stated the Village needs to reevaluate where they are spending money, examine layoffs and other cutbacks rather than increase fees.

Mayor Towers stated that the finance department is bringing the outline to the attention of the Board; the Board should submit their suggestions to the finance department.

Trustee Anderson restated that payroll and other bills have been prioritized with the monies received but we were never above ground.

COS Corley stated that the prioritized billing has not been completed. All department heads have been asked to prioritize their invoices for payment. The final prioritized list will be presented to the Board for approval; money will be available to make those payments and payroll.

Trustee Burgess is still waiting for the information he requested previously regarding the amount of the law firm monthly payment. Trustee Burgess asked for a receipts and disbursements history for all committees who have checking accounts outside of the Accounts Payable from June 2009 through March 2010. COS Corley stated that she needs to be made aware of any necessary personnel needs when committees hold functions; the cost needs to be tracked- overtime needs to be avoided.

Trustee Hanks stated that when he was planning the NACA event he made several references at open meetings of the crowd that was expected. COS Corley stated that a set up plan needs to be provided prior to the set up.

Trustee Williams asked for more details regarding the plan for obtaining a loan with Loop Capital; is the loan dependent upon getting Lake Michigan water. A referendum will need to be brought before the residents; it has been voted down before due to the cost. There needs to be a more detailed explanation. Trustee Williams agreed with Trustees Hanks and Anderson that borrowing more money that the Village can't pay back is not smart.

COS Corley stated that the department heads are working on reorganization of their departments. No reorganization of the employees will be done without the Board's knowledge. State, Federal and general ordinances will be reviewed with regards to staffing. Trustee Hanks stated that there is a minimum Police Department staffing requirement by ordinance that was passed by referendum. Trustee Williams stated that layoffs in the departments will impact services; having one TCO is not practical due to the workload, there are more abandoned lots to be mowed by Public Works, part time police officers don't work, etc...

Trustee Anderson asked COS Corley to also provided information on how changing from a 12 month budget to an 18 month budget has affected the finances.

Mayor Towers suggested that the Board submit their suggestions to the finance department.

Trustee Hanks suggested using young people who need community service hours to wash the police cars.

Trustee Benson asked if there was anything that can be done outside of taxing the residents. Ms. Gibson stated that because the Village is not home rule you are limited to what you can do to increase revenues. The Village is and has been operating on a negative fund balance for years; borrowing from other funds. Layoffs are suggested.

2. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Fire Prevention Code)

Mayor Towers stated that this ordinance would allow the Fire Department inspector to write code violations. In the past, the code and police departments would have to be called out to fires to write tickets they did not

understand without direction from the fire department. Fire Chief Stoffregen will appoint 6 inspectors. On call firefighters will be paid while they are on call at their normal rate of pay. Trustee Burgess stated that “residents and property owners” needs to be removed from the verbiage of the ordinance. Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance will be reviewed and redrafted by the Ordinance Review Committee to include businesses and multi family units only and will be resubmitted to the Board at the next committee meeting. Trustee Myers also stated that the Fire Department gets called out after normal business hours where they need to call in other departments to issue citations. Trustee Hanks stated that the fire department can render a residence unsafe without issuing a ticket. Mayor Towers asked how other departments handle this situation. Trustee Myers stated that there is normally a Fire Marshall on staff.

b. An Ordinance Ratifying the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers stated that this ordinance is ratified annually. Trustee Hanks asked COS Corley to explain the ordinance. COS Corley stated that this ordinance refers to the intergovernmental agreement with Cook County that allows the police department to use the services of 911 for a cost. There is a surcharge for this service. Trustee Hanks asked if the fee went up. COS Corley stated that she would check on that. This will be placed on the agenda next week for approval.

c. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (ESDA)

Trustee Myers stated that COS Corley asked him to look into Ordinance 04-29; is not clear which department ESDA falls under; currently it states ESDA falls under both Police and Fire. This amendment would place ESDA under the Fire Department. ESDA Director Johnson stated that they prepare their own budget and paperwork. It was stated by a previous administration that ESDA would be on their own; no ordinance was written at the time. Trustee Anderson asked what the benefit would be to be under either department. Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that it would be accountability. Currently, ESDA does their own payroll and paperwork. The decision of the Board was to leave the ordinance as it is.

3. Request from Midway Building Supply for Additional Dumpsters

Mayor Towers stated that currently there are only two scavenger businesses allowed to do business with the Village. Midway Building Supply would like to also supply dumpsters. COS Corley presented a letter of interest to the Board. They will make a presentation at a future Board meeting if it is agreeable to the Board. Trustee Williams asked for a rate sheet. COS Corley stated that will be provided when they come. Trustee Myers stated according to Ordinance 00-05 it states that there is only two scavenger services allowed; Skyline and Allied hold those licenses. An amendment to the ordinance would be required if the Board agrees to allow Midway Building Supplies to provide dumpsters to the residents. Trustee Burgess asked if there is any type of agreement between Skyline and Allied (Groen). Village Clerk Williams stated that there are subsequent agreements after Ordinance 00-05 that may state exclusive rights and fees are paid for this right; research will be done before Midway is invited to make a presentation or before a decision can be made.

4. Comments and Questions from Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the contractual agreement between the Village and Gonzalez & Associates expired March 30th. Trustee Burgess asked if an executive session is needed to discuss any new terms; Gonzalez & Associates is still working past March 30th. COS Corley stated that an email was sent to the Board in reference to a new agreement. Trustee Burgess asked if there needs to be discussion and a vote accepting the new terms. Trustee Williams asked if anyone was hired to fill the Finance Director position. COS Corley stated that the deadline to apply was March 18, 2010; resumes have been received and will be reviewed by the committee. COS Corley is hoping to fill the position by the end of the month.

Trustee Myers inquired if there were any 2009 outstanding bills other than the ones listed for approval next week. COS Corley stated that the last of the 2009 bills will be paid upon approval of the next Accounts Payable; there will be no other bills outstanding from 2009.

Trustee Williams thanked everyone for their assistance with Student Government Day. The event was a great success; the kids enjoyed their day.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee sponsored Old School Night last Saturday in the Senior Center. Trustee Anderson thanked everyone for coming out, especially Larry Stewart who hosted the event, Mayor Towers, Village Clerk Williams, Trustee Burgess and all of the citizens who participated.

Trustee Anderson stated the senior movie this Monday at the library will be shown at 1 pm. The movie will be "Patch Adams". Refreshments will be served. The next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 5:30 pm. Seniors are encouraged to join the Senior Committee.

Trustee Hanks thanked everyone who participated in and supported the NACA workshop on March 20, 2010 particularly ESDA, the Mayor, the Village Board and everyone who helped set up. There was an overwhelming turnout of people looking to save their home or purchase a home. Several hundred people attended. Another workshop is being discussed; a larger facility will be considered. This is a great opportunity for South Suburban residents. Trustee Hanks stated that 2/3 of the homes in the Village are rental properties. These workshops encourage home ownership.

Trustee Benson thanked everyone who attended the Easter Egg Scramble. There were 2,500 Easter eggs distributed among three different age groups. Trustee Benson thanked the Parks & Rec Committee for their help, particularly Nancy Baker for coordinating the event and the Easter Bunny (Eunice Benson). The committee raised \$80.00 from selling photos with the Easter Bunny and the pageant winners.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee is Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The Ordinance Review Committee is looking for new members.

COS Corley reminded everyone that they should have received their Census ballots in their homes. There is a number to call if the ballot was not received. Census workers are on hand at the Community Center on Wednesdays and the library between March 19 and April 19th to assist residents in filling out the census form and answering related questions.

Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village has turned in 55% of the census forms. Mayor Towers asked everyone to encourage their friends and family to complete the census form. Another mailing will be going out and census workers will be going door to door.

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to join the Police Alliance Committee. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6pm. The Police Alliance Committee is looking at a new way to handle community policing.

Trustee Burgess recognized two boy scouts in the audience. Jon and Ian Ilg were present tonight to see the Village Board at work as part of requirements for a merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

Trustee Anderson asked everyone to keep Bloom Township Trustee Kevin Watson in their prayers after the loss of his sister.

5. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston stated that the attorney is always present; that is a big expense. Rose stated that we have an agreement with Skyline; it may cause a problem with resident scavenger service if another company is added. The Board stated that the discussion is concerning dumpsters only not residential scavenger service. Rose asked if there was an increase of fees for 911; the Board will look into that.

Pastor Perkins stated that the Board needs to work together. Pastor Perkins asked if Sauk Village is applying for stimulus money; she can't afford increases. Pastor Perkins stated that senior meetings should take place in the day time when seniors can get out. Pastor Perkins stated that her young people need a job. There needs to be a change.

Mike Brown, Sauk Village resident (and Police Officer outside of the Village) stated that the budget projections are a fantasy budget. Mike stated that warnings should be given rather than citations in a discretionary manner according to severity. Mike stated that other cost saving ideas need to be considered before cutting vital public services like police and fire- resident safety comes first; combining emergency services or salary decreases should be considered first. Mike stated he is a part time police officer and was somewhat offended by Trustee Williams' comment about part time officers. Mike said Sauk Village had part time police officers in the past but it did not work; part time officers need to be revisited. Mike stated that stringent background checks should be done. There is strength in numbers; quality is better than quantity.

Mike stated that ESDA supports Police and Fire. They are always directing traffic; they can stand alone.

Trustee Williams stated that it was not her intention to offend anyone. Trustee Williams stated she would prefer fulltime police officers.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON **APRIL 13, 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, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 16, 2010- Committee Meeting Meeting

Trustee Benson stated that he just received the minutes from his box and has not had a chance to read them and will abstain from approving the minutes. Village Clerk Williams stated that the minutes were placed in his box on Friday afternoon- his abstention will be noted.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010.

Trustee Myers 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

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

Chief of Staff Corley stated that the monthly department head meeting was held on the first Monday of April. The department heads are matching up vehicles to titles on file and working on their department budgets. COS Corley held a successful meeting with local businesses on April 8, 2010. COS Corley thanked DH Jasinski for assistance in setting up that meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to address the upkeep of the business properties. The business owners stated that cleanup does occur, some times 4 or more time a day, but the Village residents and youth need to take more pride in their community. The Village would like to thank the business owners for attending the meeting; quarterly meetings are anticipated. The businesses did request more police presence after hours to help curb break ins that are happening.

A lean hold has been placed on spending. The finance office is continuing to review the revenue and expenses of the Village. Reports are ongoing to assist us in accountable projections as the finances continue to be managed effectively and efficiently.

Trustee Burgess asked to be informed when the next meeting with the business will talk place. COS Corley will inform him.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie 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.

Village vehicle stickers will go on sale May 1st 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 are available for seniors, disabled vets and disabled persons (one per household).

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael has been working with the finance department to monitor finances for bill payment and payroll. The quarterly Police & Firemen Pension Board meeting was scheduled to take place April 21, 2010. There will be an election process for Police Pension Board positions.

3d. Village Attorney- Mr. Jimmy Vasselli

Village Attorney Vasselli has been working on various litigation, real estate and human resource matters.

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Jim Czarnik

VE Czarnik reported that cost estimates on the future road work are complete. There will be approximately six streets completed. VE Czarnik will meet with COS Corley and Public Works to firm up the project.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that drop off bins have been provided by the SSDMC and are located outside of the Village Hall. Donations of clothes and shoes are needed to help assist other families in need in the South Suburbs. The VISTA group is also taking donations for their closet. Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday in the Community Center. Mayor Towers met with Cook County Board candidate Toni Preckwinkle on Saturday. Discussion included youth violence, a need for a new South Suburban trauma center, public housing, jobs and whether or not south suburban health clinics and hospitals are in danger of being closed. Mayor Towers was pleased with her commitment to the issues.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart will hold a Town Hall meeting for Bloom Township residents on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Bloom Trail High School. Topics include youth violence, gangs and drugs in the community, empowerment and expungements. The Department of Public Health and the Department of Housing will also be represented. Contact 708/865-4917 for more information.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee met on April 8, 2010. A policy for use of the Senior Center was on the agenda for discussion. Trustee Anderson asked Mayor Towers and COS Corley to review the policy. Please forward ideas for activities for the senior population of the Village to Trustee Anderson. The next Senior Committee meeting will be May 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. Last Monday's Senior Movie at the library had 7 participants. Seniors are encouraged to attend Free Movie Monday on the second Monday of the month at the McConathy Public Library. Refreshments are served.

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

Trustee Benson stated that the 2009 pageant winners shared dinner with him and the Mayor on March 30, 2010 at Scrementi's Restaurant. The Easter Egg Scramble was held on March 22, 2010; over 100 kids attended. Photos with the Easter Bunny (Eunice Benson) and the pageant winners were available for purchase. Winning tickets were hidden in twelve Easter eggs in four different age brackets.

The Mister & Miss 2010 Sauk Village pageant flyers will be circulating within the next two weeks. The boxing program has been temporarily halted due to the absence of a contractual agreement and will resume as soon as a contractual agreement is in place.

Trustee Benson will have a full report about the basketball program at the next Board meeting.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that there will be no meeting of the Housing Authority Commission in April due to vacations and work schedules.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Board reviewed the Fire Fighters Inspectors ordinance and sent it back for further review. The Ordinance Review Committee will be resubmitting this ordinance at a later date. Trustee Myers is working with the Building Department regarding the house on Talandis which is now unsafe due to a past fire. The mortgage company has been located. Trustee Myers asked Mayor Towers to kindly direct a letter to the mortgage company with regards to the unsafe conditions. The committee is also reviewing fines for possible increases. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. New members are encouraged to attend or contact Trustee Myers.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The topics include updating Village information for the LOIS web site. A

representative from South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association will be in attendance to help start that process.

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

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee did not meet last week due to her illness but will meet next Wednesday at 7pm in the Village Hall. As requested, all Board members should have received the updated detailed version of all income and expenses from the Student Government Day fundraisers. A final version will be approved at next week's Public Relations Committee meeting. There is a surplus; some expenses are still outstanding, such as, a proposed donation to St. James Church for the use of the hall; the committee will vote on that item next week.

Trustee Hanks asked if the expenditures for Student Government Day were placed on the Accounts Payable for approval. Trustee Williams stated that these expenses occurred during the time that a new policy is being discussed by the Board; no policy has been set in place yet. Trustee Hanks stated that these expenses should be placed on the Accounts Payable to be voted on after the fact. Any Village expenses should be passed through Accounts Payable for checks and balances.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley stated that to date 57% of census ballots have been turned in. Sauk Village will host a "March to the Mailbox" rally at Sauk Plaza from 1pm- 3 pm on Saturday. Refreshments, T-shirts, hats and other trinkets will be distributed. Sauk Village continues to Stand Up to Be Counted in the 2010 Census.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Police Chief Martin

Police Chief Martin reported on the status of the Police Department. Chief Martin stated that old bills have been paid and the department is moving forward. The Police Department is becoming more accessible to the residents. Chief Martin invited Sauk Village citizens to visit him. Trustees have provided input on goals for the department. The new administration encourages sensitivity- give it time. Keeping the citizens safe is the first priority.

5b. Fire Department: Deputy Chief Atwood

Captain Atwood stated that Cook County has received several million dollars in disaster relief with regards to flooding that occurred due to storms in September and October of 2008. Money is available. The information is in the current Southland Voice. Questions can also be directed to the Fire Station at 708/758-2225.

Captain Atwood reminded everyone who will be self-digging their spring gardens to call JULIE first to check for underground wires. This is a free service.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated the yearly clean up project has started. Resident volunteers did help last weekend and when they came back a few days later they were not happy to see the way it was.

The first street sweeping will start April 19, 2010. Residents are reminded not to park on the street on garbage pick up day. Grass cutting has begun at Village Hall, parks, etc...DH Weller asked residents to be patient due to the fact that the department is shorthanded. Priority is the Village properties, vacant lots and then vacant homes. Landscaping projects will continue if funds allow. The Water Department is completing their hydrant flushing; some hydrants needed repairs. There are several water projects including main replacements and sewer inspections ongoing.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski informed the residents of an upcoming workshop called "Keep your Home" that 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.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: No report-absent

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Director Johnson

DH Johnson stated that this is storm weather. Residents should pay close attention to storm warnings and alarms. Trustee Myers asked if the ESDA Department still handles the tornado alarm. DH Johnson stated that

ESDA alerts the Police Department and the steady 3 minute alarm sounds. DH Johnson will check on the most up to date information on the length of time the alarm rings for the tornado and what the all clear signal is.

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

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett- No report

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee met today at 6 pm. Trustee Anderson stated that people are encouraged to join the Police Alliance Committee. The mission of the Police Alliance Committee is to establish open communication and act as a liaison with the Police Department and residents, as well as, looking into safety. Focus groups are planned community wide with selected individuals with regards to crime prevention. Interested participants should contact the Village Hall. The committee is also preparing for summer activities including the National Night Out program on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Ratifying the Execution of the Intergovernment Agreement with Cook County Emergency Telephone System for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 7a.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

September 8, 2009

January 26, 2010- February 23, 2010

March 24, 2010- April 13, 2010

Trustee Benson inquired about vendor number 1016 – South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association in the amount of \$838.30.

Mayor Towers stated that is a membership for SSMMA for the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Benson asked what the SSMMA is providing for the Village.

Mayor Towers stated that various information regarding grants and other valuable resources come from that membership.

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

Trustee Benson made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

(After the vote) Trustee Burgess inquired what month the amount listed for Gonzalez & Associates (on the last page of the Payables) is for. COS Corley stated that is for March.

Trustee Williams stated that she would like to make a motion to ask for an executive session for personnel under new business after item 8b.

Village Attorney Vasselli clarified that there will be no action taken. Trustee Williams stated that there will be no action taken. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Hanks stated that the motion should be stated after 8c. Trustee Williams withdrew her motion and Trustee Myers withdrew the second to the motion.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked if all of the items under Accounts Payables will be paid. COS Corley stated that they will all be paid; a list of payables being held is separate.

Trustee Burgess welcomed Art Johnson back to the Board meetings.

Trustee Hanks stated that he would like to add an item on the agenda for next week's committee meeting for cost saving initiatives; part of which will include an official hiring freeze, review cutting or eliminating certain services and summer hours.

Trustee Williams thanked everyone again for their sponsorships. The event was a great success and was fully self-funded thanks to the donations from local businesses, elected officials, service providers and residents.

Trustee Williams thanked the members of the Public Relations committee who worked hard to raise the money to fund the event as an alternative to cancelling the event due to lack of funds. Trustee Williams stated that two winners mistakenly were found reading an essay that did not belong to them. Student Government essay participants have always, in the 36 year history of Student Government Day, been asked to put their name, address, phone number and school in the upper right hand corner of the essay. Upon receipt of the essays, Trustee Williams would number the essays and remove the personal information for anonymity.

Rickover Junior High changed the procedure adding ID numbers rather than names causing delays in notifying the winners and causing two winners to be misidentified. These two winners were not properly recognized. A meeting is planned with the Rickover administration to find out why the procedure was changed and to identify the students. The Public Relations Committee plans on inviting these students to a future Board meeting for recognition and to read their essays once they are identified.

Trustee Myers stated that the Public Relations Committee did an outstanding job with Student Government Day. The kids always look forward to this event. Trustee Myers invited residents to contact Trustees with any questions. The Mayor has an open door policy, too. What are your thoughts?

9b. Questions from the Audience

Rose Langston mentioned that prior to the May Senior Movie on May 10th there will be a speaker from the Cook County Sheriff's office speaking on Senior Safety followed by a luncheon. Reservations are available by calling the library. Rose asked how many businesses attended the meeting; approximately 20-25 (somewhat inaudible)

Larry Stewart stated issues with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Larry stated that many volunteers have left or been fired. Larry also stated that the boxing program was temporarily closed just before the boxing team was invited to participate in a televised boxing exhibition. Larry stated that the program was closed due to uninsured insurance status. The program has been going on since October of last year. Larry asked why this just now became an issue.

The letter the boxers received states that the Parks & Recreation Committee will work expediently to resume the program but it is Larry's opinion that this seems like a final decision.

Trustee Benson responded that any citizen has the right to come to him and address any issue but since Mr. Stewart did not come to him personally he will not respond.

Trustee Benson then stated that due to the fact that there were problems with a nonexistent contract the program had to be shut down for the safety of the children. There was no documentation to show that the children were insured; until that documentation is provided the program is shut down and research is continuing.

Boxing Coach Robert Chavez stated that he asked several times to speak with the attorney in the beginning of the program to discuss the contract and agreement that he had with Trustee Benson. Trustee Benson broke that contract and renegotiated another contract in January. USA Boxing has a secondary insurance that each club owner must purchase in order to make sure their boxers are insured. Mayor Towers asked Mr. Chavez to show the insurance papers to the attorney after the meeting. Mayor Towers stated that it was their impression that the program was under the Village, but after the program started it became evident that the kids were

placed under Mr. Chavez' organization. The program had to be shut down at that time in order to write the contract accordingly; stating that the kids were actually under the outside organization.

It was stated that if the program resumes under the USA Boxing name there may be a charge to use the facility.

Trustee Benson stated that Mr. Chavez understood from the beginning that the program would be under Parks & Rec and that he was a volunteer- no questions asked. Trustee Benson stated that he should have checked on him sooner but when it became evident that there was no insurance, the program had to be shut down.

Trustee Benson stated that requested documentation was not provided to him. Damage to the floor in the Community Center was another concern. Trustee Benson stated that Mr. Chavez signed the kids up under his name and paid himself with the money- he was not supposed to do that.

Trustee Burgess asked if Mr. Chavez was a volunteer then why was his equipment brought in. Mayor Towers stated that some of the equipment belonged to Mr. Chavez and some equipment was purchased by the Village.

Trustee Williams stated that she was present at a Parks & Rec meeting when insurance was discussed with regards to the boxing program and it was stated at that time that the Village would not be responsible for insurance but that Mr. Chavez would have his own insurance; documentation should have been provided at that time to insure the safety of the kids. This needs to be rectified and not repeated – paperwork should have been in place. Trustee Burgess stated that the basketball program would have children sign a waiver to eliminate a lot of things for the Village. The boxing program should have a secondary insurance that kicks in after the private insurance.

Trustee Williams asked if the Village has a secondary insurance for the basketball program; (no, there is only a waiver involved.) Trustee Williams suggested that Mr. Chavez be placed on the agenda next week to discuss this with the attorney and the Board now that it has been brought to the attention of the Board; the Board needs to know how to proceed. Parents and kids want this program reinstated.

Trustee Hanks stated that this issue should be worked out within the Parks and Recreation Committee, hopefully before the next meeting and that the requested insurance information should be provided.

Trustee Myers asked if there is adequate insurance for the other Park & Rec activities in the Village. Trustee Benson stated that all children have to sign waivers under all Village programs. The boxers did sign these waivers but no documentation regarding insurance has been received. Mayor Towers stated that it became known that the boxers were listed under a private organization and now there will be a fee assessed to use the facility. The last discussion with Mr. Chavez was that there would be a temporary halt to the program until a contract could be drawn up.

Trustee Hanks stated that there were questions raised in the past few months and that the kids were wearing t-shirts with the other name on it and there were posters and business cards being circulated.

Mayor Towers stated further discussion is necessary with the attorney and a decision on whether to rent the space to the program needs to be resolved.

Marvin Perez stated that there are risks with sports. The kids in the Village have nothing to do; there are gangs and drug issues. Marvin stated that the Village needs to take action and create programs for the kids.

Mike Brown stated that Trustee Hanks insisted that Trustee Williams needed to follow proper procedure yet the Parks & Rec program wants to stop a program that is almost a year old- why wasn't procedure followed. If waivers were signed- what is the issue?

Frank Harvey said that the children should not have to rent the space. We need a place to hold programs for the kids.

Barb Dorman asked if there is an embezzlement issue- was he a volunteer who got paid. Mayor Towers stated no.

Laura Scott stated that her two daughters are in the program and that Mr. Chavez works well with the kids. Anything good for the kids always gets cancelled; for example – karate got closed. This has to be for the kids.

Philip Bazile stated that volunteers should be able to use the facility for free if they receive no money for their services. Philip stated that waivers make you exempt and secondary insurance kicks in.

Jessica Echols remarked about the demeanor of Trustee Benson when the public addresses him. Jessica asked why everything he puts his hands on fails. (Disruption-Sgt. Vela escorted Jessica out of the meeting per Trustee Benson's direction).

Pastor Perkins stated that President Obama has provided stimulus money – is anyone trying to get grants for the kids. Mayor Towers stated that the Village is in the process of writing grants. Pastor Perkins stated that the Sauk Talk needs to come back to keep the residents informed. Trustee Williams stated that there is no money available for using an outside service to publish the Sauk Talk or for the cost of mailing the bi-monthly Sauk Talk; that budget was cut. The Public Relations Committee continues to try to keep the residents informed by compiling and copying the Sauk Talk in house and making these copies available at the

Library, Village Hall and on line at www.saukvillage.org. Trustee Williams stated that when the village finances improve the Sauk Talk will be delivered in homes.

Tiffany Cole stated that she works with the youth in Sauk Village; there are many good people who help with various programs. Tiffany said she believed there are often communication breakdowns within the programs that Trustee Benson is involved in but that everything is worked out in the end. Tiffany suggested that Trustee Benson delegate more to help cut down on the lack of communication. Tiffany stated that everyone needs to work together for the good of the children.

Barb Dorman stated that she will volunteer a page of the Southland Voice paper to publish Sauk Talk articles. Resident Bob, 40 year Sauk Village resident, questioned if there were ordinances in place for loitering, basketball hoops in the street, walking in the street, curfew and blocking the street. Bob also asked who is in charge of enforcing these ordinances. Trustee Myers stated that there ordinances on the books that address these issues. Mayor Towers stated that the Police Chief is responsible to see that the ordinances are enforced. Bob asked Police Chief Martin if the ordinances are being enforced. Chief Martin stated that he has instructed his officers to talk to the children and parents and ask their cooperation. The children and the residents need to be respected. Bob stated that he tries to talk to the children; they block the street and challenge him and play basketball in the street after midnight.

Bob asked if citations are being issued for these offenses. Police Chief Martin stated only if warranted.

Bob stated that when he calls the police they do not always respond. He has discussed this issue with Trustee Myers who passed the information on. Bob has not received any calls regarding this issue. Bob wants to know how this issue will be addressed. Many residents have the same complaint; they do not feel safe.

He will be installing infrared cameras outside of his home to film the activity on his street.

Mayor Towers stated that he and the Police Chief walked on his street (Apache) last weekend to talk to the children and parents. Bob stated for the record that the kids tell him they own the street; the ordinances need to be enforced.

221st Street resident stated that she has tried to talk to the kids but they do not listen. They constantly walk and ride bikes in the street. Chief Martin stated that the kids will be ticketed. Resident asked if the kids do not take the ticket to their parents or if the kids don't pay what happens. Code Director Jasinski stated that tickets are issued, fines are doubled if not paid on time and community service is often substituted for payment by the judge. The final action is filing the unpaid ticket with the credit bureau. Public Works removes basketball hoops when multiple complaints are filed for the same offender.

Marvin Perez stated that the police are often too busy with more important issues. Kids are watching other kids; no adults are present. Kids run when they see the police and come back out when they leave; they play ball on the street late at night. Marvin asked that the issue be addressed and that the parents be held accountable for their children.

Cortez Stewart, basketball coach, addressed another miscommunication issue with regards to uniform shirts that he purchased for his team after he was told there were no uniforms available for the kids for the first game. His team was not allowed to wear the jerseys he purchased because they did not have the sponsors name on it and had to forfeit the game. Cortez added the sponsors name to the jerseys but was not allowed to use them. His team was given T-shirts that were too small; that game was also forfeited due to the uniform issue. Cortez stated that he was told the kids could wear plain white T-shirts without any wording on them but he already paid for the jerseys. Mayor Towers stated that the program stipulated T-shirts. Mayor Towers stated that he had spoken with Cortez many times regarding ordering T-shirts before the program started. Mayor Towers stated that he will address this issue after the meeting.

Larry Stewart apologized for the hostility stating that volunteers are needed for the programs. There are many great volunteers in the Village. Larry will no longer be volunteering for the Senior Committee because it is not a diverse group.

Mary Jo, SSDMC representative, will be bringing a Violence Prevention program to the Village. This program will be funded by a \$5,000.00 grant received for Sauk Village youth empowerment. The children will design a project for violence prevention and will include different types of violence. The program will start Wednesday, April 20, 2010 at the Community Center (time not stated). Tiffany Cole offered to work with that program. Trustee Williams asked if this program is working with the Parks & Rec Committee and if they have been asked to pay for the use of the Community Center. Mary Jo stated that the SSDMC is responsible for bringing the program to the Village and is not associated with Parks & Rec. Trustee Williams asked for clarification to avoid further miscommunication. Mayor Towers stated that he was aware that SSDMC was writing a grant for the program. Trustee Williams stated that she is not in favor of charging

organizations who provide activities for the Village but there should be a policy in place across the board – either charge every organization or none of them.

Trustee Anderson stated that every trustee is concerned about the children; all issues and concerns have been listened to and will be addressed by the Board.

Trustee Benson thanked everyone for voicing their concerns and stated that parents do not allow kids to participate in the programs that are offered. Trustee Benson encouraged parents to let the kids take advantage of these programs.

9c. Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel with no final action to be taken. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Hanks asked to make a statement before adjourning to executive session. Trustee Hanks reminded fellow Board members that the residents are their employees; they elected them in their positions. Residents are asked to attend meetings and to bring their problems to the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that he was offended and upset tonight when a resident was taken out when they came before the Board. Trustee Hanks asked for a review before the next meeting to inform the Board why a police officer has the right to remove a resident from the room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion and second on the floor to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel with no action to be taken.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:25 pm with no action to be taken.

Meeting resumed at 10:38 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

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

On roll call: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, **APRIL 20, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Weekly Update-Village Finances- Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.

b. Municipal Funds Update- Brunetta-Hill Corley- Chief of Staff

c. Committee Checking Accounts-Brunetta Hill- Corley

Gloria Gibson stated that she is continuing to work on the Village bank reconciliations, as well as, working with the staff on financial matters.

COS Corley has been working with Park National Bank/ US Bank reviewing signatures and EIN numbers for Village checking accounts. All statements will be sent directly to the Finance Officer; copies will be directed to the appropriate committees and departments.

A trustee requested checks and balances for the Public Relations Committee, Senior Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee. The Public Relations Committee Student Government Day information included in the Board packets will be placed on next week's agenda for approval. Parks and Rec also provided a checks and balance statement; the funds from that checking account have now been debited from the checking account and placed in the budget line item for line dancing and boxing registration. COS Corley stated that a policy with regards to committee checking accounts was presented to the Board. COS Corley needed to cancel the meeting with Trustee Williams with regards to this policy due to an emergency in her family.

Trustee Burgess stated that he has been asking for the checks and balances for these committee accounts for the past two months. These should include everything from June of last year until the present. The Public Relations committee information is very detailed and shows everything from June to present. Trustee Burgess asked where the information is from money received from various fundraisers and programs before the Parks & Recs closed their account. Last week residents questioned t- shirts purchased by a coach with his own money. Mayor Towers stated that t-shirts were provided to all basketball players with Village money. COS Corley stated that there is no checks and balances statement for the basketball program because all funds were placed in the Village account, not the Parks & Recreation account. Trustee Burgess stated that in the past the basketball program was self funded by sponsorships and concessions sales. The proceeds from concessions sales also went toward the Easter Egg Hunt. COS Corley stated that she does have an income and expense report for the basketball program available. Trustee Williams stated that she was told to detail all income and expenses for Student Government Day, which included making copies of all checks and turning in invoices from the event. The Public Relations Committee raised 100% of the funds in order to hold the event rather than cancelling due to lack of funds. This was provided. There is no

information from the Senior Committee and very little information from the Parks & Recreation Committee. Trustee Benson stated that COS Corley has all of the information which will be forwarded to the Board members. COS Corley stated that the previous request was not clear, however, after clarifying the request, the information will be included in the next Board packet. Trustee Williams stated that the boxing program needs to be examined due to the concerns raised by residents. Trustee Williams stated that the Senior Committee also does self funded activities and runs the money through a Village checking account. Trustee Hanks stated that the seniors have three committees that work as part of the Senior Committee and they have always been separate from the Village; except that a trustee acts as the committee head in order to communicate information back to the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village used to fund Student Government Day but now there has to be accountability for all money raised and the Board must vote on all expenditures to verify that the money was spent on that function. Trustee Hanks stated that senior fundraisers fund senior activities. Trustee Anderson stated that each of the three groups are 501C3 and they receive a \$100.00 budget. Trustee Anderson stated that when she inherited the senior committee she was told that the seniors charge fees for their activities in order to fund more activities. Trustee Anderson stated that she will provide a copy of the bank statements but will not provide an itemized list of money spent. Trustee Williams questioned why the Public Relations Committee is the only committee that is told to provide detailed information while other committees provide minimal information. Discussion continued that all committees do have a budget but the seniors have not used their budgeted money; they self fund their events. Public Relations also self funded their event; what is the difference. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Anderson to provide the information. Trustee Anderson stated that she will provide the senior budget showing what money they have, what has come in but will not itemize the expenses. Trustee Williams stated that she no longer has to provide this information in the future either. COS Corley stated that Trustee Williams will be in violation if she does not provide the information. (Mayor Towers asked to deviate from the agenda in order to hear presentations from Bud's Ambulance and Midway Building Supply.)

2. Presentation by Bud's Ambulance

COS Corley stated that Bud's Ambulance has not increased their prices since 2005. They are present to provide an explanation of the new price structure and to answer any questions. Tom Whapple, Vice-President and co-owner of Bud's Ambulance, stated that Bud's Ambulance has been working with the Village since May of 2002. Also present were Ron Robinson- Director of Operations and Randy Maas. Bud's Ambulance backs up the fire department on fire calls and the fire department backs up Bud's when necessary. During the 24 hour period the ambulance sits in one of three sectors; Route 30 and Torrence, Sauk Trail and Torrence and Sauk Trail and Jeffrey. Last year there were 1,750 calls; 53% resulted in transportation to the hospital. Bud's responds to all 911 emergencies and fire calls in Sauk Village with paramedic units. Basic units can be used to back up the paramedic unit. There is a good relationship between Bud's and the Fire Department. The main goal is to take care of patients; crews do ask for billing information until the patient is transported safely. The office takes care of the billing. No payment is due up front.

The change of rates of \$725.00 for ALS (Advanced Life Support) and \$575.00 for BLS (Basic Life

Service) include everything bundled depending on the type of service provided. Bud's Ambulance follows Medicare and private insurance guidelines. There is an additional charge of \$20.00 per mile and \$75.00 for oxygen if needed. Trustee Williams asked if defibrillators are on all of the ambulances. All ambulances are equipped with defibrillators.

Bud's Ambulance agrees to take assignment on everything including private insurance or Medicare. Residents have to pay any co-pays, deductibles and trip charges where applicable.

Mayor Towers asked why their information states that a volunteer or paid on call staff would be difficult. The Bud's representative stated that Bud's receives \$62,500.00 annually from the Village. Under a previous administration it was discovered that the budget of \$300,000.00 was inadequate to staff the ambulance and pay the bills. Bud's also covers Lynwood, Glenwood and Ford Heights. When multiple calls arise additional ambulances are dispatched immediately to provide coverage. Mutual Aid is used when needed.

3. Request from Midway Building Supply for Additional Dumpsters

Bill Teune stated that Midway Building Supply provides roofing materials, windows and gutters for various home remodelers. They are currently offering dumpsters at no charge to contractors by delivering the supplies they purchase in the dumpsters. There are restrictions to the number of dumpster roll-off companies that can come into the Village; currently there are two companies providing the service. Other municipalities have eased the restriction or no longer have the restriction. The dumpsters are 10, 15, 20 and 30 yard capacity. The prices range from \$265.00 to \$395.00. They would like to provide this service to the residents and would be willing to obtain a business license if the price is within reason. Mayor Towers stated that that someone will contact them at a later date.

1d. Cost Savings Initiatives- Trustee David Hanks

In response to the challenge from Mayor Towers for the trustees to provide some cost saving initiatives Trustee Hanks provided the following suggestions to prevent increasing fees to the residents. Trustee Hanks is in favor of the Village tightening their own belt by making a hiring freeze official until the Village recovers from the economic downturn. Trustee Hanks also suggested reviewing potential elimination of services such as Nextel phones, car washes (bring in kids who need community service), review overtime and eliminate where possible, reduce cleaning service days of service, limit the presence of the Village Attorney, furlough days and 4 day work weeks rather than layoffs. Trustee Hanks stated that salaried department heads can field calls on the employee's days off. Trustee Hanks suggested bringing in minimum wage laborers for grass cutting which would allow Public Works to perform the more technical tasks. These are short term alternatives until money that is outstanding is received from the State and Federal Government and the economy improves. Trustee Hanks suggested that Code do all inspections; the private firm costs too much, Trustee Hanks stated that the cuts should begin as early as May 1st. Safety service departments should not eliminate man power but should look for other ways to cut.

Trustee Myers stated that he is in favor of a four day work week with the office girls rotating their days off. Trustee Myers stated that tickets and citations should be handled in our own court system not through County; this does not include state violations. Trustee Myers stated that we should bring back the ambulance service, increase fees for contractors, inspections and reoccupancy, Public Works could fix flats on Police cars, hire a part time dog catcher, etc... Union guidelines would be taken into

account. Low volume shifts only need one dispatcher in the Police department. All employees should take 5 furlough days per year. Trustee Myers would like the Chief of Staff to prepare a list of how furlough days would save money. COS Corley stated that she would also like to take these initiatives one by one and see them in place by May 1st along with a review of what Nextel phones and car washes can be eliminated. COS Corley will work with the Finance Department and bring back numbers next week.

Trustee Williams stated that a special meeting prior to May 1st may be needed to address this issue as a Board. June 1st seems like a more realistic goal to be able to prepare a list of the cost savings these initiatives could provide.

Trustee Myers stated that he would also like to see more input from the other trustees.

COS Corley stated that department heads have provided their input and a special meeting is needed to share these ideas.

Trustee Hanks stated that it is not necessary to wait any longer; these changes should take place immediately.

Mayor Towers stated that some of these suggestions can be implemented immediately; others may take time.

Mayor Towers instructed COS Corley to set up a meeting to review these suggestions. COS Corley asked all of the trustees to provide suggestions by Friday.

Trustee Burgess stated that contractual obligations need to be considered. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that he will be checking into any labor issues.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Village needs to renegotiate with the unions.

Trustee Benson stated that the emergency meeting and bringing unions to the table needs to be done to keep the Village afloat.

Mayor Towers stated that guidelines will be followed.

Trustee Anderson would like to see a cost analysis of a four day work week versus a salary cut of 5-10% across the board.

Trustee Williams asked if the information will be provided prior to the next Board meeting. COS Corley stated that it will be made available and a meeting will be set up for sometime in the next two weeks.

Mayor Towers stated that some actions that do not involve unions can be implemented sooner.

Trustee Anderson stated that this could be addressed at the next committee meeting. Trustee Williams stated that these issues should be discussed in a meeting solely designated for that discussion.

e. Village Financial Director- Discussion of Hiring Process- Brunetta Hill-Corley

A committee was formed that includes Trustee Burgess, Mary Thompson- Kane, Mc Kenna (did not bill the time), Trustee Benson, Village Attorney Jimmy Vasselli (did not bill the time) and COS Corley. The committee met last Wednesday to discuss eleven resumes that were received for the position of Finance Director; a list of criteria was developed to help select four candidates to interview next week. A score grid will be utilized during the interviews. Trustee Williams asked for a copy of the requirements and copies of the resumes and credentials of the four in consideration in order to see what type of people are applying and what we are expecting of them. COS Corley stated that she

stated previously that she would provide copies of the resumes and suggested that Trustee Williams provide her with a copy of her criteria.

Trustee Benson stated that no one other than the committee should receive the resume information. Trustee Williams withdrew her request. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that a list of criteria is posted on the IML website.

4. Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/ Maximum Contribution Agreement- Brunetta Hill- Corley

The Illinois Municipal League submitted a minimum/ maximum agreement that is associated with claims filed against the Village. This is like a deductible in your insurance; stating that the Village could pay like 80% of a valid claim, for example, if the Village signs off on this agreement. COS Corley will investigate further with the insurance company to see if there is a deductible being paid on claims now and if there have been claims settled, what dollar amounts the Village was assessed and what percentages they have paid. The Village would pay a maximum offer up to 120% within a given year. Trustee Myers stated that they should be invited to make a presentation to the Board. COS Corley will extend that invitation.

Attorney Vasselli returned to item 1e

Village Attorney Vasselli stated that the committee formed to hire a Finance Director is moving expeditiously to put someone in place as soon as possible. VA Vasselli asked if it is the consensus of the Board to keep Gonzales & Associates in place until the time that position is filled. VA Vasselli stated that Gonzalez and Associates has agreed to lower their rate to \$40.00 per hour; no formal vote is needed at this time but will be ratified at a later date. A consensus of the Board agreed.

5. Comments and Questions from Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked who he can give a FOIA request to at this time. COS Corley accepted the FOIA Request; Attorney Vasselli time stamped it. Trustee Burgess stated that he will be attending an Economic Development seminar in Homewood on Friday on behalf of Sauk Village; he will bring back a report at a later date.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will meet tomorrow at 7 pm at the Village Hall to discuss the finalization of the account balance for the checking account at US Bank for Student Government Day. Trustee Williams stated that all trustees did receive a list of up to date financial information but, for the record, until she receives a detailed list for all checking accounts for department heads and committees, including Parks and Rec and the Senior Committee, no other documentation will come from the Public Relations Committee with regards to this checking account because she does not have to do it. As far as the committee being in violation, Trustee Williams would like to see in writing how and why she would be in violation. The information provided tonight will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow night; any questions can be answered at that time.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet tomorrow at 7 pm. Ordinances that were requested by residents last week will be discussed at that meeting. Trustee Myers will speak with Chief Martin and other municipalities regarding fine structure and will bring the findings back to

the Board. Trustee Myers stated that he has tracked down the owner of the abandoned and unsafe Talandis property. The attorney is writing a letter to inform him that he is subject to fines. This could end up in criminal court.

Trustee Benson stated that for one entire year he has worked with the trustees (conversation somewhat inaudible). Trustee Benson stated that during the campaign he ran with a slate that was coming in to make positive change to enhance the Village of Sauk Village. Ever since the first day the new administration has met with negativity, sabotaging programs and people not wanting to work together; we still have not come together as a Board. Trustee Benson stated that people are being petty about little pity stuff.

Trustee Benson said he is talking about members of the Board. Trustee Benson said they bring their people in from the outside and come up here and make a scene- this foolishness has to stop; the Village does not want to hear it. The Board needs to come together in unity for the purpose of the Village. Trustee Benson stated the website still has a video of Mayor Peckham on it. Website Committee members Trustee Williams and Village Clerk Williams stated that Mayor Towers has not submitted any info for the website; if it was submitted it would have been placed on the site.

Trustee Benson stated that confidential meeting information is shared on the internet. If people on the Board do not want to work together they need to get off the Board. Trustee Benson stated that someone is always sabotaging his committee.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Village Board has come a long way but does need to come together; step forward rather than back. If Trustees have problems they need to go to the Mayor as the head of the Board. The Village does not need to see the Board yelling at each other; take it behind close doors.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee would like to be on the agenda for the May 4th meeting to discuss the National Night Out program which takes place on the 1st Tuesday in August. The Police Alliance Committee will be conducting focus groups among residents by dividing the community into sections and inviting them to participate to discuss policing and ways to be proactive with crime prevention. The Peterson & 216th Street area focus group will be Saturday, May 1st at the Senior Center by invitation only in small groups; will be expanding later. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will have the senior movie at the library on May 10th. The library is sponsoring a luncheon and discussion regarding senior safety at 11:00 am prior to the movie; contact the library to register.

Trustee Williams has asked multiple times for submission for the website; she cannot create things like mission statements and activity information. Trustee Williams agrees that the residents do not need to see the Board arguing but she is not going to be lectured to. Trustee Williams stated that she also ran with a slate, the same slate, but she stated at every get together that we would not always agree and that she would not personally rubber stamp anything. Trustee Williams stated that disagreements are being taken as disrespect. She was an elected official four years before this term and has always been for the people.

The people gave her the opportunity to use her mind, to ask questions, to obtain information, to research it and then act upon it as she sees fit. Trustee Williams stated that residents come to the Board meetings with complaints and you can't pick and choose what residents can be here. As far as sabotage of events, when the Public Relations Committee asked for a line dancing program in August

and needed the Community Center. Month after month the Public Relations Committee was pushed under the rug. The Parks and Recreation Committee formed a line dancing club secretly that Public Relations knew nothing about- that's sabotage. Trustee Williams stated that she was not sure which trustee Trustee Benson was ranting about but that she, nor the Public Relations Committee, the Sauk Talk (which has been halted because there is no money) or the website (which can only be updated when information is received) has done anything to sabotage Trustee Benson or any other members of the Board; she takes offense when he rolls his eyes and tells other people they should resign because part of being a politician is not politicking every chance you get, part of being a politician is not by raising your voice and trying to argue. Trustee Williams stated that she does believe that they need to come together as a Board but does not mean that she will lower her standards or her values to be a part of the Board; that is not what the citizens expect and that is not what she will do. Trustee Williams stated that she would also appreciate it if the next time Trustee Benson wants to rant and rave, and whine and moan and yell and scream that there is time and place for that; not at a Board meeting in front of residents. Trustee Benson chose not to rebuttal.

Village Clerk Williams asked to respond. Mayor Towers stated that this discussion was for Trustees. Village Clerk Williams asked to then be recognized as a resident. Trustee Williams asked Village Attorney Vasselli one more time for justification when the Village Clerk can speak- as a Board member or as a resident.

The Clerk was not recognized.

6. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston clarified that the Senior Committee budget was never used by any of the senior groups due to the Village finances. Rose stated that a lot of members donated money and prizes to put on events.

Trustee Williams stated that should be documented. Rose stated that it is documented.

The bank statements are provided by members of the committees and receipts and expenses are documented.

Village Clerk Williams asked to be acknowledged as a resident and was denied again.

Pastor Perkins stated if you cannot respect the Mayor or yourself then you don't need to be there. Pastor Perkins stated that there was a lot of talk during the campaign and she does not like the attitude here (followed by personal remarks toward Trustee Williams and more campaign discussion.)

Trustee Williams stated that she respects the Mayor and fellow Board members but if you want respect you have to give it. Trustee Williams stated that she ran as part of a slate but was elected as an individual. Everything should be done fair and equal across the Board. She provided the information asked but the other trustees did not do the same. Trustee Williams continues to ask for things that she does not receive.

Frank Harvey continued the disparaging remarks on Trustee Williams and also referred to the election and his vote.

Trustee Williams thanked him for his opinion.

Mayor Towers recognized Village Clerk Williams. Village Clerk Williams stated that she does have respect for herself, the members of the Board and the audience and that the last 35-40 minutes of conversation has been totally inappropriate. The conversation was brought up by a trustee who should

never have brought up the fact that they worked together as a slate; that is not boardroom discussion and never should have been brought up before the residents. Village Clerk Williams stated that the division you do see is nothing like the division you see behind closed doors. Village Clerk Williams stated that it is unfair for the audience to judge any of the trustees based only on what is out here because you don't know what is said behind the closed doors. The whole Board works for the residents. Trustee Benson brought up the controversy and the sabotage and we are only trying to comply. Discussions of elections and who you voted for and who you ran with are totally inappropriate committee meeting discussions. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Mayor should have shut it down the minute Trustee Benson mentioned "we ran as a slate". In 22 years of attending Village Board meetings Village Clerk Williams stated that she has never heard this type of conversation before from a resident, from a Mayor, from a Clerk from a Board member or anyone else; when you walk through the door- politics is over. Politics do not happen again for another year and when it does it should happen outside of the Board room. Village Clerk Williams said she is offended. The Board members need to show the residents and the members respect and go behind the doors and put the gloves on.

Trustee Myers apologized to the residents and asked that the meeting be adjourned.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session for personnel and labor issues.

The motion was made by Trustee Benson to adjourn to closed session and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All in favor.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

8. Executive Session (held pursuant to 5ILCS120/2©(1)(2010), 5ILCS 120/2©(2)(2010) and 5ILCS120/2©(11)(2010).

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 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

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, MAY 4, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Benson (excused absence)

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Village of Sauk Village Phase II Financial Outlook Presentation-

Brunetta Hill- Corley, Chief of Staff

b. Audit and Financial Projections (6 month and 12 month projection)

Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.

c. Municipal Funds Update- (Committee Checking Accounts)-

Brunetta-Hill Corley- Chief of Staff

Chief of Staff Corley presented the Board with a memo referring to the financial outlook of the Village and another memo discussing the actual figures. The figures cover payroll, accounts payable, department spending and overtime wages. Cost savings initiatives received from the Trustees will not cause a significant impact on the budget; will not cover the shortfall. The Board needs to make some hard decisions as we prepare for the 2011 budget. Comparing the accounts payable of November 2008 with expenditures of \$913,000 to the expenditures of \$441,000.00 for November 2009 why is there such a large decrease. COS Corley will research the difference. Cost savings initiatives include decreasing overtime, Nextel phones, car washes, cleaning services and the Village Attorney's hours. The Code Department, Public Works and the front office could reduce their hours to 4 days a week with department heads working the fifth day. Fire, ESDA and the Code Departments need their pagers. Research is being done with a TCO comp line company to see if the lines can be decreased or consolidated. Five out of nine cell phones for the Police Department will be returned. Disabled pagers have been discontinued. All department heads are looking into overtime. Police Chief Martin is looking at decreasing TCO overtime. The cleaning service could be cut down from 5 days to 2 or 3 days. Prior discussions mentioned 5 furlough days per employee. There are three holidays that can be used for furlough days. There was \$106,000.00 in holiday pay last year. Another suggestion was that department heads take a 15% cut in salary. Another suggestion was a 5% cut in pay across the board and initiating five furlough days. These cuts do not sound like much. Given the money that is available and two expenses that were already budgeted for there is approximately \$750,000.00 cash on hand. Debt service of \$167,000.00 is due on bonds and the IML payment of \$156,000.00 will be due soon. General Fund receipts of \$150,000.00 are anticipated monthly. COS Corley stated that this is tight and we will have to work with this over the next six months. Trustee Burgess asked if the hiring freeze has been discussed. COS Corley stated that there are two positions that need to be filled that are already allocated in the budget. There will be no new hires after filling those positions. Trustee Burgess asked if employees can be utilized in different positions rather than hiring someone. Trustee Myers agreed that a hiring freeze is needed. Trustee Hanks asked that the hiring freeze be placed on next Tuesday's agenda to vote officially that there will be no hiring

without Board approval even for the two open positions. This was asked for three weeks ago. Trustee Hanks stated that if this is not on the agenda next week he will bring it up as a motion for a vote. There is difference between a spending freeze and a hiring freeze. COS Corley stated that the two positions that are open need to be filled. Trustee Hanks stated that these are budgeted positions but there is no money at this time. The Board would have to vote to hire someone in these positions. Trustee Hanks asked when Code Enforcement and ESDA got rid of their radios and started using Nextel phones. COS Corley was not aware that they had radios in the past. Trustee Hanks reviewed the 2009 and 2010 report that was passed out and asked if there are still outstanding checks that have not paid. Interim FD Gloria Gibson stated that there are checks totaling approximately \$200,000.00 that have not yet been released for payment but they are figured into the amount on the report. Trustee Williams stated that it was mentioned two weeks ago that the Board needed to have a special meeting to review the suggestions from the Trustees and the department heads; has a date been set. COS Corley stated that a Trustee suggested having two people at a time meet to discuss it would be more productive than calling a special meeting. Trustee Williams and Trustee Hanks disagreed. Everyone needs to discuss this as a whole. This needs to be placed on an agenda as a separate meeting; information that has been suggested by the department heads and the Trustees and the financial analysis of these suggestions need to be available before that meeting. Mayor Towers instructed COS Corley to set a date for the meeting. Interim FD Gibson provided the Board with a 6 month outlook. Gloria pointed out that the revenues are under what was projected in the budget. There was a projection of 6.3 million in revenue when revenues are actually 4.7 million. Expenses are down 25% but they are still above what the revenue is. There is a total of \$180,000.00 or less each month which includes payroll and payroll liabilities but does not include debt service. There is a huge gap and decisions have to be made. Department heads have been directed by COS Corley to trim down any fat. FY 2010 will reflect reduction in salaries, reduction in insurance benefits and the spending freeze which could potentially save $\frac{3}{4}$ million dollars. Recommendations for potential savings include possibly picking up trash every other week, increase fees for rentals and posting that information on the website, expanding programs; the gym and Community Center are mostly closed during the day when they could be generating revenue. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the FY 2009-2010 report. Based on the actual amount spent prior to April and this being an 18 month budget there will be a deficit; there is still time to turn some things around. Trustee Williams stated that the 12 month budget was approved and ratified then revised to an 18 month budget which was ratified and we are still over budget. It seems that the Board has not been given all of the information. Interim FD Gibson stated that we need to move on and make the changes now. Changes could include changing the water billing system to monthly rather than bi-monthly, do a second mailing for vehicle stickers and tack on a penalty; be more aggressive in your collections. Trustee Hanks stated that we have limited options but that dealing with the vehicle stickers is a waste of time and money. We should not add fees to residents who are having a hard time. We need to tighten our belts first. Trustee Anderson agreed that a meeting needs to take place and it is time to be honest with the residents that there will have to be some increases. Gloria stated that lack of revenue will affect services to the residents.

Trustee Williams stated that the residents pay for garbage pickup through their water bill; garbage pick up does not affect our budget. Trustee Williams stated that the Board needs to see the financial impact of all of the suggestions before a decision can be made. Trustee Hanks stated that the department heads should be included in the special meeting to answer questions as they arise. Trustee Anderson complimented the staff, COS Corley and the Finance Department for the 25% decrease in expenditures.

Municipal funds update regarding checking accounts:

There is a policy in place for committee checking accounts. COS Corley needs direction from the Board on whether the two committee accounts will be required to maintain ledgers and complete monthly reconciliations. There have been updates on signatures on the municipal accounts at US Bank.

Trustee Hanks stated that per the email from COS Corley it seems that the same 2 or 3 people are signers on all accounts; shouldn't someone in the department be able to sign in addition for checks and balances. COS Corley stated that the Fire Department account does include the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Chief of Staff. The Police Department canine account (two accounts?) in the Police Department is signed by the Chief of Staff, the Village Treasurer and the new Finance Director when they are in place. One of three signatures is acceptable for those accounts. Trustee Hanks stated someone in the department; particularly the Police Department would be more educated in what the funds are to be used for; what happens if they need a check and neither of those individuals are available. The ordinance states the titles of the signatures should be the COS (Village Manager), Treasurer and the Finance Director. There may be a need to ratify the ordinance to include someone in the department. Mayor Towers asked why it is necessary to ratify an ordinance already in place. COS Corley stated that there are discussions with the department heads before the expenditures are made; invoices are examined and the availability of funds is examined before the check is written. COS Corley stated that last week the canine officer need to attend a seminar; there were expenses for the dog. There were several communications with the liaison for the Police Department before the checks were issued. Interim FD Gibson stated that this is in place to maintain order. Trustee Anderson asked if Trustee Hanks was stating that there was a lack of communication with checks being signed without the department follow up. Trustee Williams stated that she has had a committee checking account for 4 ½ years; statements have always been turned in. A system needs to be put in place to rectify some of the problems that we have; she will close the account if the policy calls for that. Trustee Williams stated that she has still not received the information she requested two weeks ago on the other two committee checking accounts; Trustee Benson has since transferred all of the money from the Parks and Recreation account to the General Fund. COS Corley stated that Trustee Burgess submitted and received information for the Parks and Recreation account. The trustees also asked for checks and balances from the Public Relations Committee for the Student Government Day activities; those expenses were placed on the payables after the fact. Trustee Williams stated that COS Corley stated that the Public Relations Committee needed to submit copies of all money and checks received, copies of all receipts and a detail of all expenses. The Public Relations Committee did provide the detailed information; that was not received from the other committees. Trustee Williams stated that she did ask for information two weeks ago on these accounts (not in the form of a FOIA) and has not received anything on either committee. COS Corley stated that Trustee Burgess has received a ledger of the Parks & Rec account showing where the money is now in the General Ledger account. COS Corley will provide that to Trustee Williams. Trustee Hanks asked why it was necessary for a trustee to complete a FOIA request for information that should be readily available. Trustee Burgess stated that he completed the FOIA request because he repeatedly asked for information and he was not getting the exact information he was asking for. To clarify exactly what information he was looking for he submitted the FOIA request in writing and presented it formally to the FOIA Clerk. There are still a couple of things that Trustee Burgess is waiting for. There is no longer a revenue accounting and as the past Parks and Recreation Chair he knows

what the checks and balances should be. Unlike other committees, the Parks and Recreation Committee generates income through the many programs it offers; there needs to be accountability. Interim Finance Director Gibson looked for direction from the Board; moving forward these transactions can be run through the Committee's budgeted line items. Trustee Williams stated that most committees do have a budget but in the case of Public Relations the money set aside in the budget for Student Government Day was not used; it was paid for solely with sponsorships. Trustee Williams stated that the Senior Committee also has several programs throughout the year and she has not received the information she requested from them. The Senior Committee has probably not used their budgeted allowances either. Trustee Williams would like the information without having to be the second trustee to have to submit a FOIA request. Trustee Williams stated that she turned in a completed detailed report when it was requested of her. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee does their minutes monthly and the minutes are readily available. Trustee Anderson stated that she would not give a different public accounting unless it is explained to her exactly what is being asked for. Trustee Anderson stated that it is often unclear exactly what information is being requested. Trustee Burgess stated that it is in the minutes each time he asked for information; there is no reason why his requests were not clear. Trustee Williams stated that she clearly asked for the records of the past twelve months what money came in, how they got there and how it went out. Trustees should not have to submit a FOIA request for that information.

Trustee Myers asked if the State payments were included in the monthly General Fund receipts. Interim FD Gibson stated that they are included; however, the State Income Tax receipts are on a 90-100 day delay. COS Corley stated that there are two committee checking accounts at Park National Bank (US Bank); bank statements are now addressed to the Finance Director at the Village Hall. Copies are given to the committee chairman. Interim FD Gibson stated that the senior account is dormant.

2. Ordinances and Resolutions

a. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Preliminary Construction Engineering Services with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. For the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Orion Avenue)

This agreement includes preliminary construction engineering services for the area of Orion Avenue just south of Sauk Trail; improvements to the area near the ditch.

b. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement for Preliminary Construction Engineering Services with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. For the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Various Streets)

This agreement includes preliminary construction engineering services for the streets that need to be restructured. The streets include Jeffrey Avenue to 224th to Yates and Ross Crescent, 224th & Jeffrey Avenue to Chappel, 223rd Place and Clyde and 215th Place.

c. An Ordinance Approving Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This agreement is approving Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. for assistance with TIF service. Trustee

Burgess stated that the TIF's have been pretty much inactive for a long time period. Trustee Burgess asked if TIF money can be used to pay a planning group to formulate a comprehensive packet for new businesses interested in coming to Sauk Village. This would utilize TIF funds to help improve the TIF's. Interim FD Gibson stated that this agreement refers to the annual financial report that needs to be filed with the Comptrollers office; right now it is delinquent. Historically, Kane, McKenna has been providing this report. COS Corley stated that Trustee Burgess should bring that up in item 7g. Mayor Towers asked why we would continue to use Kane, McKenna and the other two TIF consultants and still bring in another firm. Trustee Burgess stated that we need someone to provide a comprehensive plan for new businesses and to work with existing businesses to help make the facades more uniform and encourage economic growth. Trustee Hanks stated that there was a plan complete with drawings done for TIF 4 in the past. This plan was prepared free of charge by Mr. Jenkins because the Village sat in on the planning meetings for the Route 30 and I-394 corridors. COS Corley stated that Lou Vitullo has mentioned Mr. Jenkins to her previously. Trustee Burgess stated that we need to show something is being done with the TIF money to improve the TIF's and still continue day to day operations. Trustee Hanks stated that 12- 15 years ago the Zoning Board also put together a comprehensive plan that included TIF 3. Trustee Burgess stated that TIF 1 is about to become defunct; something needs to be in place in case a business wants to come in. Using the TIF money to help the businesses in TIF 1 should be a priority. Mayor Towers directed COS Corley to get in touch with Mr. Jenkins. Trustee Burgess asked to be included in any meeting that is set up with Mr. Jenkins. Trustee Burgess would also like to invite people in to make a presentation at the Economic Development Committee meetings.

d. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This agreement allows Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc. to continue to issue and file bonds on behalf of Sauk Village, Illinois.

e. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Fire Inspectors)

This ordinance will be tabled until the Village Attorney can research how it relates to paid on call employees. Section 10 of the Municipal Code states that the Fire Chief can write citations.

f. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village (Fees)

Trustee Myers was asked to research the fine structure of the Village. This item will be tabled at this time. There are several ordinances that pertain to different fines. The Ordinance Review Committee will continue to research these ordinances taking into account the role of the adjudicator. The adjudicator has the right to increase the fines as he sees fit according to State statute. Trustee Myers stated that Sauk Village needs to bring the court system back to the Village entirely. Some cases are directed to Markham and Markham receives the fine payments. Fines not paid by residents after a certain amount of time can be placed with a collection agency or liens can be imposed. Trustee Hanks stated that liens are placed on property owners; 2/3rds of the Village properties are rental properties. Mayor Towers suggested that the procedures of other communities be researched. The property owner should not be liable for the fines of the renters.

Trustee Myers will conduct further research on the fines and ask Village Attorney Vasselli to be specific in the language.

g. A Resolution to Authorize a Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

This resolution refers to TIF draw #77 in the amount of \$15,827.62. Payments to Baxter & Woodman, Kane, McKenna, Gonzalez & Associates and Delgado Law Group are included. Trustee Burgess reiterated that TIF money should be used for the purpose of having a comprehensive plan completed for the TIF's using TIF funds.

3. Discuss Various Ordinances Regarding Public Safety (Trustee Myers)

Trustee Myers stated that there are several ordinances on the books that need to be tightened up. Resident's complaints include kids walking in the street (Ord. 74-08), playing basketball in the streets, loitering in the streets and street corners (Ord. 97-26) and curfew in the parks (Ord. 99-46). The parks are closed between sunset and sunrise; the fine can be between \$50.00- \$750.00. These ordinances are already on the books and are straight forward. The officers need the exact wording of the ordinances. Trustee Myers will work with the Police Chief to prepare a booklet of these and other ordinances. Trustee Hanks asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting alcohol in the parks. Trustee Myers will check into that. Ordinance 579 from 1985 regarding loitering on the street corner states that the Police officer has a write to ask the loiterers to disburse. If the officer returns and the loiterers are back they can be ticketed, however, there is no fine mentioned in the ordinance. The officers need to have this information before they can issue the tickets. Trustee Burgess stated that this should be used for true loitering and not instances such as kids gathering after school. Trustee Anderson stated that the attorney needs to research this because a person has the right to assemble. Trustee Myers stated that the Village Attorney will check with the State's Attorney. Trustee Hanks asked Trustee Myers to check the ordinance for mob action. Trustee Myers is investigating that ordinance. It is possible it may have been pulled due to recodification. Discussion of when the last the recodification took place (2003 or later).

4. Comments and Questions from Trustees

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet next Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. The Police Alliance Committee is looking for residents in the Brookwood Avenue area to participate in the next community focus group that will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 1 pm – 2:30 pm in the Community Center. There will be a presentation and a small questionnaire. The Peterson Avenue area focus group was held last week. They would like to conduct a male prayer vigil on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Carol Avenue Park. State Representative Anthony De Luca's Senior Advisory Committee has organized a seminar on Medicaid A,B,C and E on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Southland Senior Center in Monee from 9:30 am until noon. Flyers are in the back. The presenters will come from the Community Resource Center, Senior Services of Will County, the Social Security Administration and the senior fitness center. Trustee Hanks reiterated that the hiring freeze should come before the Board for a vote next Tuesday. Trustee Hanks asked for an update on the basketball poles; have them been moved. There was a drive by shooting years ago that caused the poles to be removed from a different location. The residents have asked

that they be moved to behind the Police Department; what is the time frame. Mayor Towers stated that the residents stated that it was not the basketball players that were the problem. The problem was the others that congregated there.

The Chief of Police has been asked to step up patrols to make sure that the park is not used after curfew. Mayor Towers stated that he has made several trips there himself and has not witnessed any problems. If the Board votes to move the poles then they will be moved.

Trustee Myers stated that a couple of new members have joined the Ordinance Review Committee; they will be introduced to the Board at a later date. Trustee Myers thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for helping to review the ordinances. We need to give the police officers the resources to do their job. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Myers to share his thoughts on removing the basketball hoops. Trustee Myers stated that the youth do have to have activities but there should also be discipline in place. Large gatherings of kids do bring trouble. We need to protect the residents. We could get more information before we take the hoops down. Until then there should be patrols.

Trustee Williams asked if there is an update on getting a new tape recorder to record the meetings as discussed last week. COS Corley stated that she signed off on the purchase order today for the new tape recorder. Sauk Talk articles were due the last Friday of the month of April. Only four articles were turned in. The Sauk Talk will include these articles only. The police department used to be 2 pages; there has been no article submitted in some time. The Mayor has not submitted an article in the last couple of issues. Everyone was given a memo on how and when to provide Sauk Talk articles and the residents are looking for them. The Sauk Talk is still available on the website, at the library and the Village Hall. Trustee Williams suggested that Trustee Myers place the updated and revised ordinances in the Sauk Talk so residents are aware of them before tickets get issued. The Public Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will meet next Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall. The Economic Development Committee would like to organize an event showcasing Sauk Village businesses similar to the recent 31 cent scoop night at Baskin Robbins and possibly add a flea market. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Burgess to share his ideas on the basketball hoops. Trustee Burgess stated last week that the police department should monitor the court for one week and bring the findings back to the Board. Is the problem with the basketball players or the other kids that congregate? Marathon should also be monitored and a report provided. If it is basketball related then the hoops should be moved. Trustee Burgess offered to ride along with the Police Chief in the evening to monitor the problem.

Mayor Towers asked Trustee Williams to comment on the basketball hops. Trustee Williams stated that this needs to be investigated due to the outcry of upset residents. Trustee Williams stated that there must be a mob action ordinance in the books because it was used when she was growing up in the Village. They were told to break up when there were too many people on the street; we need to use the tools we have to enforce what we have on the books. Trustee Williams also remembers the incident years ago that caused those poles to be removed. The poles should not be removed in a hasty decision. Trustee Williams suggested taping off the basketball area and see if the problem goes away. It needs to be determined if the hoops are the problem.

The police department needs to look into this. There are not a lot of activities. There are a lot of parks that kids hang out in after dark. Arrowhead Park is not the only problem.

Mayor Towers asked Trustee Anderson to comment on the basketball hoops. Trustee Anderson stated that she is concerned with the residents concerns and agrees that if the hoops are the problem in that area that they should be moved but not removed entirely. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Williams was very adamant about the Sauk Talk deadline; she was not able to get it in on time this issue. Trustee Myers asked if anyone checked if you can add \$1.00 to the water bill in order to get the Sauk Talk back into mail distribution to the homes (as suggested by a resident in a prior meeting). Trustee Williams stated that she did email the Village Attorney but she does not think that is possible.

COS Corley stated that the statement saying that there have been no articles submitted by the Mayor is untrue. COS Corley stated that there was an article submitted by her for the Mayor and the 2010 Census for the Sauk Talk; the 2010 Census got in but not the Mayor's article. Trustee Williams stated that there was no article received for the Sauk Talk. Village Clerk Williams stated that the 2010 Census report and the Mayor's report were received for the purpose of Student Government Day. Village Clerk Williams cut and pasted the Census report and placed it in the Sauk Talk to inform residents of that information. There is a difference between Student Government Day reports and the Sauk Talk articles. Village Clerk Williams stated as a Public Relations Committee member who works closely with the Sauk Talk she does not understand that if an article was submitted by COS Corley for the Mayor and it was not in the issue why it wasn't brought to the committee's attention sooner. The correction would have been made immediately and new issues would have been printed. The printing is done in house. Trustee Williams stated that deadlines still have to be met but if the committee makes an error in the compiling or printing of the Sauk Talk this will be corrected when it is brought to the committee's attention. Trustee Williams will take full responsibility for that. This was not brought to the committee's attention until now. There is a severe lack of articles. The Sauk Talk used to be 12 pages and it is down to 4 pages. If an article is submitted and does not appear Trustee Williams needs to be notified immediately. Trustee Williams and COS Corley stated that there were problems in the past where articles were submitted using a different operating system and it was difficult to open certain articles. That situation was resolved some time ago. Interim FD Gibson asked if it was possible to charge for ads in the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams stated that was a practice in the past but there a problem with the money being collected at the front desk and residents saying they paid for an ad that there was no receipt for. The Public Relations Committee is actually going to discuss this tomorrow maybe as a way to raise funds for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was cancelled last year and there is no money available this year either for that event.

5. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Rose Langston stated that there should be a hard fast look before removing the basketball hoops; a study should be done.

Joanna Hanks asked what is being done about kids walking in the streets. Mayor Towers stated that the issue is being addressed and tickets are being written.

Lisa Gibbons asked about the hiring freeze; does that mean no one will be hired until after the hiring freeze. Mayor Towers stated that has not been decided yet.

David Jones stated police officers do deal with the kids in the streets but then you do not see the officers for a long time after. There may be a hiatus then the situation goes from bad to worse.

Trustee Burgess asked Mr. Jones to bring that up to the Board when that happens.

Rosie Jones stated that it is not always the kids; adults walk in the streets, too.

Rose Langston asked if there was still going to be a raise in fees; raising fees does not work because people do not pay the fines anyway. Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance has been tabled and it will be discussed at a future committee meeting. Collecting the fines will be a part of the future discussion.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

7. Executive Session

a. Discuss Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120/2©(1))

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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, MAY 15, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

On roll call:

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

A quorum was present.

Mayor Towers opened the meeting stating that the purpose of the meeting was some very serious issues that can no longer be ignored or swept under the rug. When elected Mayor, Mayor Towers promised transparency in government and to seek to improve the quality of water in Sauk Village. Mayor Towers felt the residents need to be informed. Mayor Towers asked that all questions be held until after he is finished speaking. All questions should pertain to the water issue only. Mayor Towers and Chief of Staff Corley will also be available after the meeting to discuss questions and concerns.

Mayor Towers stated that in 2008 the IEPA contacted Sauk Village on the state of their water system. The Village did nothing, or very little, to solve this problem. Two weeks after being sworn in as Mayor May 2009, the IEPA contacted the Village with those same concerns. Mayor Towers stated that the problem that has been seen for many years will not be swept up under the rug by him or his administration. Soon after becoming aware of the situation, Mayor Towers hired an independent water quality expert to advise the Village on strategy to improve the quality of water in Sauk Village. Mayor Towers closed with two facts-

- 1) According to the IEPA and the Safe Drinking Water Act our water is safe.
- 2) The well in question- Well #3 was immediately shut down and taken off line as soon as he became aware of the contamination surrounding the ground water. Well #3 is no longer being used.

Mayor Towers stated that this problem did not happen overnight and will not be corrected overnight.

Mayor Towers stated that his goal is 100% to provide great water/ clean water to Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers turned the meeting over to the professional panel that will be instrumental in handling the task at hand.

Trustee Benson interjected stating that he knows nothing about the water issue. In his opinion, no trustee on the Board can answer any question; only the experts can answer questions about the water. Trustee Benson stated that no one on the Board knows anything about the water issue; further stating that the Board has not met with the attorneys or the IEPA at all. The people who met with the attorneys and the IEPA should be the ones answering questions; any answers that the Board gives you should think very heavily about. Trustee Benson stated that the residents know as much as the Board knows. Trustee Benson stated that he is removing himself from the Board right now because he cannot answer those questions for the residents. Trustee Benson stated that the only people who should answer the questions are the Chief of Staff (who has attended every meeting), Village Attorney Vasselli, Department Head Kevin Weller and Dan Caplice (K+).

Trustee Benson stepped down from the Board at 10:09 am.

Mayor Towers opened the discussion to the panel of experts: Village Engineer Jim Czarnik (Robinson Engineering), Water Expert Dan Caplice (K+) and Public Works Director Kevin Weller. Dan Caplice provided background for the residents.

The Village gets water from 3 wells; wells #1 & 2 are on the South side of town. Well #3 is on US 30 behind the trucking firm. Wells #1 & 2 are sufficient alone to supply the Village with all its water needs. Well # 3 can do the same thing by itself. If a well were to go down for any reason there was plenty of back up with the three wells. Water is pumped out of a hole in the ground. There is a hardness and smell to this water; the aesthetic quality of the water has been an issue for years. The new issue is chemical contamination; that is why he was brought in. Aesthetic quality is natural and can be treated; just because it tastes or smells bad does not mean it is bad for you. The IEPA has rules that requires water testing of the municipal system on a regular basis for various bacteriological contaminants; e coli for example. The IEPA requires testing for chemical contamination on an irregular basis; once every six years. The Village tested for chemical contamination in 2002- no problem; everything was fine. In 2008, the test showed traces of organic solvents. Organic solvents are things like dry cleaning chemicals and solvents used for degreasing metals. These should not be in your drinking water. The IEPA ordered the Village to do more testing. Additional testing was done in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, the levels showed to be increasing and a notice of violation was issued to the Village stating that the Village was in violation of the set rule because the amount of the chemical in the water is getting to the point that they think it will be unsafe to the people. Additional testing was done in July, 2009 that confirmed that we were at a level that was not going to be safe if we continue to use this water. The Mayor immediately shut the well down. Well #3 has been shut down since late July or early August of 2009 and it has not been used since then and it will not be used in the condition it is because it is not safe. The EPA stated that along with the original notice issued in May there is additional administrative issues; the way the chlorine gas was stored at the facility, standing water in one of the well houses, one of the randomly tested houses had higher levels of bacteriological contaminants than they would like to see. These issues had to be corrected along with 5 similar issues. The Village corrected all of the issues except one. The chemical contamination in well #3 remained. This issue can be corrected by digging a new well, getting Lake Michigan water or treating the chemical contamination. Putting treatment on well #3 will run \$200,000.00- \$300,000.00 just for setting up the equipment. Additional costs include operating and maintaining the equipment. Due to the extreme expense and the current economic position of the Village, the Village has been looking for outside sources to provide additional money to help with this issue. The EPA stated that there have been other communities, such as Crestwood, which have serious issues; they are taking a hard stand on the Village. Crestwood was using a contaminated well without EPA knowledge and augmented the contaminated well water with their Lake Michigan water system. The EPA stated the Village had two options: put controls on the well to treat it to stop contamination or take the well out of service and disconnect it from the system. The Village wanted to add a bigger solution by getting Lake Michigan water which would also eliminate the hard taste and smell. The Village has been working to get the funds necessary to minimally get treatment for well #3 with a larger goal to get Lake Michigan water later down the road. The EPA stated that if treatment did not start on that well they would have to file a complaint against the Village finding

the Village in violation of various EPA regulations. The Village Attorney, Chief of Staff and Dan Caplice met with the EPA and the Attorney General to try to show them what corrective measures have been done. The EPA still filed the complaint against the Village, even though the well has been shut down, and is working toward suing the Village to make them comply with the rules.

Bottom line- the water is safe. You are not drinking contaminated water. There have been independent tests done to verify the tests that the Village does. The Village does testing by sending bottles of water to a State certified lab. K+ did independent tests. Wells #1 & 2 showed zero contamination. These tests are now being done quarterly rather than every 6 years.

Dan Caplice opened the floor to questions.

Trustee Burgess stated that he does know about the water; he has been in Sauk Village for 27 years.

Trustee Burgess stated that the water dead ends- goes to the pump house and back without making a complete loop. Trustee Burgess asked if a complete loop were created would that take away the smell. Dan Caplice stated that it would provide only minimal improvement.

Trustee Burgess asked how long would it take for Lake Michigan water to flow through the pipes.

Dan Caplice stated that it would be noticeable pretty quick.

2. Audience Participation

James Harris, 27 year resident, stated that Trustee Burgess was asking how long it would take to make the transition, not how long would it take before there is a change in the water after the transition. James also asked what the closest town was that we could hookup to and what is taking so long to start the process of getting clean water.

Mayor Towers responded that the towns would be Ford Heights, Chicago Heights, Lynwood and Hammond, Indiana. Mayor Towers stated that the first step is for the residents to decide that they want Lake Michigan water. It is up to the residents to go for a referendum; previous referendums have failed. Mayor Towers stated that the residents have to form a committee to place a referendum on the ballot for the residents to vote on bringing in Lake Michigan water and to determine where the money would come from. Mayor Towers stated that today is the first of a series of town hall meetings to educate the residents as to the cost for bringing in Lake Michigan water so they may make an educated vote.

Trustee Williams asked Jim Czarnick and Kevin Weller to explain how Sauk Village would be affected by being at the end of the line as far as the other towns are concerned and to explain the problems with our infrastructure.

Corey Moore, 20 year resident, stated that the water is used for more thing than just drinking. He is not sure how safe the water is. Health is more important than money; it is time to get serious.

In response to Trustee Williams' question, Jim Czarnik stated that there are certain regulations and requirements that have to be met in order to get Lake Michigan water. There has to be 2 days of storage; that's a big cost. There are water loss restrictions; the system has to be tight- no leaks- there is only a certain amount of loss acceptable. Lake Michigan water will travel through more than one town before it reaches Sauk Village at the end of the line; there has to be an ample supply still available to supply Sauk Village. Sauk Village would then apply to the Illinois Department of

Natural Resources. There could be problems with the piping; the pipes are very old and there would be another type of water running through now.

Roger Love stated that he agreed with the residents facilitating the referendum and asked when the last referendum was considered. It was stated that it was probably 2002.

Elizabeth Pratt asked where the wells are located and asked if the problems could be coming from the trucking company behind Route 30. There have been studies done to try to identify the source of the contamination. There is no final determination; the Village Attorney is also working to address the problem. Elizabeth requested a blueprint of the infrastructure; agrees that the pipes are old and some need to be replaced. (Kevin Weller will supply the map.) The water is worse in different parts of town; this could be a health issue.

Elizabeth stated that she did not vote for the previous referendums because of the cost.

Janice Clark stated that she was very concerned that the trustee left the Board stating that he did not know anything about the water. Janice asked if it was discussed at meetings. The trustees stated that they all knew about the water issue and that it has been discussed at meetings. Janice asked why well #3 cannot be shut down permanently if wells 1&2 are sufficient. Kevin Weller stated that well #3 is the back up well to wells 1&2 as required by the EPA. Janice asked if Clarke's Garden Center could be the problem.

Dan Caplice stated that it was determined in the study that the solvent in question is more like dry cleaning fluid or other chemicals not found to be part of the Lincoln landfill or Clarke's.

Janice said that realistically it will end up costing the residents money; the State does not have money to give. Taxes and water bills will go up. The Village is getting a bad rep but she does not want to leave her home.

Lucy Marx, 10 month resident, asked if the Village is concerned about saving money or the health of the residents. Lucy asked if it was her landlord's responsibility to inform her that the water they are drinking is contaminated. Dan Caplice restated that the drinking water is not contaminated. The Village is very concerned with the health of the residents. When the issue of contamination was brought up the well was shut down and taken offline. Dan stated that the reason it has not been shut down completely is because the Village would be in violation of not having a back up well in place. The Village is working with the state now to find funding. Dan did not want to address the issue of the legalities with her landlord but did state that the water is safe to drink- there is no contamination to the drinking water; the Village tests the drinking water on a daily basis.

Larry Stewart stated that three experts are evaluating water on a regular basis, but the EPA still found fault with the water; are three experts really needed. Dan Caplice explained that Robinson Engineering is the Village Engineer that takes care of the normal issues like infrastructure, water lines, sewers and roads, Kevin Weller – Public Works, is responsible for maintaining the water system and roads and that he was brought in as an expert to deal with the contamination with the water. Dan stated that each person has a separate role and all are needed. Larry stated that the issue has soiled the Village's reputation in the media's eye. Larry stated that we should have been working with the EPA sooner.

Dan stated that he, the Chief of Staff, Robinson Engineering, and the Village Attorney have been working with the EPA all along. As a result of the Crestwood incident, the EPA has taken a zero tolerance approach to municipalities that have potential chemical contamination in their water.

Mayor Towers stated that he hired an independent water expert who has told him, as has the EPA, that the water is safe. Mayor Towers stated that he ran to do whatever he can to improve the quality of water in Sauk Village. One of the purposes of this meeting is to hear resident's concerns and to let residents know where the Village stands on the water issue. The well has not been used since last May and was officially taken off line August 1, 2009 but the EPA is taking the proactive approach; they want the Village to take the well completely off line (violating another rule) or treat the well which will cost approximately \$200,000.00. The Village is working to find a way to fund the treatment.

Alice stated that her and her grandkids are sick from drinking the water; she does not believe the water is safe. Alice said her water bills are too high; she brought her bills. Alice stated she will go downstate to make sure something gets done. Alice stated that she has talked to the Mayor about issues with the water/ plumbing costing her money. Mayor Towers told her to meet with the Chief of Staff. There are ongoing discussions with possible sources of the contamination that cannot be discussed openly. They are working with them to help fund some of the cost if they are determined to be the cause of the contamination. James Ross asked if we get Lake Michigan water how long before actually get the water, after running pipes, etc... How many years?

Jim Czarnik stated that after it is approved by referendum the approval process from Illinois Department of Resources could take 3-9 months, the infrastructure would then be built; realistically it could take 3-4 years.

Edward Little asked how safe the water is for bathing; where did the contamination come from. Edward stated that whoever caused the contamination should pay to correct the problem. Dan stated it is safe for bathing. Edward asked how well #3 can be considered a back up well if it is shut down. Dan stated that in an emergency there is water in storage for 1-2 days. Only in extreme emergency would well three be used with the approval of the IEPA. Dan stated that this is old contamination; an investigation to determine the source would involve drilling that could take 3-6 months and is very costly. Currently, the EPA has put strict rules in place for certain chemicals but individuals still place chemicals into the system. The contamination could have started 10 years ago or more- before the new rules were put in place. The wells are now being tested on a quarterly basis.

Archie, 35 year resident, stated that Sauk Village should have got the water when Ford Heights got it.

Phycheena Byas stated that she is disappointed with the current administration; there should have been something in writing available to the residents today to explain solutions and costs. Phycheena stated that there is state funding available; she has called to get information and is willing to talk with someone to share the information. Phycheena stated that last year Mayor Towers referred her to speak with the Chief of Staff but she never called her back. There are three experts being paid; there should be something in writing in layman's term; where are the facts so we can make a decision based on facts to move towards EPA compliance. Phycheena asked when the details would be available in written form, what are the experts being paid and when will we be in compliance.

Mayor Towers stated that we are EPA compliant.

Dan Caplice stated that the results of the testing are public information and is available at the Village

Hall and is also in IEPA files. Information can be prepared in layman's terms by all three experts detailing what they have found and what they are doing with regards to the water issue.

Trustee Burgess asked if reports could be made available by the next Board meeting that will include a study prepared previously by Robinson Engineering, any reports from K+, the cost of the treatment and an idea of the cost to obtain Lake Michigan water.

Jim Czarnik, Robinson Engineering, stated that the report is not final yet; they are still meeting with other communities that supply the water.

Dan Caplice restated that the water is clean and safe.

Trustee Williams stated that all of the information is not available. Trustee Williams asked Jim Czarnik to provide the timeline information that he presented to the Board last September to be made available at the next Board meeting. Trustee Williams told Dan Caplice that he should have information available detailing steps that he has taken up to this point; some of which the Board has probably not even been made aware of and causing her to have questions of her own. An outline should be prepared by the next Board meeting showing where we are, where we need to be and how we are going to get there; if that would have been available now they could have been presented; just saying the water is clean is not a good enough answer. Trustee Williams asked Dan Caplice to attend the next Board meeting with that information. Trustee Williams stated that as an elected official and a resident she needs to know what is going on; she understands why the residents are angry. Trustee Williams stated that she was not informed by the Chief of Staff that the Village was being sued; she read about it in the papers. Trustee Williams stated that if those reports are not available by the next Board meeting that that will be addressed to the Board and the Mayor to see what needs to be done to rectify that.

Debbie Pierce asked if there was daily cost to shutting down well #3 or maintaining the wells; could that cost also be included in the report. Kevin Weller will investigate. Debbie asked what the process of putting together a referendum was.

Mayor Towers stated that a committee needs to be formed to draft a referendum to be placed on the ballot in 2011. Debbie asked if someone could help them.

Trustee Burgess stated that the documentation needs to be drawn up in a similar way that a candidate's documentation is drawn up. The documentation requires signatures (the amount of signatures is based on the last election) and will need to be filed with Cook County by a specific date to be placed on the ballot. Trustee Burgess suggested that anyone interested in putting together the referendum to contact the Cook County Clerk; Village officials cannot file the referendum.

Elizabeth Pratt referred to possible places of contamination. Dan Caplice said investigations are ongoing. Elizabeth asked if a trustee can be included in the process of putting the referendum together; can copies of the last referendum be provided to the residents to model a newer, tweaked version. People need to be informed of things we know now like being at the end of the line, restrictions, etc...; we need to be in compliance with the IEPA; we do not want to pay higher taxes, especially to pay for a lawsuit... Elizabeth agreed that the residents need to know all of the facts in layman's term to understand what needs to be done. Elizabeth stated that residents need to continue to come out and support the Board and show that they care about what is going on. Someone dropped the ball on this.

Village Clerk Williams stated that she will have information from the last referendum available in her office on Tuesday after 11:00 am for anyone who may want to model a new version.

Elizabeth is still waiting to hear from the Beautification Committee.

Jacob Wells, 15 year resident, stated that Mayor Towers is making a big step having this meeting.

Jacob stated that continuing to dig from the ground for water is moving backwards; let's move forward with Lake Michigan water. The pipes will have to be repaired at some time anyway. Jacob asked how old the towers and the wells are. Jacob questioned where the testing for the ground water takes place. Jacob asked where Ford Heights got the money.

Mayor Towers stated that water comes from 3 wells; the contamination only occurred in well # 3; it was shut down. Mayor Towers stated that the government stepped in and supplied Ford Heights with water due to the income of the Village; their water did not meet the IEPA standards.

Trustee Williams stated that ground water and drinking water is different. Trustee Williams asked Kevin Weller to address the question about testing. Kevin Weller stated that well water has no treatment; water is sent to homes after treatment. There is sampling done throughout the Village. The well is 490 feet deep and the test is taken from 120 from the surface.

Steve Pritchett, Deer Creek Estates, stated that the Village knew about the water since 2002. Was it contaminated then? Dan Caplice stated that the water tests showed no contamination in 2002, the residents were concerned about the hardness- not the contamination. Dan said the EPA only requires tests every 6 years; the contamination showed up in 2008.

Rose Langston, 50 year resident, drinks the water and is still healthy. Rose is at the end of the line and the water does have rust and smell. Rose installed a water softener. Rose voted against the referendum because she does not want her water use to be restricted. Rose mentioned that the water would come from more than one municipality and they could raise their rates at any time. The cost and time for Lake Michigan water is hard to determine but it will cost a lot of money and take many years. She will vote against a new referendum.

Jessica Echols stated that Mayor Towers promised better water- what has been done in the past year. Mayor Towers stated that he said he would improve the quality of the water. The first thing- continue to make the sure the water was safe. Next- when it was discovered that the ground water in well #3 was contaminated it was pulled off line and experts were brought in to advise the Village what direction we should take.

Jessica stated that wasn't good enough for the State; we're being sued.

Mayor Towers stated that the IEPA wants the Village to put the well back on line or shut it down all together. The Village does not have the money to put the well back on line.

Jessica asked if we have the money for a lawsuit. (millions?)

Mayor Towers stated that we do not know what the lawsuit will be.

Jessica asked why K+ was not fired if they did not do what they were supposed to do. Mayor Towers stated that K+ did what they were hired to do; do the study, find out where the contamination is coming from and advise the Village what direction to take.

Jessica stated that someone is not doing their job; the Village is being sued. Mayor Towers said if we had the money the problem would have been corrected; we are looking for money in order to correct the problem.

Jessica asked how Mayor Towers could allow a trustee to walk off the Board saying he does not know anything about the water and neither does any of the rest of the Board; all of the other trustees said they have talked about it at Board meetings. He walked out of here. What will happen to him?

Mayor Towers stated that he is an individual trustee; anybody can walk out. We are only dealing with the water.

Nate Griffin asked why the Village Attorney and Chief of Staff are not answering these questions; they know more about the meetings than the Board does. Mayor Towers stated that is why the experts are here; they know more than anybody. Nate said he has been here 28 years; the water problem has been going on for years. He is not here to argue; he is here to get answers. Nate commended the residents who came out today. Residents need to come to the meetings to find out what is going on and ask questions. Nate stated that the Board is doing a remarkable job. Nate stated that this did not happen overnight; it will not be straightened out in 4-5 months. Money is a problem.

Janice Clark thanked the panel for giving the residents more than enough time to talk. Having been involved in Village politics herself she knows not everyone does 100%. Janice asked when Mayor Towers was sworn in. Mayor Towers responded May 12, 2009. Janice asked why the investigation of the wells is left up to the attorney; is testing still being done. Mayor Towers stated experts were hired and they rely on their reports; K+ has done testing. Dan Caplice said further tests can be done; it is a matter of money. Janice said 8 friends have died from cancer-and prays the water had nothing to do with it.

Dorothy Robinson, 20 year resident, has been concerned with the water for years. Mayor Towers has not been in office long enough to know too much about the water. She has complained for years how the water affects her skin. Dorothy believes that in 2002 children at Wagoner got sick from drinking the water. Dorothy voted for Lake Michigan water but the referendum was defeated; she believed that the previous Mayor did not want Lake Michigan water. Dorothy said all 3 wells are bad; dig further. Dorothy has to replace appliances too often; the water bill is too high compared to other towns that have city water.

Mayor Towers stated that this has to be placed on the referendum. Next- decide what town we will get water from and at what rate.

Dorothy stated that the IEPA did send notices to the residents telling them that the water was bad. Put it on the ballot. We are going to have to pay for water one way or another.

Mayor Towers stated that Lake Michigan water is a long range plan; a committee is needed to handle the referendum. If the citizens decide to vote for it then that is the route the Village will take.

Town hall meetings will continue to be held to provide data for residents to make an informed decision. Mayor Towers stated the Board will continue to be proactive for clean water.

Trustee Hanks stated that he is 100% in favor of this going before a referendum; the Board needs to listen to the residents. It is very important that the residents have all of the data that is provided by the experts in order to make an educated decision. Anything the Village does will have a cost involved. There are decisions:

- 1) Cap the well- drill a new well.
- 2) Lake Michigan water
- 3) Treat the water at the source.

The residents who sit on the committee need to have copies of all of the reports so the residents know what the cost of Lake Michigan water will be. The Village does not have \$200,000.00 to treat the water at the source at well # 3; millions are needed for Lake Michigan water- that cost will be placed on the residents. Trustee Hanks stated that he will work with the resident who will put the committee

together for a referendum and then will work with the Mayor and the Board to make sure that the residents have all of the information that is needed. Phycheena Byas asked if these three items can also be part of the information given out at the next Board meeting.

Leslie Johnson asked how safe the water is.

Dan Caplice stated that the EPA has a limit of 2 contaminants for the water in wells 1&2 – in March the tests showed ZERO.

Dolores Brady, 39 year resident, feels that the water is safe, she has a water softener. When the referendum was brought up last time it was going to raise the bill \$100 or more per month. The Village chose an ironizer treatment over Lake Michigan water; more cost effective.

Larry Stewart stated that the water is not contaminated but has an issue with the testing performed by K+. There might not have been pressure by the IEPA now if there would have been more regular testing prior to 2009. We will probably lose the third well. We need to move forward. There needs to be a very large committee of people immediately.

Bural Wilkerson stated that the Board was elected to run the city; why do the residents have to form the committee.

Mayor Towers stated that it is his understanding that it has to be an independent committee not a committee of elected officials according to State law.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Village is not Home Rule but the Board does have the power to bring in Lake Michigan water. The residents need input. If the Board does it without the resident's approval they would be increasing the resident's bills without their consent. Citizens need to voice their opinion through the vote to decide if the Village should pursue Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Williams stated that the Village is only able to raise taxes to a certain extent; we are in a financial downfall now. In order to do this, it would take a lot of money; taxes would have to be raised. We need a referendum in order to raise taxes. A committee needs to present the referendum.

The trustees do not have the power to increase your taxes by --%; it has to go to referendum. We have to supply you with information you need to understand that it may raise your taxes by ---%. As a Village you have to understand that it will raise your taxes and we will act on that decision. There is a process; it is not immediate. You need to spend time to create the referendum, educate the residents, wait for the results of the referendum, follow the steps that need to be taken to apply for Lake Michigan water to see if we are even eligible and deal with the infrastructure and storage areas.

You would probably be paying for your water years (maybe 2-3 years) before you got it; money is needed to work on the infrastructure, for storage and to hire people to do what is needed to put the steps in place. We need time and money; it could take 5 years; if we got the money. The situation needs to

be rectified sooner; less than 5 years. Sauk Village has hard water and it tastes and smells bad. It is healthy but it is a choice if you want to drink it. Trustee Williams stated that she does not drink it but knows many people who do. The Clerk will have the information available for the committee to work with. She looks forward to reading it. The Mayor and the Board cannot do it for you. If the majority of the people vote for it then the Village will do what they have to do. In the meantime, the Village needs to deal with the issue of well #3.

Evelyn Sterling, 8 month resident, stated that hard water damages appliances, hair and skin and seems like that is not healthy. Dan Caplice stated that the water is not pleasing but is at acceptable EPA standards. Evelyn asked if the water can be softened. Evelyn said information should be placed in the resident move in booklet that the Village has hard water.

Jim Czarnik stated that additional treatments can be done but it costs a lot of money.

Evelyn stated that there should be a cost comparison of keeping the wells versus Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Burgess stated that information is being gathered on how much the surrounding towns will charge to supply the water.

Evelyn inquired about the testing that has been done. Dan Caplice stated that the EPA requires the testing once every 6 years. The Village tested it one time. There was a duplicate test in March and there will be another test in June using IEPA processes.

Rose stated that hot water tanks should be flushed periodically; it makes a big difference on the water that comes into the house. Rose stated that once the wells are capped and Lake Michigan water is here you cannot reopen the wells.

Ed Shankel stated that there was a report of fecal matter in the water. Kevin Weller stated that random testing is done every month. There was an incident at one location at the tap; everything is fine now.

Ed stated that there was an issue with standing water. Kevin Weller stated that there was water coming out of the packing plant. Ed wants to see the wells open periodically for tours. Kevin Weller agreed to tours.

Mayor Towers thanked everyone for coming out stating that more information will be provided as it becomes available. Mayor Towers thanked the Board and the panel for their participation.

3. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, MAY 18, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Burgess (absent with excuse)

1. Village Financial Matters

a. Update on Village Finances- Brunetta Hill- Corley, Chief of Staff

b. Village Financial Outlook- Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.

COS Corley stated that the finance office is continuing to gather information on Village finances. Possible meeting dates to discuss cost savings initiatives and the presentation of budget suggestions from the department heads are Wednesday, May 26th, or Committee meetings of June 1st and June 15th. Topics also include summer layoffs and reworking of vendor services. COS Corley asked the Board if there will be a special meeting to discuss only these financial matters or will these items appear on a shared agenda. Trustee Williams stated that a completely special meeting should be held or this should be the only thing on the agenda. COS Corley stated that there have been meetings with Telecom regarding savings for the in house telephones. That data may not be available until June. Trustee Hanks suggested that this has already been going on since April. There are some initiatives that can begin soon. The meeting should take place as soon as possible so that action can be voted on at a Board meeting in the near future. COS Corley stated that they will present what they have by the Special Meeting of Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm. Trustee Williams stated that she did not see her suggestion on the list of cost saving initiatives. COS Corley stated that the suggestion was combined with Trustee Hanks' suggestion of furlough days and a four day work week. Trustee Williams asked that the suggestion also be figured out individually in case furlough days and the four day work week is not approved.

Gloria Gibson stated that the 2011 budget is 5 months away. Decisions need to be done immediately. There is a need for amended budgets on two revenues.

2. Illinois Municipal League- Mr. Blaine Kurth- Loss Control Specialist

a. Claims Overview

b. Minimum/ Maximum Agreement Option

COS Corley met with Mr. Kurth and the finance office. The Claims Overview was placed in the Board packets. Mr. Kurth will explain possible action that the Board needs to take with regards to balancing claims of the Village with the IML. The IML is a non profit organization that provides insurance coverage to municipalities only. The Board of Directors consists of Mayors throughout the state of Illinois. The group started in 1981 with 36 members; currently there are 760 members. Mr. Kurth performs inspections and trainings similar to OSHA and the Department of Labor. The IML is paying more money out than they are receiving in contributions. Sauk Village is now on a watch list.

The following recommendations should be considered based on a review of the claims.

- 1) Review the footwear policy (Public Works)
- 2) Perform good background tests for the Police Department with regards to physical agility.
- 3) Establish a safety committee that would meet once a month to review accidents, injuries and near misses as well as identify root causes. The committee could discuss possible training, change of equipment, etc... that would prevent those accidents from occurring in the future.

COS Corley stated that the Board needs to sign off on an agreement allowing Mr. Kurth to begin the free training. Sauk Village has been in the program since 2003. The claims overview shows the claims of the last seven years. COS Corley asked what the course of action would be if the Board did not sign off on the agreement. The claims would need to be reduced or the premiums would increase. Trustee Myers stated there was a safety committee in the past. It is possible that a previous Board voted out the safety committee for the IML. Trustee Anderson asked who would be on the safety committee. Mr. Kurth suggested the department heads and rank and file, including alternates; they would stagger annually. Trustee Myers agreed that the safety committee does work by keeping people alert to the hazards. Trustee Anderson asked DH Weller if he is aware of a footwear policy. DH Weller is not aware of any footwear policy or claims based on footwear. Mr. Kurth stated that the recommendation stays the same everywhere regardless of the type of claims filed. Claims can be accessed on line.

The Minimum/ Maximum coverage program was offered to municipalities that pay \$100,000.00 or more each year in contributions. The Village can in or out each January. If the Village opts for Minimum/Maximum coverage there is a 28% administrative cost leaving roughly \$70,000.00 to pay claims. If the money to pay claims is exhausted the Village pays dollar for dollar up to 120% cap. The Minimum/ Maximum coverage plan is not recommended for municipalities who do not have a good safety record. Mr. Kurth stated that he did think Sauk Village would do well with this program. There was only one year where the Village was in the red; saved 20% when in the black. Minimum/ Maximum reports are sent out twice a year. The Minimum/Maximum coverage needs to be signed off on by July 1, 2010. The other option is to pay the standard bill.

3. Frankie's Hot Dog Stand- Mr. Frank Briggs

Frank Briggs stated that he is still waiting for Cook County to come out to do a final inspection in order for him to open his business. Village Attorney Vasselli and Trustees Benson and Myers have all called Cook County to try to schedule an inspection. There has been no response from County. Cook County closed his business due to problems with the water and septic issues. A dye test showed problems with the septic. The septic had not been pumped for some time due to Mr. Brigg's being gone for an extended period caring for his wife. It has been pumped and there is no further issue with the septic. Mr. Briggs stated that he is aware that Cook County stated that they will not be responsible if Sauk Village allows his business to open. Frank is asking the Village to allow him to open. He will place Sauk Village on his insurance policy as "also insured" to release the Village from any possible damages. (Frank presented the insurance policy to the Board.) Trustee Myers stated that the Will County Health Department completed an inspection and found no issues with the water or septic. Trustee Myers presented a petition with over 100 signatures from people from neighboring municipalities that they would like to see the business reopened. Trustee Myers stated that

DH Jasinski and COS Corley have also called County to have them come out to inspect. County is not responding. Trustee Benson asked if the Village can allow the business to open since County will not respond. Mayor Towers stated that if the Board decides to allow the business to open, the Village Attorney will need to draft a statement of no liability for the Village. Frank stated that this has been an ongoing issue for years. There is no danger for the community. Trustee Hanks stated that he would like to see the business reopened; however, it is important to remember that the Village does have an agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health and they refuse to come. Also, important is the fact that Frank has been very proactive, the testing has been done and he has spent a lot of money out of pocket to take care of the issue; they should be able to open. DH Jasinski suggested that Cook County be called to attend a Committee meeting along with Frank to discuss this. DH Jasinski stated that to her knowledge they are not satisfied. DH Jasinski stated that there have been no problems getting the other food businesses in the Village inspected. Trustee Hanks stated that Sauk Village is a non Home Rule community; there is a chain of command to follow. Allowing Frankie's to open without the County inspection is taking on a contrary position. Trustee Myers stated that a letter from the Cook County Department of Public Health dated 8/21/09 states that they will not take any responsibility if the Village allows them to reopen. Mayor Towers agreed that inviting them to address the Board to make one last effort, rather than asking them to visit the site, is the way to go. Trustee Anderson agreed that the Board would like to address them to find out what the issues are. Frank stated that is just a way to delay things. He has been waiting for three years and has done everything he was told to do. He was closed due to a dye test; test it now – it is okay. Frank feels that that County has a vendetta against him. They are disrespecting him by not performing the test. They are under contract to inspect. What the County wants is not possible. Trustee Williams stated that the Village cannot afford to lose another business but the Village would be going against the Cook County Board of Health; how will these affect current and future situations. They need to explain to the Board why they refuse to inspect. If they decline the offer from the Board then the Village has done everything they can do; allow Frankie's to open giving them a probation period. Mayor Towers stated that they will be contacted and asked to appear at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Hanks suggested a phone call with a follow up letter.

4. Proclamation for Pastor James Gambill- Request from Village Clerk

Village Clerk Williams stated that Pastor James Gambill will be retiring from his position at the Sauk Village Church of God on May 25, 2010. VC Williams approached Attorney Vasselli to inquire who prepares the proclamations. VA Vasselli stated that the Clerk usually prepares the proclamations. VC Williams prepared a draft of the proclamation using information provided by Assistant Pastor Bill Hall as well as previous proclamations. VA Vasselli also provided a proclamation. VC Williams stated that the Board was agreeable to the proclamation. The Board needs to decide which proclamation to use and who will present it to Pastor Gambill. (Both proclamations were provided to the Board.) The Board decided that Trustee Anderson will present the proclamation at the church service at 11:00 am on May 25th. The Board also agreed that the last paragraph should be changed to read "the Mayor and the Board of Trustees". The ratification of the proclamation will be added to the agenda of next week's Board meeting.

5. Midway Building Supply- (Presentation as to Additional Vendors for Community)

COS Corley stated that the representative from Midway Building Supply calls daily stating that residents are waiting to use his services in Sauk Village. COS Corley stated that she has read the Skyline Disposal

agreement and has found no exclusivity in the agreement. They would like to provide dumpster service in the Village. VC Williams what the date of the agreement was. There are a few agreements on file. COS Corley will supply that date to VC Williams. VC Williams will verify if a more current agreement is in file. COS Corley stated that she did not see any agreements for Allied or Groen either. DH Jasinski stated that an ordinance was created for roll off dumpsters for residential use. DH Jasinski stated that she will meet with COS Corley tomorrow. Trustee Hanks asked for clarification that Midway is a not a scavenger company and stated that if any trustees have questions they should contact Skyline Disposal. Trustees Benson and Myers stated that if no conflict exists then there should be no problem. COS Corley will get the Board additional information and place this item on the agenda next Tuesday.

6. Summer Work Youth Programs- Brunetta Hill-Corley, Chief of Police

a. Put Illinois to Work Program

b. CEDA

c. Cook County Poet Program

COS Corley stated that there are new summer work programs available. Items a and c are combined as the Put Illinois to Work program. Resolutions need to be signed by the Board in order to participate in these programs. The Put Illinois to Work program includes 18-24 year olds. Sign up sheets are available on the back desk and at Village Hall. The Village has been asked to solicit individuals between 18-24 year olds to sign up. CEDA assists with youth 17 and under. The Village needs to present names of the youth to CEDA.

These programs are income based; certain information needs to be supplied in order to apply. The pay rate for the Put Illinois to Work program is \$10.00 per hour. Trustee Myers asked how much time employees will have to take with the youth; there are a lot of restrictions on them and they require supervision. There were some problems last year. COS Corley stated that the youth will be tested and placed accordingly prior to employment. Also, this year the applicants will be screened and there will be a one on one assessment of each applicant. There will be two Put Illinois to Work employees that will assist the Village in the entire process. Trustee Hanks asked where they will work. COS Corley stated that they will work in the Village Hall and throughout Sauk Village businesses at no cost to the business. Letters to the businesses cannot go out until the Village signs off on the programs. Youth can also be placed outside of Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks stated that they should not be answering phones at the Village Hall. There was some issues with that last year. COS Corley stated that they have to be given a chance. There were several problems with the kids last year. Trustee Williams stated that there was not enough to do to keep them busy, problems in the Police Department, kids answering phones, dropping calls and misplacing calls, kids walking off and grievances filed by the kids. COS Corley stated that she addressed that with the director of the program. If there is not enough for the youth to do here they will be placed elsewhere. Trustee Hanks asked what they can do in the Police Department with all of the confidential information there. Public Works can use help to cut grass and help beautify the Village. There should be a clear plan in place of where these individuals will be placed and appoint a supervisor from each department to work with them. Trustee Benson stated that the Board never voted on the Poet program in the past. They were just brought in last year. He worked with the Poet program last year. People in the Village called County and caused confusion. The kids that County hired had problems; not just here but other municipalities as well.

Mayor Towers stated that because we had problems for some kids we cannot shut the program down. We

need to have some program for the kids to help give them an understanding on how jobs work. Mayor Towers stated that the COS needs to provide a clear idea of exactly what direction the kids are going in and a supervisor in charge of them. If the Village is not paying for them we should be able to give them some direction. Trustee Benson stated that the kids will be placed according to what they want to do in the future. Trustee Myers stated that last year he supervised 22 kids in the program in another municipality; he found that the older kids could supervise the younger kids. COS Corley stated that the program has been more refined because if all of the problems everyone had last year. Trustee Williams stated that it is a great idea to put the kids to work but just like Cook County tightened the regulations then Sauk Village as a municipality needs to do the same thing. Last year kids went to lunch and did not come back. Hours appeared on timesheets that came from no where. How have the guidelines changed, how are the people chosen and how are they evaluated. As a municipality we need to decide where they can best be used. Grass cutting assistance should be the main focus; they would have to be 18 or older. Letters should be sent to the businesses to see if they can take advantage of the program. We should jump on the program. Mayor Towers stated that he would like to see one or two trustees get involved with the program. Trustee Anderson stated that when you think about the opportunity to work it is also the understanding of the importance of work and experiencing social skills. The kids learn to be on time. This is the opportunity to set a tone to provide vital learning skills that they can use from now on. Trustee Benson stated that should not limit the kids. Mayor Towers agreed as long as we can supervise them. DH Weller asked what tools they would be able to use. Mayor Towers suggested that each department provide a list of how many kids they can use, what they will be doing, what time of day they will be needed and who will supervise them. COS Corley stated that this is an extension of their growth; there are skills they can learn, like how to act professionally. Trustees Anderson, Benson and Myers offered to assist COS Corley with the program. COS Corley stated that this will be added to next week's agenda. Trustee Benson asked why we needed to vote on this. COS Corley stated that CEDA requires that an agreement needs to be signed. It was agreed that additional information will be provided to the Board from department heads and Trustees Anderson, Benson and Myers would assist COS Corley in getting the word out to the businesses.

7. Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Radios for Police Department- Police Chief Martin

Police Chief Martin presented a handout to the Board regarding the Cook County Emergency Communication Interoperability Plan. In 2006, the United States Department of Homeland Security, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Cook County Sheriff's Department and the City of Chicago joined together to plan an interoperable communication system in order for each municipalities' first responders to receive information throughout all of Cook County. Currently there is only one band on the radios; that does not allow communication with other municipalities. Radios available through this program have a special band that allows communication with the Cook County Sheriff's Department and municipalities throughout Cook County on twenty one channels. Four radios would be obtained for designated vehicles; two for the Police Department and two for the Fire Department. These radios will be checked monthly to make sure that they are operating. There is no cost to the Village to install the equipment; this will all be covered. The equipment belongs to the County. There is a maintenance fee of \$240.00 per radio per year for the initial year. Funding is currently available to cover all of the charges mentioned. The cost of the \$85.00 warranty for the first year is also covered by the County. The County will also install all necessary equipment to receive the signals, such as, towers, relay stations, etc... at no cost.

The Intergovernmental Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by the Board in order to participate. The Village must obtain insurance for the use or loss of the radios. Trustee Myers asked for clarification; does the Village have the ability to communicate with County now through 155 mgh radios and what is the cost to the Village? Chief Martin stated that the radios will not be used for radio to radio communication with the County but for communication statewide simultaneously in emergency cases. There is grant funding available for a specific time to cover the costs for radio recipients or to reduce the fees. Trustee Williams stated that the document states that funding may be available to pay for the maintenance fee or reduce the fee accordingly. There is also an \$85.00 cost for the 3 year warranty. What costs would be incurred if the funding was not received? Chief Martin stated that if funding was not provided, the Village would be responsible for \$1,200.00 per year for maintenance for the ability to have emergency contact with other municipalities. Mayor Towers asked if Chief Martin recommends this for the safety of the Village. Chief Martin stated that we currently have no way of communicating during a natural catastrophe; with cell phones and other forms of communication out there is no way to contact first responders, mutual aid, etc... Trustee Hanks asked what other communities are taking advantage of the program. Chief Martin stated that quite a few including Chicago Heights are taking advantage of the program. Once the Homeland Security grant expires the radios will cost \$5,000.00 each. Mayor Towers stated that \$1,200.00 per year is not that much to secure the safety of the Village. COS Corley stated that there are no upfront costs. Trustee Hanks stated that if any costs are incurred they can be paid out of the drug seizure fund. Trustee Anderson suggested that the Board take advantage of the Homeland Security grant. COS Corley will place this item on next week's agenda for approval.

8. Security Plan- Discussion amongst Board of Trustees

a. Request of Removal of Police Officer from Council Meeting

COS Corley stated that in the security plan that was submitted to the Board it states that an officer will be present at the Board meetings and that an officer will remain after executive session until the chambers are empty at the meeting room is closed. The removal of the police officer's presence at the meetings was placed on the agenda for discussion per request by a trustee. Trustee Hanks stated that the request was for the removal of the second officer who stays in the back of the room on Board meeting nights when the Police Chief is already present. There is no need for an additional officer; that officer should be on the street protecting Village residents. Trustee Benson stated that there are citizens in the Board meeting that need protection. The officer may be needed to remove someone from the meeting. If the Chief of Police has to remove someone then there would be no officer present; let the officer in the back of the room remove someone and leave the Chief in the meeting. Trustee Benson stated that the officers have always been in the meetings. Trustee Williams stated that the officer has not always been present at the meetings. This recently started with this administration and this new building. There was no need for officers to attend the meetings at the old building because meetings were held in the building along with the Police Department. There was discussion of needing an officer present when the front office was open to the public until 8:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday. They are no longer open late on those days. The Police Chief is present and can keep the peace. The amount of residents in the building versus the amount of residents outside of the building and in the streets; the officer is better suited to protect the streets. Residents do come and voice the concerns and comments and ask questions. They do not come here to start fights; she does not fear being attacked. If

the Chief of Police will not be present then an officer should be designated. Taking a rank and file officer off the streets for several hours for crowd control during the Board meeting is unnecessary; there have been no incidents that show a need for crowd control. Francine Anderson clarified that police officers started coming to the meetings when they moved into the new building for the safety of the employees who stayed late at the front window; there are no evening hours at this time. She has no fear of the residents. Trustee Myers stated that he conducted a search and found that there are actually several incidents of shootings at municipal buildings (over 4,000 hits on the internet); it could happen. Trustee Benson stated the citizens are not here to rumble but the visibility of an officer keeps people calm. There has always been a police officer present. There are cases where people have shot or jumped on elected officials and citizens have gotten involved. Stop things before they happen. Trustee Hanks stated that police visibility is intimidating. One officer is enough. We need to listen to the residents and not intimidate them. We should not sit up here or fear being attacked. Trustee Williams asked Trustee Myers if the search included Post Offices and other municipal buildings. Trustee Myers answered affirmatively. Trustee Williams stated that there has never been a problem in Sauk Village meeting history. If the plan is to keep an officer at the Board meetings then that should be a budgeted expense for an officer solely for that purpose. Do not pull an officer off the streets to listen to people give reports and discuss other issues. The Police Chief has the experience to direct residents if there is a problem; let him do his job or designate an officer not scheduled to patrol the streets. Trustee Hanks stated for clarification that this means to remove an additional officer other than the Chief; the Chief can appoint a designee in his absence. Mayor Towers asked that having one police officer present at each meeting, either the police Chief or a designee, be inserted into the security plan and placed on next week's agenda for approval.

9. Ordinances regarding Delivery of Special Meeting Notices

COS Corley stated that this request was made by Village Clerk Williams. There is currently a notice that the Clerk needs to hand deliver the meeting notices to the Board members. COS Corley was told that there is a Village ordinance and State Statute that discuss the time period that meetings must be posted but no ordinance that states that meeting notices need to be hand delivered. COS Corley was told that the Village ordinance states that there must be a 72 hour notice. The State Statute states only a 48 hour notice is needed. Village Clerk Williams stated that previous clerks did not hand deliver notices. COS Corley asked the Board for direction on how they would like to be contacted in the event of a special meeting so that there is no violation of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Williams stated that the police department used to deliver the Board packets on Friday. Special meeting notices were included in the packets. The Village Clerk did not deliver special meeting notices. VA Vasselli stated that there is an ordinance stating that the Village Clerk should hand deliver the notices within 72 hours. VA Vasselli needs to present that ordinance. The police no longer deliver the Board packets. Trustee Williams suggested that a phone call or email from the Chief of Staff to the Mayor and all trustees to state that a printed notice is available to them in their box is sufficient. The final determination of how many hours are necessary in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act should be brought back to the Board. Trustee Anderson agreed that a written notice in the box with a follow up phone call is acceptable. Mayor Towers asked the preference of the Board between 72 or 48 hours notice. Trustee Hanks stated that the Ordinance Review Committee can present the ordinance and ratify the notice period with recommendations from the Board.

10. Updates on Various Community Requests- Police Chief Martin

a. Police Update on Tickets

b. Update on Speed Trap Locator

c. Assessment of Basketball Courts since Rims have been Removed

d. Stop Sign Assessment on 217th Place between Peterson Avenue & Jeffrey Avenue

Police Chief Martin gave a review of the 114 local ordinance tickets written from the month of April through May 17th. There were 30 tickets written for parking in garbage days, less than 10 children or adults walking/playing in the streets and 20 no dog license/barking/ no rabies shots. People claim it is more comfortable to walk in the street due to the sidewalks being in disrepair. Tickets are written. If tickets are not paid they will receive a notice for night court the following month. Tickets can only be voided with permission from Markham Courthouse. All voided tickets are kept on file in the inactive or dead file for two years. Monthly ticket revenues could include tickets from several months ago due to people not complying timely. There has been no problem with activity at the Arrowhead basketball court; patrols are ongoing. Chief Martin reminded residents that basketball hoops need to be placed inside the home and not on the sidewalk or the parkway. Trustee Hanks stated that he made several trips himself to Arrowhead Park and spoke with residents during the two week test period. Gang activity and other problems seemed to have ceased. COS Corley asked what the weather was like during that period. It has been rainy and chilly. Trustee Hanks stated that there was rain on a couple of occasions. Trustee Benson stated that there were never reports of gang activity, just youth congregation around the basketball courts. Trustee Benson stated that when he visited the area there never was gang activity; the area will be empty because now there is nothing for them to do there. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson should talk and listen to the residents. Trustee Benson stated that he has talked to residents and that it was never the basketball players that were the problem but rather the congregation that hung out at the basketball hoops. Trustee Hanks stated that the residents are here tonight and will be addressing the issue. Trustee Myers asked if Chief Martin is making the recommendation that the nets should stay down. Chief Martin stated that that decision should be made by the Board. Chief Martin stated that there is one officer designated to patrol Merrill, Peterson and other hot spots; there will be ample police presence. Mayor Towers stated that the Board asked for the Chief's recommendation after two weeks of the hoops being removed. Chief Martin gave no specific recommendation at this time.

Chief Martin stated that during the period of the month of April and May 17th there have been 2,205 calls for service. Burglar alarms are high, criminal damage to property, loud music, juvenile nuisance, etc...

Public Works should have the speed trap locator up on Sauk Trail soon.

Chief Martin would like to continue to give updates at the first Board meeting of each month.

Chief Martin stated that he personally has conducted a study with regards to the stop sign at 217th and Carol during the times of the school bus pick up and drop offs. Chief Martin recommends a three way STOP sign with marked pedestrian crossing lines to avoid damage to properties and for the safety of the students. COS Corley stated that the Village Attorney will prepare an ordinance for Board approval. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the STOP sign.

Mayor Towers asked for an update on tickets issued for walking in the street. There seems to be a high incidence of this; why isn't there more tickets? Chief Martin stated that when they are seen walking in the street they jump up on the curb. Mayor Towers stated that the officers should still give them a ticket if they observed the walking in the street. Trustee Williams stated that less than 10 tickets for walking in the street is not enough. We need to send a message. Trustee Anderson stated that we need to demand more out of the police officers.

Chief Martin stated that neighbors not talking to each other is a problem. He would like to meet with the Police Alliance Committee and Trustee Anderson to discuss this.

11. Comments and Questions from Trustees

Trustee Anderson invited all men of Sauk Village to attend a community prayer vigil Friday, May 21st at 6:30 pm at Carol Avenue Park. The prayer vigil was an idea from the Police Alliance Committee's first focus group with the Peterson residents. The second focus group will take place Saturday, May 22nd from 1:00 PM- 2:30 pm at the Senior Center with Brookwood residents. The Senior Committee met Thursday, May 13, 2010. The senior committee will continue to host senior movies at the library every 2nd Monday of the month at the library.

Trustee Hanks stated that he will not be able to attend the prayer vigil due to a family commitment. Trustee Hanks stated that a flyer is circulating around the Village that is filled with lies; someone is just trying to cause trouble. Trustee Hanks stated that the flyer claims that only Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams voted to remove the backboards in Arrowhead Park; actually Trustee Benson was the only trustee who did not vote to remove them. Removing the backboards for a trial test period of two weeks was in response to several months of residents complaints of problems in this area. Trustee Hanks stated that if there are residents who would like the hoops moved to where they live to contact Trustee Benson; he is the chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The objective was never to take anything away from the children or the community; that is a lie. Trustee Hanks stated that he respects the residents of the Village; they place us in office. Residents have come before the Board with complaints that include gang activity taking place at this park. Trustee Hanks has made visits to the area and spoke with residents during this test period; there are no more problems. The Board took a proactive approach to remove the backboards before someone got hurt and to continue to monitor the situation. Trustee Hanks will meet with any resident as he was elected to serve all residents. Trustee Benson stated that before the rims were removed he spoke with a family in the area that said it was not the basketball kids; it was just kids walking through the grass. Trustee Benson stated that he took care of the situation. Trustee Benson stated that he has met with the kids to determine what can be done to make the area better and keep the youth from walking on the grass and not bothering the animals. Trustee Benson stated that no one ever said anything about gang activity, just youth congregation. Trustee Benson stated that Parks & Recreation meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month; volunteers are needed. The committee will be examining the parks and lots; looking to do great thing. The committee will bring the report to the Mayor and Chief of Staff.

Trustee Myers stated that he did vote to take down the hoops until the study could be done. Trustee Myers would rely on the recommendation of Police Chief Martin whether or not the hoops should come down to save the youth of the town from getting hurt. There is some gang activity in town; we will not allow it and we need to put a stop to it. Trustee Benson should increase the activities available at the Community Center.

We need to work together. The ordinances will be tightened to get our town back. The Ordinance Review Committee meets Wednesday, May 19th at 7 pm. There are some ordinances up for review. The public is invited; enter through the back door of the Village Hall. Trustee Myers stated that he may be late next week for the Board meeting.

Trustee Williams stated that some recent updates, like minutes, have not been updated timely because Gerald is working on the new website. The new website will be in a different format and more user friendly. Gerald stated that there have been problems with the site. He should be close to bring the Public Relations Committee something by the end of June. Trustee Williams stated that when a resident came to a meeting regarding the need for a stop sign the Police Chief was asked to follow up on the complaint and provide a recommendation. Based on his recommendation, the three way STOP sign will be on the agenda for approval next week. The same instance happened with the hoops. Several residents came to several Board meetings to talk about abusive behavior by basketball players and non basketball players, destruction of property, broken windows, drugs, foul language, etc... The residents instructed the Board to do something. That was the purpose of the test period. If the author of the letter is in the audience, or is known to anyone, let it be known that the hoops were removed as a test. If removing the hoops stops the problems then we need to find a place to move them to. The hoops have been there for years but there are problems there that have not always been there before. Trustee Williams stated that she is not a hater of fun as stated in the letter, but rather a hater of people busting windows, using foul language, selling drugs and drinking liquor in a Village park. All Village parks are open from dawn to dusk. The Chief was asked to increase patrols and only 12 tickets were issued; multiple people have concerns. Trustee Williams is all for free speech but the writer of the letter should get the facts straight before they circulate letters like that. Kudos to citizens who come to the Board meetings and state when they are not happy.

Village Clerk Williams presented a memo stating that the last referendum for Lake Michigan water was April 1, 1997. The referendum was defeated.

12. Questions from the Audience on Agenda Items Only

Mike Brown stated that it was a good idea to have County come out to discuss Frankie's. They have to receive permission to open. Mike asked if this was the first time the summer youth program came to the Village. There seems to be a lot of specifics that need to be hashed out. Trustee Myers stated that the Put Illinois to Work program is a new program that should be run with pretty much the same guidelines as the CEDA program. COS Corley has been instructed to check into it further. The program has been changed due to problems from last year's program. They are great programs but there have been glitches. Trustee Benson stated that Put Illinois to Work is a new program, POET has been around for years. Trustee Benson stated that last year he submitted over 75 applicants; did not see one Sauk Village youth working. Trustee Benson stated that last year the youth were troublesome youth with a GPA of less than 3.0 mostly from 1 parent families, many who had trouble in school. There were severe problems everywhere. Trustee Benson did not know if the criteria has been changed this year. Bloom Township gets to pick their own youth. Sauk Village was not able to choose. Mike stated that businesses should be notified that there is a possibility those youths may be hired to work in their establishment; they need time to prepare for them.

Mike stated that as far as police in the building; if someone is determined to hurt someone having a police officer here is not going to stop him. Mike also noted that the police chief is not suited in a vest when attending a Board meeting; an officer could be placed in a central location able to respond if needed.

Mike stated that police updates should be made at the council meetings; that is when most concerned citizens attend. Residents need to know what is going on; that the police are working for them. There needs to be more accountability; detailed reports with results of the investigations. Mike questioned what the hours of observation were for the basketball hoops. Gang activity and crowds is the same thing. Placing the hoops behind the police department is a good way to observe the activity and enforce the laws. Mike also stated "good job" on the STOP sign. There are often frequent violations during rush hour in most areas.

Resident James asked where the guys will play basketball now; they have to go to Indiana to play. James suggested taking the rims down at night. Officers should be sent out after 3 pm. They need the activity back. Carl Rylander stated that the summer workers will be paid \$10.00 per hour; could the program pay for the equipment, too. COS Corley stated that the employer must furnish the equipment. Mayor Towers stated that the County and the State make the rules. Carl asked how this program will affect people in the businesses that already work there; will these workers be replaced by the program workers that the businesses will not have to pay for. Mayor Towers stated that he would hope that the program workers would be in addition to the paid staff already employed at the businesses. Carl asked if the Village has applied through Homeland Security for grants for the radios and other capital expenditures; there is a lot of money out there. Carl stated that he is not denying that kids need a place to play basketball; just move it. Even kids that play basketball have a problem with the thugs who hang out there. Now with no hoops- there are no kids. He said the kids that came to the park came from all over- not just Sauk Village; just like they go to Indiana now. Carl hopes the study continues and that it is decided to move the hoops. Carl said that it took many residents to pack the house on many meetings to get this done; the STOP sign was discussed at one meeting and it was done. Carl commended the police chief for acting on this so quickly; good job. Mayor Towers stated that the STOP sign was brought up for the first time a year ago.

Trustee Myers stated that the program will not supply any equipment. COS Corley stated that it is in the criteria for the Village to supply equipment. Carl mentioned that the criteria are low income; there are a lot of people who work for minimum wage or on unemployment. COS Corley stated that people can apply for the program within the age guidelines.

Elizabeth Pratt commended the police chief for the STOP sign. Elizabeth also commended Trustee Myers and Anderson for looking further into the program in order to bring the program to the Village. Elizabeth stated that Homeland Security grants should be used to get the radios rather than the taxpayers. Elizabeth stated that the past seven days mostly have been rainy or overcast. It has been very quiet at the park. They are not looking to remove the hoops to punish the kids who want to play ball. The kids who play ball are usually not the kids that harass the animals (someone will get in trouble when the dog bites a kid), damage your property or cause problems. The vandalism needs to stop.

Elizabeth witnessed a fight, confronted them, called police; when police did respond the incident had cleared. Elizabeth stated that the dispatcher did not act appropriately. Elizabeth is not trying to keep the kids from having things to do. She has always volunteered in activities with the children. These kids are often rude and vulgar; that's the problem. They cause damage to properties. Parents need to answer to that. Elizabeth stated that there is in fact gang activity at the park; it has been documented. Drugs packet are found on their front lawn. The residents are trying to be proactive to keep the town safe. They make the calls, file the reports but do not always get back up. Some people on the Board have an attitude, chips on their shoulder, because they have an opinion. This is a free country. The park fences needed to be painted. Have the summer youth do that or pass out flyers for volunteers. Elizabeth is still waiting for the Beautification chair to contact her.

Elizabeth is volunteering on the Ordinance Review Committee and wants to help make the community attractive to bring residents in. There are over 400 vacant homes. We need to take an active move to bring revenue back to town. Elizabeth stated that there are people in the audience that have been here for 30 – 40 years that are still here. People that are bringing in negative things to the town need to know that we are making a proactive movement to tell them to find another town.

Trustee Benson stated that there is no doubt in his mind that Sauk Village doesn't have gang activity; gang activity is everywhere. He was told that it was not gang activity but a congregation problem. Rims should not have been taken down without the study done first. The rims should not be taken down. The police should have 2-3 cops there every 30 minutes to an hour to monitor the area; keep the crowd down. There is nobody there now because there is nothing to do. Trustee Benson stated that they need money to improve the parks, paint and provide additional equipment to parks. Trustee Benson stated that the rims should be placed back and that the safety of the residents and protecting their homes is his main concern. Kids will be kids; a solution is needed. Elizabeth stated that she and her husband attended a meeting recently where Senator Toi Hutchinson stated that funds are available if our Mayor or trustees ask for it. Funds are available to help us. That was what she was telling us. Elizabeth said some kids did come to the park to play on the swings during the test period. The weather was kind of rainy but kids were out. The hoops were gone so the problem kids were gone. Before the test when the weather was great and the hoops were up there were problems. If you put the hoops back up those kids will come back and so will the problems.

Pat Couch stated that she does call the police and has come forward with major complaints for over a year. The last time she called the police she wanted to file a formal complaint. The officer said he would just talk to the people she was having a problem with. She wants to file a formal complaint- talking to them does not work. Officer did not even issue a ticket. Pat has encountered problems with the evening dispatch operators – attitudes on the phone. This issue needs to be dealt with throughout the whole town.

Trustee Hanks stated that the atmosphere has changed since the decision was made last week. The decision to do the study was abrupt but the neighbors are happy. The problem ended immediately. Trustee Hanks stands behind the decision.

Trustee Benson stated that it is difficult to do the study with the hoops gone. The study should have been done with the kids there.

Pastor Corey, 8 year Plum Creek resident, stated that we are living in different times now; children are totally different. Pastor Corey stated that a mentoring program is needed. Citizens need to come together to help reach the children. The children don't care and most adults don't care. In eight years the Village has gone down. The homeowners don't care. When we grew up, kids respected adults. We need more programs to help redirect and change the moral of the kids. There is a lot of discord among the trustees. The Board needs to come together. Leadership has to become stronger. This was a beautiful place to be. We need to get control of our children. Code enforcement needs to increase efforts to keep the trash out. Pastor Corey suggested having an event at Arrowhead Park. He is making himself available to help to improve Sauk Village; he does not want to leave. We have to work with the leadership.

Jessica, 23 year resident- born in Sauk Village, does not remember having these types of problems here when she grew up. She does not want to raise her kids here. It is not just kids walking in the street or causing the problems. When they walk in the street they are disrespectful to the drivers. The kids come from all over to play basketball. Ten tickets is nowhere near enough. Jessica has problems with dispatch, too.

Rose Langston stated that the Police Chief should put the statistics in the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams stated that she encourages that. We have not had a Sauk Talk article from the Police Department since September. The information could also be posted on the web site.

Mike Brown stated that the police need to take immediate action. Mike agrees that taking the rims down was abrupt but it resulted in positive outcome. Officers do have discretion whether or not to charge a person. Policies should be followed; they are mandated by State law. Mike read a definition of leadership. Proper leadership is not being provided.

13. Adjournment

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table the executive session. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All ayes.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

14. Executive Session (tabled)

a. Discuss Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120/ (c)(1)(2010)

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 7-9-10

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 **MAY 25, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 7:46 pm)

A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 27, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

b. May 15, 2010- Special Board Meeting

c. May 4, 2010- tabled per Clerk Williams

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010 and May 15, 2010.

Trustee Burgess inquired about a statement made on the last page of the minutes of April 27, 2010 that states that Mayor Towers and Chief of Staff Corley stated that the entire Board authorizes spending for Parks and Rec. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board only authorizes what is brought to them under the receipts and expenses after the fact through the Accounts Payable. Village Clerk Williams read the statement that Trustee Burgess was referring to. Mayor Towers stated that at some point all of the spending of the Parks & Rec is authorized. Trustee Burgess stated that the basketball referees and certain supplies were authorized and approved but all day to day expenses are not brought to the Board; such as boxing where there was no authorization until after the fact. Trustee Burgess requested and received information about the boxing program after the fact but the rest of the Board did not get that information. Trustee Anderson asked if Trustee Burgess is stating that the minutes are incorrect. Trustee Burgess stated that the minutes were accurate- the statement is inaccurate; we have not voted on every expense for Parks & Rec.

Mayor Towers stated that the minutes were available since last Friday. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Burgess why he waited until the Board meeting to bring it up. VC Williams stated for clarification that the minutes are part of permanent record and that Trustee Burgess is stating for the record that the statement is inaccurate- not the minutes. Trustee Benson stated that he will abstain; he has not had time to review the minutes of May 15, 2010. Mayor Towers asked for clarification and specific language for the record. Trustee Burgess stated that where it says that the entire Board authorizes the spending it needs to further state when notified (when there is prior notification). Trustee Hanks agreed that the correction in this date's meeting are necessary.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010 with necessary correction (April 27, 2010 minutes are approved as written and submitted- correction will appear on the minutes of May 25, 2010.)

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve with the necessary correction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2010 Special meeting.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

Chief of Staff Corley stated that the Village Engineer, Public Works Director, Finance Director and herself have been meeting with various municipalities to inquire about cost analysis' regarding bring Lake Michigan water to the Village. COS Corley is also working with the financial advisors and the Village Attorney to investigate ways the TIF can assist in financing in order to improve the quality of the water. The Finance Department is continuing to work on the cost savings initiatives that will be presented at the Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm. COS Corley stated that the Beautification Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Conference Room A. Trustee Burgess asked if the residents will get a breakdown of how much the cost of obtaining water from other municipalities will cost the residents.

COS Corley stated that after further review the cost of obtaining water from the other municipalities will be discussed; a referendum will then have to be in place. Trustee Burgess asked about the option of spending a minimum of \$200,000.00 to put the well back on line. COS Corley stated that the financial studies also include the cost of additional chemical treatment to put well # 3 back on line in order to comply with the IEPA. Trustee Williams asked if there will be a Special Board meeting to discuss the written proposals. COS Corley stated that the information will be presented when all of the proposals are submitted. Trustee Williams asked if the written report requested by a resident during the Special Town Hall meeting was supplied by K+.

COS Corley stated that all of the information that the residents requested is not available today; further investigation is necessary. There will be reports from the Chief of Staff, Village Engineer and Public Works Director. Trustee Williams stated that the residents were told that there would be written documentation in layman's terms available at tonight's Board meeting. COS Corley stated that she will follow up with K+.

Trustee Hanks clarified that we do not have the information that we promised the residents would be available at tonight's Board meeting. COS Corley stated that there will be reports made tonight that will be reflected in the minutes that address some of the residents' questions. There will be additional follow up with K+ as to why the reports were not received tonight. Trustee Hanks asked if both options are being considered. COS Corley stated that the TIF is being explored as a financial means to get well #3 back on line. Trustee Benson asked if K+ and Robinson Engineering provided a timeline when the written reports would be made available; there is a lot of research that needs to be done after the problem has been ongoing for many years. COS Corley stated that there will be additional research and reports will continue tonight. Trustee Burgess stated that the contamination was discovered in May of 2009 and K+ was brought on right at that time because it was decided that Robinson Engineering could not handle the problem; it has been a year. Robinson Engineering did provide a timeline last year. Trustee Benson stated that the water issue started many years ago. Trustee Benson asked if K+ ever stopped their work due to non payment from the Village. COS Corley stated that they never stopped work at any time and they have given information to the Board, Village Attorney, Kevin Weller and herself as it became available. COS Corley stated that K+ did discover that there was a spill in 2008 and that it is her understanding that the IEPA knew about it but did not report it to Sauk Village. COS Corley stated that minutes from 2007 and 2008 do state that there were discussions regarding the quality of the water but no discussions on how to improve the water quality. K+ has provided a report and their findings to the IEPA and the Board at a closed session. COS Corley stated that she will contact K+ to get a report for the residents. Trustee Burgess stated that the water has always been a problem but K+ was brought in to deal with violation only. Trustee Burgess stated that if K+ would have notified the IEPA six months ago we would not be where we are now. Mayor Towers stated that there has been contact almost daily between K+, the IEPA, COS Corley and the Village Attorney regarding the ground water contamination. COS Corley stated that K+ started immediately after being hired; Mayor Towers is offended that it was stated that they waited for the last minute. For clarification, Trustee Burgess asked why we are being sued. COS Corley stated that we are being fined now because the IEPA wanted the well turned on now; we cannot turn it on. The IEPA asked the Village to comply with several steps. Public Works complied with all of those requests and the well still tested as being contaminated. IEPA wants the well back on line. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Burgess was already made aware of all of that. Trustee Burgess stated that he was aware but it was taking too long. He has only seen Dan Caplice three times. Mayor Towers stated that K+ needs more time for the citizen's report not the Village report. Trustee Williams stated that she directed K+ to provide a unique report of what has been done since they have come on and their findings in language that the average citizen can read. It may be a good idea to bring him back to the next committee meeting to answer questions. There was a written report at the beginning of the year and a more detailed report the following month and nothing since.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that the Board has received those reports for over a year; including the Chief of Staff's report and that we have been up to date on the water issue. Trustee Anderson stated that it is very clear to the public that the Board has not been receiving information. There have been reports; the Town Hall meeting was supposed to give the public the same information in a language they could understand. It was clearly stated at the Town Hall meeting that we were fined because the Village did not put well #3 back on line because the residents did not want to drink contaminated water. The information was not provided in writing to residents in plain language but everything else happened.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

The Village stickers are now 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). VC Williams stated that extra copies of the agenda and minutes approved tonight will be available at the front desk tomorrow. VC Williams stated the minutes of May 15th explain what the resident's concerns were and what K+ was asked to provide. VC Williams stated that she also stated at the May 15th meeting that she would provide information on the last referendum. Copies of the referendum information provided by the Cook County Clerk's office are available at the front desk. The last referendum was April 1, 1997. Approximately 1,800 residents voted; the referendum was defeated by almost 200 votes. Copies of the State statute that refers to referenda and the necessary steps needed to place the referendum on the ballot are included as well as how the referendum was worded. VC Williams stated that the Human Relations Commission has not been on the agenda, nor has there been a report for the past couple of Board meetings, however, VC Williams was asked to swear in a new commissioner at an upcoming meeting; is the commission still active. COS Corley stated that it is active.

3c. Village Treasurer- Genorise Carmichael

VT Carmichael reported that the Police and Fire Pension Board's annual training was held May 18 – May 21, 2010. In attendance was VT Carmichael, Bev Sterrett, Ted Sanders representing the Police Pension board and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood. Trustee Williams asked for clarification regarding Bev Sterrett's attendance. VT Carmichael stated that she attended on behalf of the Police Pension board.

3d. Village Attorney- Ms. Erin Kiernat- No report

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

VE Czarnik stated that he did prepare a written report for the Town Hall meeting; a quick summary was read and will be included in the minutes. A written copy will be provided to Mayor Towers and COS Corley. VE Czarnik stated that in July, 2009 the Mayor authorized Robinson Engineering to prepare a water quality improvement plan as a first step to safe, dependable high quality water for Sauk Village. A water study is also required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in order to qualify for Lake Michigan water. In September of 2009, the draft of the study was presented to the Mayor, Chief of Staff and Finance Director. The study was 90% complete at the time. The water rate information was missing from nearby communities. The cost cannot be finalized until those costs are provided. VE Czarnik stated that they have been meeting with other communities to obtain that information. Soon afterwards the report will be final. VE Czarnik stated that a few options could be done in order to obtain high quality water.

- 1) Purchase Lake Michigan water. Determine what infrastructure improvements will be needed; such as, water pump stations, ground storage tanks, water towers, piping, etc... Costs have been estimated for operation and maintenance of the water system and the cost of the IEPA loan that the Village may chose to use.
- 2) Improve the treatment of the existing ground water. This would require building a new treatment facility and build a new well to pump along with the treatment. The cost of those steps and the cost of repaying the IEPA loan as well as the maintenance of that well will not be disclosed at this time
Until all information option #1 is in.

The Mayor will receive all final information. The finalized water study will be given to the Illinois Department of Resources to see if we qualify for water; that is not a foregone conclusion. There are equally

important improvements that need to be done to the existing water system; such as elimination of dead end water mains, insulation of water booster stations to increase the pressure, addition of second water main crossing at I-394, etc... These costs need to be rolled into a referendum. The prepared timeline states that obtaining Lake Michigan water will take 4 ½ years. The enhanced ground water could possibly be quicker; no timeline has been prepared.

Trustee Hanks asked if capping off well # 3 and drilling a new well is being investigated; that was brought up at the Town Hall meeting. Trustee Hanks asked how many communities have we spoken to. COS Corley stated that those costs are being investigated. The Village has been in touch with Chicago Heights, Lynwood, Hammond and Dyer. VE stated that Hammond, Indiana is the source of water for the other three communities; discussions with Hammond include asking if they have enough water to supply Sauk Village as well as the other communities. COS Corley stated that Hammond pumps to those three municipalities and Chicago Heights pumps to six other municipalities. All three towns are directly connected to Hammond; the closest route is being investigated. Trustee Williams asked if there would be a direct route from the other municipality. COS Corley stated that the route has not been determined. VE Czarnik stated that the direction of the pipe has to be taken into account.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that CEDA has partnered with American Neighborhood Association (non-profit organization) to provide a job training program in urban farming. They will be teaching people with little or no skills on how to raise produce. They have started on a tract of land containing about 35 acres of land just east of 394 and north of Steger Road and north of the Lincoln Meadows subdivision. Mayor Towers stated that this is a good program for people with limited skills that will teach them to grow their own produce. Tomatoes, onions, garlic and peppers have already been started. Mayor Towers, the director of the urban farming program, as well as, Mark Reynolds from the Foundation of American Neighborhoods met with some Lincoln Meadows residents on May 24th to hear their concerns. The website (info@foundationan.org) will be up and running next month.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that Trustee Myers did arrive (7:46 pm).

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 at the McConathy Public Library. The next Monday Movie will be June 14th at 1:00 pm. The next Senior Committee meeting will take place June 10, 2010 at the 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

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

Trustee Benson stated that the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will be June 7, 2010 at the Village Hall at 7:00 pm. Trustee Benson stated that the Sauk Village Basketball program has ended; the standings were read. The basketball banquet will be held Saturday, June 12th at 6:00 pm in the Sauk Village Senior Center at no cost for all coaches and players. Parents and friends will pay a \$10.00 entrance fee.

Parks & Recreation will be starting volleyball, double dutch and chess programs in the near future. Line Dancing continues on Mondays and Thursdays.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that NACA workshops are still going on. Check the website for the list of local workshops (www.naca.com) and a phone number to try to get help with saving or purchasing your home. Most Chicago workshops are held at the Commonwealth Community Church at 140 West 81st Street. Upcoming workshops include June 6, June 19 and July 10 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. Trustee Benson asked if the information will be circulated to the residents; there were over 1,000 participants and included very few Sauk Village residents. Trustee Hanks stated that Sauk Village is not sponsoring this workshop. Trustee Hanks stated that he did advertise the Sauk Village NACA workshop by circulating flyers and mentioning the workshop at Board meetings. Trustee Hanks will also post the info in the Sauk Talk. Anyone can attend a NACA workshop at any location. Trustee Williams stated that the next Sauk Talk will be out in mid July and it can include dates after that time. Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Village NACA workshop was in the Sauk Talk, posted on the marquee and flyers were passed out to local businesses.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance review Committee met last week. The committee reviewed and made changes to the loitering ordinance. This will be submitted to the Village Attorney for review and presented to the Board at a later date.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that Behr Paint will be delivering paint tinted to their specifications to the following business and organizations as part of phase one of the paint donations: St. James Church, Sauk Village Baptist Church, Sauk Village Church of God, First Baptist Church, Sauk Village Community Center and Consolidated School District 168. Trustee Burgess read a letter addressed to Behr Paint on behalf of the Economic Development Committee and himself acknowledging the generous donation. Each paint recipient is also encouraged to write a thank you letter to Behr Paint. Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee is planning two events this summer to showcase Sauk Village businesses. The first event will be July 17, 2010 in the Fairway parking lot. The second event will be July 31, 2010 in the Surreybrook Plaza lot. The event is to showcase Sauk Village businesses and to attract new business to the Village. Trustee Burgess asked residents to come out and spend money at Sauk Village businesses. Plans include music and other surprises. More information will be available at a later date.

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

Trustee Williams stated that copies of last months Sauk Talk are on the back table. Trustee Williams stated for the benefit of those who have not been informed that the Sauk Talk stopped being mailed to homes since September of last year due to budgetary constraints. The Sauk Talk is now published by the Public Relations Committee in house and copies are made available at the Village Hall, library and the website. The Public Relations Committee is looking for additional businesses to distribute the Sauk Talk giving the residents more access. July Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, June 25th by midnight. Residents are questioning why the Sauk Talk has been very light lately. There has been a lack of articles submitted. The Public Relations Committee met last week to finalize the Student Government Day binders which included certificates, pictures, letter of appreciation by the committee and gift cards from local businesses. The two students that were misidentified were also given a letter of appreciation for their efforts, gift cards and a savings bond. All money raised by the Public Relations Committee has been spent on this event. Updates and reformatting to the website are continuing. Gerald Pyke will be presenting the new website to the PR Committee hopefully in June. The Publication Relations Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month; residents are encouraged to join.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

Chief of Staff Corley stated that Census workers are knocking on doors of residents that are identified as not having returned the ballot; practice caution. COS Corley encouraged everyone to complete the Census ballot so that Sauk Village will receive the funding available. Residents can call COS Corley with questions regarding the Census or call 847/693-9818. Sauk Village has turned in approximately 72% of the ballots.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Police Chief Martin

Police Chief Martin gave a summary of service calls from April 1st to present. There are 74 pages of calls; approximately 2,864 calls. There were 324 tickets for walking in the streets. This is a problem with kids and adults. It is against the law to walk in the streets; it is not safe. Chief Martin stated that this has always been a problem. Adults and kids on mini bikes are also a problem. Mini bikes are being confiscated. Chief Martin has been observing the mini bikes and walking in the street while he drives around in an unmarked car. Weapons qualifications conclude in June. There will be a stop sign going up on 217th & Carol Avenue after Mr. Harris brought this concern from the residents to the Board's attention. Chief Martin stated that the hoops were removed at Arrowhead Park. Other parks are being considered as a place to move the hoops to. Chief Martin has talked to Arrowhead Park residents and found out that the kids come from other areas of the town as well as Indiana; the kids are often 16-19 years old and they are causing problems. Chief Martin is not making a recommendation regarding the hoops tonight. A recommendation will be made at the next Board meeting.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department will be working the Rickover graduation as requested by Principal Julie Iverson. Chief Stoffregen stated that three engines will have warranty work completed this week.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller has received several complaints about the time for branch pick up not being long enough. Residents could not cut and drag branches to the curb due to the weather. Chief of Staff Corley directed Public Works to extend branch pick up to May 30th on garbage days. Grass cutting continues for vacant lots. There have been complaints of turning on fire hydrants at 215th and Merrill during hot weather. This is dangerous and not allowed. This could also cause problems for the Fire Department. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on the water system will be posted and mailed to homes and businesses by July 1st. At the Town Hall meeting, DH Weller was asked to provide information on well #3 and the cost to operate the well. Well #3 is a back up well that runs about 5% a year and pumps about 14-20 million gallons a year. Monthly usage is about 1.2 million gallons; roughly 30,000 gallons a day. Costs include electric \$41.00 per day, chlorine usage \$3.00 per day, chloride additives are \$.29 a day and waste disposal costs of \$1,000.00 per year. Average cost to run well #3 is \$17,000-\$19,000.00 per year.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated the Community Development Department is 90% complete with property maintenance; 315 letters have been issued to residents that require maintenance on their homes. There have also been 198 grass tickets written since May 1st until today. Trustee Hanks asked if Public Works could address the houses along the main drives, particularly 394. DH Jaskinski stated that tickets continue to be issued to several with waist high grass. Mayor Towers stated that going out to bid to get help for Public Works with grass cutting is an option. Trustee Myers will provide a list of approved grass cutting contractors. Trustee Anderson stated that there are residents who operate grass cutting businesses. Trustee Williams inquired about the vacant apartment on Jeffery Avenue. DH Jasinski stated that the owner has been ticketed and the property is also on the grass list. This is a newly filed foreclosure; it has been in limbo. There is a new owner that has not addressed the problem.

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

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

Director Johnson stated that everyone should keep hydrated in the warm weather and asked that you check on the elderly. Rickover graduation is Thursday from 7 pm -9 pm; traffic will be heavy on Torrence Avenue.

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

5h. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee held a community focus groups this past Saturday; there was no attendance. The Police Alliance committee held a prayer vigil on Friday; 18 males were in attendance and will continue to meet and pray for peace and community wealth. The next prayer vigil will be held on June 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Future vigils will be held throughout the community.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services, through Heartland Care Service, Inc., for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson; there was no second. Motion dies on the floor.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Chief of Staff was supposed to provide the amount of youth that the Village would require and reports from each department head how many they needed in each department.

This report was supposed to be provided before this item and the second item were presented. This information was not provided for either items 7a and 7b.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table items 7a & 7b. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Anderson asked if tabling this item will mean that the youth will not be able to participate in the program; is there a time frame involved. COS Corley stated that this needed to be done immediately. Trustee Hanks stated that the information was requested one week ago. COS Corley stated that the ordinance can be approved but no one will be hired until the information of what the youth will be doing is provided. If this is not passed tonight the Village will not be able to participate in the program. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board made it clear that a plan had to be in place before this was brought to the Board because of all of the problems the Village had with a similar program last year. Trustee Hanks stated COS Corley was given a direction from the Board; it would not be the Board's fault if this ordinance did not pass. Mayor Towers stated should not be a part of it. We have to make sure the youth have something to do over the summer; the Chief of Staff made it clear that we can pass this and make sure the information is provided before anyone is hired. Trustee Williams asked for clarification- would these organizations be placing the applicants. There were grievances filed from the kids last year, the kids walked off for hours at a time, complaints from Village residents, etc... Trustee Williams stated that the Board is not saying that we should not give the Village youth the opportunity to make money and gain experience. The problem was the cost of bringing the kids on and the grievances filed by the kids to Village employees. The reason for the department heads input was to detail the need before kids were placed in position and to make sure they were placed in jobs that do not give them access to heavy equipment and privileged files. There were often kids in the departments with nothing to do. COS Corley stated that the Put Illinois to Work program is a take over from last year's POET program; Sauk Village was not the only municipality that had problems with the youth. The program has been reorganized. There are criteria that have to be met before they will be employed; testing will also be done. The department heads are in the process of gathering the information of what the kids will do. COS Corley has been speaking with the directors of the programs; no workers will be sent here until there is a concise plan in place. The plan is a work in progress. These programs are for youth and young adults and they also benefit the businesses. Jobs will be provided at no cost to the Village or businesses; workers will get \$10.00 per hour. Trustee Benson stated that the POET program has been in place for several years; there were no complaints from residents that they were aware of. Trustee Benson stated that he is not aware of any grievances filed. Trustee Benson stated that the problems last year started because someone from the Board notified POET that there were problems. The youth chosen were the worse of the worse youth. Lack of funding in their homes or one parent households were also factors in choosing the youth. This year's format includes youth with 4.0 and 5.0 GPA's.

These youth want to specialize in the type of work they will be doing here. Trustee Myers stated that there is a cost. The Fire Department and Police Department both incurred expenses for equipment for the workers. Trustee Myers stated that he and Trustee Anderson were asked to be a part of the program and he did not receive any information either. Trustee Myers stated that this needs to be looked out a little closer. COS Corley stated that all employees do not have to be placed in Sauk Village. Trustee Myers mentioned that there are costs to supply the youth with gloves, goggles, other miscellaneous supplies and manpower to supervise these youth when the Village laid off residents due to lack of funds. Mayor Towers stated that he does not see the relationship between laid off employees and the program that is provided at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Hanks repeated that the majority of the Board would like to see this program; information requested of the Chief of Staff was needed before this came to vote was not received. The department heads input is important. Trustee Anderson stated that this opportunity for the youth should not be passed up due to lack of information; the information can be researched later. The youth deserve the opportunity to participate. Trustee Williams asked if this is approved without the necessary information can it be rescinded later. Trustee Williams asked if the letters to the businesses have been sent out. COS Corley stated that letters cannot go out until this agreement is complete. COS Corley will provide the requested information. VA Kiernat stated that there is an option of approving the ordinances with the condition that the Chief of Staff or the Mayor does not have the authority to sign the agreement until the members of the Board receive the relevant information.

The Board members need to individually agree to the program once the information is provided. Trustee Hanks asked if the ordinances can be passed but will not accept summer help until the information is received and then have a second approval. VA Kiernat stated that cannot be done; authorizing the Mayor to sign and then not wanting to be a part of it will breach the agreement. Trustee Williams stated that approving the

ordinance is approving the agreement. Trustee Williams asked for written documentation of what we are planning on proceeding with but before anyone is employed in the businesses or in our municipality, what business or department wants the youth and what the duties will be and a list of people that will be sent. Once again the Board is rushed to approve something without documentation. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board needs to make this opportunity available. The motion was previously stated to table items 7a and 7b.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson, Benson and Myers

Village Clerk Williams asked Mayor Towers to make the deciding vote.

Mayor Towers voted in the negative.

Motion fails.

Trustee Anderson made a motion approving an agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services and CEDA (items 7a and 7b) amending it to be approved upon receipt of information and authorizing the Mayor or Village Authorities to enter into an agreement. This motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

Trustee Hanks asked how the information will be provided and how should the information be given to the Mayor or Chief of Staff. COS Corley stated that she will provide the information by email and placed in the boxes after Trustee Myers and Trustee Anderson meet with her between Wednesday and Friday to formalize the plan. There will be no approval of the youth working on the site until the plan is received by the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that he does have a problem approving the agreement without the necessary information but will do so because it is for the youth of the community. Trustee Hanks requests that information provided include a copy of the signed contract including the date it was signed.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Combined with items 7a. Approved as stated above.

Motion carried.

7c. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Stop Sign at Carol Avenue and 217th Place)

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7d. An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Cook, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff, for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Trustee Burgess clarified that this relates to the radios. Chief Martin state that the radios can call through *21 for statewide emergencies. Trustee Myers stated that the departments have a cell phone that does the same thing as the radios do. Trustee Myers asked what happens if we lose a tower. Trustee Myers stated that he can already call *21 for statewide emergencies. Trustee Myers asked what other communities have the radios. Chief Martin stated that Chicago Heights and quite a few other municipalities have the radios. Trustee Williams stated that last week it was discussed that the County would supply the radios but there would be a \$1,200.00 maintenance fee that may be funded by a grant; has that been researched. Chief Martin stated that a

grant will have to be applied for; we may or may not receive the grant. Trustee Burgess clarified that if funding is not provided there will be a cost to the Village of \$1,200.00 per year to maintain the radios. COS Corley stated that there is a funding available to be applied for this year and will have to be reapplied for every year.

Trustee Hanks stated that drug seizure funds could also be used to fund the maintenance fee.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7e. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Watch list Program)

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7f. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Minimum/ Maximum Contribution)

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

May 12, 2010- May 25, 2010

May 21, 2010

Trustee Williams stated that there is an item listed for a carwash coupon book for \$196.00 and two other expenses of \$42.45 and another \$56.00. Are the coupon books used for separate cars? COS Corley stated that it has been past practice to use both the Sauk Village Car Wash and the Steger Car wash. This will be discussed at the cost savings initiative meeting.

Trustee Myers asked DH Jasinski if we are getting money back from the board ups. DH Jasinski stated that we bill the owner of the property and may get some of the money back. The Finance Director would have more information.

A motion to approve the accounts payable stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8b. Proclamation for Pastor James Gambill

Trustee Anderson stated that the Village Clerk was available to read the proclamation at the service for Pastor Gambill on Sunday acknowledging his retirement. Trustee Anderson and Trustee Williams were also present.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the proclamation as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8c. Collective Negotiating Matters

COS Corley stated that she does have numbers that the Board may want to look at. The item is placed on the agenda in order to ratify and pass the contract for the TCO's. COS Corley handed out a memo with the break out of the retroactive pay. Mayor Towers asked where we are now. COS Corley stated that we need approval from the Board for the 3% increase across the Board for 3 years. Trustee Benson made a motion to table this until the Board gets together to discuss this; he has not seen it until now. Trustee Myers stated that everything that we asked for is done. Trustee Benson stated that not everyone agreed to this.

VC Williams asked for a second to the motion to table. Hearing none- the motion died on the floor.

Trustee Hanks asked that item 8c be moved to item 11b to be discussed during personnel in executive session with action to be taken after executive session. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion to move item 8c to item 11b with action to be taken.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Myers (he was ready to vote now)

Motion carried.

Trustee Hanks stated that he has additional items under new business.

Trustee Hanks made a motion for the immediate removal of Brunetta Hill- Corley, Chief of Staff for the following reasons which identify as cause in her contract:

- 1) Willful refusal to perform reasonable duties as assigned by the Village and its Corporate Authorities.
- 2) Dishonesty
- 3) Gross incompetence
- 4) Misconduct containing the position of Chief of Staff

In addition, Trustee Hanks requested the immediate removal of any Village property and equipment including keys, PC's, laptop, cell phones, etc... and that there be an independent investigation by the Illinois State's Attorney's office or the Attorney General for the following allegations:

- 1) Abuse of Power
- 2) Hiring and Firing Practices
- 3) Treatment of Village Employees and Village Residents
- 4) Misappropriation of Funds
- 5) Opening and Closing Village Accounts Without Corporate Authorities Knowledge
- 6) Allegations of a Personal Attack on a Village Resident

The motion for the immediate removal of Brunetta Hill- Corley, Chief of Staff was seconded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Myers asked if the motion carries will the Chief of Staff be on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of an investigation- if there is an investigation. Trustee Hanks stated that the contract will be followed. The contract stated that it has to be a motion to remove and this will be a suspension. There are other steps that the Chief of Staff can follow if she chooses. Trustee Myers stated that it is time that everything comes out in the open; let's do the investigation to find out where it lies. People are making accusations; let's see what's going on with them. Mayor Towers stated that people are going to make accusations all of the time. Trustee Anderson stated that she was named in the allegation as well – all of us were sitting in our seats- how can we observe some interaction. Trustee Anderson stated that the call for the removal is unnecessary- we are going into executive session; this matter could have been discussed in executive session. Trustee Anderson stated that she is not interested in the removal of the Chief of Staff. This has been going on for a year. This administration has been held for a lot of accountability, mainly because that is what they ran on, that is what they talked about they were going to do. Trustee Anderson

stated that she sat on the old administration with three or four others in the room and this administration is being held accountable for things they had nothing to do with; they are working toward making changes.

If you want immediate action that's fine- we had the same Mayor for twelve years. Now you want everything corrected in one year. We do not know if the allegations were found true or not true. Trustee Anderson also stated that if Brunetta Hill-Corley could have physically assaulted that gentleman then she could be the Police Chief. (Trustee Anderson was interviewed regarding an allegation that Brunetta Hill-Corley attacked a resident after a recent Board meeting.)

Trustee Williams stated that the allegation of the attack on the resident is only one item of many items part of the motion. There were also things relating to miscommunication; even in the conversations tonight you have heard those. Information we were supposed to receive that we have not received. Trustee Williams stated that in September she provided the Board with a three page memo with problems- not receiving information, not being able to ask a question and get an answer. Two members of this Board had to complete a FOIA to get information they were requesting when in actuality all money that is coming through the Village the Board is supposed to be approved. When the information is not available how can the Board approve it? Trustee Williams stated that it is ridiculous that she and Trustee Burgess had to submit FOIA requests and that when they ask for things to happen it does not happen in the order they request. Whatever the outcome of the allegation with the resident; that is not the primary issue. The issue is incompetence; not being able to provide information. The motion includes several issues. Trustee Anderson stated that COS Corley could not give Trustee Williams information that she did not provide to her. Trustee Anderson refused to give her the information because it was already in the minutes from the Senior Committee. Trustee Williams stated that the FOIA request was due to Trustee Anderson's inability to provide information as well. Trustee Williams said one of things we need to work on is to be able to communicate better, when Board members ask for information, whether it is from department heads or another elected official, information needs to be passed on. Trustee Anderson stated that she feels that was not her inability or lack of communication because the Senior Committee files their reports and minutes timely and that information was always readily available; a FOIA was not necessary. There was no lack of communication- just accountability. Trustee Benson stated that there have been many times when it was stated that the Board did not receive information from the previous Board under Mayor Peckham and no trustees ever said a word. Trustee Benson stated that ever since Chief of Staff Corley has been in office the same trustees have tried to belittle her. Trustee Benson stated that it was a foolish act to bring this letter before the Board without telling them first what they were planning on doing and this is an attack on her personal being. Trustee Benson stated that the Chief of Staff has saved the Village much money after the previous administration got us in a big hole. She comes in to do her job, she does her job and they don't like it- they should resign their position.

Trustee Myers stated again that if the investigation is conducted from an outside source, which it should be according to policy, he does not think she has anything to hide- bring it on- get it over with. Mayor Towers stated that he believed that the allegation (attack on the resident) was submitted to the State and Cook County and they found no merit in it. Trustee Hanks stated for clarification that the motion was for willful refusal to perform reasonable duties as assigned by the Village and its Corporate Authorities, dishonesty, gross incompetence and misconduct containing to the position of Chief of Staff. There is a motion and a second on the floor. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board is blowing things out of proportion and nitpicking- this is not about the Senior Committee or other people's problems. Mayor Towers stated that he supports the Chief of Staff. Since the Chief of Staff has been hired there have been certain Board members from day one, who did not vote for her, have been determined to remove her from her position and now you come up with the fabrication of her not doing her job where in many cases she spends many hours- how is she not doing her job. It is clear that she has saved the Village a ton of money. These trustees calling for her to be removed have never stood up under the previous administration; never asking for anyone's being removed. Ever since then there has been an attack on her clearly because she is doing her job. We said we would make changes in the Village and that is what we are going to do along with the Chief of Staff. We are going to keep the Chief of Staff to help run the day to day operations in the Village.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

Trustee Anderson asked that the motion be repeated.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried.

Trustee Myers stated that he believes she did nothing wrong but that an investigation should be done to prove that and clarified that she will be on paid administrative leave. An outside agency will be asked to perform an investigation. VA Kiernat stated that you cannot force another agency to perform an investigation. Trustee Anderson asked Mayor Towers and the trustees who brought on the motion who will take on the everyday responsibilities of the Village. Trustee Hanks stated that could be discussed in executive session. Trustee Anderson stated that the Mayor will take on that responsibility.

Trustee Hanks brought a second motion before the Board.

Trustee Hanks made a motion for the immediate removal of Frank B. Martin, Jr., Chief of Police for the following reasons:

- 1) Gross incompetence
- 2) Inability to perform duties of Police Chief
- 3) Dishonesty

In addition, Trustee Hanks asked for the immediate removal of any Village property including keys, cars, PC's, laptop, cell phones, etc... Trustee Hanks asked for an independent investigation by either the Illinois State's Attorney's office or the Attorney General's office for the following allegations:

- 1) Abuse of Power
- 2) Hiring and Firing Practices
- 3) Treatment of Employees Within the Sauk Village Police Department

The motion to remove Frank B. Martin, Jr., Chief of Police was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried.

Trustee Hanks stated that two weeks ago there was a motion made regarding the basketball court at Arrowhead Park. It was stated during that motion that for two weeks the backboard and the rims would be removed. The Chief of Police was also asked to come before the Board to give a recommendation; he did not come back tonight with a recommendation. Residents came before the Board three to four weeks prior to the basketball hoops being removed. After the backboards were taken down issues in that area immediately disappeared and there were no problems. Based on recommendations of a local Pastor who came before the Board Tuesday night and the recommendations of the residents who voiced their opinions at Sauk Village Board meetings Trustee Hanks made a motion that the poles be removed at Arrowhead Park and move them behind Village Hall so our youth still have a place to play basketball outside. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustees Benson

Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

None

9b. Questions from the Audience

Trustee Anderson asked if the comments and questions can be limited. Mayor Towers stated that questions will be limited to three minutes and one question. Trustee Williams stated that a motion would have to be made and approved in order for that to happen. Mayor Towers stated that since there is no ordinance in place that he is asking for this one time only.

Village Clerk Williams asked for clarification by the Village Attorney; it was stated at a prior meeting that time limits could not be placed on the residents. VA Kiernat stated that the Board is able to place reasonable time limits. There is no specific time limit in the Code of Ordinance; therefore, it will should be done pursuant to motion.

Trustee Anderson made a motion that there be a 3 minute time limit and one question per resident.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked Mayor Towers to make the deciding vote.

Mayor Towers voted in the affirmative.

Motion carried

Judy Cast was always proud of her town but not any more. Judy was concerned with the Police and Fire Departments. Judy stated that the cars are unsafe, tires are bald and there is a lack of ammunition. Judy stated her disappointment.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that the kids that come to Arrowhead Park now are civil; good group of kids. Elizabeth thanked Trustee Hanks for making the motion to move the hoops. Elizabeth stated that she was sorry two people were being removed but they are being removed because they did not do their duties. She felt that the Chief of Staff was not people friendly; seemed like she did not want to be bothered. We need a chief who is in the position to help this community be safe. Where is the Pride and Progress?

Resident is concerned with the lack of grass cutting at the vacant houses. Can local companies be hired? Mayor Towers stated that Public Works is working to get the job done. It is possible that outside companies may be able to bid to assist Public Works. She is concerned that the information promised to the residents at the special meeting for the water has not been provided. Resident asked why Trustee Benson left the meeting stating that he did not know anything about it; where is the communication with the Board?

Linda Washington commended Mayor Towers for doing a great job. It was not appropriate to make those motions in public. Linda suggested that the Mayor's name should be placed above the other officials in the Sauk Talk. Linda stated that she was proud to see the Mayor and other officials at Fairway promoting the Census. Elected officials need to use diplomacy and integrity.

Mike Brown asked Mayor Towers what the purpose of the Committee of the Whole meeting was when the Board takes time at Board meetings to discuss the same things over again that was discussed at those meetings. Mike said that takes up way more than three minutes. Mayor Towers stated that the purpose of the Committee meeting is to talk about things that will be voted on at the Regular Board meeting. Mike said that there were over 2,800 police calls for service; only 354 calls for juveniles were reported. There was no report on the final actions. What will be done? The Chief of Police was removed because of his inability to effectively perform his job. Blanket statements are made at meetings; when will it be done. Police are doing what they can; stop tying their hands. (Mike Brown removed when he wanted to continue speaking).

Michelle Rylander thanked Trustee Hanks and the Board for voting to have the hoops moved; no more damage to her home or cars. Small kids now play at the park.

John Hinko stated he thought that the Mayor was going to turn things around but it is worse than ever. Things need to turn around. Things need to change. The stop light at Jeffrey and Sauk Trail needs to be looked at before an accident occurs. This may be a County light and may have to be replaced with a Stop sign.

Trustee Hanks asked Public Works to check into the light.

Ralph Nikischer, Fraternal Order of Police, and union rep for the Police officers and telecommunicators. Ralph referred to the executive session next on the agenda. Ralph has worked in the community for over 20 years and this is the worst year of his life. There are over 60 grievances filed; many of which are scheduled to go to arbitration. This could cost approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000.00 each. Twelve more will be filed tomorrow. This is not the relationship the union has had in the past with the Village. There are normally 2 grievances filed per year. The TCO's have been working without a contract for a year. Negotiations have been ongoing and the terms have been modified by the negotiators twice based on the agreement communicated to them. It is time to support the Telecommunicators and agree to the contract. Money could be better spent on better drinking water than paying for arbitration.

Trustee Williams asked what the process of presenting grievances to the Village is. At first the Board was informed that there were 10 grievances; recently they discovered it was 20. Trustee Williams was not aware of 65 grievances. Ralph stated that Village Attorney Vasselli was given copies of 53 grievances last week. Some of the grievances are safety issues. There are costs whether they go to arbitration or not. Trustee Williams asked how many are in arbitration. Ralph guessed that probably half are at the arbitration level. Trustee Anderson asked how many grievances has the union tried to resolve. Ralph stated that every one of them have tried to be resolved. The process for the grievance is that it first goes to the Assistant Chief or the Chief, then the Chief of Staff; they are not being responded to.

Trustee Williams asked if the Board could receive copies of the grievances that were given to Attorney Vasselli. Ralph stated that the Board can receive copies if the attorney has no objection. Trustee Anderson asked how far back the grievances go. Ralph stated they go back through the past 12 months.

Bernice Houston, Deer Creek resident, stated that a survey was conducted in 1992 by the IEPA; problems with well #3 are nothing new. Bernice asked if the Village will apply for grants from the IEPA or the USEPA to help with the water. When will Sauk Village apply for these grants? How will Sauk Village address the fines that the IEPA will reap upon the Village? Bernice asked if a committee was formed to address the water issue. Mayor Towers stated that a committee has been formed and a request for funds has been submitted; there has been no response. There is communication almost daily. Bernice asked for information in writing that the grant was applied for. Mayor Towers stated that the IEPA brought the issue to the Village in August; we are just starting to address the issue. Mayor Towers stated that the Village has notified IEPA that we are trying to seek funds to correct the issue. Bernice asked if there has been follow up or a written denial. Mayor Towers stated that there has been no denial and there has been follow up. Trustee Williams suggested that Bernice files a FOIA request to see what grants have been filed.

Jackie Glaze, 39 year resident, stated that there was not always a problem with the water because the hydrants got flushed. Jackie said her water filter last 3 weeks instead of 3 months. She stated that the hydrants should be flushed.

Steve Pritchett stated that in 2002 there was a referendum that was turned down. (Clerk's note: The last referendum was actually in 1997.) What has been done since then? Where are the millions of dollars?

Larry Stewart stated that things have changed in Sauk Village; things may change after today. The new administration ran on clear water; now we find out it could take 4½ years. Some trustees bow out of the water issue. The Board represents the residents. We need to have someone who knows how to take care of the kids to step up.

Rosie Jones, Deer Creek resident, stated that she was accused of putting things on the internet but she does not have a computer.

Carl Rylander thanked the Board for taking action on the basketball courts. Carl suggested reaching out to a material service company for donations of asphalt. Carl is glad to see the Board getting things done tonight; some kind of action was done. Proud to see it.

Philip Bazile asked if the cost of purchasing water from other communities has been decided. Mayor Towers stated that there are ongoing meetings with the other communities; no final decision made at this time.

Rose Langston stated that the concern is about the water, particularly with the newer administration that ran on the water issue. She saw problems with the incoming Board before they took office and it all came true.

She is glad to see some Board members still listening. As far as the money that millions disappeared- that sounds like an accusation that the previous administration took the money. The budget is a projection of expected income. The money expected from the enterprise zone did not come through. Rose applauded the members on the Board who speak out. Rose would like to see the Board work together to serve the taxpayers. The Board has an obligation to respond to the residents whether you know the subject or not.

Ed Shankel stated that he has pictures of water hydrants that are out of service. There are too many hydrants out of service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

All ayes.

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Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:20 pm with action to be taken.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discuss Personnel Matters (5 ILCS120/2(c)(1)(2010)

Meeting resumed at 11:14 pm.

On roll call:

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

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

Resubmitted w/ correction 7-7-10

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, JUNE 1, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1. Village Financial Matters- (Cost Savings Initiatives)-Finance Director Gloria Gibson

Finance Director Gibson provided recommendations from staff members on cost savings initiatives and ways to increase revenue, a summary of revenue and expenses from 2007-08 and 2008-09 and current information that stated what the projected deficit would be with an amended budget. Possible cost savings initiatives include eliminating American Paging and upgrading the Nextel phones for a cost savings of \$3,492.00 annually, reducing the amount of car washes and oil changes would save approximately \$1,100.00 per month and reducing the cleaning service from 5 days a week to 3 days a week for a savings of \$12, 840.00 savings per year. Reducing attorney presence to Board meetings only averaging 8 hours a month at a cost of \$175.00 per hour results in a \$16,700.00 savings annually. The total savings for streamlining internal services is \$36,700.00 per year. Other cost savings initiatives to be discussed further at a later date include possible increase of fees, charge for notary services, employee furlough days and reduction in pay for up to a \$91,000.00 savings. FD Gibson projected there will be a 2.9 million dollar shortfall at the end of the fiscal year in October even with cutting the remaining budget by 40 % across the board. The savings seem small but amending the budget to reflect actual revenues and instituting budget cuts could help next year. Other options include increasing rental fees and marketing the availability of the Community Center and cutting staff by half and outsourcing responsibilities until there is cash on hand. Mayor Towers asked FD Gibson to put together some information on savings from outsourcing. FD Director Gibson stated that outsourced employees can collect unemployment and still be hired from the outsourcing agent. The Village saves on payroll, insurance and other benefits. There are also Government tax credits available.

2. Request for Endorsement Letter to the State of Illinois for Shine on Sauk Village- Rev. Bill Hall

In Reverend Bill Hall's absence, Village Clerk Williams stated that the annual Shine on Sauk Village will be located at the corners of Sauk Trail and Cornell again this year. A letter of support from the Village to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation is needed in order for space to be used for that purpose. Village Clerk Williams presented last year's ordinance and letter of support for reference. The Board is agreeable and directed Ms. Gibson to proceed.

3. Discuss Hiring of Outside Counsel- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess acknowledged receiving a veto of motion from Mayor Towers. Trustee Burgess asked that outside independent counsel be hired to investigate allegations as stated as part of a motion during recent Board action of employment terminations. An investigation was requested as part of the motion. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Attorney has been instructed to conduct an investigation and turn information over to the Attorney General; there is no need for outside counsel.

Trustee Hanks stated that the motion included instruction to the chair to investigate the allegations. There could be a cost to the Village if a hearing is requested. The Village Attorney could not oversee the hearing; they may be subpoenaed. Outside independent counsel was requested in the motion. Mayor Towers and Trustees Anderson, Benson and Myers requested to hear the tape from that meeting. Mayor Towers will comply with the motion.

Trustee Hanks asked if Mayor Towers received legal advice before presenting his veto to the Board. There are only three options available for veto; ordinances, resolution or appropriations. Trustee Hanks asked which option is being exercised. Mayor Towers stated that the option is appropriations; the terminations are a liability to the Village.

Trustee Hanks requested that the override to the veto for both positions be placed on next week's agenda for vote per State Statute IL65-642.

Mayor Towers stated that he would like to call an executive session.

4. Discuss Placing Time Limits on Meetings and Limits to Audience Questions

Trustee Hanks asked that the Board make a decision on this item that would apply to all meetings. He is not in favor of limiting the residents. Trustee Anderson stated that residents should be able to speak but they should be able to effectively convey their input in 3-5 minutes in order to keep the meeting to an appropriate timeframe for the respect of others who would like to speak. Trustee Burgess stated that the residents listen to the Board during lengthy meetings; they should be able to express their opinion for Board consideration. There should be transparency. Trustee Williams stated that residents often make a comment or ask questions but the response is not always given. When responses are given it sometimes solicits additional comment and takes more than 3-5 minutes. We need to provide the information to residents. Trustee Benson stated that residents who want to speak often leave the meeting without the opportunity because of the length of comments from some audience members. The lines are often long. People often refuse to sit down in order to get a response and they get out of hand. Trustee Hanks stated that when trying to get elected we listen to the residents. As elected officials it is our job to listen to the residents. Residents often have multiple issues. Trustee Myers stated that he has no problem listening to residents here or anywhere. Residents do often ramble or repeat what others have said. If there was a limit he is suggesting 5 minutes per subject matter then return to the back of the line. Residents should be heard. Trustee Williams stated that the Board does not limit themselves. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board should limit their comments.

Mayor Towers stated that everyone should respect other's time. Everyone on the Board wants to hear the residents. Some people do spend several minutes. Some people do not want to be here all night. Mayor Towers suggested one person, one topic and they return to the back of the line out of respect of others in line. This item will be placed on the agenda next week for vote.

5. Update on CEDA Summer Youth Jobs Program- Trustee Myers

There will probably be a total of 15 summer youth jobs. The Fire Department can use two summer workers to perform landscaping, painting and various other works. Public Works can take five employees which will require one supervisor. The 18-24 year olds are old enough to use power tools and equipment. The younger

workers can work in the office. Each department will send one person for orientation. The State will perform site evaluations. Medical histories will be furnished. The workers will be covered under workmen's comp insurance. Background checks may be conducted. The Board decided to agree to the terms of the program. If the workers are not needed they can work in other municipalities. Trustee Myers stated that a past problem was late paychecks. The program could run until mid September for the 18-24 year olds. The copy of the ordinance with the amendments requested by the trustees was placed in all trustees boxes. Trustee Benson questioned the verbiage in section 2 of the amendment. Section 2 has the same verbiage in all ordinances. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Board agreed to table the ordinance last week pending an amendment, the attorney followed the Board's recommendation to amend as stated. The attorney turned this around immediately and the information was placed in the trustee's boxes the next day. This is a time sensitive matter and tabling it again could cause the Village to lose the program. This item will be placed on the agenda next Tuesday for a vote.

Comments & Questions from the Board of Trustees (Not on the agenda)

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Senior Committee meeting will be June 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm. in the Senior Center. The next Senior movie at the library will be June 14th at 1 pm.

Trustee Hanks stated that he did attend the Rickover Junior High School graduation and was pleased to see the amount of Honor Roll graduates.

Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk articles were due last Friday. The next Public Relations Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Showcase of Sauk Village will take place on Saturday July 17th at Sauk Plaza and Saturday July 31st at Surreybrook Plaza to support Village businesses. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Village Clerk Williams asked to report on village stickers. Mayor Towers would not recognize the clerk. Trustee Williams read the Clerk's report. The Village Hall will remain open late on Tuesday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 29th until 8 pm for the purchase of Village stickers as well as other normal business. The last day to purchase Village stickers before the price doubles is Wednesday, June 30th. Village Hall will close promptly at 5:00 pm on June 30th. The price of the stickers double July 1st. May 15th and May 27th meeting minutes are available tonight. Deputy Clerk Baughman will be passing them out.

Comments and Questions from the Audience (Not on agenda)

Mike Bartnicki stated that limiting audience participation will take you out of Robert's Rules of Order which gives the Chair more prerogatives to regulate time where necessary.

Nancy Baker stated that the Mayor has been good about directing people to the appropriate person if they have an issue.

Cathleen Springs asked the age groups of the youth program. There are openings for 15-24 year olds.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board already agreed not to limit the time for the audience participation.

Rose Langston asked if the 15% cuts across the Board include the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively. Rose asked when furlough days would begin. DH Gibson stated if the Board approves the furlough days they could take place for the remainder of the budget cycle and into the next cycle. Outsourcing will be considered as well. Rose said that she was never refused time to speak.

Bernice Houston suggested that the Board limit should limit their comments and discussion and stop fighting when there could be more discussion about water and other issues. Elizabeth Pratt stated that this is an open forum for the residents. There could be a limit on topic to topic. Elizabeth stated that the Beautification Committee just completed their first project. Volunteers are needed.

Mayor Towers stated that the committee did a beautiful job.

Frank Briggs wanted to speak about his business. This item is not on the agenda and therefore cannot be discussed. Mayor Towers asked Mr. Briggs to contact him after the meeting.

Elizabeth Zupon suggested a 4 day work week and to open the Village Hall only 4 days a week which could result in a 20% savings. Also, ADP could prepare payroll and changing the cycle to the 1st and 15th could save additional money.

Mike Brown stated that issues come up during discussions that cause further discussion- no time limit. There should be action taken on matters residents bring up; that will stop some discussion. Mike agrees with hiring outside counsel. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Attorney is handling the investigation.

There needs to be an outside investigation of the abuse of power and other criminal charges. Mike asked if our firm specializes in criminal law. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

John Hinko asked if anyone is checking on the cost of a PA system. Mayor Towers stated that it has been researched but funding will not allow the purchase at this time.

Carl Rylander stated that the Board has reading material about the finances but the public cannot hear or see what is going on. Is this public information? Mayor Towers stated that things discussed will be made public when it comes to vote. DH Gibson proposed that if the amended budget is more in line there will be a need for Board action. The information will be available at a public hearing. Discussions include some outsourcing, increasing the tax levy and budget cuts that could save 50-60 %.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that there was a PA system at the special meeting to discuss the water. Where is it?

Mayor Towers stated that was a one time out of pocket expense.

Elizabeth Zupon suggested active enforcement of vehicle sticker violations.

Mike Brown suggested truck enforcement by the Police Department.

Trustee Williams asked that it be placed on the agenda for the Board to vote when the Village Clerk can give a report. The Board needs to vote on whether or not the Clerk can give a report at Committee meetings. Mayor Towers stated that Board does not need to vote on that; the Clerk is not part of the Board of Trustees it would violate the law to allow her to report at Committee meetings. The Clerk only needs to give reports on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Elizabeth Hinko asked if the budget cuts will affect police presence. This is already the worst year ever with drug dealers and kids hanging out in the streets. We can't let the kids take over.

Elizabeth Pratt asked if the trustees give a report why can't the clerk. Vehicle sticker information is important and time sensitive. Further discussion that the clerk has given reports during committee meetings in the past and the State Statute should be researched.

DH Gibson stated that she received an email regarding spending by the Beautification Committee. DH Gibson asked who gave that committee authorization to spend money. The committee was given authority to spend by the former Chief of Staff. The Chair of the committee did not know that she could discuss this tonight. There are additional purchases that the committee would like to make to continue beautifying the Village. DH Gibson stated that more discussion and a proposal are needed from the committee and the item will be addressed taking budget constraints into account.

Elizabeth Hinko is concerned what will happen when the Village runs out of money.

Laverne Stewart asked if a representative from the Police Department is present in order to direct a question to him. Mayor Towers asked him to meet with him after the meeting.

Bernice Houston asked who is handling the water issue. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Attorney and K Plus Engineering are working on that. Bernice stated that someone from the EPA should come in to talk about the water issue. Mayor Towers stated that there could be another Town Hall meeting soon.

Ed Shankel stated that the restrooms should be opened during the meetings.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel.

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 7-23-10

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 **JUNE 8, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

A quorum was present.

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

2a. Chief of Staff- No report

2b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams indicated that Village vehicle stickers are on sale now through June 30th for the price of \$25.00 for cars and motorcycles. Village Hall will remain open until 8 pm on Tuesday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 29th for the purchase of Village stickers. The cost of the stickers will double on July 1st and tickets can be issued after midnight. The Clerk is not invited to give a report during Committee meeting; therefore the Clerk will prepare a written report on committee meeting nights where information needs to be provided to the residents. Trustee Benson stated that all residents did not receive a preprinted application. Mayor Towers stated that notices have been posted and the expiration date appears on the sticker.

2c. Village Treasurer: Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

2d. Village Attorney: Attorney Jimmy Vasselli- No report

2e. Village Engineer: Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that they met with Dyer, Indiana last week. This is the last community that the Village is looking to obtain water from. Letters have been issued to Chicago Heights, Lynwood and Dyer stating that water rate information is expected by the end of June. The Board and residents will be informed when the information is received.

2f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that on June 1, 2010 he issued a veto on the motion to terminate the employment of Sauk Village Police Chief Frank Martin. Mayor Towers stated that the said veto stands.

Trustee Hanks stated that on May 25, 2010 the Village Board voted 4-2 to terminate the employment of Frank B. Martin as Police Chief for the Village of Sauk Village. On June 1, 2010 Mayor Lewis Towers tendered his veto to the Board at the Committee meeting, a purported veto of the past motion to terminate Frank B. Martin. To the extent of the Mayor's veto and confirming the removal, Trustee Hanks made a motion to override the Mayor's veto. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to override the Mayor's veto. Trustee Benson stated that due to the fact that this was not part of the original agenda he called for the order of the agenda to be followed and that the motion should not be entertained. VA Vasselli stated that by state law the motion has to be voted on or either rescinded. Secondly, because the Mayor brought up the veto in his report it is now germane. VA Vasselli clarified that the motion to overturn the veto needs a vote; voting Aye will reverse the veto and voting Nay will keep the veto in place.

Mayor Towers asked for the roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carries.

Mayor Towers asked that the record show that he will veto the override of the veto.

Trustee Hanks stated that according to State statute four votes are needed to override the veto.

Trustee Benson stated that Mayor Towers has the powers to veto the override. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will receive his letter vetoing the override of veto the next day.

Trustee Williams asked for a motion to go into executive session immediately in order to clarify with the Village Attorney whether the motions, overrides and vetoes can continue indefinitely.

Mayor Towers asked VA Vasselli for clarification. VA Vasselli stated that it is a procedural matter, a matter that is basic procedure which is not a specific enumerated exception under the Open Meetings Act. The Mayor has the right to file his veto at the next Board meeting in the same manner that it was filed the last time. The specifically enumerated reason to go into closed session does not fit neatly into a procedural matter. The Mayor has a right under State law to veto; the veto does not have to be filed immediately thereafter.

The veto can be filed before or at the next Board meeting. VA Vasselli stated that if the Board is instructing him to look into a veto on a veto he will research it further and provide information within three days. From a procedural standpoint, this veto was overturned by a majority of the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that executive session is not needed at this time because the Mayor has a time limit and the Village Attorney will research the legal advice regarding a veto on top of the veto. The override of the veto stands as of now and the Mayor has not less than five days to respond to the veto. The Mayor stated that he will submit a letter to the Board tomorrow stating his intent to veto the override. The Village Attorney will research if you can override an override.

Trustee Williams rescinded the motion for executive session and reiterated the need for information within 72 hours regarding what the Mayor can and cannot do with his veto powers.

Trustee Hanks asked for the reason for the veto. No reason was stated.

Mayor Towers stated that on June 1, 2010 he also issued a veto of the motion to terminate Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill- Corley causing her to go on administrative leave. Mayor Towers directed that veto to stand.

Trustee Hanks stated that on May 25, 2010 the Village Board voted 4-2 to terminate the employment of Sauk Village Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill-Corley. On June 1, 2010 Mayor Lewis Towers tendered his veto to the Board at the Committee meeting, a purported veto of the past motion to terminate Brunetta Hill-Corley.

To the extent that the Mayor's veto was proper and confirming the removal, Trustee Hanks made a motion to override or overturn the Mayor's veto. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to override the Mayor's veto. VA Vasselli again clarified that the motion to overturn the veto needs a vote; voting Aye will reverse the veto and voting Nay will keep the veto in place.

Mayor Towers asked for the roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carries.

Trustee Myers asked if this matter had been turned over to an outside agency or the State's Attorney for an investigation. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively. Mayor Towers stated for the record that he will also be vetoing this motion. The Village Attorney will inform the Board within 72 hours with regards to the propriety of that act.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

3a. Senior Citizens and Police Alliance Committees: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet Thursday, June 10th at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. There will be a presentation by the PTA. The free Senior Movie will be Monday, June 14, 2010 at the McConathy Public Library at 1:00 pm.

The Police Alliance Committee met today. The PAC will not be participating in the National Night's Out program. Due to the changes within the Police Department the committee feels that it cannot effectively put on a program that will represent Sauk Village well.

3b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting a basketball program Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 6 pm in the Senior Center. The coaches and the players agreed that parents will pay the adjusted cost of \$5.00. Over 120 people are expected.

3c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks – No report

3d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that he received an email from the attorneys regarding the Talandis property. There is a revised amendment to an ordinance for review. Comments are requested. This will be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda and will be brought before the Ordinance Review Committee for review.

3e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

3f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams

The Public Relations Committee met Wednesday, June 2nd. Changes to the Sauk Talk and web site were discussed. The IT person has a few design plans for the new web site which should be revealed soon. Sauk Talk articles are due the last Friday of June. Sauk Talk procedures are available upon request. Residents are commenting on the lack of articles. All articles submitted are placed in the Sauk Talk. Residents are encouraged to ask officials and department heads who do not submit articles to please do so.

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4a. Police Department: Sgt. Holevis

Village Attorney Vasselli stated that due to the vacancy of the positions of Police Chief and Deputy Chief of Police and by operation of law Sgt. Holevis is the senior day sergeant officer and therefore the commanding officer of the Police Department.

Sgt. Holevis stated that extra details, with permission of the Mayor, have been added to the area of Peterson and Carol Avenues to address recent issues that have resulted in several arrests in the past three days. Walking in the street is also being addressed.

4b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday from 8 am – Noon. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under and \$4.00 for seniors. The Fire Department answered 13 calls this week which included 4 bad accidents due to slippery roads and 2 car fires.

4c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that he received a request for information on all non working fire hydrants in town. At this time there are 44 hydrants out of service. Some need full replacement when the budget allows; some parts are unavailable. Parts from replaced hydrants can be used to repair other hydrants. An electric test was completed on the stop light at Jeffrey and Sauk Trail; the problem has been corrected. DH Weller addressed a complaint from a Clyde Avenue resident regarding hydrant flushing. The hydrant was flushed and the resident is not having problems at this time. The hole in front of McDonald's has been patched after a resident request. Com Ed is doing line replacements in east side of Torrence Avenue. Upgrade notices are being placed on the doors with contact information for concerned residents; temporary outages could occur. Grass complaint for Talandis and Jeffery Avenues. Public Works is trying to maintain lots- weather permitting.

The Board requested the poles be removed at Arrowhead Park; there is no manpower at this time- other priorities in place. The IEPA Consumer Confidence water report should be posted at the Village Hall and in homes by July 1st. Trustee Burgess asked for DH Weller to follow up with the price for replacing and repairing hydrants and a possible suitable place to build the basketball court where the poles can be erected. Trustee Anderson asked how many hydrants exist in the Village. DH Weller stated 536.

4d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated she would like to have demolition of two properties on the next Committee agenda. The Talandis Avenue and Jeffery Avenue properties are neglected, it is unsafe and residents are complaining. DH Jasinski has been researching who is responsible and requests the assistance of the Village Attorney in finding the owners or take the steps to do the demolition and place liens against the properties.

4e. Finance & Administration Department: Interim Finance Director Gloria Gibson, Gonzalez & Assoc., P.C.

Interim Finance Director Gibson stated that five students have been received from the Poet program. Three students are working in the Village Hall, one in Parks and Recreation and one in the Police Department. The students are enthusiastic and doing a great job. Ms. Gibson held a department head staff meeting to discuss cost savings initiatives. COS Corley was working on putting all Village phones on the same network at a savings of approximately \$6,000.00 per year.

4f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Director Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reminded everyone to be careful during the severe weather and be mindful of the 3 solid minute alarm that signals residents to take cover. Severe rain and tornados have been spotted recently just south of us. Listen to the TV or radio during bad weather conditions.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

6. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6a. An Ordinance Approving the Execution of a Letter of Support for Gospel Fest for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

May 26, 2010- June 8, 2010

May 11, 2010

Trustee Burgess asked if there is money to cover these disbursements and if Skyline Disposal is still in a separate fund. Ms. Gibson stated affirmatively. The A/P presented at the next Board meeting may be payroll and liability only.

A motion to approve the accounts payable stated above was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

7b. Appointment of Finance Director

A motion to approve Ms. Gloria Gibson as the Finance Director for the Village of Sauk Village was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

7c. Special Counsel for Employment Hearing Only

Trustee Hanks stated that each trustee received information regarding his motion tonight to bring on the firm of Hiskies, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich and Lapp as attorneys for special counsel for the employment hearing. These attorneys are the same cost as the current Village Attorneys at \$175.00 per hour. This firm is

local and has worked with several south suburban municipalities. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that there may be an inherent conflict with Del Galdo Law Group representing the Village in this matter; any motion approved would be pending legal review of the ability to appoint a lawyer and the Mayor's ability to appoint. Trustee Hanks stated that there are time restraints for the hearing. Polling the Board at another time is possible if necessary to work with the time restraints. Mayor Towers asked for clarification. VA Vasselli stated that the motion can be made to appoint outside counsel for the purpose of the special hearing and a separate motion can be made to appoint this particular firm or just approve this firm as the special counsel for the hearing.

Trustee Hanks stated that his intention was to make the motion to bring the firm on due to the time restraint; we have until next Wednesday to conduct the hearing- this is the last night we can vote. Trustee Benson stated that there is no information and this is unacceptable. Mayor Towers stated that the appointment of the firm is made by the Mayor with the approval and consent of the Board; he knows nothing about this firm. Mayor Towers suggested voting on having special counsel but not voting on the law firm tonight. Trustee Hanks asked when the Mayor was going to bring a law firm before the Board; tonight is the only night that a vote can be taken before the hearing. Trustee Myers stated that the firm was referred by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers and they would not mislead the Board. Mayor Towers stated that the Mayor has the right to appoint. Mayor Towers asked why Trustee Hanks did not discuss this with him prior to tonight. Trustee Williams stated that approving special counsel was part of the motion that was made to remove the two employees. Hiring an outside law firm was also discussed last Tuesday. The Board directed Mayor Towers to start the investigation with the State's Attorney as well as provide a law firm. The law firm was never provided. Trustee Hanks found a firm and we have to have the hearing according to deadlines in her contract. Trustee Williams asked when the Mayor would be deciding on a law firm and when will the Mayor call an emergency meeting to call for the vote in order to approve the law firm within ten days of the receipt of her request for a hearing.

Trustee Anderson stated that she has no knowledge of this attorney and therefore would vote no. Trustee Anderson asked why we need outside counsel when we already have attorneys.

Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Hanks required the Mayor to find an outside law firm in his motion. They have not given the Mayor the opportunity to find the firm; they took it upon themselves to find a firm. Trustee Benson stated that no charges have been brought up against the individuals.

Trustee Myers asked the Village Attorney to restate that it would be a conflict of interest for his law firm to conduct the hearing. Village Attorney Vasselli restated that there would be a conflict of interest. VA Vasselli stated that there is a time restraint. The Board can vote to approve the retention of an outside law firm and then make a second motion to take an oral vote on the firm within 48 – 72 hours. There is a motion on the floor. Trustee Williams stated that only one person did the research and found a firm and restated her question- when will the Mayor provide the Corporate Authorities with the firm he intends to use. It is his right to appoint the firm but it is the Board's right to approve it. The Board needs to come together to vote approve by next Tuesday or Wednesday. Mayor Towers stated that there is no problem with Trustee Hanks finding the firm; he did a tremendous job taking it upon himself to do that. Mayor Towers stated that his concern is he is just getting the information. He needs a day or two to investigate the firm; they may be the firm chosen.

Trustee Hanks restated that this was discussed last Tuesday night and he did spend time to research a firm that could help with a hearing like this and that works for the same price as our current attorneys. This firm is local and they do handle municipalities like Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks stated that he did not receive the final draft until this afternoon by email. This was in place in case nothing else was presented to the Board tonight. This is the last night we can vote for special counsel. VA Vasselli restated that the votes can be conducted by phone and recorded by the Village Clerk or a special meeting can be called for this purpose.

Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers could provide information by Friday and if a special meeting can be held on Saturday.

Trustee Benson stated that it would be unfair to the two individuals to allow the individuals who brought forth the allegations against them to find a lawyer for the hearing. The Mayor should appoint the firm.

Trustee Burgess would like the motion amended to state that a special meeting will be held to decide on a law firm to represent the Village in this matter.

Trustee Anderson asked that the information be given to her before the meeting and not placed on her desk.

Mayor Towers asked Trustee Hanks if he accepts Trustee Burgess' suggestion to amend the motion. Trustee Hanks agreed.

Trustee Williams stated that she also received the information just before the meeting. Trustee Hanks took the time to research and provide information. Trustee Williams suggested that anyone who has recommendations should include them in the packet Friday for consideration on Saturday.

Trustee Anderson asked if Wildman & Harold could be considered. Mayor Towers stated that the information on any suggested firms will be placed in the boxes.

Village Clerk Williams asked for the motion to be restated.

Trustee Hanks rescinded his motion. Trustee Williams rescinded her second.

Trustee Burgess made a motion that a special meeting be held on Saturday at 8 am to finalize the appointment of an outside independent counsel and that a copy of the Mayor's selection be presented to the Board by Friday afternoon (Mayor Towers stated that it should not be limited to the Mayor- any trustees can provide information on their selection) to be considered along with the firm presented tonight.

The special meeting notice will be posted at the Village Hall and the library within 72 hours of 8 am Saturday. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

7d. Appointment and Swearing in of Interim Police Chief Tim Holevis

Village Attorney Vasselli stated that the Village is devoid of a Police Chief. It is the Mayor's intent to appoint an interim Police Chief for succession of control. This is not a permanent position. The Village code and the Village Employee Manual require certain posting and publication requirements for all Village positions. VA Vasselli stated that the motion should include waiving this requirement due to the immediate need of an interim Police Chief to oversee the department; this could be rescinded by act later. Trustee Williams asked if these postings have always been done for interim positions. VA Vasselli stated affirmatively but will research for accuracy. Trustee Burgess asked if the interim Police Chief would have the same duties as the Police Chief. VA Vasselli stated affirmatively; he will research local regulations and State statutes to verify.

Trustee Anderson clarified that the interim Police Chief will be responsible for the day to day operations of the Police Department. VA Vasselli stated that the senior officer is responsible since the day of succession by operation of law.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to waive the requirements of publication and appoint Sergeant Tim Holevis as interim Police Chief. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that the citizens have requested that the Board start operating in order and to follow righteous procedures and now we are doing something out order to be rectified later; that is inappropriate.

Trustee Benson stated that we should not act on this until we rectify the ordinance. Trustee Benson stated that Mayor Towers is the Commander and Chief of the Police Department until these matters are cleared up.

VA Vasselli stated that from a practical standpoint and according to the rules and regulations of the Sauk Village Police Department the senior sergeant on day duty elevates to the commanding officer the minute the above appointed office is vacated. We are in accordance with the rules and regulations. Boards often waive procedures when the interest of the Village supersedes the procedures. Additional research will be conducted. The Board, residents and the Mayor need to have a Police Chief in place.

Trustee Williams compared this to ratifying and reratifying the budget and the CEDA program in the interest of time restraints. VA Vasselli stated that the Board has taken the practice of ratifying acts and contracts in the past.

VA Vasselli verified that part of the motion made by Trustee Hanks obviously implies that this is an interim position and there may and would be a selection of a permanent Chief at a later date which the interim Chief will be able to apply for.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carries.

Village Clerk Williams administered the oath of office to Interim Police Chief Tim Holevis.

7e. New Business- Frank Briggs/ County Inspections

Mayor Towers stated that the Board has received information regarding Mr. Briggs and his hot dog stand. Mr. Briggs addressed the Board with no action to be taken.

Mr. Briggs stated that the hot dog stand was closed down almost three years ago during the past administration. Rumors that the stand did not have running water are false. The Health Department has given him problems for years even though there has not been a health issue for the entire 15-16 years the stand was in operation. There was a problem with the septic system. The septic system has been repaired. Will County and Sauk Village have inspected and approved the business. After several requests from himself and Village administration Cook County refuses to come out to inspect. Mr. Briggs requested that the Board allow the business to open without the Health Department approval since they will not come to inspect. Mr. Briggs stated that he has insurance to cover any issues that may arise. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that the insurance policy would likely cover water and environmental damage but would not cover the Board for all risks. Trustees Myers and Benson stated that they have contacted Cook County. Cook County is not providing information why they will not conduct the inspection. Mayor Towers stated that there has been a response from Cook County and suggested that this item be placed on the next Committee Meeting agenda for discussion and the following Board Meeting agenda for vote. DH Jasinski stated that all information received from County has been given to the Board. County is requiring an Illinois State licensed well and septic to be in place for compliance. Cook County conducts all health inspections for food establishments; this should not be waived for one business. Trustee Williams asked what the ramifications of future inspections for other businesses would be if the Village allows this business to open without County approval. DH Jasinski will include that in the packets for the next meeting. DH Jasinski also stated that she has not seen the lease agreement from IDOT as requested. Mayor Towers directed Mr. Briggs to provide DH Jasinski with a copy of the lease and continue the discussion next week.

7f. Swearing in Human Relations Commissioner

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to add the swearing in of a Human Relations Commissioner as item 7f.

A motion to add the swearing in of the Human Relations Commissioner as stated above to the agenda was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Human Relations Commission chair Beverly Sterrett asked that the Human Relations Commission be included in all upcoming Board meeting agendas and asked if she could report that the Human Relations Committee will be hosting their 2nd Annual Job Fair on September 10, 2010 in the Community Center from 12- 3 pm. Beverly also requested to be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda for the purpose of opening a checking account for the Human Relations Commission for events like the job fair. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7 pm. Beverly introduced Evelyn Sterling as the new HRC commissioner.

Village Clerk Williams administered the oath of office to Human Relations Commissioner Evelyn Sterling.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Myers stated that he and Trustee Anderson have worked to assign students to various departments for the summer youth job program. Students should be working within the next week.

Trustee Williams asked if the hearing date will also be set on Saturday. The date must be set within 10 days of receipt of the letter requesting the hearing. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Trustee Williams stated that she previously requested copies of the numerous grievances and a list of those already in arbitration; she has not received those.

Trustee Hanks stated there was request at the last Board meeting to have the Mayor's override placed on the agenda. It was not placed on the agenda tonight because Trustee Hanks requested the Village Attorney to file an injunction to quash the Mayor's veto. Trustee Hanks was informed later that the Mayor is rescinding the veto; there is no need for the issue to be placed on tonight's agenda. Trustee Hanks is saddened by the Mayor

going back on his word which caused lots of time back and forth on an easy issue. Trustee Hanks stated that when the Mayor presents the veto again he will again take the steps to quash it.

Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Hanks is concerned about items not on the agenda for him to move forward when he added two illegal motions to the agenda two weeks ago.

Trustee Burgess requested an itemized bill for May 2010 attorney charges.

8b. Questions from the Audience

Mayor Towers asked that the audience speak on one item at a time and go back in line for additional questions out of respect for fellow residents.

Judy Cast was told that there was not a FOIA form available. FOIA Officer Cindy Wagner stated that there is no actual FOIA form. FOIA requests can be submitted by letter or email stating your request. The request for copies of minutes has been received and will be answered by the Clerk.

Trustee Anderson stated that there was a FOIA form in the past. Cindy stated that a new form may be available in the future.

Village Clerk Williams stated that she was informed that copies of minutes do not have to go through FOIA. Approved meeting minutes should be available upon request in the front office. VC Williams would like clarification from VA Vasselli.

Gary Holcolm stated that he submitted a FOIA request regarding fire hydrants. He believes that the information he received is incomplete and only stated negatively. He clarified that there are 536 fire hydrants in the Village and several are inoperable; including seven on his street.

Mayor Towers directed DH Weller to report to the Board how many fire hydrants are out of service and what direction can be taken.

Gary stated that he is aware that the Village only has three spare hydrants. New hydrants cost \$1,500.00 each. Gary asked that future FOIA's be answered completely.

DH Weller stated that the FOIA only asked for the hydrants that were out of order. That information was provided.

Mayor Towers confirmed that FOIA responses only include what is stated in the request.

Fleming Gaines commended Public Works and Trustee Benson for getting the grass cut at 21830 Jeffrey.

Ms. Gaines had several questions.

- 1) If it is true that the Police department is working with outdated bullets and bald tires; what is being done?
- 2) Are all Village cars in the Sauk Village fleet used for the best interest of the residents? Are any cars out of service; what is being done to remediate the situation.
- 3) Is there sufficient training for the Police Department to secure the safety of Sauk Village residents?
- 4) How much money is allocated in the budget for street repair? When will the potholes be repaired?
- 5) Is the Sauk Village budget available to the residents? Where is it available?
- 6) Ms. Gaines thanked the Board for working on the demolition of the Jeffery Avenue apartments.
- 7) When will there be a referendum for Lake Michigan water?
- 8) Can the audience have access to a microphone? The audience cannot hear.

Mayor Towers stated that the answers to her questions could be available within the next two weeks.

Carey Pratt asked if the Village Attorney works for the Mayor or the Board. VA Vaselli stated that he represents the Village of Sauk Village which is represented by the Board. Carey asked why the Chief of Staff and the Police Chief were allowed to enter their offices after they were taped off by the Police Department; did anyone see what they took?

Mayor Towers stated that they had the right to come back and get their personal belongings.

Carey asked about a recent bid on asphalt repair. Mayor Towers stated that there have been no recent bids.

Evelyn Sterling asked where to obtain an ordinance that states the responsibilities of the Mayor and Trustees.

VC Williams stated that a list of ordinances are available at the Village Hall; copies are available upon request. The library also provides that information. The last recodification took place in 2003; ordinances 2003 and prior are located on the website under Community Development. Evelyn stated that she will be spearheading the water committee; contact her with any questions.

Marva Pruitt and the Beautification Committee were present to solicit more members and to inform residents that the Hootsie Awards are coming back. The committee is soliciting everyone's help to beautify the Village. There will be monthly fundraisers to raise funds for this goal. Upcoming fundraisers include Pampered Chef, bowling and Night at the Movies.

Trustee Williams asked that the list of fundraisers be available for the Sauk Talk and the Current Events pages. Marva asked to be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

Larry Prince, Deer Creek Estates, asked the Mayor to confirm that there are no private streets in Sauk Village contrary to what his neighbor told him. Mayor Towers stated that there were no private streets in Sauk Village.

Carol Avenue resident stated that cars speed down that street. There are often 15-20 kids fighting/ shooting. The police come after the fight. More police attention needs to be paid to this area.

Lake Jackson stated that there have been customer service changes within the businesses in Sauk Village. Some businesses provide great customer service others are disrespectful.

Nate Griffin stated that the Mayor should be allowed to be the Mayor. There is too much dissention on the Board. Nate feels that firing the Chief of Staff and Chief of Police should have been done behind closed doors. Nate feels the Board should keep their personal differences to themselves. Nate congratulated Interim Police Chief Holevis. Nate asked what the Chief of Staff and the Police Chief did to cause their dismissal. Everybody's looking for answers. Some of the Village issues are nothing new. It takes time and money and other resources to get things done. Nate asked Mayor Towers if the firings could be vetoed. (They were vetoed and overturned.) Nate stated that the Chief of Police and the Chief of Staff had too little time to do anything.

Trustee Williams stated that the reasons were stated in the motion that was read at the time.

Mike Bartnicki stated that he is tired of people downplaying every previous mayor and saying that this mayor and administration has not had enough time. Four Board members stepped up and stated that the person hired for the Chief of Staff was not qualified and the Chief of Police also needed to be removed. Mike stated that as a recently laid off Village employee he has seen that the administration has been dysfunctional all along.

If the past administration is at fault why aren't they being investigated?

Rosie Jones, Deer Creek resident, stated that the street alongside her house does belong to her.

Mike Brown stated that the Board serves at the pleasure of the people who elected them. It has become a chess game of motions and vetoes back and forth. The audience reacted favorably when the Police Chief was fired. Mike asked if the Board members were full or part time. The Board and Village Attorney always have to research and come back with an answer. The Village Attorney should know Robert's Rules of Order and should be able to answer whether a veto is possible rather than research further. Mike stated that it was discussed last week to bring on another attorney for the hearing and it is being discussed again. Stop revisiting the same issues and take proactive measures. Stop the fighting.

Larry Stewart asked how long Tim Holevis has been in the Village. (25 years). Larry asked if a veto was ever brought before a Village Board (never). There was a 4-2 vote and it is satisfactory. We will probably be dealing with this every Tuesday. The head of the Board needs to work on other things; nothing is getting done. The town is embarrassing. We need to move on and get something done. There is no progress in Sauk Village. The kids have nothing to do and volunteers are being fired. The kids have been forgotten and we should be encouraging volunteers. Other villages take 15-20 minutes to conduct their meetings. Why argue when there is a majority?

Michelle Rylander stated that the lawyer always sat at the table with other staff and administrators. Why does he now sit next to the Mayor?

Mayor Towers stated that the choice is his where he will sit.

Angel Del Gado, 16 yr. resident stated that he is losing patience. Angel asked if the Board has walked the streets to see the gunshots, cars swerving and how the children are endangered. Houses are being broken into. Angel is holding the Board responsible. Angel tried to contact the recently removed ex Chief of Police several times; he never called back. The Police and Code Enforcement do everything they can but he will defend his home and his family. He pays taxes and he is afraid to let his kids go outside. Angel moved his business out of Sauk Village. The Village is facing lawsuits and a summer of warfare. What is in place? Stand up and be accountable.

Ed Shankel remarked on the sidebars between a Trustee and the attorney.

Elizabeth Pratt, 44 year resident, stated that she has joined two committees to be part of positive steps to bring the town back to what it was. Elizabeth asked who is in charge of inspecting the parks and when they were last inspected. Arrowhead Park and other parks have equipment issues that need to be addressed. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee just inspected all parks and play lots and a report will be released. Parks & Rec meets every 1st and 3rd Monday and the parks may be discussed then. What recreation do we have? Elizabeth stated that Arrowhead Park is nice now that the hoops have been removed. Elizabeth thanked Trustee Hanks for setting that in motion and the Board for voting to remove the hoops.

There is a lot of tension among the Board; fighting should be behind closed doors. Elizabeth asked why the Mayor did not get the attorney and why hasn't the State's Attorney investigation started. Elizabeth commended various departments for their efforts.

Mayor Towers stated that the State's Attorney was contacted five days after the allegation was fired. The request for a hearing was received from the Chief of Staff last Tuesday. Discussion and argument ensued regarding whether the Mayor knew to appoint a private attorney. (Mayor Towers asked that Mike Bartnicki be removed.) Elizabeth asked why the Chief of Staff is being paid while we wait for the hearing. Trustee Williams clarified the timeline and other specifics that were included in the Chief of Staff's contract.

Judy Cast, 40 yr resident, stated that microphones may be in storage. The residents cannot hear and it causes confusion. There is a lack of professionalism among the Board. The Mayor should be uniform with the gavel. Judy congratulated Interim Chief Holevis and reiterated the problems with police equipment. Judy explained that no money was taken from the old administration. Audits were performed. Projected money for the upcoming year did not materialize. We need qualified people to handle the Village- not friends. Move forward.

Resident Mike Brown wants to be part of the Police Commission and offered to work on the Police Department for free. He currently works in Robbins. Mike is qualified to help; he is concerned about his town. The Police Department is dedicated; he would like to offer his help.

Mayor Towers asked VA Vaselli to investigate the legal ramifications.

Lynda Washington asked about the time and location for residents to register to vote. Village Clerk Williams stated that she is available by appointment to register residents. The library staff also does voter's registrations. Lynda Washington stated that she is a voter's registrar. Trustee Benson, Mayor Towers and Trustee Williams are also voter's registrars. Lynda Washington asked if people from other communities can speak at Sauk Village meetings and suggested limiting the time people can speak. Mayor Towers stated that the meetings are open to the public and that the Board has already voted not to limit the time. Lynda spoke of a recent issue with sarcastic police officers but was glad to speak with Interim Chief Holevis who was not sarcastic to her.

Liz Hinko stated that the past year gunshots and drug selling has gotten worse. Police need to patrol the streets. In the past there was an ordinance that no more than 5 kids can be on the street; now there are 30 or more. The gangs are taking over. They are afraid to leave the house. Residents don't take care of their homes, trash is on the streets. Parents have no control over their kids- people need to step up. More patrol is needed and the ordinance needs to be enforced. Does State or County Police need to come in and help? Interim Chief Holevis stated that the department is short personnel but the issue will be addressed.

Lynda Washington stated that Block Clubs in other towns police their streets. It is a block by block effort. Citizens should be accountable for their household.

Mike Bartnicki apologized for being out of order and stated that this was a good meeting. Mike asked that the Board come together. Past votes were 3-3 now it is 4-2. Work with 4-2 vote. Mike agreed that the lawyer appears to only communicate with two people when he is seated next to the Mayor.

Rose Langston congratulated Interim Chief Holevis. Rose stated that police are visible all over; they are out there in all sides of town. They are doing a fine job even though they are short staffed. Rose asked if the three strikes you are out program still exists.

Interim Chief Holevis stated that the nuisance abatement program used to apply to drug dealing and high crime. He will investigate. Rose asked Kevin to post the movie on the marquee.

Ed Shankel stated that future employees should live in town.

Elizabeth Pratt offered to have the speedometer installed on her corner of Merrill Avenue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Meeting is adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, JUNE 12, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

On roll call:

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

A quorum was present.

1. Selection of Special Counsel for Purposes of Legal Counsel regarding an Employment Termination Hearing

Mayor Towers stated that he called the special meeting for the purpose of discussing the retention of special counsel for an employee who is on suspension. Special counsel is needed to make sure that the hearing runs smoothly.

Mayor Towers stated that he recommends Attorney Evangeline Levison. Ms. Levison was recommended to him by a personal friend. Ms. Levison's qualifications were discussed by the Board. Discussion included her experience with Municipal law and hearings of this nature. Mayor Towers asked that the Board take a vote on the retention of Ms. Levison at this special meeting.

Trustee Hanks stated that he previously submitted information on another firm who has worked with other South Suburban municipalities and has no ties to the Village or anyone on the Board. This firm was found through the Illinois Municipal League and South Suburban Mayors and Managers. Discussion included the qualifications of this firm as well.

Mayor Towers stated that there are no ties to Ms. Levison.

The firm presented by Trustee Hanks stated that their price was the same as the current Village attorney. There is no price on the information presented by Ms. Levison. The Board cannot vote to approve a firm without knowing the price Ms. Levison is charging.

The Mayor has the right to appoint legal counsel with the consent of the Board. If the Board does not approve Ms. Levison the Mayor will continue to bring recommendations to the Board.

The Board was instructed by the Mayor to bring recommendations to the table. Trustee Hanks would like his recommendation to be considered as well.

This is a time sensitive matter. An attorney must be voted on and a date needs to be selected today.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to take a 15 minute break in order to give Mayor Towers the opportunity to call Evangeline Levison to find out the cost of her services for the scope of the duties required. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The Board took a break at 8:50 am.

The special meeting was resumed at 9:02 am.

Mayor Towers asked for a roll call.

On roll call:

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

Village Clerk Williams stated that she will be leaving as soon as Deputy Clerk Baughman arrives.

Mayor Towers stated that Attorney Levison stated that her price will be in conjunction with the other attorneys; that being \$175.00 per hour.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the hiring of attorney Evangeline Levison for the purpose of the hearing.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion fails

Trustee Williams made a motion to accept the firm of Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich and Lapp, Ltd. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion. Trustee Benson stated that the motion is out of order. Mayor Towers asked to continue with the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Hanks

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carries

Mayor Towers stated for the record that he will be vetoing the motion of accepting the law firm. Trustee Hanks stated also for the record that according to Municipal Code 65-5-6-4-2 under veto the Mayor may disapprove any or one of sums of appropriation of any ordinance, resolution or motion making an appropriation. However, the Mayor may disapprove the ordinance at the next regular Board meeting occurring not less than 5 days after it passes. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will have the veto in writing during not less than 5 days after it passes.

2. Schedule Time for Employment Termination Hearing

Trustee Hanks made a motion that the hearing takes place next Tuesday as part of the regular Board meeting during executive session. Trustee Hanks asked that all other items be tabled from

the agenda. Vendors need to be contacted that are presenting at next week's meeting. Trustee Anderson stated that item 8 refers to the demolition of unsafe buildings. This item should stay on the agenda. It was agreed that the information can be relayed to the trustees. No vote will be taken until the next regular Board meeting. Trustee Hanks restated his motion. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mayor Towers will be asking the Village attorney if an extension can be granted in order for him to veto the acceptance of the law firm approved tonight. Time frames need to be adhered to according to the terms of the employment contract. The firm hired tonight will be contacted to be present at next Tuesday's hearing.

3. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Ed Shankel asked if the Village would be paying for the employees legal fees. Mayor Towers stated that the employee will retain their own counsel.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that the Mayor should have brought more than one recommendation to the Board.

Larry Stewart stated that the Board is divided. Let's move forward.

Mike Bartnicki stated that the employee deserves a hearing. The process should continue; the delay is not in the employee's favor. The time frame needs to be adhered to. The employee deserves a fair hearing regardless how anyone feels. Let the system work its way out.

Mike Brown remarked on the Board's behavior; back and forth on procedures. It is the Board's responsibility to make recommendations and learn and follow the rules and procedures.

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 7-23-10

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, JUNE 15, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table item numbers 1-15 on the agenda and go directly into closed session for personnel.

The motion to table all items and go immediately into closed session was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

The meeting is adjourned at 7:04 pm.

16. Executive Session

- a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/2©(1)(2010))

17. Actions Regarding Personnel Matters, if Applicable

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON **JUNE 22, 2010.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 4, 2010- Committee Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2010 was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

b. May 25, 2010- Regular Board Meeting - tabled

Trustee Anderson stated that there may be a need to correct the minutes as written and made a motion to table the minutes until she can review the tape with VC Williams.

The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Williams

Motion carries.

c. June 15, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –

Any items normally discussed shall be discussed in the Finance Director's report.

3b. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams indicated that information for E-Jam from Emmanuel Church and Beautification Committee fundraiser flyers are located at the back of the room. Sauk Village vehicle stickers are now on sale for the cost of \$25.00 for cars, RV's and motorcycles, \$43.00 for B trucks and \$52.00 for D trucks. Vehicle stickers must be displayed by midnight June 30th. There is a \$20.00 discount for seniors and the disabled (one per household). Applications are available at the back of the room. The Village Hall will be open late tonight and next Tuesday night until 8 pm. VC Williams asked the trustees to please bring changes to her attention before the meeting so that changes can be made and minutes approved timely.

3c. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael – No report

3d. Village Attorney- Attorney Eric Stach- No report

3e. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

VE Czarnik stated that there is a June 30th deadline to hear from Dyer and Chicago Heights on the water rates. Repairs are in process on the Orion culvert. The resurfacing project will begin as soon as the okay is received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and passed on to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that the summer camp for Sauk Village youth will begin on June 28, 2010 from 10 am – 4 pm Monday through Thursday for 10- 17 year olds. There is a \$20.00 registration fee. Activities include arts and crafts, dance, cold lunches, skating, outings and movies. The summer camp is sponsored by the South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Contact Foundation. Three youths and three adults will be hired to work with this program. Contact Angela Greene for more information at 708/596-4018 or the Sauk Village Vista program at 708/758-9115. Mayor Towers stated that he has secured 100 baseball tickets for the Sox game on July 8, 2010. Chaperones and youth please call Antwan Newell at 773/627-6313 or contact Mayor Towers. Waiting for confirmation on the donated buses.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet Thursday, July 8th at 5:00 pm in the Senior Center. The next Senior Movie Monday will be held July 12th at the library at 1:00 pm. There will be an ice cream social as part of the movie. Call the library to make a reservation at 708/757-4771. The Fun Club and Bluegrass will not meet on July 4th. The Sunshiner's Club will not meet on July 5th.

The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 13th at 6:00 pm. The public is invited.

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

Trustee Benson stated that Parks & Rec will be hosting an 8 day basketball skills camp in the Community Center under the direction of Antwan Newell. The camp started today and will run through June 30th. The basketball camp is open to boys and girls ages 7- 18. Flyers are available on the back table. Registration for the 2010 summer basketball league starts today and runs through July 10th for 7-18 year olds. There is a cost of \$50.00 per player; \$20.00 for additional players in the household. Tournaments take place July 24th through September 25th. Playoffs begin Saturday October 2, 2010. The parent/team meeting will take place on July 10th at the Paesel Center to explain the rules. Sauk Village pageant winners will march in the Chicago Heights parade on July 3rd at 11:00 am and the Sparky parade on July 4th at 2:00 pm.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that there is a roundtable discussion on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 1:30- 3:30 pm at the South Suburban Mayors & Managers office to help communities create and adopt an ordinance for vacant property registration.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers thanked DH Weller and Mr. Holcomb for their help with the fire hydrant issues. Summer help will be used to paint the hydrants that are out of order. Paint will be donated by Mr. Holcomb. They are also working on a grant to be used to replace the non – working hydrants. The Build Illinois Program will be registering 18-24 year olds for employment at Prairie State College on June 30th at 10:00 am. The contact person is Sean Tate. Prairie State College is asking for worksite and businesses to hire the applicants. Jobs could run through September 30th. The Ordinance Review Committee stated that there is no need to revise the loitering ordinance; it is tight enough. The public speaking ordinance had been sent back for further review. The playing in the streets ordinance is under the review. Clarification from the Police Chief and Village Attorney is needed regarding officers going on private property to remove nets.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will host "Showcase Sauk Village Businesses" on Saturday, July 17th at Sauk Plaza from 12:00- 4pm. There will be a DJ and business will offer

discounts. On Saturday, July 31st there will be a “Showcase of Sauk Village Businesses” in the Surreybrook Plaza section from 12:00pm – 4 pm. Please support the local businesses and see what they have to offer. The Economic Development Committee will join Behr Paint Corporation for their employee safety seminar Saturday, June 26th at 7:30 am. All public officials are invited. The Police and Fire Chiefs will also be in attendance. The committee will continue to show local businesses our support. The Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

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

Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, June 25th by midnight. Department heads and elected officials are encouraged to submit an article. Sauk Talks are no longer sent to homes but are available at the Village Hall, library, on line and at various local businesses. The next Public Relations Committee meeting will be July 7th at 7:00 pm on the Village Hall. A preview of the new website should be coming soon.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Acting Chief Holevis

Acting Chief Holevis summarized the saturation patrol detail that took place June 5-14th in the Peterson and Carol Avenue section. There 2 calls of shots fired (3 arrests), 22 suspicious auto/ persons investigations, 9 public service calls, 21 traffic stops, 3 disturbances, 5 juvenile problems, 2 animal complaints and 5 drug related arrests. The patrol division conducted a saturation during that same time frame 14 drug related arrests, 18 traffic arrests, 17 warrant arrests, 10 battery arrests, 1 sexual exploitation of a child arrest, 1 child endangerment arrest, 3 theft arrests, 3 disorderly conduct arrests, 3 mob action arrests, 3 residential burglary arrests, 1 obstruction arrest, 3 robbery arrests, several guns recovered and 1 runaway recovered. There was an unmarked unit that conducted a two day public awareness regarding the new STOP sign at Peterson and Carol Avenues. Warnings were issued. After the two day warnings 8 citations have been issued.

Chief Holevis stated that currently there is no Deputy Chief or secretary in the Police Department which leaves the Chief to handle all of the administrative duties rather than focusing on protecting the citizens.

Chief Holevis asked the Board to visit these issues at the appropriate time. Chief Holevis has noticed the highest level of moral ever in the Police Department over the past two weeks.

The police presence was noticed and appreciated by area residents and Board members. Reports should be made biweekly to alert residents and Board members of police activity. Saturation details will continue throughout the Village. Police officers have also been noticed in other areas as being more aggressive. Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees acknowledged Chief Holevis and the police officers on a job well done.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fireman’s Association breakfast of June 23rd was a huge success; over 125 people attended. A request on Facebook to bring back the pancake breakfast brought lots of old timers out. Chief Stoffregen thanked the Beautification Committee for their recent efforts planting flowers around the Fire Station at no cost to the Village. The Fire Department responded to 9 calls over the weekend; 7 were related to sever weather.

Trustee Burgess commended the Fire Department and encouraged the pancake breakfast to continue twice a year.

Mayor Towers commended the Beautification Committee for stepping up and making such a great effort in beautifying the community.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that per resident complaints, the ground posts were removed from Carol Avenue Park where the slide was previously removed (the slide cannot be replaced at this time; the cost is approximately \$2,000.00) and the damaged slide in Arrowhead Park and has been removed. DH Weller is looking for lower prices for mulch for the parks. The Public Works Department is working with the Police Department, Code Enforcement and ESDA to perform oil changes, change tires and other vehicle maintenance in house to save money. Seven CEDA workers will help the department with grass cutting and hydrant painting. The cost to replace a hydrant is \$2,000.00. The water CCR report has been mailed to homes and is available at the Village Hall. The department continues to work on potholes; MFT funds will be helpful. The cost of installing a 100ft X 100 ft basketball court could be approximately \$14,000.00. Due to recent winds there will be an additional branch pick up now through Friday.

Public Works was commended for working swiftly in making the parks safe and by working with other departments to save money on vehicle maintenance. Research should continue to secure a location for moving the basketball courts and soliciting volunteers and funds.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated that a detailed property maintenance report should be available next week. There are 288 grass cutting tickets on the July court docket. Residents must not cut grass into the streets; clogs sewers and causes flooding. Tickets will be issued. Failure to cut grass and dispose of old tires could cause a major outbreak of mosquitoes, fleas and ticks.

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Ms. Gibson

DH Gibson stated she is working with the IML management group and the Public Works Department regarding insurability, the Village Engineer regarding well 3 issues and Kane, Mc Kenna regarding debt service. The Village is unable to pay the debt service and it is recommended that the Village does not abate debt payments next year. DH Gibson is continuing to try to establish a relationship with area banks.

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

DH Johnson stated that ESDA has been assisting other departments this week as well as working with issues due to the severe weather. DH Johnson reminded everyone to be safe over the 4th of July weekend.

5g. 9-1-1 Board: Fire Chief Stoffregen (not included on agenda)

5h. Human Relations Commission: Ms. Sterrett- No report- absent

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Establishing the Prevailing Wage Rates for the Construction of Public Works Projects for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

**8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements
June 22, 2010**

Trustee Burgess asked for a receipt or invoice copy for two items listed under Parks and Rec on page 1 and asked if funds are available to cover the entire accounts payable. DH Gibson stated that the funds are available.

A motion to approve the accounts payable as stated above was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8b. Appointment of Open Meetings Act Officer

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to remove this item and to move the discussion to executive session under personnel.

The motion to remove this item was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

8c. Continuing Loan Disclosures for IEPA Remediation

For discussion only. DH Gibson stated that the Village Engineer and other outside agencies will prepare an agreement that will be presented to the Board regarding an IEPA loan to make repairs to well #3. Trustee Williams asked that this item be placed on the next committee meeting agenda for discussion and updates.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for an adjournment to executive session.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel with possible action to be taken.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/2©(1)(2010).

10. READJOURNMENT- ACTIONS REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS, IF APPLICABLE

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to return from executive session at 9:50 pm.

On roll call:

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

Mayor Towers stated that the action to be taken calls for special meetings to take place on June 29, 2010 and June 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm for the matters of personnel.

The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

11a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams asked for an update on Frankie's Hot Dog, any word from County? DH Gibson stated that information has been given to the Board and will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Williams also asked for updates from K-Plus on the water issues. Trustee Williams met with Senator Hutchinson on June 14th to discuss the issues with well #3. Trustee Williams thanked Senator Hutchinson for her valuable assistance in getting the ball rolling with the IEPA loan application (the original deadline was missed) and for following up with Mayor Towers and DH Gibson with regards to well #3. Grants should be investigated, deadlines should not be missed and communication should continue. DH Gibson stated that due to the possible litigation due to well #3 being offline it is possible that the loan application will be pushed up to the front of the line.

Trustee Myers asked the Police Chief to meet with him soon to review ordinances. Trustee Myers asked if ESDA will be helping with 4th of July patrol. ESDA DH Johnson stated that the direction for assistance needs to come from the Police Department. Trustee Myers offered his help with the grant for the fire hydrants.

Trustee Hanks stated that there was a vote to hold special meetings next Tuesday and Wednesday. Trustee Hanks informed the residents that those meetings will take place in executive session.

11b. Questions from the Audience

Judy Cast commended the department heads for working together and getting things done; this was what was always done. Pride and Progress – people who live and work in Sauk Village who care about the Village.

Judy was concerned with the unprofessional behavior of the attorney last week. Judy was also concerned with the lack of equipment available to the Police officers to do their jobs (batteries, expired vests, bald tires, etc...) Both Chief Lacheta and Chief Martin have discussed the need for vests. Chief Martin did order a vest for himself but the vest was removed from the department.

The Board asked for a list of items that are missing from the department; the attorneys are investigating.

Trustee Anderson asked for a list of items the Police department is in need of.

Larry Stewart commended Fire Chief Stoffregen on the Pancake Breakfast, Police Chief Holevis on the great report and DH Weller and the Beautification Committee for their efforts, Mayor Towers for the youth camp and Antwan Newell stepping up to help Parks & Rec with their programming.. This is all a step in the right direction. Grants and loans should be applied for and followed up on. More volunteers like Antwan Newell are needed.

Rose Langston is pleased to see all of the departments working together for the Village and commended everyone for their efforts on servicing the residents.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that many old and new residents came to the pancake breakfast. Elizabeth also commended all departments; the improvement is noticeable everywhere. The Board also needs to come together as a group and move forward. Elizabeth stated that the Parks & Rec Committee should pay more attention to the parks. The Beautification Committee would be glad to help. We need to continue moving forward and work together. There is a Beautification fundraiser this Saturday at the Senior Center from 1 pm – 4 pm which will feature Pampered Chef. Please support the first fundraiser.

Larry Stewart stated that the 217th & Carol residents are pleased with the new STOP sign; thanks to the administration for moving it forward.

Judy Cast stated that adults are also walking in the street. Judy called DCFS on an adult for walking a child in the stroller in the street and not moving for traffic. That is child endangerment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: July 23, 2010

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, JUNE 29 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (will be late/ excused)

A quorum was present.

1. Appointment of Open Meetings Act Officer

Mayor Towers stated that the Village Clerk has been asked to take on the responsibility of the Open Meetings Act Officer. Village Clerk Williams stated that when Ms. Gibson called her on Friday there was no paperwork available to her. When the issue was brought up in executive session for discussion it was dropped due to no one knowing why it was placed on the agenda or who placed it on the agenda. After performing researching on her own, Village Clerk Williams stated that as of January 1, 2010 the Open Meetings Act requires that all public bodies designate employees, officers or members to receive training with compliance with this law. The Village has two people who have been trained for this along with the FOIA training. Village Clerk Williams stated that she called the Office of the Attorney General Public Access Counselor who stated that in most cases they are one in the same. Village Clerk Williams stated that she called the Public Access Counselor after finding out that all OMA Officers must receive training by June 30th. If the Clerk was appointed on June 29th she could not do the training by June 30th.

Mayor Towers stated that the class is available on line. VC Williams stated that it may be available on line but two people have already been appointed and trained. Mayor Towers asked if there are some OMA duties that are different than FOIA duties. Village Clerk Williams stated that some duties are different but the FOIA Officers have already been trained to do both. VC Williams stated that the information was given to her late Friday, with no information, when apparently it has been known since January that someone needed to be appointed and trained by June 30th. After calling and finding out that the Village was in compliance the Clerk did not feel she had to rush to take the training. Village Clerk Williams stated that if an additional person is what is needed that is different. Mayor Towers stated that the last meeting was the last time he heard anything about it. It was his understanding that the FOIA Clerk is different from the OMA person. VC Williams researched and found out that we are in compliance. Gloria Gibson called VC Williams on Mayor Towers' behalf on Friday. VC Williams was unable to discuss this with Mayor Towers until now. VC Williams will take the training and will be the Open Meetings Act Officer but not by June 30th. VC Williams believes that the Mayor and Gloria Gibson's concern was compliance; we are in compliance. VC Williams stated that the OMA Officer must take the electronic training within 30 days after the designation of OMA Officer. VC Williams will get more clarification, go through the training and act as the OMA Officer if directed by the Board. Trustee Benson stated that we already have two FOIA Officers; research needs to be done to see if the information given tonight is accurate.

Mayor Towers stated that the Village Attorneys brought this to the table and they should have had this information. It was brought to his attention to appoint someone to these duties. Village Clerk Williams stated that she did the research on line and by phone and did not accept the designation haphazardly; this all came up too quickly. No one informed her that training involved and that it needed to be completed the next day after the designation; she found this out on her own. Trustee Williams stated that they are probably two different positions but the training is similar and we are already in compliance. More research is needed. Cindy or Genorise can be appointed if you need to designate someone. Trustee Burgess asked what the OMA Officer does. VC Williams stated that the Guide to the Illinois Open Meetings Act was included in the Board packets. The OMA officer is in place if someone questions how a meeting is conducted, determines whether a meeting should be conducted in open or closed session and monitors that meetings are conducted according to the OMA. The Public Access Officers works with the OMA Officers. The Public Access Officers stated that no appointment is necessary; the FOIA Officers were automatically designate as OMA Officers. Village Clerk Williams stated that noticing the abundance of FOIA requests received by the Village lately that she would be willing to work along with the existing FOIA Officers in the capacity of OMA and FOIA requests. It has been a problem for Cindy Wagner; very time consuming. Village Clerk Williams stated that she is here to assist anyone in their jobs.

Mayor Towers stated that he would like Village Clerk Williams to accept the appointment of OMA Officer.

Village Clerk Williams stated that she would complete the training within 30 days.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to appoint Village Clerk Debbie Williams as the OMA Officer.

The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Burgess to appoint Debbie Williams as the OMA Officer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess and Hanks

Nays: Trustees Benson and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carries

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters with possible action regarding personnel matters, if applicable.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel with possible action regarding personnel matters, if applicable. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

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

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carries

3. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn to executive session for the matters of personnel was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Benson.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:17 pm.

4. Actions regarding Personnel Matters, if Applicable

The meeting reconvenes at 11:00 pm.

Motion to return from executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Trustee Hanks made a motion to terminate Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill-Corley with cause. The motion to terminate Brunetta Hill- Corley with cause was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson and Mayor Towers

Motion carries

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 7-10-10

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, **JULY 6, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

1. Village Financial Matters (Cost Savings Initiative)- Finance Director, Gloria Gibson

Finance Director Gibson stated that information was placed in the Board packets regarding cost savings initiatives. Cost savings due to layoffs or furloughs by departments was discussed. An updated Treasurer's report as of July 6, 2010 and the Accounts Payable that will be introduced at the next Board meeting were also presented. In response to an inquiry of Trustee Burgess DH Gibson confirmed that Skyline Disposal was currently due for 90 days or less and is maintained in a separate account. Mayor Towers verified that outstanding checks are not reflected in the available cash. DH Gibson stated that Federal and State taxes have also not been deducted. Currently, there are invoices totaling \$683,000.00 plus in need of payment. Vendors were invited to discuss outsourcing options if layoffs did occur.

a. Davis Consulting- Not present

DH Gibson stated that Davis Consulting would partner with the Village to hire the laid off employees and

outsource them to the Village at a lower cost and less overhead; employees would still be eligible for unemployment benefits. They would provide training, health insurance benefits, credit union, etc... at a pay rate of \$11.00 rather than their current salaries of as much as \$34.00.

b. Paychex

Paychex representatives stated that payroll, human resources and health benefits services are available. Paychex has worked with other municipalities. Paychex can provide assistance and take on the burden of compliance with the new Health Care reform, risk management, unemployment claims, etc... at a minimal cost; attorney/client privacy is important. Other tools and services were discussed. DH Gibson stated that no one is in place to handle these issues; the Village has a lot of exposure in these areas. DH Gibson stated that this is a viable option to get the job done at a minimal cost. Trustee Burgess inquired about costs. Rates are dependent on the risk pool. No specific fee schedule was available.

Other discussions included the outstanding invoices for Mopheads. Using Mopheads three days a week instead of five days will save the Village \$12,000.00 per year. Additional calls for services can be billed separately. In the case of the Community Center rental, bills for cleaning can be deducted from the deposit if the center is not left clean. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Center is also being used more often and

agreed that the cost of clean up should be passed on to the renter. Mayor Towers stated that increasing fees was previously considered as an option to assist with the Mopheads services. Trustee Williams inquired if the Senior Center is rented out to outside individuals. Trustee Anderson stated that it is not currently being rented but discussions are taking place with the Senior Committee. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting to discuss increasing the fees for the parks and community center. Decreasing services to three days can be included on the consent agenda. Further discussion is needed for fees and clean up of rented Village buildings.

DH Gibson stated that in addition to furlough days and four day work weeks there are five employees that could benefit from early retirement. Trustee Burgess asked if the union has been contacted with regards to four day work weeks. DH Gibson stated that 4 days work weeks would not provide much of a savings; benefits cost 1 million dollars per year. Trustee Burgess stated that employees could pick up more of the cost of the insurance; the Village currently pays 100%. Trustee Hanks agreed that furlough days are possible for Village Hall employees and the Public Works department but not possible for Police and Fire departments and suggested a \$211,000.00 savings by reducing payroll by 20%; this is dependant on contracts and renewal of contracts.

DH Gibson stated summarized that there is \$600,000.00 due for payables with a bank balance of barely \$400,000.00. Insurance and payroll combined is \$280,000.00 per month. Revenue sources include water bill payments, ticket payments (low turnout rate) and State payments which are five months behind. Trustee Williams suggested setting up a separate meeting to discuss all of the alternatives; weighing if the benefits of some of these suggestions outweigh the costs; taking the residents and employees into consideration. DH Gibson stated that minimum spending placed on the departments has caused employee grievances and resident comments due to lack of vehicle and building facility maintenance and halt on buying new equipment. This also resulted in higher attorney fees. DH Gibson has been speaking with financial institutions to inquire about assistance to bridge the gap but with negative fixed assets and not much to pledge for a loan there has not been any positive response. A decision has to be made; payroll and benefits may be paid through August. The start up fee for the outsourcing could be approximately \$5,000.00; lots of information and services could be provided for a minimal cost in the event of layoffs.

Trustee Anderson stated that union contracts need to be reexamined and renegotiated. Services need to be provided to the residents. Mayor Towers agreed that tough decisions need to be made; we have bottomed out. Some of these suggestions and other initiatives that will be introduced in the next couple of weeks need to be considered; some initiatives really won't help the short range plan. Trustee Williams asked for a date to discuss these cost savings initiatives with all of the facts and numbers available to the Board. Trustee Burgess stated that by the end of the year there will be a budget shortfall of about 2 million dollars. The Special Board Meeting, including department heads, to discuss cost savings initiatives was scheduled for July 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Suggestions from department heads and all other presentations should be made at that time. Vendors may also be present. Trustee Hanks mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce is listed in the Treasurer's Report. They are dissolved and they are not a Village committee. Letters should be sent to everyone listed on the account in order to close the account. The Fire Cadets are dissolved but there is still money in the account.

2. Lambent Risk Management, Inc. – Kevin Meis & Shirley Evans

Lambent Risk Management provided information on the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan. The plan renews on July 1, 2010 and consists of a 3% increase, \$20.00 co pay and \$30.00 co pay for specialists. Trustee Burgess asked if changes to increase employee contributions and co pays can be made throughout the year. Changes can be made the 1st of every month with a fifteen day notice; employees would need to fill out new paperwork; union contracts call for 100% insurance coverage.

Trustee Williams stated that contracts need to be renegotiated. Bargaining units need to be invited to come to the table. Numbers showing 60, 75 and 80 % percent employer contribution and any other possible cost savings need to be presented prior to the Special Meeting of July 15th.

3. Dean W. Cass, Inc. – Mr. Dean Cass

Dean Cass stated that the life insurance renewal is coming up in August. Dean suggested The Standard program which includes great benefits built into the program, such as, education benefit and a line of duty benefit for \$.01 more for the police officers. The current Village rate for dental is \$33.00 for a single plan. The Principle has a plan that will provide an 18% savings for the Village. Dean will provide a list of what is covered under this plan.

FD Gibson clarified that The Standard Life Insurance plan is acceptable to the Board. Dean Cass will provide information on a vision and dental plan.

4. Comcast (Renew Franchise Agreement) – Mr. Yohan Fernando or Representative

Mr. Fernando stated that the 10 year franchise agreement with the Village expired in 2008. A letter was sent to the Village in 2009 stating Comcast's desire to exercise the built in 5 year extension. Comcast is again requesting confirmation of the extension to the franchise agreement. The 5 year extension will run until 2013. The agreement with Comcast is a non-exclusive contract and allows infrastructure for Comcast to provide the access to TV and WIFI for the residents. Residents may choose Comcast or any other available company for these services. The Village receives a franchise fee. Free services are available to schools and libraries according to State statutes, but not municipal buildings. The Board asked if the Village could also receive free service as part of a cost saving initiative. Mr. Fernando stated that no changes to the current agreement can be made until the renewal date of 2013 but he would investigate the possibility.

5. Request for Proposals for Auditing Services- M. Gloria Gibson

FD Gibson stated that she was informed by the Chief of Staff that the Board did not want to renew Mc Gladrey and Pullen as the auditing firm for the Village. Requests for proposals for auditing services will be sent out. Trustee Benson agreed that a new firm should be brought in. Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams stated that they were not aware of the plan not to renew the firm but as a cost savings initiative, McGladrey and Pullen should also be allowed to bid and an open bid process should take place. FD Gibson stated that it is normal procedure to review firms every five years. FD Gibson is interested in including an opportunity for possible vendors to participate in a workshop after the bid opening.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes- Village Clerk, Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that she has asked on previous occasions that Trustees read the minutes that are included in their Friday Board packet and to contact her before noon on Board meeting days so corrections can be made if necessary before copies are distributed to the public that evening. The minutes of 5-25-10 were not approved due to two items brought to the Clerk's attention by Trustee Anderson. The Clerk works diligently to provide factual information in the minutes and appreciates errors being brought to her attention. The Clerk offered Trustee Anderson the opportunity to listen to the tape, as of today that has not been done. The minutes will be resubmitted at next week's Board meeting with one correction, not two. The Clerk appreciates the error being brought to her attention but would have preferred making the correction before the meeting so that

minutes can be approved as presented. The date submitted will now be placed under the Clerk's signature line. Trustee Anderson stated that she did not have the time to contact the Clerk and notify her of the corrections; making corrections at the public forum is acceptable. Trustee Williams stated that this has been brought up several times. In the past, this Board approved the minutes with corrections noted, rather than delaying the approval of the minutes for an additional two weeks. Trustee Williams asked the Board if a policy could be instituted to approve the minutes with corrections. Mayor Towers and Trustee Anderson stated that is not necessary.

7. Discuss the Approval of the Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests

Interim Chief Holevis presented copies of purchase orders that were prepared back in March by the previous Chief that were never presented to the Board. Officer Mueller's vest is now expired. Trustee Williams stated that it was discussed at a previous meeting that former Chief Martin has not returned his vest. Trustee Williams asked if the vest has been returned and if it could be used by another officer. IC Holevis stated that the vest is still missing and could not be used by another officer; officers are fitted for the vests. Trustee Burgess stated that it was also previously discussed that a list would be provided listing all missing contents of the Chief's office. IC Holevis stated that the list has been provided to Mayor Towers. Mayor Towers stated that he was not aware of the missing items. IC Holevis passed the list out to the Board. Trustee Benson asked how IC Holevis knew what was missing from the Chief's office. IC Holevis stated that it was all standard and he seen personally seen these items in the office. Missing items listed include complete dress uniform and other clothing, soft trauma plate, badges, printer, cell phone, personnel files, departmental personal investigation files, etc... Trustee Williams asked if there have been attempts to retrieve the missing items; particularly the personnel and investigation files. Mayor Towers stated that the list was sent to the Village Attorney. The Village Attorney forwarded the list to former Chief Martin's attorney. There is no update at this time. Trustee Burgess stated that there should be invoices to show that these items were purchased. One month has passed; these items should be returned to be used by other personnel. Mayor Towers will follow up with the Village Attorney tomorrow. IC Holevis stated that the badges should be entered as missing or stolen so they cannot be used. Trustee Benson stated that entering the badges as missing or stolen is stating that they are stolen.

Trustee Williams agreed that two vests should be ordered per the attorney agreement the Board was provided. Trustee Williams asked why certain Board members received new badges and not the entire Board. Is it possible that all badges were ordered and are missing? The purchase ordered will be verified. Trustee Benson asked IC Holevis to provide a list of arrests that were made in the past two weeks. Trustee Myers asked if the missing files warrant an investigation with the Attorney General. IC Holevis is waiting for direction from the Mayor. Trustee Burgess asked that an update from the attorney be provided to the Board by next week. Mayor Towers stated that he will get an update tonight or tomorrow. Trustee Anderson stated that 13 items are clothing; are these items always turned in. IC Holevis stated affirmatively. Trustee Hanks agreed that this should be turned over to the Attorney General's office. Trustee Anderson asked if it could be added to the investigation that is already in place. Trustee Hanks asked if drug forfeiture money can be used to purchase the vests. IC Holevis stated that it cannot be used for that purpose. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will approve the purchase order for the two vests in the amount of \$1,259.00. DH Gibson asked for new purchase orders for the vest listing the employee names that will receive them.

8. Beautification Committee (Project Plans) - Marva Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chairperson Marva Pruitt gave a report on the progress of and the future plans of the Beautification Committee. The committee has completed several areas of the village. Members have been assigned responsibilities. Public Relations, marketing, grant applications and fundraisers are in the works. The committee is bringing the Hootsie Awards back; a timeline will be established. Ideas for a new logo are welcome. Fundraisers will be held to offset the costs of the committee's efforts. Marva thanked Committee member Elizabeth Pratt, Trustee Williams and Village Clerk Williams for their help with the first fundraiser. The Pampered Chef fundraiser was a success and has a potential of raising \$400.00-\$500.00. Movies under the Stars and a bowling party are upcoming fundraiser ideas. The following action items were requested:

- 1) A checking account in the name of the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village; checks and balance procedures will be instituted.
- 2) Village tax exempt letter to purchase supplies and equipment.
- 3) Use of the Village Hall mailing address and a mailbox for the committee to pickup mail.
- 4) Village attorney to review contracts on behalf of the committee. (There is a contract that needs to be reviewed for the Movie under the Stars at this time.)
- 5) Adding the committee to a September agenda in order to present the Hootsie Awards to the winners.
- 6) The assistance of the Police Department, Public Works and other people or departments involved in event planning for the Movies under the Stars.
- 7) Privy to any known community development grants involving community beautification.
- 8) Name of the contact person for the Lion's Club.

Trustee Burgess will provide information on discounts at local nurseries.

Trustee Williams thanked Chairperson Pruitt for the report that shows the good ideas and goals that were well planned and show many ways to expand the committee. Trustee Williams understands the need for the separate account when operating fundraisers and to pay for expenses. The same guidelines as other committees would apply, such as, that the Village Hall would be the main address and supporting documentation would be required for income and expenses. The requests made are pretty standard for a Village committee. All contracts and requests for personnel will come before the Board for approval. Committees chaired by Village officials do have access to a tax exempt letter; research is needed if a civilian can obtain this letter for the committee.

Trustee Burgess offered to work with the committee regarding the bowling party.

Trustee Hanks is in favor of all items except setting up a checking account. All monies should be handled at the front desk for accountability. Contracts will need to be presented a committee meeting and then voted on at the next Board meeting. This could take at least one month for approval. Trustee Hanks stated that ESDA is very helpful with Village events.

Trustee Benson asked DH Gibson if running the committee's money through the front desk would place it in the General Fund to be used elsewhere.

DH Gibson stated that the committee is a separate entity and should remain separate from the General Fund. Using the Village address on the account appears that the Village assumes liability. A budgeted line item is already in place from the previous committee and money could be kept separate for that specific committee. Marva stated that the committee will obtain an FEIN number on the committee account. Trustee Hanks stated that if the committee is run through the Village of Sauk Village all expenses and contracts have to be voted on by the Board and money will be earmarked for the committee. There has to be accountability. If the committee is run separate from the Village the committee does not need Board approval. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board is dealing with ongoing issues regarding committee checking accounts, including FOIA requests.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board will need to vote on this. Previously committees did not have to raise funds to operate. There were budgets in place and receipts were turned in for reimbursement. With the current economic climate more committees are fundraising and this issue needs to be addressed. Committee person Elizabeth Pratt asked why expenses paid by funds raised by the committee have to be approved by the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that all appropriations on behalf of the Village have to be accounted for if they are received on behalf of the Village. Trustee Williams stated that copies of all checks the Public Relations Committee received during the recent Student Government Day fundraiser and copies of all receipts and bank statements were given to the Finance Director. The Board voted on all expenses in the Accounts Payable. All spending has to go through Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks stated that the advantage of the committee being a stand alone committee is that they would not have to have Village approval for their activities. Marva stated that she does not see the positives of being under the Village umbrella. Dedicated funds for the committee have been taken away. Marva stated that the committee has been busy for three months and they are putting in their own money with hopes of being reimbursed by money raised by the committee. Trustee Burgess stated that protocol needs to be followed but the Board will support their efforts. There should be no problem getting expenditures approved. Mulch is available through the Public Works department. Using the Village Hall address and phone number is a benefit of working with the Village. Marva asked that the committee be placed on the agenda to discuss and vote on any issues relating to the Movies under the Stars which is planned for August 27th. Trustee Benson stated that committee will also need to finalize the approval of using the park with the Parks and Recreation committee. Mayor Towers asked that this item be placed on the upcoming agenda.

9. Human Relations Commissions (Job Fair) - Beverly Sterrett

Human Relations Commissioner Chairperson Sterrett also requested a separate checking account for the purpose of taking in vendor payments and for expenses for the upcoming 2nd Annual Job Fair, the Sauk Arrow Award and other commission activities. The HRC already has its own FEIN number and has already received checks from vendors. The HRC needs to open the checking account to move forward with the September 10th Job Fair. Copies of income and expenses will be provided to the Board. The space has already been approved by the Parks and Recreation Board. Trustee Williams stated that a policy or procedures need to be put in place for committees that are being run by active residents who are not Village employees. This checking account request will also be on the next agenda.

10. Mr. Briggs/ County Inspections

Frank Briggs requested that the Village provide him with a license to open the hot dog stand. The hot dog stand is up to code. Cook County will not come out and inspect after numerous requests. Copies of his lease have been requested. Mr. Briggs continued to pay the rent for three years while his business was closed. He asked that the Village provide him with a business license so that he could open his business to make money for the community and to help create jobs. Trustee Myers stated that information in the Board packet includes State Statute 38-32 Subsection 10 that states that Cook County Health Department is responsible for all inspections. Mr. Briggs has requested the inspections on numerous occasions. The Village pays them a fee to inspect our businesses. What is their problem? Trustee Myers stated that he has asked County why they won't come. They want a drawing to be provided by Mr. Briggs. Several trustees, the Village Attorney and the Building Department have all asked for the inspection. They won't come out. It is not fair to keep his business closed. If they came out and found a violation that would be different. Trustee Williams stated that she is not comfortable violating the agreement the Village has with the Cook County Health Department and holding the Village liable for any incidents. This is a sensitive issue. The Village does not have a certified Health Department. It would not be fair to the other Village

restaurants that need to pass the County inspection. On the other hand, why is County not coming out? Is there a lack of communication? What are they looking for? Mr. Briggs' frustration is understandable.

Frank Briggs stated that they want to trace down the septic system. He did not install the septic system. The septic system needed to be pumped. He complied days after he was notified by County and passed Will County inspection. Mr. Briggs feels that someone has a grudge against him. He has never had a complaint about the food he serves. Mr. Briggs asked what happens with the other food businesses. DH Gibson stated that DH Jasinski has not received copies of the lease. All businesses are required to present copies of their lease when applying for a business license. Mr. Briggs stated that IDOT will not give him a copy of the lease until he is approved to open his business. He has spent \$15,000.00 in legal fees and continued to pay the rent for 3 ½ yrs. Trustee Myers stated that he hand delivered copies of the proof of rent payments to DH Jasinski.

Trustee Burgess stated that all businesses have the same requirements. The letter presented to the Board stated that Mr. Briggs has not complied with the demands of the Cook County Health Department as of May 19, 2010. The Village cannot give special dispensation. The Village is not qualified to perform health inspections.

Trustee Burgess suggested that Mr. Briggs hire an attorney or needs to take it to a higher up in County.

Mayor Towers asked if Mr. Briggs submitted a response in writing to County with copies showing that the violations were corrected. Mr. Briggs stated that he did not do that.

Trustee Williams stated that Mr. Briggs has appeared at Sauk Village Board meetings on a number of occasions. She asked if he has appeared at a Cook County Board meeting stating that he is not getting what he needs to open his business. Cook County is the problem; the next step is to go to someone other than who he is currently dealing with; maybe IDOT can step in. He has not. It is important to support Village businesses but she is not comfortable with the Mayor overriding the County and holding the Village liable.

Trustee Hanks stated that he would like to see the business open but there is an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and County. The only way the municipality could override the agreement is if the Village had their own Health Department which they don't. The entire Board would be in violation.

Trustee Anderson agreed stating that she saw 37 vehicles pull in to the driveway after it was closed. It is a viable business but the Village cannot breach the contract.

Mayor Towers stated he will follow up with County.

Trustee Williams requested that item 14 be moved up before the next item. The Board agreed.

14. An Ordinance Ratifying the Execution of an Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

DH Gibson stated that Village Engineer Czarnik is present to discuss the execution of an agreement with Robinson Engineering with regards to the loan application with the IEPA for the purpose of doing the work necessary to correct the issues with well #3. Mayor Towers has exercised his authority and already signed the agreement. The agreement now needs to be ratified by the Board. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering is almost 40% done with the project plan and hope to submit it by the end of July. The Village stands a pretty good chance of receiving the funding. There is an interest rate of 1.25% for the long term with a possible 25% forgiveness for loan interest. VE Czarnik spoke with the IEPA. The Village would have a higher priority due to the current problem with the Attorney General regarding well #3. The project plan and the pre-application for the loan will be completed. Robinson Engineering presented a proposal last year for approximately \$600,000.00 but their involvement was ended. At this time, reevaluating the project they are

adding components of the system, a pump station and a contingency shooting high and proposing a loan in the amount of 1.5 million over the course of 20 years. A contingency would be if K+ could provide information from their investigation; it would cut the cost to the Village; no reengineering would be needed. No information has been received. DH Gibson stated that the information should be requested by the Village. Trustee Anderson asked if there was a difficulty in communication; was there an ongoing relationship? VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering had a specific role- dealing with Lake Michigan water. They had no involvement with K+ regarding the well #3 issue after they were asked to turn over the information they had gathered. They will need to be contacted now to get the information they have gathered. Mayor Towers directed DH Gibson to work with DH Weller to get that information. Trustee Anderson verified the amount of the agreement is \$9,750.00, Mayor Towers asked that item to be placed on the consent agenda.

**11. Demolition of two residences in Sauk Village (2463 Talandis Drive and 21831 Jeffrey Avenue)-
Community Development Director, Sherry Jasinski**

FD Gibson stated that DH Jasinski has been advised of the legal steps that need to be taken with regards to the demolition of the Talandis and Jeffrey properties. Residents have voiced their concerns of potential hazards involving these properties. Notices will be drafted and posted in three local newspapers. The cost of the demolition is unknown. The demolition could be halted if protested. Research is being done to identify the property owners or the bank who has taken over either property. The Board agreed to move forward on determining the demolition costs.

**12. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village
of Sauk Village, Illinois (Grass Cutting Fees)- Public Works Director, Kevin Weller**

FD Gibson reported that DH Weller stated that the current ordinance states a certain dollar amount for fees charged for foreclosed and vacant properties. There are multiple cuts done during the season at many vacant properties. It is recommended that the amount needs to be reevaluated on a per cut basis and liens should be placed on the properties. This item will be sent to the Ordinance Review Committee for consideration.

**13. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of
Sauk Village, Illinois (Public Comment)**

Trustee Myers stated that this ordinance was reviewed by the Ordinance Review Committee. The committee is waiting for clarification on Section 37-37, second paragraph. If this is resolved by Friday, the information will be included in Friday's Board packets for approval at next week's Board meeting.

Questions and Comments from the Board- Not listed on agenda

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will host a Showcase of Sauk Village businesses in Sauk Plaza on July 17, 2010 from 12 pm – 4 pm. Some of the businesses will be providing discounts during that time frame. Outside vendors and a DJ will also be included. Residents of Sauk Village and other surrounding communities are encouraged to participate and show support for the local businesses. The second Showcase will take place at Surreybrook Plaza on July 31, 2010 from 12 pm – 4pm. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 14th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. The website and Sauk Talk will be discussed. Sauk Talk is in production and should be

available by the end of the week. Look for the Sauk Talk at the Village Hall, library, Round the Clock restaurant, US Bank, etc... There is a good number of articles included in this issue.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 14th in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm. This is a one time change of meeting date for the committee.

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Senior Committee meeting will be Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 pm. The

next meeting of the Police Alliance Committee will be Tuesday, July 13th at 6:00 pm.

Questions from the Audience-

Mike Bartnicki stated that he would like to address the Board on a personal matter regarding to an incident that took place between his wife and a trustee at her place of business. Mike is angry that his wife was treated in that manner.

Mayor Towers stated that this item is not on the agenda and cannot be discussed. Trustee Williams stated that personnel is on the agenda for executive session. Trustee Williams invited Mike to attend the executive session. Mayor Towers suggested that Mike speak with him and a couple of trustees at a time after the meeting if he does not come into executive session.

Rose Langston asked where the Comcast connections are in the Community Center. The connections are in Sandy's office and the room that once was the library of the Community Center.

Rose Langston stated that the Beautification Committee was always a citizen's committee and should remain a citizen's committee. There should be no need to open an account through the Village.

Elizabeth Pratt thanked the Board for allowing the Beautification Committee to come before the Board. Elizabeth stated that it is important to support our businesses but the Village cannot place the residents in jeopardy by not following the direction from Cook County. There are strict codes in place for handling food. The Village Clerk does a good job; everyone should be respectful when they speak with each other.

Larry Stewart stated that paperwork regarding money that should be in the General Fund is missing. All of the parents that signed their children up for the Pop Warner program did not receive their refunds when the program failed. Larry asked if the football money went into the General Fund or an individual account. A letter from Pop Warner states that Sauk Village is no longer a part of their organization. Many families have been affected by the Parks and Recreation activities; hopes they get back on the right track. Larry asked if Comcast could provide free access to the municipal center and money to help fund fireworks like they did in the past. Can Comcast broadcast the meetings on TV so the residents can turn up the volume at home? Trustee Williams asked if Trustee Benson has received that letter from Pop Warner. Trustee Benson had no comment. Trustee Williams stated that she thought the football and cheerleading program was still active; there are still collection cans in local businesses. Is the Mayor aware if the cans have been removed? Trustee Anderson stated that this discussion is not part of the agenda. Trustee Williams stated that this falls under Village financial matters. Mayor Towers stated that he is aware that the Pop Warner program is no longer under Parks and Recreation. Mayor Towers stated that as far as he knows Trustee Benson started an individual program not associated with the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the residents should speak with Trustee Benson regarding their refunds.

Trustee Burgess stated that Comcast approached the Village 4-5 years ago about broadcasting the meetings and it was voted down. They may offer that service to the Village; the Board would need to vote on it again.

Trustee Gibson and Village Clerk Williams did approach Comcast for donations. Comcast could not provide any donations at this time due to budgetary restraints. They have been very generous in the past. Jackie Adams stated that the Village Hall needs microphones. Jackie asked why the Jeffrey Apartments are still not torn down. Mayor Towers stated that they are looking to identify the owner. Jackie stated that she is a tenant in another building and could provide the owner's information. Jackie also agreed that policy should always be followed. Trustee Myers asked Jackie to speak with him after the meeting.

Elizabeth Pratt restated that Robinson Engineering is proposing a 1.5 million dollar loan at 1.25% interest over a twenty year period. Elizabeth asked if that loan is only for bringing well #3 in compliance or will some of the loan be used for Lake Michigan water? Mayor Towers stated that it is only for well # 3 to bring them in compliance and back on line.

15. Adjourn to Executive Session

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

16. Executive Session

- a. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and/or discuss collective negotiating matters between the village and its employees or their representatives. (5ILCS 120/2©(1)(2010)); (5ILCS 120/2©(2)(2010))**

17. Adjournment

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 9-7-10

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 JULY 13, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

1c. On roll call:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 11, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010. Trustee Anderson asked the Village Clerk to state to the audience why the minutes are not 100% verbatim. Village Clerk Williams stated that the minutes of the meetings are supposed to be a summary of the meeting not verbatim. The minutes of most clerks are not 100% verbatim; these minutes are very close and more verbatim than most clerks even with the way this Board conducts their meetings. The Clerk will meet with anyone who has questions regarding the way the minutes are prepared after the meeting.

Trustee Myers stated that he was late on June 29, 2010 and did not make the first meeting. Trustee Myers asked VA Stach how he should vote. VA Stach said he could vote on any minutes and could abstain.

Trustee Benson stated that he just received information regarding the minutes of May 11th so he will not be voting on them. Village Clerk Williams stated that she spoke personally to all trustees explaining that there was an amendment to the minutes of May 11th passed out before the meeting due to the fact that the information stated by Chief Martin needed to be verified. The tape was inaudible and verification was needed.

The motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010 with the corrections provided by the Village Clerk was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

b. May 18, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Burgess

Motion carries.

c. May 25, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

c. June 29, 2010- Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 29, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Motion carried.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that she recently joined State Representative Anthony DeLuca's new Health Advisory Committee. This committee will meet monthly to discuss available healthcare options and other healthcare issues. There are several sets of minutes on the back table. A request has been posted asking families to share the minutes to keep the printing costs down. If anyone needs copies of the approved minutes they can be obtained at the front desk.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 the Police and Firemen will hold their quarterly Pension Board meeting.

3c. Village Attorney- Attorney Eric Stach- No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the Orion culvert design is almost 70% complete and is on target for taking bids in September. The pre-application to the IEPA for a loan to assist with well #3 will be submitted tomorrow. The project plan and loan application is 85% completed and will be presented to the Board for review next week.

3e. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that he met with the urban farmers working on a tract of land near Lincoln Meadows. The entire tract has been planted. They are now working on the west side of 394. They are pleased with their progress; it looks very good but they need more rain. Last Thursday, the Sauk Village youth attended a White Sox game at US Cellular field. Mayor Towers thanked Trustee Benson, Antwan Newell, SSDMC Angela Greene, Maxine Towers, Tokelia Williams and all other volunteers that assisted in taking over 150 kids to the game. The summer camp is up and running with 50-60 kids. Mayor Towers thanked camp directors Maxine Towers and Tokelia Williams and all camp supervisors. Mayor Towers stated that last Thursday he took his lawn mower to Ace Hardware for repair. He was surprised and shocked when he spoke with a gentleman who assisted him in taking the lawnmower out of the car. Mayor Towers stated that he was making small talk with the gentleman and mentioned that he was the Mayor. The gentleman jumped back and stated that he did not care who he was. Mayor Towers asked if he spoke to all customers like that. The gentleman stated that he does not live here and you don't mean anything to me. Mayor Towers spoke with his supervisor about the way he was spoken to and the supervisor did nothing except continue to write his name and address on the order. After paying the deposit, Mayor Towers decided not to leave his lawn mower with people who treat him that way. The supervisor did not acknowledge how the employee spoke with him. They loaded the lawnmower back in his car without saying a word. Mayor Towers is disappointed; if he treated him that way what is he doing to other residents that come into the store. Mayor Towers ordered all department heads to stop doing business with Ace Hardware until further notice. Until Mayor Towers hears something from Ace Hardware this Village will not spend taxpayer money with anyone who addresses citizens like that. Mayor Towers stated that he was disappointed that some Trustees called the Village Attorney rather than address him personally.

DISRUPTION ENSUED DUE TO AUDIENCE/ TRUSTEE OUTBURST

Trustee Williams stated that she did call the manager of Ace Hardware, not the attorney, and just like the Mayor feels he should have been contacted by the Trustees- the Trustees feel they should have been contacted by the Mayor before giving the direction to cease all purchases at Ace Hardware effective immediately. There

should have been communication with the Board and possible action taken. It was hasty to send out a memo to the department heads and make a decision for the entire Village based on a single personal incident that occurred. The Village has a long standing relationship with Ace Hardware. Trustee Williams has never mentioned her name while shopping in the store and has never had a problem. She did call the manager when she found out about this and he said he was not there when the incident occurred. The manager was apologetic and wanted to know how he could rectify the situation. Mayor Towers stated that he has not heard from him. Trustee Williams stated that we are losing Village businesses and publicly bashing a Village business based on a personal issue is not right. Everyone has had some kind of issue with a Village business but it is handled personally- not at a Board meeting. Where will the employees go now? Indiana? Steger? Spend more time and money due to a hasty decision. Trustee Burgess stated that as Economic Development Chairman he felt he needed to find out what happened. He is constantly trying to talk to the businesses to keep them here, to encourage more businesses to come and trying to get residents to support the Village businesses. Trustee Burgess stated that the manager was sorry the incident took place and he wishes that he was there at the time. Trustee Burgess does not understand why Mayor Towers is using his position to tell residents not to deal with a Village business. Mayor Towers stated that he did not tell residents, but stated that the Village would refrain from using that business. Trustee Burgess stated that this should have been discussed at a department head meeting not a Board meeting. Trustee Burgess also stated that he has had issues with Village businesses in the past but does not announce this as a Trustee. Ace Hardware is a staple in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the manager is willing to discuss the situation with the Mayor. What is the reason for making that statement in an open meeting? Trustee Myers stated that there is a payout for Ace Hardware on the AP report tonight. Mayor Towers stated that would be paid. Trustee Myers stated that he paid a Village parking ticket today. Trustee Myers stated that this is a caustic situation involving a business in town. Can a meeting be set up with the manager between the Mayor and maybe a couple of others to discuss the matter; the manager may have a different story. Mayor Towers agreed- as he stated – until further notice. Trustee Hanks stated the Mayor has the right to make a recommendation but the Board makes the final decision. Trustee Hanks stated that in his opinion it is not within the Mayor's rights to stop the department heads from doing business with a local business; particularly when it is involving a personal matter. It should be the direction of the Board to continue doing business with Ace Hardware. Trustee Anderson stated that the Village no longer has a Chief of Staff and those responsibilities have been delegated to the Mayor. The Mayor now has all of the general leadership of this town. We want to keep our Village businesses but we want to be respected and treated fairly in our businesses. Trustee Anderson disagrees with Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams that the Mayor does not have the right to ask the department heads to halt spending at Ace Hardware until a structured conversation is held with Ace to find out what happened. Those trustees that called Ace on their own are also the reason that the Chief of Staff's responsibilities are now his. Sending misinformation and misdirection, as was the case with the former Chief of Staff and Police Chief, should not be done with the Mayor. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board cannot use their positions to go after individuals or businesses for personal issues. Mayor Towers stated that if any business is disrespecting your citizens it seems that you would want to know what is going on and address the issue. Trustee Burgess asked how many residents told the Mayor they had been disrespected in the last week. Mayor Towers stated that a number of different residents have come to him. Trustee Burgess asked if the Mayor could do that. Having just learned of the issue, VA Stach stated that this is a non binding decision and it is not a non legal action of the Mayor; the memo is acceptable. Trustee Williams stated that last week a resident stated that an employee of Walgreens was harassed by a Trustee. Mysterious car washes have appeared on the Accounts Payable under elected officials. The Board was elected to act as the voice of the residents not to use the position. The Board members are citizens just like everybody else. Mayor Towers stated that he was making small talk not using his position. Mayor Towers stated that bringing up the car wash from the past is childish because he does not charge the Village for attending meetings, parking, meals etc...

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee met on Thursday, July 8th. The application for possible renting of the Senior Center for senior activities has been completed. The Senior Movie Monday was held on Monday, July 12th at the library. There was an ice cream social as part of the movie. Nine seniors participated. Ten seniors were unable to attend the event. Seniors are encouraged to RSVP to the library as well as call to cancel if you are unable to attend. A second Ceramic class has been added. Ceramic classes are now on Wednesday morning 8:00 am -11:00 am and Thursday evening from 3 pm – 6 pm. The senior meetings continue to meet on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Seniors are encouraged to join. The next Police Alliance Committee met today. The committee discussed whether they wanted to continue. The

Committee decided to continue meeting with the same mission. The Police Chief was not a part of the meeting. He is invited to attend all future meetings. The committee will also be looking into hosting future events. The Police Alliance male prayer group will be meeting tomorrow at 7 pm.

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

Trustee Benson stated that due to budget restraints the Parks & Recreation Committee will not be hosting the Corn and Dog Roast or the Beauty Pageant this year. The committee will discuss the future of the current pageant winners.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated on Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 1:30- 3:30 pm the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association will hold another roundtable discussion to help communities create and adopt an ordinance for vacant property registration. Registry requirements, what properties should be registered, fee structure, consequences of non compliance and home rule versus non home rule will be discussed. Mayor Towers asked for the information to be emailed to him.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee met on June 16th and reviewed several ordinances. Trustee Myers will meet with Interim Police Chief Holevis regarding questions in the walking in the street ordinance before submitting the ordinance to the Board. The Ordinance Review Committee has decided to leave the loitering ordinance just as it is unless the Board has questions or suggestions. It has plenty of teeth to it, spells out the authority of the police, what they can do in this instance.

An amendment to Article 30-37 with regards to Public Speaking has been presented to the Board tonight for approval. Slight changes have been made. Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be on July 14, 2010 at the Village Hall at 7:00 pm to review several ordinances. There is an opening on the Ordinance Review Committee. Please see Trustee Myers or come to the meeting if interested in joining.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will present "Showcase Sauk Village" on Saturday, July 17th at Sauk Plaza from 12:00pm- 4pm. There will be a DJ and businesses will offer special discounts. Outside vendors and show cars have been invited. Please support Fairway, Shark's Chicken, Subway, Beauty Supply, the Hoagie Shop, Chungshan Chef, Classy Nails, Ella Laundromat, the Currency Exchange and Dollar General. Help keep the businesses in the Village. On Saturday, July 31st there will be a "Showcase Sauk Village" in the Surreybrook Plaza section from 12:00pm – 4 pm. Hopefully, the Ace Hardware ban will be lifted by then. Popeye's, Ace Hardware and the other businesses on the west side will be included. Please support the local businesses and see what they have to offer. Trustee Burgess thanked his committee, Fire Chief Stoffregen, Police Chief Holevis, ESDA Director Johnson and Public Works Director Weller for all of their help. The committee will continue to show local businesses our support. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall. Trustee Benson asked what happened to the paint that was supposed to be donated to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Burgess stated that some paint has been received for the schools and churches. The Municipal buildings will get the next round of paint.

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

Sauk Talk is done. Trustee Williams thanked Deputy Clerk Baughman for her continuous help with finalizing the Sauk Talk. As a reminder, Sauk Talk is no longer sent to homes due to budgetary restraints. The Sauk Talk is produced in house and copies are made for distribution throughout the Village Hall, Fairway, the library, the bank and other various businesses. The Sauk Talk is also available on the website www.saukville.org. Trustee Williams thanked everyone who submitted articles for this issue. This issue is full of information. There have been multiple complaints from residents stating that information is not in the Sauk Talk. From now on there will be a notation stipulating that articles were not submitted if the department fails to turn in an article. The Sauk Talk policy states that all articles should be submitted electronically by the deadline. Articles are cut and pasted into the Sauk Talk; no editing is done by the committee. If anyone needs a copy of the Sauk Talk policy it will be provided. The website designer has promised the website soon. New pictures will be needed soon. Updated bios and pictures are needed as soon as possible. The pictures of the Board that were taken for the website did not turn out well. Retakes are needed. Trustee Williams thanked Southland Voice editor Barb Dorman and Village Clerk Debbie Williams for taking pictures of Village buildings for the website.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Acting Chief Holevis

Acting Chief Holevis stated that two vests have been ordered for the police officers. Squad cars repairs include transmission in two squads and a catalytic converter in the other. There were no fireworks related incidents on July 4th. Several people were arrested for prostitution in connection with an undercover operation at the Healing Hands Spa. One grant was lost and one grant for just under \$12,000.00 for equipment was received. The Police Department has also applied for a DUI grant that could come in late August or early September. Acting Chief Holevis tendered a list to all trustees of arrests from the special detail, personnel files and uniform allowances that were requested by Trustee Benson and other trustees. Trustee Williams asked what grant was lost. The \$1,100.00 tobacco grant was lost due to not filing by the deadline. It was a three time grant; the first two grants were received. Mayor Towers stated that he believed the former Chief of Staff filed that grant and it was received. DH Gibson also believed the grant came in. Acting Chief Holevis will investigate.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that there were 25 calls for service during the past two weeks. Chief Stoffregen has prepared a staffing report to show who is on staff, what days and at what time. There is warranty work being done on a couple of trucks next week.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller received a letter from CMS stating that that price of salt this year could be at a savings of almost \$10,000.00. Truck drivers are in strike. Gallagher Asphalt cannot do hot patching. There is a limited supply of cold patch available.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- absent

5e. Finance Director: Ms. Gibson

FD Gibson stated she is working with Illinois Risk Management reviewing each department's assets. This information is needed from department heads within 2 weeks. FD Gibson is working on the fiscal year 2011 budget and hopes to have it ready by the July 15th Special meeting for cost savings initiatives. After paying this Accounts Payable and payroll the General Fund will be depleted to under \$7,000.00

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

DH Johnson stated that ESDA assisted other departments on 17 different calls for the past two weeks as well as working 3 day patrols.

5g. Human Relations Commission: Ms. Sterrett- absent

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6a. Request for Proposal for Auditing Services

6b. Acknowledgement of Automatic Renewal of Comcast Franchise Agreement until 2013

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

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Ratifying the Execution of an Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (IEPA loan)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Public Comment)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

June 23, 2010- July 13, 2010

Trustee Burgess questioned TIF payments under vendor # 3242; is this a duplicate. FD Gibson stated that the total is split between TIF's 2 and 3. FD Gibson stated that the aging report outlines the age of the invoice. Trustee Burgess asked when the last TIF meeting was held. Mayor Towers stated that the last TIF meeting was a couple of months ago; no future meeting has been scheduled. There were meetings for DP Partners. Trustee Burgess has asked the TIF consultants to investigate establishing grants for improvements to the business facades. Trustee Burgess would like to hire a TIF consultant to work on a plan for future TIF improvements. FD Gibson asked if this is something Trustee Burgess is looking to include in the 2011 budget. Trustee Burgess asked if the last meeting was a couple of months ago why are they still getting paid. Trustee Anderson stated that she thought the TIF consultants job was keeping up with the facades as part of their agenda. Trustee Burgess stated that the TIF meetings are for project management. The TIF meetings are run by the consultants, not the Village. The Village does not control the money. Trustee Anderson asked that Trustee Burgess keep the Board informed on matters with the TIF consultants. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board normally gets copies of the invoices for TIF payouts. The invoice copies are not attached. Trustee Hanks moved to table the payments for vendor #3242 in the amounts of \$2,250.00 each for two weeks until the Board can review the invoices. Trustee Williams asked for a copy of the petty cash memo for 5/3/10 for the Police department as well as the receipts for petty cash for the month of May 2010.

A motion to approve the accounts payable as stated above with the exception of tabling items for vendor # 3242 on pages 8 and 9 totaling \$2,250 each was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

8b. Police Union Matters

Mayor Towers stated that the Village has been in a number of negotiations with the FOP regarding outstanding grievances. The Village Attorney has requested additional information from the FOP and the Police Department in an effort to dispose of these items. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to continue to authorize the Village to proceed with the investigation regarding settlement of these outstanding grievances with the Village with Board approval.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Police Union matters as stated above. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Hanks asked to add under new business a motion to override the Mayor's directive to cease all Village business with Ace Hardware immediately and to direct department heads to continue to make Village purchases with Village businesses including Ace. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that is not an agenda item and can be discussed but not voted on. Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers has often brought things up in his report without being on the agenda, such as resolutions and motions that in the past have been passed without being part of the agenda. Mayor Towers brought this up as part of his agenda tonight making it part of business. The motion is on the floor and the Board has a right to vote on it. Trustee Myers asked for the Village Attorney to advise the Board. VA Stach stated that this item is not properly on the agenda. Trustee Burgess asked VA Stach if he is stating that the motion is incorrect. VA Stach stated affirmatively. Trustee Hanks stated to VA Stach that the Mayor has made it part of his report. This Board has voted in the past on any resolution, motion and ordinances that the Mayor has asked for during his report. By the Mayor making it part of his agenda, it was opened and discussed, which makes it open for the Village Board to act on it. This Board is acting on it in new business. Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Hanks is incorrect and that previous motions were illegal. The Village now has an attorney that actually knows Robert's Rules of Order and he stated that this is not on the agenda so we cannot make that vote; we need to make sure that things go right with these meetings. Trustee Hanks stated that a motion and second is on the floor. The vote can be taken; if it is not right it can be withdrawn. Mayor Towers stated that he has only asked that the Village cease doing business with Ace Hardware until he gets to the root of the matter. The Board should want to get to the bottom of this if we have problems or concerns; one week or so should not hurt. Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers made a decision based on how an employee treated him; you did not talk to the owner or manager. Mayor Towers is making a decision for the entire Village based on how an employee treated him. The Mayor has taken his personal matters and turned it into a directive to the department heads to quit doing business with a local business. The Board should be taking the direction based on the Mayor's recommendation not because his feelings are hurt. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Hanks' feelings should be hurt if any business is disrespecting your residents. Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers should try to resolve this issue with the manager without involving the Village.

Trustee Benson stated that this action is out of order. Trustee Benson asked the Village Attorney if the Mayor has the authority to call this action out of order. VA Stach repeated that the item is not properly on the agenda and it is the call of the chair to decide whether or not the motion is out of order. Mayor Towers stated that at this time the motion is out of order. Trustee Burgess asked the Mayor to put a moratorium on his decision until the owner can come to the Mayor or the Board to discuss this issue. Trustee Burgess does not want Ace to lose business over this decision. We have only heard one side. Trustee Anderson asked for clarification if the Mayor previously stated that he would not meet with Ace. The Mayor never stated he would not meet with Ace. Mayor Towers cannot tell what date they will meet and the ban will be lifted; he will not lift the ban until they meet. Trustee Williams asked if FD Gibson can invite Ace Hardware to the next meeting to discuss this as a Board and to be voted on at the next meeting. Trustee Williams stated that there have been many things passed in the past that were not on the agenda. If this attorney is more versed in municipal law; that is fine. Trustee Williams will rescind her second to the motion if Ace Hardware is given the opportunity to present their side in public since they were slandered in public. It is inappropriate for the Mayor or any one person on the Board to appropriate funds. It is short sided to say that we cannot use the Village business. Mayor Towers stated that he did not slander Ace Hardware. Trustee Hanks directed the attorney that the letter from the Mayor to the department heads be turned over to the State's Attorney requesting a response whether or not this is an abuse of power. Trustee Hanks stated that he would like an answer before next Tuesday's meeting.

Trustee Hanks stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor. VA Stach stated that the chair ruled the motion out of order.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that while he was out talking to residents he observed 35-40 cars approach the STOP sign at 217th Place and Orion. At least twenty cars went through without stopping. Tickets were being issued

and the area will continue to be watched. Trustee Burgess stated that he did make calls regarding the tall grass behind the homes in that area. The Village did cut the grass as a courtesy at one time but it is the responsibility of the two homes. Trustee Burgess asked how the demolition is coming with the two properties. They are health hazards and eyesores. Trustee Myers stated that DH Jasinski has stated that it has been turned over to the attorneys and prices for demolition should be presented to the Board soon. One property is still in the person's name and has not been taken over by the bank yet.

Trustee Myers reiterated that the Police vests have been approved tonight and will be ordered.

Trustee Williams stated that she has invited a vendor to present a water billing solutions at Thursday's cost savings initiative meeting. Trustee Williams asked if the information can included in the Board packets for that meeting. Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Williams is out of order adding someone to the agenda without the Mayor's approval. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson is wrong; according to State Statutes either the Mayor or two to three trustees can request adding an item to the agenda. Trustee Hanks and Trustee Burgess agreed to add this to the agenda. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Benson was not wrong; other Trustees just voted over him. You can't override it unless the Mayor says it is not going on the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that this is the first time he has heard of it. Trustee Hanks stated that it is the first time he heard of it but he is interested in hearing about cost savings. Trustee Williams stated that FD Gibson stated that she spoke to the Mayor about this. Trustee Williams stated that she went through the proper channels by proposing this to FD Gibson as part of the cost savings initiatives meeting and she said she spoke with the Mayor. The presentation will be a short 15 minute presentation. Trustee Myers stated that last week the trustees were invited to add any cost savings ideas to the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that he is fine with adding this to the agenda. Trustee Williams acknowledged that the Mayor was fine with it; it was Trustee Benson who called it out of order. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers if there has been any progress with the Village Attorney regarding the missing items from the Police Chief's office, including the missing personnel files. Mayor Towers stated that he would provide an update. Mayor Towers stated that he has not received any information at this time. Trustee Williams asked which attorney she should direct her questions to – Attorney Vasselli who is listed on the agenda or Attorney Stach who is present. VA Stach said the questions can be directed to either attorney. Trustee Williams stated that three invoices for badges are included in the packet received by Chief Holevis. Trustee Williams does not see the invoice for the various elected officials who received new badges and the former Chief (whose badge was not returned); she and Trustee Anderson did not receive badges. There is an invoice for an appointed official's badge. Trustee Williams asked Village Treasurer Carmichael if she has a badge. VT Carmichael stated no. Trustee Williams stated that means that the badge was ordered for former Chief of Staff Corley. Trustee Williams asked if that badge returned. Mayor Towers stated that she did not turn in her badge. Trustee Williams stated that needs to be returned. Trustee Williams asked why badges were ordered for members of the Police and Fire Commission in the amount of \$300.00 and why those badges and the badges of the Village Clerk and the appointed official were charged to the Police department budget when they are not part of the Police department. Trustee Anderson stated that legislation states that badges should be ordered through the Police Department. Trustee Williams stated that they should be ordered through the Police Department but not charged to their budget. FD Gibson confirmed that they were charged to the appropriate line item. The invoices were dated 2/18/10 and 2/22/10 showing badges purchased for four trustees, the Police Chief and an appointed official. Trustee Williams stated all trustees should have received badges and she is requesting a badge.

Trustee Hanks requested a report from the attorney of what information was turned over to the State's Attorney's office. Last week it was requested to add the list provided by the Police Department to the investigation. Trustee Hanks would like to know when it was turned over and to whom. If the former Chief of Staff does have a badge then proper procedure needs to be taken with regards to the badge. The badge needs to be reported lost or stolen. Trustee Hanks would like that action taken by tomorrow.

Village Clerk Williams asked to readdress Trustee Anderson's comment regarding verbatim minutes. VC Williams stated that from today forward there will be no verbatim minutes. It is too difficult to make sense out of all of the arguing back and forth. Village Clerk Williams is concerned about putting information on the minutes that border on slandering a Village business. People and businesses are being slandered at these Board meetings. Arguments are taking place between residents and Board members. The minutes will be shortened greatly and tapes will be made available for anyone to listen to if needed to verify exactly what was said.

Trustee Burgess asked the attorney if the Board can get a date on when to expect the missing items to be returned. Two weeks from today we should have the items or an answer why we don't have them.

VA Stach will respond as efficiently and effectively as possible to attain the status of all of the missing items and to add to and find out the status of the inquiry of the State's Attorney's office. VA Stach stated that not one singular individual in the firm handles every thing that comes through. VA Stach apologized for not being 100% aware of all of these matters. Trustee Burgess stated that some of these things are time sensitive; that is why an update needs to be provided as soon as possible rather than delaying the report. VA Stach stated that the request was reasonable: they will get back to the Board.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Judy Cast commended the Village Clerk for the job she does week after week dealing with the fighting and arrogance displayed by the Board. Judy stated to the Mayor and attorney that it is not acceptable that the missing items have not been returned. After a certain time it is considered theft. They know they took it, you know what they took it, they should be charged. Judy agreed with Trustee Benson that this attorney knows more than the other one. The Board should vote to keep this one. Week after week we hear "I will check it out" then someone else shows up- not acceptable. Judy stated that Trustee Benson was very obvious tonight; all no's except what the Mayor puts through. Judy suggested if Trustee Benson does not like what you he is doing up there then he should get off of the Board. There is no professionalism on the Board; one gets the floor and the other one grabs it. Judy is glad that two vests are ordered and hopes it continues as other vests become outdated. Judy wants to be kept informed. New covers need to be ordered for the vests; the old ones don't work. IC Holevis stated that the vests will be replaced as needed. No new covers were received with the new vests. Judy asked if the bald tires have been fixed. IC Holevis stated that is next. Judy stated that as a 40 year resident she has shopped Ace Hardware once in a while, when needed. She will suggest to Village residents to hit them hard and support them. The Mayor deserves the title he was elected to but you must earn respect. The Village has Police officers with holes in their shoes and the Board is ordering badges for people who do not need them. A lot of Board members do not have the respect of the people. Judy will be at Ace Hardware first thing tomorrow morning.

Darrick Thompson stated that he was amazed by tonight's meeting. He has been around gang bangers, murderers but he never seen people carry on like this. The Board needs to respect each other. You might not like the Mayor but you can't show disrespect to your leader. Ford Heights people respect each other and get more done. There are more programs there. Darrick is ashamed to be a resident. There is no respect for the leader. No matter how you feel about the Police Department you still have to respect them. The gang banging will get worse if they see the leaders don't respect each other. Darrick stated that he is an ex- gang banger who shot people and sold drugs- now he is a youth group leader. Darrick is inviting over 200 kids to go fishing at the Monee Reservoir. He started at Ford Heights, Chicago Heights, Hazel Crest, Markham and Robbins before he came to his home town because he did not want to walk in to this meeting. Darrick stated that when the people are up for the next election he will let people know what's what and who's who. Darrick will make sure that the 18-24 year olds are registered to vote and that they vote. Darrick works with families that are victims of violence; but this Board is playing around. Darrick stated that he works with other villages and he will pay for the pageant and the back to school event. The flyers are available for the free fishing trip; no equipment is needed. Trustee Benson stated that Parks and Recreation appreciates his efforts and they will make copies of the flyer. Trustee Benson invited Darrick to the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Larry Stewart stated that what he does he does in Sauk Village. Larry asked Mayor Towers if a resident speaks out at a meeting can a Board member intimidate him at his job so he cannot continue to speak out.

Mayor Towers did not know how to address that. Larry stated that he shops at Ace Hardware and other Village businesses to help support economic development in Sauk Village. Larry stated that there is a lot of disruption on the Board; they are not working together. Committees are not working together either. Elections are coming up and there will be a lot of people running. Larry asked Trustee Benson if the money has been refunded to all of the parents. Pop Warner asks that in their memo. Trustee Benson asked if Larry had a copy of the memo from Pop Warner. Larry stated affirmatively. Trustee Benson stated that he will not respond; that is between him and the people who gave the money. Larry stated that playing sports is a luxury most parents cannot afford. It is bad when money is missing. Baseball and basketball should be offered to the kids for free. Trustee Benson asked if Larry was accusing him of stealing money. Larry stated that he did not say he stole the money; he asked if the money got returned.

Diane Shroeder, parent of 5 kids, stated that Tiffany Daniels approached her about Sauk Village Cheerleading for her daughters and gave her the opportunity to sell tickets in order to help with registration costs. Diane approached her father for help. Diane was told to have the check made out to Tiffany Daniels and Sauk Village Sports in the amount of \$200.00. After a while, she made many phone calls to the Village and did not find out until

a week or two ago that the program was cancelled. When she inquired about a refund she was told to call Tiffany. Tiffany's phone was off. At that time the Village suggested she talk to a trustee. There was an issue with how the check was made out and how it was cashed. Mayor Towers asked her to meet with him and Trustee Benson after the meeting.

Tiffany Daniels Cole stated that Cole is her married name and at the time the check was written Trustee Benson did not have an account so the check was made out to her and the Sauk Village Seminoles. Diane was given a receipt. The money and the registration form were turned in Mrs. Benson. The money was turned in March 18th and this is July. When Tiffany was notified by Pop Warner that some people did not receive their refunds she tried to find the people who registered. Some said that Trustee Benson returned their money and some said they did not get their refund. Tiffany is here to explain to Diane today where her money went. Mayor Towers asked her to see him after the meeting. Trustee Williams stated that she did see Diane speaking with Trustee and Mrs. Benson before the meeting and since this has been brought up at the Board meeting she would like to know if the money is available for her. Trustee Benson stated that he invited her to attend the Board meeting and she did as he asked her to do. He thanked her for coming to the Board. Trustee Williams stated that the memo from Pop Warner and people here tonight are stating that some people were paid and others were not. If the money was given, she has a receipt with the date on it, is it still available for her. Trustee Benson stated that this is not a Board problem; he will speak with Ms. Shroeder. Trustee Williams stated that this is a Board problem; this is Village funds. Mayor Towers asked if Trustee Benson satisfied her with the answer. He said he wanted to talk. Trustee Burgess asked if the Mayor and the Board will guarantee that she will get her money back. Mayor Towers stated absolutely.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board should be provided a list of everyone who enrolled in the Pop Warner Seminoles program, how much were the fees, who paid the fees, who received refunds and who did not. If they were not paid back what is the anticipated date they will be returned. Trustee Williams asked if Trustee Benson or someone else could provide that information. Tiffany stated that all information was passed to the Bensons. She does have some notes on her own but she did keep any money. Tiffany has a letter from Pop Warner stating that they have been receiving complaints about not getting refunds. The President of Pop Warner told her that he is suggesting to those people that they file legal action. They would be willing to work with her and the Village next year but they will now be involving their attorneys. Trustee Hanks stated that it is confusing that Trustee Benson asked the resident to come before the Board but then says that this is not part of a Village function and he will not provide any information. There have been questionable acts taking place; the lawyers should advise the Board on some of the decisions Trustee Benson has made and how it affects this Board. He stated that this was a personal organization and residents are now coming before the Board.

There are accusations of theft (Trustee Hanks is not making any accusations). Tiffany stated that per Pop Warner any individual can start a Pop Warner program like he did. He does not have to disclose the information. However, when he partnered with Sauk Village, that brought the Village in. Trustee Williams stated that financial items not necessarily related to this were discussed in a previous executive session and there has been no resolution to her knowledge. Trustee Williams asked for an executive session for the purpose of personnel after the Board meeting.

Tokelia Williams asked if the Board is aware of how they are separating the residents of Sauk Village. Residents are placed in the position to taking sides.

Jackie Ziobro stated that she heard from an outside source that the football program was cancelled, Jackie wanted to know why their money was not returned. Trustee Benson stated that the parents knew the program ended before he knew it ended. Trustee Benson does not know how that happened. When parents started to call him he started calling parents and took care of his business. Jackie asked when Trustee Benson was notified and why she did not get her money back. Trustee Benson stated "no comment". Trustee Benson asked if she has a receipt and if she was part of the committee. Jackie stated that she does have a receipt for \$25.00. She was part of the committee; she quit. Jackie stated that the rest of the fundraiser collection cans need to be removed from the Village. Mayor Towers stated that the Village will make sure that all money will be returned. He is unaware of the cans. Trustee Hanks stated that if this is a business or organization that is owned by Trustee Benson the Board cannot approve to pay out funds for that organization. This is not the Village's responsibility. Mayor Towers clarified that he will make sure that everyone gets their refund. Anyone looking for a refund should bring their receipt to Mayor Towers or Trustee Benson. Village Clerk Williams asked for clarification. Past meeting minutes reflect discussion of this program as part of the Village Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Hanks stated that the program started under Parks and Recreation and the Village was unable to fund it. Trustee Benson then started a Pop Warner football program on his own. Mayor Towers stated that since it is not a Village matter residents should contact Trustee Benson. Trustee Hanks stated that if Pop Warner is suggesting parents file a police report then they should do that.

Trustee Williams stated that this is not a Village matter but she would still like to be kept abreast of the situation since it involves a Board member.

Tamika Beamon stated that money is missing and things were stolen from the inside out. Word got out to parents when someone started their own program. She has recorded conversations on her phone to show that.

Trustee Myers requested that IC Holevis speak with these residents.

Pharaoh Halbert, member of the Human Relations Commission, stated that the HRC is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Job Fair and they are seeking the Village support. The first job fair was very successful and he feels this will be a great opportunity. Pharaoh asked if any money is allocated for the committee. Mayor Towers stated that the Board agreed to support the event at the last meeting. FD Gibson stated that she has not seen a proposal and the General Fund is depleted. Trustee Williams stated that the Board did agree to vote on the opening of checking accounts for the Human Relations Commission and the Beautification Committee but it is not on the agenda tonight for a vote. Trustee Williams asked that the item be placed on the Board agenda for a vote. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will do whatever it can to support the endeavor and asked how much money the HRC is looking for. Pharaoh will consult with Chairperson Sterrett for the dollar amount needed.

Mike Barticki cautioned putting money toward the job fair because the last job fair he attended had problems finding employers to participate. Most participants were colleges or state jobs. Mike disagreed with Trustee Anderson about the Mayor being overburdened with the lack of a Chief of Staff. The job of Mayor is to act as the top officer of the Village. When staff is not available it falls on him. The Mayor has the power to appoint, as he did with the former Chief of Staff who was in place for weeks before the Board approved her.

Mike stated that past precedent dictates that the Board has the power by a majority vote to temporarily suspend the rules and amend the agenda. The chair does not have the sole power or authority to disregard the desire of the Board. Mike wanted to publicly state that Trustee Benson put his finger in his wife's face while working at Walgreens and demanded that the Pharmacy Manager bring the Store Manager to him.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that the Board is making the town divided. This is a nice town. It does not matter who you are- we are all part of this town. The arguing should stop. The Clerk works hard to prepare informative minutes. More and more people are coming to the meetings because there are problems. The Board represents us and they need to come together to work on finances and other Village business. Elizabeth stated that as a result of chit char with an employee of Ace Hardware the Mayor should not use his position to ban using a business that is needed in town. Elizabeth stated that the recent issue of the Sauk Talk is very informative. She is disappointed with those who did not submit articles. Where is the pride and progress? Take pride in the town. Take time to be a part of it and stop bickering. Elizabeth stated that the Beautification Committee is preparing to judge the home for the Hootsie Awards.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting is adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: 9-10-10

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, JULY 15, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Anderson (entered at 6:38 pm) and Benson (entered at 6:47 pm)

A quorum was present.

1. Financial Savings Initiatives

Finance Director Gibson introduced Rita Miotti/ Municipal Solutions to make a presentation to the Board regarding a cost savings initiative concerning outsourcing the utility billing. Municipal Solutions offers updated software with no up front cost to the Village. The costs for this service can be included on the water bills as an administrative fee for as little as \$1.00 per month. Shut off notices will also be provided at an additional fee. The Village would email the readings to Municipal Solutions for the processing, printing and mailing of the bills: postage is not included. The card stock can be supplied by the Village or will be included at an additional charge. Announcements can also be included on the bills. The billing can still occur bi-monthly or monthly. Municipal Solutions will work with IT for placing the information on the web site. Additional options can include E-bills, paying their bills on line and automatic withdrawal with the payments transferred to the Village or working with the Village's bank. Reports and updates will be provided. Rita stated that this is not meant to cause employee loss but to save the Village money. Rita will continue to work with Finance Director Gibson on a formal proposal.

Finance Director Gibson introduced Kevin Meis and Rosa Marquez from Lambent Insurance representing Employee Benefit workers. A review of the current HMO plan vs. the proposed HMO plan showing cost savings was presented. They illustrated costs at 100%, 80% and 70% employee contribution. Trustee Williams asked if an employee chooses a new plan, can they change back to the 80% split. Kevin stated employees can continue month to month plan changes. FD Gibson asked if a physical would be required to make the change. Kevin stated no. Trustee Hanks asked if the renewal date can be changed if the amount of health care decreases. Kevin responded yes, July 1st is the renewal date. FD Gibson asked how this is affected by the Health Care reform. Kevin stated there will be no affect to the health care plans until January 2014 at the upper level and won't affect Sauk Village as much. Trustee Williams asked how rates will affect paychecks. Trustee Hanks wanted clarification of the rate changes at the family vs. individual plan levels. Kevin was instructed to divide each tier level by 38%. Trustee Anderson wanted clarification that total cost highlighted in yellow on the spreadsheet represented Sauk Village's costs in addition to employees' contributions.

Finance Director Gibson presented the revised proposed budget. Outsourcing services would realize a savings of \$567,840.90 in the first year; 2nd year would total \$842,222.00. Trustee Hanks asked how the Village can layoff union employees and replace them with temporary staffing. FD Gibson stated that goods and services have to be provided. FD Gibson stated that the Village cannot continue to afford overhead. The Village needs

to negotiate with the Unions at this time. If Village employees are laid off, they can go to Davis Staffing and get hired back at a lower cost/salary. Trustee Myers asked who would be responsible for training people if our employees do not return. Trustee Hanks asked what this will cost with potential legal fees and what the next steps are. Trustee Williams questioned unemployment benefits being paid to employees who were laid off vs. benefits paid to an employee who was fired with cause. Trustee Myers asked about the Early Retirement package and how can the Village honor this package with very limited funds on hand. Finance Director Gibson responded that there are a lot of experienced people in the workforce. Trustee Hanks stated that he did not know how the Village can do this; he sees an increase in legal fees if this takes place. The Village Board will need to be prepared. Trustee Hanks reiterated that there is a total difference when laying people off because of budgetary constraints, but to offer them to come back and work via a Temp Agency at a reduced salary is not legal. Are we at a point where the Village will need to reduce staff and hire different people at a reduced rate? Can't we instead work with the Unions and negotiate a reduction in salary of 20% - 30%? Mayor Towers stated that they looked at that option and determined that there would not be enough of a savings to benefit the Village. Trustee Burgess asked if we could realize savings if we reduced attorney services and obtain a law firm on retainer thereby reducing cost by 50%. We should look at temporarily reducing personnel and introduce a tax referendum to increase revenue flow. This will need to be explained to the residents in detail. But to lay off employees and then outsource these services is not the answer. We should open our books to the Unions to let them see what funding constraints the Village has. That will possibly prompt the Unions to renegotiate their contracts. Trustee Burgess also stated he was not in favor of outsourcing the Police Department; maybe downsizing, but not outsourcing. Our own Police will provide a greater service to the residents. Trustee Hanks stated we would lose the cop's grant and the funding from the ordinance requesting additional officers if we outsource this service. Trustee Hanks recapped that if you add up the savings by not filling the Chief of Staff position (\$96,000/yr), not filling the Chief of Police position (\$72,000) and moving a sergeant into that position, reduce attorney fees by getting a law firm on retainer (\$200,000+) and the insurance savings (\$400,000.00) the cost savings quickly start adding up to over \$1 million. Trustee Benson expressed concerns over the proposed savings and whether filling or not filling the Chief of Police Chief position will balance the budget.

2.Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matters of personnel. Trustee Williams asked the Mayor for a status on the request to the attorneys regarding a previous executive session. Mayor Towers stated that another letter had been sent to the attorneys. He has not yet received a response.

A motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

3. Executive Session

a. Discuss personnel matters. (5ILCS120/2©(1)(2010))

4. Actions regarding Personnel Matters, If Applicable

5. Adjournment

The meeting resumed at 10:16 pm. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, **JULY 20, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

1. Village Checking Accounts

a. Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee previously presented a request to open a checking account. This item will be on the agenda next week for a vote.

b. Human Relations Commission

Beverly Sterrett presented a request to open a checking account for the Human Relations Commission for the purpose of income and expenses relating to the upcoming September 10th job fair and future endeavors.

Finance Director Gibson stated that both the Beautification Committee and the Human Relations Commission have their own FEIN #'s. Statements will be mailed in care of the Village of Sauk Village and will be received by the Finance Director to audit; copies will be given to the chairperson. The Board is aware that this money will not run through the General Fund. Statements will be used for information only. Finance Director Gibson is in favor of keeping these accounts separate from other Village accounts. Trustee Hanks stated that he still receives statements from the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce was their own entity and is no longer active. The owners of the account need to be located. Trustee Williams agreed that committee checking accounts should be separate from the General Fund. Each committee should be responsible to operate with the funds they raise and to provide the Board with details of all income and expenses to be approved retroactively. Beverly stated that having a separate checking account would allow the HRC to collect money from job fair vendors and pay their expenses, such as lunch for the vendors, without waiting two weeks for every expense to be approved by the Board. Remaining funds will be used for future events. Past issues with the Skyline payments are now resolved. A wire transfer is made to the refuse account at the end of each month. Trustee Hanks stated that if the Village is subsidizing the committee and there is a line item in the budget for that committee then all books should be open to the Village. If it is a self standing committee they will be responsible for their own account. Trustee Burgess stated that committees used to have money available to them from their budget line item; now they have to fundraise for events. All fundraising money should be kept in separate accounts.

FD Gibson stated that she will check the ordinance for committee checking accounts. Trustee Hanks stated that commissioners are sworn in by the Board and all money for the commission needs to be approved by the Board. The Appropriations Ordinance is voted on every year in order to see that all money is accounted for and all expenses approved by the Board. Trustee Hanks wants a copy of the ordinance and advice from the attorneys before agreeing to a separate checking account.

Beverly stated that this is extreme times and the budgeted money for the commission is not available like it was last year for the job fair. They will raise funds but they need to cover expenses as needed. It will impede the commission if it is not allowed to open a checking account soon. The job fair is just around the corner. The job fair will benefit the residents. Trustee Williams stated that all committee accounts should have the same rules; currently they do not. Mayor Towers stated that the necessary information should be made available to the Trustees in order to place this item on the 7/27/10 agenda.

2. South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Confinement – SSDMC (Saturday Car Wash)

Mayor Towers presented on behalf of the SSDMC. The summer youth camp is requesting use of the Village parking lot for the next three Saturdays to conduct car washes in order to raise funds for transportation for an upcoming field trip. The Board was agreeable to allow the car washes.

3. A Resolution to Approving the Finance Director as a Signer on all of the Sauk Village Bank Accounts

The Board approved Finance Director Gloria Gibson as a signer on all Village accounts except Committee accounts. Mayor Towers asked that Chief of Staff Corley be removed as a signer on these accounts.

4. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois Chief of Staff position)

Trustee Anderson questioned why it was necessary to eliminate the position. Trustee Benson questioned how the Village would run without this position. Trustee Hanks stated that this position was created to replace the position of Village Manager. The Village Manager position had more stringent requirements spelled out in the state statutes and the Village Manager had more control than the Mayor. The Chief of Staff position required no set criteria. The Mayor is now Chief Executive Officer in charge of day to day operations.

Mayor Towers stated that both the Village Manager position and the Chief of Staff position have been cut. The Board can't expect the Village to be run by a part time Mayor with neither of those positions in place for day to day operations. There has always been someone in one of those positions.

Trustee Hanks stated that there was not always someone in that position and due to the hiring freeze and the economic state of the Village cutting this position will save the Village a minimum of \$96,000.00 per year plus perks. Three other positions were recently eliminated. Placing the responsibility back on to the department heads, who would report to the Mayor, would keep things running daily. The Mayor would have to depend on the Board and department heads to pick up the slack. This is a good faith move in the right direction; more deep cuts and tough decisions will be made soon.

Trustee Benson stated that leaving the Village in the hands of a part time Mayor would be total chaos; there would be no one to answer to.

Mayor Towers did not understand the urgency in eliminating the position. The hiring freeze would prohibit filing the position.

Trustee Hanks stated that a new position can be created at any time. Trustee Williams stated that removing the position prevents appointing someone to that position. When the Board is ready to reopen either position they will discuss the criteria of the position at that time. Department heads are supposed to report to the Mayor and the Board.

FD Gibson stated that Risk Management and Human Resource departments need to be filled. The Village is at risk with no one in place. FD Gibson had been filing in for these positions but needs to focus on finances.

Trustee Anderson stated that she does not remember removing the Village Manager position. Both positions should be left open until it is decided later which position to open up. Trustee Benson asked who department heads would answer to in the absence of the Mayor. Trustee Benson stated that eliminating the position should not even be discussed or voted on.

Trustee Williams stated that expenditures can be limited to under \$500.00 for department heads to spend without approval; above \$500.00 would need to be approved by the Finance Director.

Trustee Myers stated that both positions should be eliminated and recreated when necessary.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Village Manager position was amended renaming the position Chief of Staff and the Village Manager position no longer exists. Trustee Anderson asked that this item be tabled for further research; she will ask to table the motion if it is placed on the agenda. Mayor Towers instructed Trustee Myers to include information in the Board packets on Friday. Trustee Hanks asked for this item to be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.

5. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Grass Cutting Fees)

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is reviewing the grass cutting ordinance to change the responsibility from the property owner to the tenant. Trustee Myers suggested raising the grass cutting fine to \$100.00. Mayor Towers asked how to enforce the tenant fine. Trustee Myers stated that if the fine is not paid they will be turned over to the credit bureau. Placing a lien on the property is also possible if the tenant does not pay. Trustee Anderson stated that \$100.00 per day could get out of hand and should be limited to a total of \$700.00. Mayor Towers stated that it should be spelled out in the lease if the tenant is responsible.

The Board agreed that \$700.00 was excessive; personal reasons could prevent the resident from cutting their grass. Currently, warning tickets are issued. Trustee Myers will take the proposal of a cap of \$300.00 to the committee. If the Village needs to cut the grass the charge would be \$300.00 plus an additional \$75.00.

Mayor Towers asked for this item to be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.

***NOTE FROM THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT OFFICER- Debbie Williams**

Normally at this point there would be Board comments and questions from the audience on agenda items only. These items were left off of the agenda in error. The Board must follow the agenda as it was posted within the last 48 hours. Therefore, the Board and audience members were asked to hold their comments until next week.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 8-7-10

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 JULY 29, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson (called in sick)

2. Suspend Procedural Requirements of Sauk Village Municipal Code (Section 30.04 and 30.05)

Mayor Towers stated that the meeting of last Tuesday was cancelled due to the Open Meetings Act. The agenda was not posted in two places. Village Attorney Stach stated that normal Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. This is a Special Meeting. The way in which this meeting was called and notices set forth is in full compliance with the State Open Meetings Act, however, due to time constraints the Village is not in compliance with regards to posting notices according to Village code. A motion is needed to waive the requirements of the local code with regards to Special meetings, which is fully within our authority to do so.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to waive the requirements set forth in the Village Code section 30.04 and 30.05.

Trustee Williams asked if a procedure is in place to prevent this from happening again.

Village Clerk Williams stated that a procedure has been put in place to avoid this in the future.

The motion to waive the requirements was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 1, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010.

The motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010 was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

b. June 12, 2010- Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

c. June 22, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2010. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4a. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that having recently taken on the designation of Open Meetings Act officer the person who normally posts the agenda assumed that posting the agenda was part of the duties of that designation. The situation has been cleared up and that person will continue to post the agenda at the Village Hall and one other place. VC Williams apologized for any inconvenience. VC Williams stated that as the Open Meetings Act officer she would like to request to meet with the Board either at the next Committee meeting or the next executive session to discuss recent issues pertaining to the Open Meetings Act. Residents have informed OMA officer Williams that committee meetings are held without being posted or notice given to residents. It is not clear to everyone what roles and responsibilities of the Open Meetings Act officer are. VC Williams suggested that a fulltime employee take on that designation.

4b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board held their quarterly meeting on July 21, 2010.

4c. Village Attorney- Del Galdo Law Group, LLC- Eric Stach-No report

4d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer provided the project plan that will be submitted to the IEPA for a low interest loan to assist with the treatment and improvements of well #3 to the Board for review. The total estimated cost is 2.2 million dollars to improve the water; the impact of water rates would vary. With a 0% loan principal forgiveness and a 2.5% interest rate the water rate could increase approximately 19%. With IEPA's best terms would be a 25% loan principal forgiveness and a zero percent interest rate the water rates would increase at a rate of 15%. Due to the severity of our water issue the review process could be about 3 months. If approved, we could expect funding by next spring or summer. This plan will be submitted to the IEPA tomorrow. VE Czarnik stated that the Village still has a suit pending with the Attorney General's office. VE Czarnik stated that these steps will satisfy the Attorney General in the short term. VE Czarnik stated that the contamination was not caused by the Village. Responsible parties should be liable if it is determined who caused the contamination. The Village water system is running fine now as long as wells #1 and #2 continue. If either of those wells shut down there would be a lack of water service. Trustee Myers asked the status of wells #1 and #2. Vinyl chloride levels in well #1 or well #2 are acceptable to the IEPA at this time but an increase could mean shutting them down. The IEPA is suggesting getting Lake Michigan water as a long term solution, drill a new well which takes a few years at the same cost or move forward with the treatment of well #3 which could be opened early next year. In conclusion, VE Czarnik recommended that the treatment of well #3 be pursued in an expedited manner.

Trustee Anderson asked if preventive measures can be taken in wells #1 and #2. Installing the same treatment measures in wells # 1 and #2 could be a preventative measure. Trustee Burgess asked if the treatment will affect the taste of the water. The treatment of the wells will make the water safer but will not change the taste of the water. The Village has stepped up on testing. Trustee Hanks asked if a 4th well would benefit the Village. VE Czarnik stated that study has not been done. Trustee Hanks stated moving forward with treatment takes care of the short term. Well #3 is the back up to wells #1 and #2. The fourth well would be in place if wells #1 or #2 went down or to back up the back up well. VE Czarnik stated that drilling well #4 you are guaranteed there will be no vinyl chloride in it.

4e. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the summer camp is still holding its car wash at the community center from 10 am – 2 pm. Proceeds help with transportation for outings.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

5a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Bloom Township Senior Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 5th at Veterans Park in Glenwood. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Rose Langston has tickets. The Senior Committee will meet on August 12th at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. The senior movie will be held Monday, August 9th at 1:00 pm at the McConathy Public Library. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Interim Chief Holevis has been invited to attend.

5b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson- absent

5c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association hosted a roundtable discussion regarding vacant buildings in the south suburbs. They presented a vacant property registration ordinance and a vacant building registration ordinance that would help when a property goes vacant to help keep up on patrols. These would be a great benefit to the Village. Lansing has already adopted their ordinances. Trustee Hanks submitted a rough draft to the Ordinance Review Committee for review.

5d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers presented an ordinance to rescind the position of Chief of Staff which was put in place after the position of Village Manager was rescinded. Trustee Myers was asked to verify if the Village Manager ordinance was eliminated. Trustee Myers stated that it was eliminated and replaced by the ordinance for the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff ordinance is the only one in place. That ordinance will be acted on tonight. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will be working on the saggy pants ordinance at the next meeting on August 18th at 7 pm. The proper notice and agenda will be posted within 48 hours of the meeting. Trustee Myers asked if the grass in front of Al and Nancy's could be cut. Trustee Myers requested radar patrol at Orion, Paxton and 221st Street.

5e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee put on a Showcase of Sauk Plaza on the 17th of July. It was a great success that included discounts from the businesses and outside vendors. Some businesses saw almost double their normal sales during that time. Please support local businesses. Trustee Burgess thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, ESDA and Public Works for their help and dedication in helping to make the event run smoothly. The Showcase of Surreybrook Plaza will be held on Saturday, July 29th from noon – 4 pm. Trustee Burgess thanked Mayor Towers for lifting the Ace Hardware ban. Participating stores will be Hometown Gyro, Happy Nails, Ace Hardware, Round The Clock, Basics Thrift Store, Tony's, Fashions for Less, Cutting Edge Barber Shop, Marathon Gas Station, Popeye's Chicken and Taquiria Pueblito. There will also be a DJ and outside vendors. Trustee Burgess again requested the assistance of ESDA, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. Behr Paint donations for the churches and schools are available for pick up at the Fire Department. The next phase will include donations of paint to the residents. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be the second Wednesday of August at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

5f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Updated bios and pictures are still needed from the department heads and elected officials for the new website as soon as possible.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

6a. Police Department: Sgt. Sailsbery

Sgt. Sailsbery presented a detailed report on recent police department activity. Enforcement detail for vehicle stickers will start in early August. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the property stolen from the police department by Frank Martin. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that she is not aware that anything has been returned at this point. Mayor Towers stated that the Village attorneys have contacted the attorneys for both former Chief Martin and former Chief of Staff Brunneta Hill –Corley with regards to returning the property. A third letter was sent yesterday. Trustee Williams asked what the next step will be; they are not responding. Mayor

Towers stated that the Board can direct the next legal step to be taken. Village Attorney Stach stated that he would have to research the next steps. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that there are procedures in place regarding ex-employees not returning inventory. The property needs to be returned before they get their last paycheck. If the property is not returned a letter is sent by certified mail. If there is no response it is considered stolen. Trustee Burgess stated that two weeks ago it was stated that a list of the stolen property was given to the attorneys and the Board. The Board still does not have the list. The policy of returning property from ex-employees should be universal across the board for all employees. This should be included in the employee manual if it is not already there. Trustee Williams stated that former Chief Martin has already received his last paycheck and letters have gone unanswered. The next step of the employee manual is reporting everything stolen. That should be followed immediately. Missing property includes vest, starts, pants, shoes, radios, badges, raincoat, laptop, files, etc... Sgt Sailsbery stated that IC Holevis will provide the updated list. Trustee Hanks agreed that it is time to take the next step. It was the consensus of the Board to report the property stolen. Sgt. Sailsbery requested copies of the letters that the Village Attorney has already sent.

6b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department assisted in seven calls during the period of July 20th- July 26th. Chief Stoffregen stated that the fire department was pleased to work with the CEDA summer work youth. It worked out well. The young people gained great experience. Fire Camp starts August 9th. The Fire Department will help Trustee Burgess on July 31st. The Fire Department will be hosting a blood drive on July 31st. Some churches and schools still have not picked up their paint. Chief Stoffregen stated that he received a certificate from the Illinois Department of Public Health recognizing Edward Myers as an emergency medical technician for 35 years of continuous service.

6c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the CEDA program ended today. The CEDA workers helped cut home lots, the 394 fence line and Harper Avenue. They also helped pull weeds and spread wood chips in the parks. DH Weller stated that out of seven workers 4 were excellent; the other three did not put out a lot of effort. DH Weller stated that they will take care of Al and Nancy's.

DH Weller stated that the fourth sweep went well but they are still seeing a lot of grass in the manhole covers. Several small landscaping projects have been completed in the past two weeks. Five water mains have been repaired and curb and street work needs to be done depending on available funds. Several street lights have been replaced. Several main shut off valves to homes have been opened. There have been three cycles of storm sewer cleaning and other small jobs completed per residents complaints. The sanitary sewer list continues to be checked. The Public Works Department has been assisting other departments with vehicle maintenance. Oil changes were done on twelve squads, minor work inside including mechanicals, replacing wipers, etc... The department will continue to assist the other departments.

Trustee Burgess commended Public Works for their efforts. He saw them working in Deer Creek with the CEDA workers. Helping the other departments with oil changes and other minor repairs will save the Village thousands of dollars. Trustee Myers thanked Kevin for painting the fire hydrants. It worked great at a recent fire saving a lot of time; firemen knew which hydrant to pass. Trustee Myers also thanked Gary Holcolm for donating the paint.

6d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated that she contacted three demolition firms regarding the demolitions on Jeffrey and Talandis. It will take a couple of months to complete the process. Each company will supply free estimates within the week and they will be forwarded to the Board. Walgreens is requesting an electronic sign. According to section 15-10 electronic message readers are allowed if they hold the message for eight seconds. This is the standard sign at all Walgreens. Trustee Myers will work with DH Jasinski to discuss the ordinance.

6e. Finance Director: Ms. Gibson-No report

6f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson stated that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in half a dozen calls and assisted Economic Development in Sauk Plaza. ESDA also assisted South Chicago Heights with a fire and they assisted Sauk Village in a fire. DH Johnson reminded everyone to stay hydrated and watch elderly residents.

6g. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett- absent

6h. 911 Board- Chief Stoffregen- No report

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Approval of Village Checking Accounts

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

Trustee Williams asked if this item was supposed to be on the consent agenda.

Trustee Hanks requested moving item 7a to New Business under item 9d.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS

8a. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Village Manager/Chief of Staff Position)

Members of the Board clarified that the Village Manager position was previously eliminated. Approving this ordinance will eliminate the Chief of Staff position leaving no administrative position on the books.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

8b. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Finance Director as a Signatory on Various Accounts for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

July 06, 2010

Trustee Hanks asked if the special hearing officer has been paid yet. FD Gibson stated that the invoice for just over \$2,000.00 has been received and will be on the next Accounts Payable.

Trustee Anderson asked if the bills from Gonzalez and Associates that were tabled last meeting will be paid.

FD Gibson stated that the inquiry was satisfied and the payment was made. Trustee Hanks stated that it still needs to be placed on the next Accounts Payable and voted on.

A motion to approve the accounts payable as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

9b. Healing Hands Spa (Discussion of Revocation of Business License)

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table this item to next week's committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

9c. Approval of National Loan Investors, L.P. Standard Farm Lease

Trustee Hanks asked if this was for TIF 3 property. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the standard farm lease for National Loan Investors, L.P.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

9d. Approval of Village Checking Accounts

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the opening of Village checking accounts for the Human Relations Commission and the Beautification Committee.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Hanks

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

10a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Anderson asked Sgt. Sailsbery to tell IC Holevis that the report states 597 incidents but information was provided on 186 of them. Sgt. Sailsbery presented additional information to the Board.

Trustee Anderson stated to note for the records that she now received a copy of what she asked for a month ago. Clarification was needed because the reports are dated from July 13th and distributed on July 29th. Trustee Anderson clarified that she requested a summary of incidents from the day IC Holevis took the position one month ago.

Trustee Williams stated that there has been no progress on deciding how to handle the items that are still missing from former Chief Martin. Trustee Williams stated for the record that the same process should be set in motion for the former Chief of Staff. Sgt. Sailsbery asked for the record that she also receive copies of the attorney's letters to the Chief of Staff.

Trustee Williams stated that a couple of weeks ago she inquired what the status of the Police Department secretary was. A month ago they were going to get back to the Board in 48 hours. Two weeks ago when it was requested, it was stated that there was new information relating to a file that was found. Has that been researched? Mayor Towers stated that a request was made to allow the Finance Director and the Police Department to enter the office of the former Chief of Staff. That request was denied. The Village Attorney has been requested to draft a letter to the State's Attorneys office seeking permission to go into the office. There has been no response from the State's Attorneys office. FD Gibson stated that the letter went out this week. Trustee Anderson asked for clarification. Trustee Williams stated that the possibility of bringing that person back has been going on for two months. Trustee Williams would like to know the timeline and the contents of the file when it is retrieved. Trustee Williams stated that the Mayor's Report states that all of the Village Parks have been inspected and reviewed and the recommendation is to close all of the parks including the park behind the Village which is less than two years old. Trustee Williams is requesting a copy of what needs to be done to the parks that will be closed. Trustee Williams asked who created the flyer for the youth car wash; the wording is inappropriate. Trustee Williams asked if the meeting with the unions has been set up and

will a summary report be presented to the Board of what is presented to the unions?

Mayor Towers stated that the three unions will meet tomorrow with the Finance Director and Village Attorney. All department heads were invited and declined to attend. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that the Police Department cannot attend because the sergeants are part of the union. Finance Director Gibson stated that information will be provided in executive session at the next Committee meeting. Mayor Towers will provide the outcome when it becomes available. Trustee Myers stated that the summary of what is discussed at the meeting with the unions should be provided by the attorney before the executive session.

Trustee Burgess asked if there is a feasible plan to trim the fat. Wages and personnel have been discussed. What about other things? The report from the Finance Director needs to be tweaked. Have the recommendations regarding health care and vendors been explored?

FD Gibson stated that the proposed year to date report for the 2010/11 General Fund will be presented tomorrow showing with the recommendations and without.

10b. Questions from the Audience

Judy Cast asked Trustee Hanks if when the motion on May 25th for the Chief of Police and the Chief of Staff was made it included in the motion that keys, laptops and anything else that belonged to Sauk Village had to be left behind. Trustee Hanks stated affirmatively. Judy stated that they were told to take their personal belongings that night. The Mayor let them both in their offices the next day when they were sealed. Why do we have to pay attorney's fees to get back what is ours? Residents should picket in front of his house. Judy stated that Chief Martin took personnel files among the other things when he was let back in the next day. Mayor Towers stated that he is under investigation and he only allowed him to get his personal belongings. Judy said that she contacted Springfield; removing personnel files is a HIPA violation. Judy has been told that he has done the same thing in the last two towns that he worked. Police and lawyers were needed to get back their property. Mayor Towers stated that we are abiding by the law. Judy stated that she shopped at Ace Hardware and was glad to see that they had a great crowd in the store. The manager understood why when she filled him in. Judy Cast stated that the complaint that was brought up about the pothole by McDonald's is not our problem; it is County's problem. Why are we spending Sauk Village dollars on an attorney to fight for Frankie's hot dogs when County won't assist him? Judy asked if any cuts will affect Police pensions and retirees. Mayor Towers stated that it is possible but it has not been decided.

Delores Brady stated that she is a Parks and Recreation Committee member and she has no knowledge of the parks being closed. Mayor Towers stated that the chair of the Parks and Recreation was referring to closing the parks by a certain time of day. Trustee Williams stated that the Mayor's Report specifically states that it is recommended to close all of the parks due to damages to the equipment. Delores stated that the only park the committee decided to close was the Carol Avenue Park because it is not safe. Trustee Williams stated that Delores should request a copy of the Mayor's Report. Mayor Towers stated that she could get a copy of the report and follow up with Trustee Benson. Mayor Towers thought it was referring to closing the park at night. Trustee Myers stated that there is already an ordinance that the park is closed at dusk.

Charles Gueringher stated that the Bloom Township trustees asked him to come with regards to the water issue. Charles was trained at the University of Illinois and uses tools on contaminated water. He is offering his assistance in getting Lake Michigan water. Charles stated that the wells may need to be relocated. They are located in a terrible place; too much chance of material runoff. Charles discussed possible resources of getting water from. Trustee Burgess asked for his name and information.

Larry Stewart stated that Diane Shroeder has still not gotten her money back. She was told at the last meeting that it would be returned to her. She waited four months before she was told the cheerleading program was cancelled. Mrs. Shroeder stated that it is a cat and dog fight back and forth; who has her money? She is still waiting for her money. FD Gibson asked Mrs. Shroeder to meet with her to get a refund. Trustee Hanks stated that she needs to get her money back but the Board is under the understanding that the money was received by Trustee Benson's private organization. FD Gibson stated that the resident is entitled to a refund. Trustee Hanks stated that we cannot spend taxpayer's money to give her a refund. Mrs. Shroeder stated that she did file a Police report yesterday. Mayor Towers stated that at the beginning the program was part of the Village. The resident should receive the refund from the Village or find out where the money is at. Larry stated that this is the second time the Board is taking on the responsibility of a program brought in by the Parks and Recreation. The boxing program started with the Village, money got mishandled and it got lost in the General Fund. Trustee Myers stated that this issue will be followed up. Trustee Williams stated that she has been here twice she needs to see Trustee Benson who admitted putting the money from the football program into the Parks and Recreation account, then he and the Chief of Staff withdrew the money from the account and there is no record of the money being placed in the General Fund. Trustee Williams directed the Mayor to start an investigation. Trustee Benson has stated that he withdrew the money from the Parks and Recreation account

and placed the money in a personal account that is a private entity. Let's take action. It would be a misappropriation of funds to give the refund out of the taxpayer's money in the General Fund. Where is the \$958.00? He won't tell us where it is. The Village should file a police report, too.

Trustee Burgess stated that two weeks ago he asked if she got restitution. No one got back to him. Trustee Burgess also stated that she should have come before the Board sooner than two weeks ago. If she does not get her money by Friday there should be an investigation done. Trustee Burgess stated that he still sees collection cans around the Village. The resident has proof she paid the money and she should get her money back. Registration is still being held for next year when Pop Warner told him to stop.

Tiffany Daniels stated that registrations are still being taken for next year.

Trustee Hanks stated that the record will show that the program was proposed to the Board but before any registration ever took place the Board stated that the Village could not afford to insure the program. It was at that time that Trustee Benson started the Pop Warner program as a separate organization- not part of the Village. The website Trustee Benson is using states that the program is run out of his home.

Tiffany Daniels stated that the Sauk Village Seminoles program is listed under Sauk Village Mega Sports in conjunction with Sauk Village Parks and Recreation. Tiffany stated that Trustee Benson is using the Village name to write grants. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board never approved this organization. This is a matter for the civil court. Trustee Hanks feels bad for this resident and others who have not received their money back, but it is not the Village's responsibility to pay back money that was taken by a Village resident. Trustee Hanks asked that Trustee Benson be removed from Parks and Recreation. Trustee Myers stated that he believed the Mayor has the power to cease all Parks and Recreation activities until an investigation is completed. Two people have come to us stating that they gave money to an organization with our name on it. Trustee Myers asked that the Mayor meet with the police department and get this thing settled and that the Mayor meet with Mrs. Shroeder after the meeting. Trustee Williams stated that the Board has asked Trustee Benson where the money is both in executive session and open session. FOIA requests have also been made. There has not been any visible result. Trustee Williams asked if a formal letter has been drafted by the Mayor to Trustee Benson. At some point there may be some tough decisions that will need to be discussed about his future on the Parks and Recreation and his future on the Board. Money is being hidden. The Mayor needs to draft a letter stating that all money needs to be returned and future registration needs to stop. Trustee Williams stated that there never was an answer from the Mayor on Trustee Hanks' question. This is not the first program that fell apart under Trustee Benson; such as basketball, football, boxing and cheerleading. Mayor Towers stated that he will not give an answer tonight whether or not Trustee Benson will be removed. Mayor Towers will speak with Trustee Benson and the Board again at another time as well as the legal department.

Trustee Williams asked that this item be placed on next week's Committee meeting agenda and in executive session.

Trustee Williams apologized that the residents have been inconvenienced while this seems to be swept under the rug and Trustee Benson has no comment. Trustee Williams stated that the residents should organize and continue to come to the Board meetings and to write formal letters to the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board does not have the right to stop registration for Trustee Benson's private organization. Trustee Myers stated that if a trustee throws the name of Sauk Village in front of anything they bring the entire Board involved into it. The Mayor needs to take action. Trustee Hanks repeated that it would not be ethical to take money out of Village funds to pay back money due to a resident from a trustee who started his own business, has a 501C3 and a separate bank account all run from his home. Larry stated that he brought up the issue of integrity earlier. People are owed money because someone's integrity was compromised. They refuse to handle their business or did not handle it well. The lady should have been paid already. The integrity should have been looked at first. Elected officials not meeting the needs of the people should be disqualified from the office. Where do you draw the line?

Linda Washington clarified that the vote to remove the position of Chief of Staff was voted yes by all Trustees except Trustee Anderson knowing that the Mayor is a part time position and there is no business manager for the Village to run the day to day operations of the Village. That is like a school with no teachers- it falls on the principal to watch all of the students. The understanding is that there is no future intent to hire anyone full or part time to run the day to day operations of the Village. Trustee Williams stated that there never was a mention of future intent. Currently, there is no funding for it. This was discussed as a cost savings initiative last week. As the Mayor and President of Sauk Village it is the Mayor's responsibility to delegate to department heads. Trustee Williams stated that offers to help the Mayor from herself and other trustees have never been addressed. Everything goes to the Mayor. Trustee Hanks stated that eliminating that position saves the residents over \$96,000.00 per year. Tough decisions have been made to keep the Village running. The department heads run the day to day operations of the Village. Even if the Chief of Staff was in place all

problems would still go to the Mayor. Trustees have offered to help out. Nothing has changed for department heads. The Board will be going to the unions to make cuts. This is tough times. Linda questioned that when money is available will the position will be put back in place. Mayor Towers stated that this position has been part of the Village since the Village has been a Village. Mayor Towers stated that eliminating this position is not about saving money. It is a personal thing that you want to take this position out so all the responsibility falls on the Mayor. The Chief of Staff had a huge responsibility other than working with department heads, such as risk management, human resources, taking calls from vendors and residents and more. This Board wants to put the responsibility on a part time Mayor who comes in every day at 6:00 pm. What kind of business can be conducted at 6:00 pm when other businesses are closed? It was premature to cut out this position when other things could have been addressed. The resolution is already in place to cut the position. Linda empathizes with the Mayor. People that are in place are not always doing their job if a supervisor is not present. Trustees Hanks and Williams offered their help. Linda stated that she is running for trustee and she will be watching the Board very closely for the people. Trustee Burgess stated that everyone including the employees and the residents have been asked to step up. Trustee Burgess stated that when running for Mayor it is understood that that is a 24/7 job; everything falls under that umbrella and that is what the job calls for. We will all do what is necessary but you have to lead from the top down. Mayor Towers stated that he knew it was a part time job along with a business manager. Trustee Burgess said life goes on and that it is time to delegate and for everyone to get involved for the good of the Village. How can we hire a Village Manager when we are about to lay off staff? Mayor Towers asked why the Board is making it so quick to take both administrative positions off the books instead of deciding which one is preferred and keeping that position open. Trustee Burgess asked the Mayor why he is being so combative about taking it off. Another amendment will put it back on at another time. Trustee Anderson stated that the discussion has become repetitive. There has been an ordinance passed stating that there will be no hiring unless the Board agrees to do so. It may become necessary to eliminate other positions as well; the town is broke.

Trustee Williams stated that a year and half ago prior to the election the Mayor told citizens and other candidates there would be accountability and department heads would be able to establish a liaison relationship with the trustees. That has not occurred yet. Mayor Towers stated that it was a personal choice to eliminate this position; that is not true. The former Chief of Staff was appointed on May 13, 2010 by the Mayor without Board approval. That person continued to conduct the business of the Village, which included access to personnel files, by appointment not as a Board approved employee. No job salary had been approved by the Board. If there is no position on the books then there will not be a position available for the Mayor to appoint someone who will eventually receive a salary. The Mayor can appoint but the Board allocates money.

Mike Brown stated that if former Chief Martin has a badge he can falsely identify himself as a police officer. Three letters were sent out asking for the return of the property and he was present for the motion stating that all property should be returned to the Village. Mike asked who will be conducting the investigation. Is the Board asking the Village police units to investigate or will it go to the Attorney General. Trustee Myers stated that there has been contact with the Attorney General's office, the State's Attorney office and the State Police. The Sauk Village Police should look into it and take the next step. Mike stated that he heard that there is a possibility that the Cook County Sheriff's Police may be coming to take over the Police Department; has that occurred. Trustee Anderson stated that if the Village goes bankrupt there may be no employees. Mike stated that you still have to pay Cook County. Mayor Towers stated that they do not know how much the County will charge Sauk Village. It was noted that in the event that the Village cannot pay the Police Department then you need to have someone to take over to provide safety for the Village; that is why the Cook County Sheriff was put on notice.

Judy Cast stated that at the last Board meeting Trustee Benson was acting very arrogant and rude; you never gaveled him and never questioned him. He told the ladies to come to the last Board meeting and then said that he did not have to answer any questions. The cans are still out there. What about the other donations that were collected? The Chief of Staff had 18 violations against her. Why can she close a Sauk Village bank account and put it into Trustee Benson's personal account with Trustee Benson saying you will never find it and you will never know how much? How can he go on a website with his private business and conducts his business on Village grounds. Not acceptable. Chief of Staff; not acceptable. She made decisions that should have been made by the entire Board. There have been many time at previous meetings that the Board stated that something was done without them voting on it. She made the decision on her own. Mayor Towers stated that the Board has already terminated the Chief of Staff; why bring her up. Mayor Towers brought up how much work the Chief of Staff position holds; not the person. Has anyone tried to resolve any of the 63 grievances filed by the Police Department? Mayor Towers stated some are under investigation and others are going to arbitration.

John Hinko stated that it comes down to the fact that the Board is aware that Trustee Benson took the program from Sauk Village and continued to use the Sauk Village name. If this goes to court Sauk Village will be responsible. John asked for the Village Attorney to comment. VA Stach stated that it would be inappropriate for him to comment. Trustee Hanks stated that other Sauk Village businesses carry Sauk Village in their name it does make Sauk Village responsible. John restated that the program started through the Village. Trustee Hanks stated that most of the members of the Board did not know that he was using the Sauk Village name until it was brought to our attention. He began to look for more information on the internet.

John Hinko stated that there is hole on Jeffrey Avenue that has been there for 3-4 weeks.

Rose Langston complimented Public Works for the fine job during the storm and the fine work they did while Kevin was away. Rose stated that the Village only had one Village Manager; that was Dick Dieterich. Dick was here for 20 or more years. Rose stated that at the beginning of the administration it was stated that trustees would have responsibility over department heads. If the Mayor's job is overwhelming this is the time where it

should be started. At one time trustees were responsible for streets, etc... The department heads are doing a fine job.

John Hinko stated that the STOP sign at Sauk Trial and Orion needs to be closed. People do not know whether to stop or not.

Pat Couch stated that Trustee Benson should have a license to operate a home business. If he is operating an illegal business then he should be shut down just like the business that is on the agenda today.

Larry Stewart stated that he was very impressed that when he made a call about several teenagers running down Jeffrey last week the officers responded quickly along with the Lynwood Police Department.

Ed Shankel agreed that if Trustee Benson took the money we should get it back. The attorney is not answering questions. Ed asked if juveniles are renting the Senior Center. Trustee Anderson stated not to her knowledge. What ever happened to the tree on Jeffrey that was cut down back in November without permission? Kevin Weller stated that the Police Department was notified. Ed asked for an update. Ed stated that we need the police badge back. Ed stated that the Public Work employees are still wearing earphones- that is not safe. Kevin stated that they are approved safety earphones. Ed continues to ask about his water bill. The Village owes him money. The Mayor is threatening him with legal action.

Trustee Williams suggested that the Mayor address the issue of closing the parks that is stated in the Mayor's Report. The Board should receive a list of reasons of all parks that will to be closed.

Delores Brady asked for a copy of the report. The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Monday and this may be discussed. Most parks have normal wear and tear. The only bad park is Carol Avenue Park.

Ed Shankel gave out his phone number. He would like the trustees to address his issues. Ed stated that the speed machine is in the same place for 3 1/2 weeks. It should be moved every week.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting is adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: 9-12-10

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, AUGUST 3, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call:

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

1. Beautification Committee (Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition)- Mrs. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chairperson Marva Pruitt stated that she received a call from the Illinois Lincoln Highway coalition on behalf of the Village to look into a project about the Illinois Lincoln Highway. Lincoln Highway is one of the most important roads in the United States. Lincoln Highway is the first highway that ran from New York to San Francisco. Lincoln Highway starts less than a mile from the Village Hall. It runs 179 miles in Illinois to Iowa. The Illinois Lincoln Highway coalition has offered the Village a gift of a \$10,000.00 mural. The Committee would be responsible for developing the history of Sauk Village and would require a small amount of monetary assistance and labor from the Village. The coalition will provide an artists' rendering of the history that is provided in the form of a mural. The mural will be displayed at a building to be determined later. Materials to build the platform for the mural could be donated or will cost \$100.00. Mayor Towers asked what the time frame is. Marva stated that they are hoping to have this completed by December.

Marva stated that the committee would like to collaborate with at least one other committee that could run everything through the Board. Trustee Burgess asked if the mural needs to be displayed on Lincoln Highway. There is no stipulation that it needs to be on Lincoln Highway but it is preferred not to be displayed on a building or billboard facing west due to sunrays. Trustee Myers would like to see the schools get involved. Trustee Williams stated that the website and library are great resources filled with lots of information and pictures. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee would like to work with the Beautification Committee on this project. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee may be interested. There are a lot of long time residents that may have personal knowledge. Trustee Anderson asked if Public Works will be needed. Trustee Burgess suggested that maybe a business could sponsor a billboard to display the mural. The Beautification Committee will meet Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 7 pm in the Fire Station to discuss the project and possible sites and report to the Board. Anyone wishing to join the committee is invited to attend.

2. Healing Hands Spa (Discussion of Revocation of License)

Mayor Towers stated that the Police Department found illegal activity going on at the Healing Hands Spa after a sting operation for prostitution was conducted a couple of weeks ago. The Police Department is asking if the spa license needs to be revoked or if the business should be closed temporarily. The business is entitled to a hearing while under investigation. Trustee Anderson asked if this was the only incident. This is the only incident the Mayor is aware of. Trustee Hanks stated that the business should be closed for 10 days and allow 8 days for a hearing with the Mayor and the Board by ordinance. This item will be placed on the agenda next Tuesday.

3. Pop Warner (Parks and Recreation)

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee did not ask that Pop Warner be included on the agenda. Trustee Williams stated that she asked that it be placed on the agenda. Trustee Benson stated that it takes the vote of the whole Board and since this was not done this is in violation of the Open Meetings Act. They cannot present themselves. Trustee Williams asked Pop Warner to be placed on the agenda last week to discuss things that were brought up in Trustee Benson's absence at last Tuesday's meeting. Trustee Williams made this request by email to FD Gibson who forwarded that email to Trustee Benson well within 48 hours of this meeting. Trustee Williams stated that she did not invite Pop Warner but they do happen to be in the audience. Trustee Williams stated that the email asked the Mayor to write a letter to Trustee Benson asking for the immediate removal of any Pop Warner related information on the website that is connected to Sauk Village. Trustee Williams also had questions about the people's refunds. Trustee Benson stated that this a typical, under handed, under minded activity that this trustee does. This discussion cannot take place because the Board did not vote on it and no one knew they were coming. For the record, Trustee Williams stated that she did not invite them and did not know they were coming. Village Clerk Williams asked to respond as the Open Meetings Act Officer. Trustee Benson stated that the OMA Officer could not respond to that because she is the Clerk. OMA Officer Williams asked Mayor Towers to acknowledge her response. Mayor Towers allowed the OMA Officer to respond. OMA Officer Williams stated that Trustee Williams did state at last week's open Board meeting that she wanted to have this item placed on this agenda. No trustee voiced an objection at that time; all trustees agreed. It is not a violation of the Open Meetings Act. OMA Officer Williams offered a copy of the Open Meetings Act to Trustee Benson to show where the violation is described. Trustee Myers stated that his notes from last week state that it was requested that Pop Warner be on tonight's agenda. There have been lengthy discussions regarding Parks and Recreation and whether all refunds were paid back. Trustee Burgess stated that Pop Warner has been discussed at the last two Board meetings regarding money due to people from registration that was at first affiliated with the Village and all of a sudden was not affiliated with the Village. To say that it is illegal or that we are not going to allow the person who he originally made the agreement with, and with their name on our website, both people are hear and we need to get to the bottom of this. Pop Warner was not present at previous meetings. Every week we say we will look into it. He is here now. We have had our agendas since Friday and have been discussing this for a month. It was one sided before- he is here now. This is not illegal. Trustee Burgess stated that Sauk Village is not on Pop Warner's website. They were at one time; they were taken off. Trustee Benson stated that he was told by Pop Warner that because the president of our football program never got a team together and did not attend any meetings (Trustee Benson attended two meetings) they were never part of the program. There might have been a probation period a couple of months ago but due to current events we ceased to be part of the program and we are not a part of Pop Warner right now. Trustee Hanks also remembers that this was requested to be placed on the agenda due to the fact that Village residents have been complaining to the Board about not getting there money back. Trustee Hanks stated that he does not believe this is a violation of the Open Meetings Act. The agenda has been posted since last Friday. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Benson was not present last week. The Board did say that we would continue our discussion. We can ask Pop Warner who invited them. Trustee Anderson is interested in what they have to say. Trustee Benson stated that

people that are still due money should have contacted him. They never connected with him. He keeps hearing that people are owed money but they are not coming to him. He would like to know who they are; other than the two who came to a previous meeting.

Marques Johnson, Vice President of Chicago land Pop Warner, stated that he came tonight because he has been receiving tons of emails from residents in this area about the program. They were voted in and failed to come to any meetings; their probation was terminated. Mr. Johnson is here because Trustee Benson is still circulating flyers with the Pop Warner logo on it. The Sauk Village website still has the Pop Warner logo on it. The cable access channel still says Sauk Village Seminoles with Pop Warner. Mr. Johnson stated that he has spoken to Trustee Benson several times asking him to remove Pop Warner off of his website and flyers. It has not been done. It needs to come off immediately. Mr. Johnson spoke with Trustee Benson two weeks ago and has tried several times since then and has not gotten a response. Trustee Benson stated that Mr. Johnson is uninformed. Trustee Benson stated that there has not been one flyer circulated about football since he voted the program down. Everyone except one person has received their football refund. Trustee Benson welcomed anyone to come forward that did not get their refund. There were only 20 people who signed up (including cheerleading); do not falsely accuse anybody. Trustee Benson stated that he will notify Pop Warner what Mr. Johnson is doing. Trustee Benson stated that his website is up and will not come down. All Pop Warner logos have been removed except one and that cannot be removed. Trustee Benson stated that Mr. Johnson came here uninformed and saying what other people told him to say. Mayor Towers stated that this is a personal thing between Trustee Benson's organization and Pop Warner. This is not a Village matter. Mr. Johnson stated that the reason Pop Warner is here is because the Seminoles website is linked to the Village with the Pop Warner logo still on it. (Mr. Johnson pulled up the website on his cell phone showing the Pop Warner logo on it). Mr. Johnson stated that he is not trying to control what Sauk Village does but he is asking for the fifth time that their name be removed from the Sauk Village Seminoles. They were never an active association in the conference. Trustee Benson stated that he did talk to the President stating that he was unable to remove one logo from the website; he said it was okay and could be removed later. Trustee Williams asked if Mr. Johnson had anything in writing. Mr. Johnson did have a letter from himself and the President of the Board. Trustee Myers asked that the Clerk read the letter. Village Clerk Williams read the letter dated July 27, 2010 and addressed to Mr. Enoch Benson/ Sauk Village Seminoles referring to the probation period and the voting process that takes place in order to be part of the permanent membership in the Conference. The letter stated that due to the fact that he does not have an active program for the 2010 season he must reapply to the conference for 2011 and serve the probation year if accepted. The letter further states that until that time he must refrain from using the Pop Warner name with his program and remove all Pop Warner information from the website and recruiting materials immediately. He may apply to the conference at any time to be considered for 2011. Mr. Johnson stated that he never met him before but the letter is dated July 27th; we have been reaching out to him. He is here representing the largest affiliated program in the country. People sign their kids up because of the Pop Warner logo. The logo needs to be removed because the Village does not have an active program. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will have the Pop Warner logo removed from the Village website. Trustee Williams stated that any reference to the Village of Sauk Village, including the address should be removed from the football programs website, flyers, bank accounts, etc... as well as the Pop Warner logo since this is a personal business of Trustee Benson. Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Williams has no right to ask that he remove his website from the Village website; other websites are linked from the website that has the name Sauk Village in their name. Trustee Williams stated that communications,

such as emails or letters, between the Village of Sauk Village and Trustee Benson should start immediately requesting the removal of the Village name from the personal website of Trustee Benson. The Village is not associated with his personal program; allowing the Village to remain on the website shows the connotation that we are. Mr. Johnson stated that the Pop Warner logo needs to be removed immediately. There is still information on the website and flyers regarding registration for the 2011 season; it gives the impression that the program is part of Pop Warner. Trustee Benson stated that he has removed all but one logo from the website. He is unable to remove the logo. Trustee Burgess stated that the flyer stated that the program is in conjunction with Parks and Recreation. Trustee Burgess asked if this is a private business is Trustee Benson licensed to operate a business out of the community center and does he pay rent for the community center where he collects money for the program. Collecting money in the community center for programs gives the appearance that it is a Village sponsored program. This is a private organization and should be treated like any other private business that uses the community center to conduct their business. Trustee Benson stated that there is no registration currently taking place. Mayor Towers asked for more information about the flyer. Mr. Johnson stated that on his website it is posted that registration will begin on September 1st. Mr. Johnson stated that he is not involved in the rest of the discussion taking place. He wants to know what date the logo will be removed. Trustee Benson stated that he will not give him a date. Trustee Anderson clarified that the football program was initially started under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Benson started his own program when the Village was unable to continue the program due to lack of funding. Trustee Hanks stated that any reference to Sauk Village should be removed from any website, flyers, collection cans, etc... The flyers and collection cans should be removed from all Village municipal properties. The Seminoles program is responsible for cans in other businesses. Trustee Hanks stated that all Sauk Village entitlements should also be removed since the program is not sponsored by the Village. Trustee Benson stated that he has no problem with removing the link from the Village Website. Trustee Benson stated that other businesses and programs have the name of Sauk Village in their name and they are listed on the website. Whatever future programs become available he will make the information available on the Parks and Recreation website. Everything should be treated the same. Trustee Hanks clarified that the Parks and Recreation Committee of Sauk Village has been named in conjunction with the program. Trustee Williams stated that as chair of the website committee she will instruct the IT department to remove the link from the Village Website. Mr. Johnson stated that he will provide a letter from the President asking that all logos be removed. Trustee Williams asked for clarification about whether Trustee Benson will be able to post his personal business on the website or Sauk Talk in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village Megasports will not be posted in conjunction with Sauk Village Parks and Recreation. Trustee Anderson stated that you cannot regulate who passes out flyers with the Village name on them; other organizations do that also. Trustee Williams repeated that it is not the name of Sauk Village but the "in conjunction with" that needs to be removed. Trustee Benson stated that on his personal site he will also be reporting Sauk Village activities. Trustee Anderson stated that it is getting repetitive. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Benson does not have to remove the name Sauk Village from his business name- Sauk Village Megasports- but will not co-mingle the Parks and Recreation Committee with it. Trustee Benson stated that he will continue to list Parks and Recreation activities on his website and will list his Megasports activities under the Parks and Recreation like all other activities are listed for the youth of the Village. Trustee Burgess asked again if Trustee Benson has a license to operate his business. Trustee Benson refused to answer. Trustee Anderson stated that a 501C3 organization does not need a business license. Trustee Benson stated that the

organization has its own EIN # and 501C3. Village Clerk Williams addressed Mayor Towers stating the minutes will reflect that the name of Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee, the address of the Village of Sauk Village and any reference to "Trustee" will be removed from any literature released from Sauk Village Megaspports association. Trustee Anderson requested that the Clerk have that listed like that for the record. Trustee Williams asked that the minutes also reflect that Trustee Benson stated that all refunds have been given except the individuals who have come before the Board. Anyone else seeking a refund should see him.

4. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustee

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Bloom Township picnic will take place this Thursday. Tickets are available at a cost of \$3.00 now and \$4.00 at the door. The picnic is held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood.

Trustee Hanks stated that Shine on Sauk Village will take place Saturday on the corner of Sauk Trail and Cornell from 12:00- 6 pm. Great family time with free music and entertainment.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on the third Wednesday; a different date as normal; a notice will be posted. Fire Camp starts next week; all spots are filled.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due on the last Friday of this month by midnight. Trustee Williams stated that FD Gibson just handed her some information on SSDMC that the Board needs to review for informational purposes only.

5. Questions from the Audience

Marva Pruitt announced the Beautification Committee will host Movies in the Park on August 27th. A poll is being taken to decide on the movie to be shown. Anyone interested in joining the committee should see her.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday. The Hootsie Awards nomination period has been extended until August 7th. Judging will take place August 27th – September 1st. Trustee Benson stated that the paperwork to rent the park has not been completed by the Beautification Committee to take to his committee. Marva stated that the paperwork will be completed. Trustee Myers stated that the flyer states that leashed dogs are welcomed. Dogs are not allowed in the parks. Marva will change that on the flyers. Trustee Williams asked that the Hootise Award information be placed in the November Sauk Talk.

Gary Holcolm stated that you do not need a business license for a non profit organization but you do have to have a certificate on file.

Michelle Rylander asked for a copy of the Collectors Report. Michelle asked who creates the report. Mayor Towers stated that the Chief of Staff was creating the report. Michelle stated that it has not been done since October of 2009. That is why we do not know how much many we have. Mayor Towers stated that we know how much money we have; two or three reports have been completed since he took office. Trustee Williams asked if the Chief of Staff was responsible for putting that report together; she has been gone since May of 2010; will the report be released for months after October 2009. FD Gibson stated that due to a system conversion and resources used for other things the report can be recreated from the Finance Department in a different format due to a technical situation. Trustee Williams stated that the Collector's Report is normally read by the Mayor each month at a Board meeting. Can it be available soon?

Larry Stewart stated that Mr. Shroeder is present tonight and he is still asking for his football refund. This has not been resolved. Mayor Towers stated that the \$200.00 is in dispute. Trustee Benson is addressing the

situation with that individual. Trustee Benson stated that he has spoken with Mrs. Shroeder and she is onboard; it is not Larry Stewart's concern.

Mike Bartnicki stated that the Healing Hands was closed due to the findings of the sting operation that took place because of tips that were given to the Police Department. Mike stated that Trustee Burgess never got an answer to whether or not Trustee Benson pays for the use of the village facilities for his private organization. Trustee Benson stated that fees are waived for all committees that operate out of village facilities. Money was collected only while the program was still under the Parks and Recreation committee. The Board was aware that registration was taking place. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board is aware and the Mayor will enforce that all links and information regarding Trustee Benson's personal business will be removed. Mike wanted verification that no government owned facility was ever used for Trustee Benson's personal business.

Trustee Benson stated that Sauk Village Mega Sports is allowed to use the facility just like any other organization, such as, Girl Scouts of America or Sauk Village Sports Association with fees waived. The Parks and Recreation Committee policy states that applies to all associations whether they are part of Sauk Village or not.

Mike stated that he did not hear Trustee Benson answer his question. Trustee Anderson stated that since Mr. Bartnicki did not accept the answer he was given; that he should make an appointment to speak with Trustee Benson or other trustees to get an answer. Trustee Williams asked the Mayor to have Trustee Benson repeat his answer. Mayor Towers stated that he cannot make anyone answer a question or to answer the question the way a citizen wants it answered. **DISRUPTION ENSUED.**

Trustee Benson stated that is why Police are needed at the meetings.

Trustee Benson stated that fees are waived when all organizations use the community center, therefore, Sauk Village Mega Sports fees will also be waived. Mike asked if the proper steps were taken to have the fees waived for his organization. Trustee Benson read off the part in the rental application that stipulates that rental fees may be waived for residential nonprofit organizations that are registered with the State's Attorney's Office and granted by the Parks and Recreation Committee.. Trustee Benson stated that his organization has a 501C3 with its own EIN #.

Judy Cast is frustrated by the non professional attitude of the Board; cutting people off and making gestures. Trustee Williams is frowned upon at every Board meeting. Judy Cast has attended meetings for over 40 years. She is frustrated and is demanding answers to things that are taking the Village down the toilet. Mr. Benson uses things for his own personal gain using Village land to run his personal business; he does not have that right. If he is running his private business in the Village and on the website what is he doing for Parks and Recreation; obviously nothing. Judy stated that she is tired of this; Trustee Benson should be removed from Parks and Recreation. Judy stated that Trustee Anderson owes Trustee Williams an apology. Trustee Williams kept repeating the question because he would not answer the question. Trustee Benson is always talking about this rule or that rule but when he is breaking the law you can't get an answer out of him. Judy told the Mayor he is dragging him down.

Frank Harvey stated that people need to use common sense and learn how to talk to people. Frank stated that six weeks ago the clerk was told that she does not have the right to ask questions; she just has to keep the minutes. When people get on Trustee Williams she has to say something. People clap their hands loud when things go this way or that way. There are more people leaving the Village than coming in. Lots of people are raising sand now because they do not have the money to move. Everyone is saying so much about what Trustee Benson is doing. What are the other trustees doing besides trying to make the Mayor and Trustee Benson look bad? Frank stated that so much is being said about using the Government buildings for the

football program. The football program is a good thing. Trustee Benson lives in Sauk Village and pays taxes; don't embarrass the man. If he is doing something illegal vote him out. Some of you are coming up for reelection- think about it. Where is the money going? Everyone needs to get along in order to promote the Village.

Trustee Burgess stated that he has lived here for 28 years and he cares about and loves Sauk Village; not because of the economics. Trustee Burgess stated that it is true that the Village has been divided but that every trustee here is dedicated to the Village. The trustees were elected by the people and they have accountability. They have to discuss these things because residents will ask how these things happen. If you don't say anything then you are just as guilty as if you did it. It is not the time to talk about politics and who is running at a committee or Board meeting. We all know that. This should not be a sounding Board for or against people who are running. The Board is dedicated just like the people in the audience who sit here for three or four hours. They are not here to bad mouth; just to ask questions. Frank continued to talk about how Trustee Williams talks to the Trustees Benson and Anderson and how the Village Clerk was told that she did not have the right to speak but she will try to speak when that happens. Frank stated that Trustee Williams has a college education but she does not have common sense. Trustee Williams stated that there were a couple of inaccuracies in Frank's comments. Trustee Williams stated that Mr. Harvey does not come to every Board meeting but she has brought up whether or not the Clerk can speak and if there is a policy or procedure many times; asking the Mayor and attorneys and never got an answer. That is why it is always brought up completely. That would be common sense to keep asking if you don't get an answer. It is not only common sense it is respect; if there is no answer she will continue to ask questions. It took ten times to get an answer to one question tonight. Trustee Williams stated that every time the Village Clerk spoke tonight it was a point of clarification, not to defend her. Lastly, Trustee Williams stated that she did ask for Pop Warner to be on the agenda for discussion but did not invite them here. She did not know that they would be in the audience tonight. Trustee Benson then spoke to Trustee Williams in a derogatory terms multiple times. Trustee Williams did not take it as an attack; she accepted his words and moved on after explaining how it got on the agenda without returning those non common sense comments and disrespectful comments from Trustee Benson. Trustee Williams stated that she has not verbally attacked Trustee Benson, Trustee Anderson, any Board members or the audience. A resident tonight took the common sense notion to verbally attack her. Trustee Anderson stated that she clearly heard the answer from Trustee Benson each of the ten times but that the audience either did not hear the answer or the answer was not acceptable to them. Trustee Williams stated that after the Mayor removed the item Trustee Anderson said "oh" as if she did not understand it either just like everybody else in the room. It was necessary to continue to ask the question until confirmation was given that he would remove it. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Williams should have made her question understandable the first time so it would not have to be repeated. Trustee Williams restated that although the information has been requested several times regarding when the Clerk can speak, as a Board member or as a citizen, a definite answer has never been to the Board. Trustee Anderson stated that it is in the State's Statutes. Mayor Towers stated that this is not part of the agenda and will not be discussed.

Jacquelyn Adams, Parks and Recreation committee member, stated that she is not aware of the rules and regulations that the agenda items are for discussion only. Jacquelyn asked what the demolition dates were for

Jeffery. FD Gibson stated that they are waiting on a response. Mayor Towers asked her to meet with him after the meeting since this item is not on the agenda. Jacquelyn stated that she was told Parks and Recreation received a grant for approximately \$90,000.00 in 2009; is that correct. Mayor Towers stated that is a grant that is in the final year. Jacquelyn asked for the financial information on how it was spent, the dates and what it was spent for according to the Freedom of Information Act. Trustee Williams stated that a FOIA request can be obtained at the front desk.

Ed Shankel asked if the \$93,000.00 grant is the grant that was received in October of last year. Mayor Towers stated that that is not on the agenda; this discussion is closed for agenda items only.

Trustee Williams stated that the agenda does not state that questions can only relate to agenda items only.

Village Clerk Williams, speaking as the Open Meetings Act Officer, (a designation assigned to the Clerk by the Mayor) stated that the agenda does not specifically state that agenda items only may be discussed. Several residents called today asking if because it was not specifically stated on the agenda were they able to speak on other items not on the agenda. OMA Officer Williams did call the Public Access Counselor for clarification. OMA Officer Williams was told that if the agenda did not specify that discussion could only be related to agenda items only that means the audience can speak on anything they would like to speak about. Mayor Towers stated that there will be no discussion of non agenda items. OMA Officer Williams told Mayor Towers that for the record he is in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Benson asked what time OMA Williams called the Public Access Counselor. OMA Officer Williams stated that she spoke with the counselor at 4:00 pm today.

Ed Shankel stated that he will ask the same question next week.

Jacquelyn Adams asked how you get items on the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that the Committee meeting is only for items the trustees and the Mayor put on the agenda. Regular Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday are open to anything.

6. Adjournment

Trustee Myers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel, pending litigation and collective bargaining. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

7. Executive Session

a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/2©(1)(2010).

b. Discuss probable or imminent litigation as the Union has requested arbitration regarding a union grievance (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2©(2)2010.

c. Discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village of Sauk Village and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2©(2)(2010).

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 9-10-10

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 AUGUST 10, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 16, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2010.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Motion carries.

b. June 8, 2010- Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2010.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

c. July 20, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2010.

The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams – No report

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael – No report

3c. Village Attorney- Del Galdo Law Group, LLC- Eric Stach- No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the project plan for well # 3 improvements was submitted to the IEPA two weeks ago.

3e. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee met today. The Police Alliance Committee will be distributing cards throughout the community with the acronym CRIME on them. One side will be emphasis for the Police Department- Courteous Response Is More Encouraging and the reverse will be for the citizens- Courteous Response Is More Effective. The Police Alliance Committee is promoting unity and gathering information at the same time. The Police Alliance Committee will participate in the Lion's Club Flea Market on September 18th.

The Senior Committee will meet on Thursday, August 12th at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center and will be looking at the rules for possible rental of the Senior Center to seniors for other events will be on the agenda. There have been many requests for information on renting the Senior Center.

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

Trustee Benson stated that on August 15th at 12:00 pm Mayor Towers, Darrick Thompson and the Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting a Back to School Festival and Giveaway for the youth of Sauk Village in Welch Park. School supplies will be given away. Entertainment from a Gospel Group, Michael Jackson and the Temptations will be provided as well as Open Mike for the public. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and potato chips will be on hand. Sodas will be sold by other vendors.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the Collaborative Steering Committee meeting will be held at the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association office this Thursday, August 12th at 9:00 am. Topics on the agenda include grant opportunities for possible housing developments, rehab and demolition under the Sustainable Community Initiatives Grant and land banks. Trustee Hanks will work with a committee person to see if Sauk Village is eligible for grants for the demolition of the two properties that have been discussed recently.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee has reviewed the Chief of Staff and high grass ordinances. These ordinances have been submitted to the Board. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will be working on the revised saggy pants ordinance at the next meeting on August 18th at 7 pm. The Committee is planning on inviting the high school Superintendent to a meeting to discuss the truancy ordinance. Trustee Myers will be presenting the walking in the streets ordinance to Interim Police Chief Holevis for review to present to the committee on the 18th.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee put on a Showcase of Surreybrook Plaza on July 31st. It was a great success that included discounts from the businesses and outside vendors. Some businesses saw an increase in their normal sales during that time. Please support local businesses. Trustee Burgess thanked the Economic Development Committee, Police Department, Fire Department, ESDA and Public Works for their help and dedication in helping to make the event run smoothly.

Trustee Burgess commented that he is aware that we have not paid the dues for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association but the Village needs to reach out to them as soon as possible. This is a source of networking to find out about grants from the State and County. SSMMA still invites Sauk Village to presentations but it would benefit the Village to be an active part of SSMMA. Trustee Burgess suggested that this should be on the agenda next Tuesday. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee met Wednesday, August 4th 2010. The upcoming Sauk Talk and items for the web site were discussed. Updates, bios and pictures are still needed from the department heads and elected officials for the new website as soon as possible. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, August 27th by midnight- no exceptions. Anything not received by that time will not be placed in the Sauk Talk. All articles should be submitted electronically. A copy of the Sauk Talk policy is available upon request. All committees, department heads and elected officials who do not submit an article will be listed as no submission to avoid questions of why there is no article.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis stated that he spoke with Mayor Towers regarding necessary purchases and will be providing an update. The vests have been ordered. The stolen property has been entered into the computer. Some items have been returned. A report will be made listing the remaining missing items. Copies of the Tobacco Enforcement Grant were given to the Board as requested. There were several memos regarding this grant but there was no follow through.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department assisted in thirteen calls during the period of August 3rd and August 9th. The second annual Fire Camp started August 9th. There are 32 kids participating who will learn about fire prevention and how and why firemen do what they do.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the Public Works department continues to spread wood chips in the parks. The department also handled four sanitary sewer calls due to the rain; most were related to sump pumps. DH Weller stated that free wood chips will be delivered to residents who request them. There will be a pre-training session on

August 6th regarding hydrant repairs. Additional classes will be added. There was a water main break repaired on 226th and Nichols.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski gave a property maintenance update; 379 letters have been sent out and 263 residents have completed the repairs. Residents can call for an extension or may get ticketed. There have no calls back regarding the demolitions.

5e. Finance Director: Ms. Gibson

There will be a second notice mailing for residents who did not acquire their Village stickers.

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

DH Johnson stated that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 6 different incidents including the Shine Fest.

5g. 911 Board- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that on February 23, 2010 the Village made the annual maintenance payment on the 911 system. On April 22, 2010 the ETS board reimbursed the Village \$30,000.00 leaving a balance of \$26,000.00 due to the Village. A conference call was held with the 911 board and it was decided that the balance will be made payable to the Village of Sauk Village.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving a Proposal with Mop Heads Janitorial for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Participate in the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition's Interpretive Mural Project for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7c. A Resolution to Adopt IMRF Early Retirement Incentive

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution stated above.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

July 28, 2010 – August 10, 2010

Trustee Burgess questioned Invoice # 3618 on page 2 under Parks and Recreation. Trustee Burgess asked what the items were being used for if the basketball program is over. Finance Director Gibson stated that items are stockpiled and sold when the Community Center is open. Trustee Burgess stated that an accounting of the money that was collected has not been brought before the Board. Trustee Benson stated that a report has been prepared and presented to the Board a couple of times. Finance Director Gibson stated that the report that was passed out shows a projection of expected income and expense for the upcoming budget and actual numbers for this year.

Trustee Hanks stated that the amount on the first page in the amount of \$4,500.00 for Gonzalez and Associates was already paid even though the Board tabled this item previously. Trustee Hanks asked what will be done in the future to keep this from happening again.

Finance Director Gibson stated that to her knowledge the check was not sent out after it was removed from the last Accounts Payable due to questions from a Trustee. It was discovered later that the check went out after the Trustee's question was satisfied. Trustee Hanks stated that this has happened before and a procedure needs to be in place to prevent it from happening again. This item was removed from the payables and sent out before it was placed on the current Accounts Payables to be approved. Trustee Anderson asked if there will be disciplinary action taken. FD Gibson stated that going forward there will be a policy in place and better communication with the staff.

Trustee Hanks stated that he spoke with FD Gibson about only approving payroll, insurance and bonds.

FD Gibson stated that everything needs to be paid. Mayor Towers stated that FD Gibson does a very good job of knowing what is priority; those items are placed on the Accounts Payable.

A motion to approve the accounts payable as stated above was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8b. Healing Hands Spa (Discussion of Revocation of Business License)

Trustee Benson asked if there was an ongoing investigation. Interim Chief Holevis stated that there was currently no investigation in place. Trustee Benson asked if there is no current investigation in place why is the business closed. Mayor Towers stated that the business was closed due to the illegal activity taking place. Mayor Towers stated that he felt it was necessary to suspend the license until a hearing has been conducted.

Trustee Benson stated that he cannot vote on this because nothing was brought to the Board.

Mayor Towers stated that a written report was given to the Board by IC Holevis.

Trustee Benson stated that he did not see the report. Trustee Hanks did not see the report but did read it in the newspaper.

Trustee Myers asked IC Holevis to repeat the charges that were made against this business. IC Holevis stated that prostitution charges were placed on a male and a female and there was one pandering charge.

Trustee Myers stated that this is immoral and the license should be suspended. Trustee Benson stated that without a written document the Village can be taken to court. You can't make verbal allegations; it has to be proven. Trustee Williams asked IC Holevis to verify without giving out sensitive information that there was an anonymous tip, it was reviewed and there is documentation and that a report is on file. IC Holevis stated that an undercover operation was set up and several arrests were made. Trustee Williams stated that suspending the license pending a hearing is standard procedure that has been followed in the past with another business.

Trustee Hanks agreed stating that the information needs to be provided to the Board and that the Board move forward with the hearing in the required time period. Village Attorney Stach suggested including stating in the motion that there is a clear and present danger and the facility is a nuisance in fact.

A motion was made by Trustee Burgess to suspend the license for ten days with the understanding that there will be a hearing within eight days. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8c. An Ordinance Authorizing a Referendum/ Referenda to be placed on the November 2010 General Election Ballot for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Trustee Williams pointed out that the Village is in dire straits and in the process of making very tough decisions regarding cuts in personnel, cuts in services, cuts in programs, etc... Trustee Williams explained that the Village gets approximately 20% of the entire property tax paid by homeowners. A proposed 10% increase would only increase the 20% paid to the Village not the entire tax bill. In simple numbers, if the tax bill was \$100.00 and the Village gets 20% which is \$20.00 the 10% increase would add another \$2.00 to the taxes paid. The entire tax bill would be \$22.00. Only the Village portion would be increased. There needs to be a supplement. The Village is looking at massive cuts in personnel and services. Trustee Williams asked the Board to support this ordinance and send the referendum to the people to decide. Trustee Williams stated that if the Board approves the ordinance authorizing the referendum it does not go into affect until after it is filed with the County and placed on the ballot in the November election. Trustee Williams stated that there will be much information placed within the community about the projected amount of money this will generate, how this will affect the residents and what services may be able to be saved before residents are asked to yes or no to the referendum. Trustee Williams thanked FD Gibson for the amazing power point presentation she created. This will be used at the multiple forums she plans to hold to educate the residents about this referendum. Trustee Hanks stated that he understood the financial situation of the Village but he feels that placing this on the November ballot is sneaky and underhanded. There is no Village election in November. Trustee Hanks suggested waiting until April when the Village holds it election. The turnout in off elections is down. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Williams and FD Gibson did a great job putting it together but it should be postponed. Mayor Towers agreed that waiting until the April election would allow the residents more time to be educated about the referendum without appearing to shove it down their throats. Trustee Burgess stated that he deals in facts. The Village does not have the money to continue servicing the residents. It is doubtful if we can make payroll every two weeks. There is no other way to raise money without borrowing it and the Village cannot borrow its way out of debt. We need to find a way. There are a lot of foreclosures at this time. Trustee Burgess used the scenario of 20% of \$5,000.00 per year is \$1,000.00; ten percent of that is \$100.00. That is what it would cost a homeowner who pays \$5,000.00 per year- \$100.00. Asking for a referendum means giving you a plan of what will be done with the increase. It takes all of us to save money. The Village may be asking employees to take a cut, some departments may be closed and outsourced. There is no recovery plan. The Village waited too long to deal with the water. In April the increase may have to go to 20%. Trustee Williams stated she brought this up a couple of weeks ago as an idea for the April election as a cost savings initiative but this is an urgent situation. The last day to file for the November election is Monday. The Board will be making difficult decisions that could include cutting entire departments. Certain elected officials are already inquiring about bringing in County Police. Residents will be complaining about streets not getting plowed timely. That is a true fact. Trustee Williams stated that meeting after meeting it is stated that the Village cannot make payroll without possibly cutting 16 people from the job force, this is making it hard for her to sleep at night. The time to educate the citizens will come. When there is an issue as important as this word gets out. It is a fact that Mayor and Trustee elections bring out more

voters but there other important issues to vote on in November, such as the State representatives, who are going to run your finances on a State level. Trustee Williams asked the Board to allow the residents to make the decision because it is the residents who will be calling due to the lack of services. Citizens have the right to keep their services. Trustee Williams will be spearheading educating the public; nothing will be snuck in. There will be much education on how this will affect the public. Let the people make the final vote. If it fails in November we gave them the opportunity. The Board voting no now means that we are shutting them out and that we are saying that the residents are not educated enough to realize how this will affect us. Trustee Hanks asked if the referendum is approved tonight and it is placed on the November ballot and voted favorably by the residents when will the Village see any revenue come in. Trustee Hanks also asked if the referendum is voted down will it be placed on the April ballot.

Finance Director Gibson stated that revenue will come in as soon as March 2011. Trustee Williams stated that if the referendum were on the November ballot and failed she would feel that she did not do her job educating the residents enough and would ask that it be placed on the April ballot to reaffirm and find a different way to explain the necessity of the increase. Trustee Williams confirmed that it does take a while to come in. Waiting until April we would not see the revenue until November 2011.

Trustee Anderson stated that she does not favor the referendum. The Board has stated several times that we would look at creative ways to get funding but that we would not balance the deficit on the backs of the taxpayers. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board can already raise the taxes by 4.9% without a referendum. Increasing fees has been discussed. A 20% increase was discussed over a year ago. If that increase was approved then we would not be where we are now. Everything is open for people to see. The State may also be raising taxes.

Trustee Williams asked if we weren't putting it on the backs of taxpayers that would mean not increasing taxes or fees. Trustee Myers stated that the residents should have the chance to say yes or no whether it is April or now. Trustee Myers stated that he has never been in favor of raising taxes but we are getting ready to lay off people. In November we will get the money sooner. Waiting until April means we could lose a lot of people. Trustee Benson agreed that the April election will have a higher turnout and that we would want a higher percentage of residents to voice their opinion.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson, Benson and Hanks.

Mayor Towers breaks the tie with a vote of Nay.

Motion failed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that a flyer is circulating about the Back to School event that lists Mayor Towers, the Parks and Recreation Committee and candidates in the upcoming trustee election as sponsors with verbiage that includes "Citizens to Elect___". This is political and gives the impression that the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Mayor support these candidates. The Board was not aware of the event until tonight. Trustee Burgess stated that this was a great effort and clarified that there will be no monetary contribution from the Village and the Village is not claiming to support these candidates due to their sponsoring this event. Mayor Towers agreed

that any references to "Citizens to Elect" should be removed from the flyer if the Parks and Recreation Committee are also listed.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board received a memo from IC Holevis stating that we lost the last year of funding for the Tobacco Grant due to non filing of the appropriate paperwork. It has been reported to the Board that this grant of \$1,100.00 was received. FD Gibson and IC Holevis will research this and report back to the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Sauk Village Lion's Club will be hosting a flea market/craft show on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 8 am -2 pm at St. James Church. The 16' X 34' spaces are available for \$25.00. Call Pam Scott at 708/757-2170.

Trustee Myers stated that Shine Gospel Fest was well attended. Five churches and seven ministers participated. Free food and entertainment were enjoyed by all.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Judy Cast asked IC Holevis what items have not been returned from ex-Police Chief Martin. Judy was happy to hear the vests have been ordered. IC Holevis stated that he does not have a complete list prepared.

Judy questioned if the Village is liable for any damages while a football program run by a separate business operated by a trustee is conducted on Village property. Mayor Towers stated that it would be the responsibility of the private organization not the Village. Village Attorney Stach responded that there would be considerable legal defense so the Village would not be liable. Judy stated that Pop Warner, two ex employees and the affiliation with Sauk Village Parks and Recreation are still on Trustee Benson's private organization's website.

Darrick Thompson stated that as a Parks and Recreation committee member he took on the responsibility of raising the money for the Back to School event when the Village was unable to do so. He is working with the Parks and Recreation Committee to bring this event to the Village. "Citizens to Elect_____" was one of his biggest sponsors. Darrick would rather see the name of Parks and Recreation removed rather than "Citizens to Elect _____".

Nathan Griffin asked what the curfew is in Sauk Village and if the playing in the streets ordinance is being enforced. Parents should be responsible for their kids. IC Holevis stated that the curfew is 11:00 pm and the ordinance should be enforced when reported.

Linda Washington stated that she will work with Darrick Thompson to provide the kids in Sauk Village school supplies for the Back to School event.

Claude Hines stated that we need more businesses in Sauk Village that would provide jobs for our youth. Claude has an idea and is looking at some land on Torrence Avenue; he needs paperwork from the Mayor and his staff.

Pat Couch stated that she heard that there is a grant available for small communities that are in danger of losing members of their Police and Fire departments and teachers; this is a better alternative to reaching out to the Cook County Police. Pat complained about a nuisance house on her block. Pat stated that information regarding the Healing Hands Spa was reported in the newspaper. There were inappropriate actions taking place at that place of business.

Michelle Rylander asked why there has not been a Collector's Report since October of 2009. The Collector's Report is supposed to be read monthly. Michelle asked when she can get a copy. Mayor Towers stated that the Finance Director is overburdened. FD Gibson stated that she will respond to a FOIA if submitted.

Larry Stewart also heard the news about the grant that could assist the community. This should be assigned to someone to investigate.

Elizabeth Pratt presented the Board with a packet of information regarding the Movie in the Park hosted by the Sauk Village Beautification Committee. Flyers are also being passed out. The free movie will be shown on August 27, 2010 behind the Municipal Center. Pizza and other refreshments will be sold in order to raise funds for the committee. Elizabeth stated that she also asked for a Collector's Report. Instead she received a different, but very detailed, report from 2009 that shows there was money there. What went wrong? Elizabeth stated that her calculations show that the Village should be kept afloat on property taxes alone. There should not be employees being laid off. Elizabeth suggested a \$1.00 increase on the water bill to help bring the Sauk Talk and other services back. Elizabeth asked where the grant for Parks and Recreation went. Elizabeth stated that the Public Works Department laid wood chips in the parks and they look great but painting still needs to be painting done. Elizabeth suggested asking Behr Paint to donate the paint.

Mayor Towers will investigate the Parks and Recreation grant.

John Hinko asked if there is still Village Sticker enforcement and road blocks. John stated that people who live in the apartments still have city stickers. Mayor Towers stated that he is working with IC Holevis to set that up. DH Jasinski stated that tickets are issued but people do not show up in court or pay the ticket. John also stated that kids are running rampant in the streets; there has been a big difference with the new Chief.

Delores Brady stated that there have been several home break-ins lately. There was a solicitor at her home late at night (7:15 pm) selling security systems. Mayor Towers told residents to call the police to verify if the company has a permit.

Bernice Houston stated that the Village is applying for a 2.2 million dollar loan from the IEPA to repair well #3 and water bills will increase. Bernice asked if there are any other future increases planned besides a possible tax increase. Mayor Towers stated that a tax increase may go to referendum but the citizens will be fully informed in order to make an educated decision.

Rose Langston commented that whoever has the floor should be speaking to the Board not the public and the gavel should be used when necessary.

Carl Rylander asked what is being done about cutting salaries 20%, furlough days, the insurance tiers, etc... Mayor Towers stated that the Village is waiting for the unions to reply.

Carl asked if there is no Collector's Report available; how can the Board see what money is coming in. FD Gibson stated that the Board is given information to make an intelligent decision. Carl stated that residents see the Accounts Payable but they do not see what is coming in. The residents should know the exact status of the Village. FD Gibson instructed Carl to do a FOIA request for the information.

Mike Bartnicki stated that most residents do not know the financial situation of the Village. There should be a special edition of the Sauk Talk alerting the residents that more money is going out than coming in. The economy has affected everyone including the state. We need to put the tax referendum on the November ballot and make people other than the ones who attend this meeting aware of the financial state of the Village. Mike asked if the Illinois Attorney General is pursuing any investigation with regards to the former Chief of Staff or the former Police Chief. Mayor Towers answered affirmatively for the Chief of Staff and negatively to the Police Chief. Mike asked the status of the grievances; how many are there. Mayor Towers stated that the attorneys are working on them; some have gone to arbitration.

Nancy Baker stated that she is a long time member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Ordinance Review Committee. Nancy asked who to report that the Back to School or Special Events Committee meetings may be violating the Open Meetings Act. Nancy asked why residents have to fill out a FOIA request for everything; we should know what is happening. Nancy stated that someone should proof all flyers before they are circulated.

Frank Harvey stated that there should be a time limit and a bell. Mayor Towers stated that the Board voted against a time limit.

Ed Shankel also asked where the Parks and Recreation grant money went. Mayor Towers stated that it will be investigated. FD Gibson stated that there are no documents in her office. When the documents are acquired she will give a report.

Ed asked where the speed machine is and if it can be moved every week. The speed machine is being charged. Ed stated that we should keep our money at home. We need to hire qualified people in town. Ed asked how many people work here and live out of town and what their salaries are. He will do a FOIA request.

Cecil Tates stated that legal guidance is needed to get the Board on track.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel.

Trustee Benson asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting is adjourned at 10:50 pm.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/2(C)(1)(2010))

The meeting was reconvened at 12:17 am. Mayor Towers asked for the roll call.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 am.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: 10-5-10

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, AUGUST 17, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

1. Canadian National Railroad- Mr. Eric Jakubowski

Mr. Eric Jakubowski- Canadian National Railroad and Tony Pakeltis met with the Board regarding Canadian National railroad's acquisition of the EJ&E railroad in January of 2009 and the impact of what integrating that railroad into their network would have on the community. CN is one of the six largest railroads in the United States. Chicago is the hub of the operations. CN is headquartered in Montreal; the US operations headquarters is located in Homewood. Wisconsin Central, Illinois Central and Grand Trunk railroads are all a part of CN railroad. CN needed the ability to tie multiple rail lines that converge in Chicago together.

Negotiated agreements have been reached with most of the communities that had defined impact with the EJ&E railroad. Assessments will be done regarding the location of the schools, emergency response facilities and neighbors of the rail lines (specific homes and subdivisions that would be impacted by train noise). Houses to the north of the tracks and to the west of Torrence Avenue could be affected by horn blowing. A constant warning device has already been added as a precursor to the Village applying for a Quiet Zone designation with the Federal Railroad Association to allow the railroad not to blow. CN is prepared to pay for the engineering assessment. CN is prepared to offer specific incident training for the Village's emergency responders. CN will offer the Village an Emergency Dispatch view of approaching trains. CN will assume all costs to connect Village emergency dispatchers with a real time view of approaching trains to plan routing. CN has already installed safety fencing near parks and schools in Sauk Village. CN will add fencing to secure their right of way; allowing Village and utilities to access. The Voluntary Mitigation Agreement, which includes the above, is an agreement between the Village and CN that will be filed with the Service Transportation Board to make sure that CN fulfills their obligation under that agreement. CN will support other safety measures including median barriers and full concrete curb.

Trustee Burgess asked if there is a possibility of a passenger stop in Sauk Village. Eric stated that CN is not a passenger railroad. Metra runs parallel to CN. The Star Line is under discussion which may run their trains over the CN and build their own stations on their own right of way. The design scheme under discussion is Joliet north towards Hoffman Estates. Trustee Burgess asked how this will affect the Industrial Park spur. Eric stated that the railroad will be a large part of the Industrial Park.

Chief Stoffregen asked if there will be Hazmat training. Eric stated that Hazmat and other types of training will be offered. Chief Stoffregen also asked if there will be an alarm system. Eric stated that there will be a system in place to signal an alert.

Trustee Myers asked how many trains will pass per day and how long will it be blocked. Eric stated that with the acquisition there will be approximately 16-18 per day but within three years it could possibly be 34 trains

per day. Eric stated that the average train is 7,000 feet moving at 45 miles per hour and it should just be a 2-3 minutes. The STB wants areas monitored that are over 10 minutes; that is not an issue here.

Trustee Myers stated that many residents live on the other side of the tracks and asked if the train could be stopped in an emergency. There have been past difficulties with the railroad being too long. Eric stated that CN will work with dispatchers. Dispatchers will also be alerted if the railroad is facing problems.

Trustee Hanks asked if there is a certain time of day the 30 or more trains would run. Eric stated that further north Metra crosses with CN so many trains will not run through rush hour. More trains may run during night hours.

Trustee Hanks stated that Torrence Avenue is a State road; would the Village still apply for the Quiet Zone. Eric stated that the Village would still be the party in affect to reach the agreement. IDOT would be involved in the process but the Village would take the responsibility.

Trustee Hanks stated that there are two tracks there; does CN own both tracks. Eric stated that CN does not own the second track and that could be a problem with regards to the Quiet Zone. The second tracks are owned by Norfolk Southern and are currently not seeing traffic. This track used to service the Chicago Heights Stamping plant. CN is currently in discussion with IDOT and Norfolk Southern regarding these tracks.

Trustee Myers asked about the communities. Eric stated that specific locations have trackage rights; they a right to run their trains over other tracks.

Mayor Towers asked how the homes most affected by the railroad would benefit from the Quiet Zone and how would it affect their property foundations. Eric stated that the homes are far enough away from the trains that the noise is not that dramatic. The horn blowing that occurs when the trains approach crossings warrant further consideration. CN supports the Quiet Zone designation. Eric stated that vibration has been investigated thoroughly in other communities and there has never been an incident.

Trustee Myers asked for clarification on the hiring of engineering consultants. Eric suggested the Village bring in their own engineering consultant and CN would pay upfront. Eric suggests communities to file the applications together. Park Forest is looking into a Quiet Zone.

Eric will work with Mayor Towers and staff to help provide a formal agreement at a future meeting.

2. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustee

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due August 27th by midnight.

Trustee Burgess stated that Economic Development will meet Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30 pm.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee met Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The Senior Committee is sponsoring the next Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 9th from 3-6 pm at the Senior Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Morgan Family and Line Dancing by Miss Flora Haynes. A list of supplies will be submitted for Board approval. The supplies will cost between \$300.00 and \$350.00 and will be purchased out of the Senior Committee checking account.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will not meet tomorrow due to the Special meeting that is scheduled. Notices have been posted that the next meeting will take place Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 7 pm.

3. Questions from the Audience

Carl Rylander asked if the Village could get assurance that the dispatchers can turn off the railroad in

a traffic jam. There could be traffic jams in Dyer and Crete Intermodal. Mayor Towers stated that they will work with dispatchers.

Carl stated that they can run 10,000 ft. trains that span 2 miles. There needs to be a contingency plan. Carl said hazardous materials have been a problem for quite a while; hazmat training and materials to contain further damage is needed.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel and pending litigation.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

5. Executive Session

a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/©(1)(2010).

b. Discuss filed and pending litigation; discuss status and possible settlement (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2©(11)(2010).

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 10-5-10

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, **AUGUST 18, 2010.**

1.Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

On roll call:

Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

A quorum was present.

Village Clerk Williams was also absent. Deputy Clerk Baughman was present.

2.Revocation of Business License Hearing- Healing Hands Spa

The special meeting was called by Mayor Lewis Towers at the request of the Village Prosecutor. Notice was issued in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Towers stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to determine if the business license of the Healing Hands Spa should be revoked for up to ten days for the health, welfare and general safety of the Village residents pending a hearing within ten days to determine if the license should be permanently revoked.

Mayor Towers turned the proceedings over to Village Prosecutor Dennis Gianopolus.

VP Gianopolus stated that notice of today's hearing was sent by certified mail and hand delivered as well as notice given to local publications regarding the request for the revocation of the business license for the Healing Hands Spa located at 1707 Sauk Trail in Sauk Village. The Healing Hands Spa was represented by Nathaniel Hsieh. VP Gianopolus stated that he has spoken with the attorney representing the Healing Hands Spa throughout the day and most recently just before the meeting tonight to determine how to solve the matter without revocation of the business license. VP Gianopolus stated his recommendation to the Board with the understanding that if the Board chooses not to follow his recommendation the hearing will continue.

VP Gianopolus suggested placing the business on probation for a period of 12 months in lieu of revocation of the license with the following conditions:

1.Any violation of an ordinance or statute during the probationary period arising in the operation of the subject business would result in the immediate revocation of the business license without the necessity of a revocation hearing and with the full waiver of any rights to appeal or review that revocation should it come to be.

2.The individual agents of the business that were involved in this transaction specifically would not be permitted to be present at the business and would not work as an agent or employee of this business.

3.The prosecutor's office and the Village Attorney retains the right to notify the State licensing board responsible for the issuance of individual licenses to the employee of the facts and circumstances surrounding what had transpired so that they may or may not in their discretion take any action with respect to the individual licenses that was issued to at least one of the two; one is licensed by the State and one may not be licensed to the State.

4. A fine of \$2,000.00 will be imposed to help recoup costs of the investigation and to penalize the business for the alleged violation.

5. Anyone performing massage therapy services as allowed by State statute must be licensed by the State. Failure to do so may serve as a revocation of this agreement.

Trustee Benson stated that the allegations need to be disclosed to the Board before they can decide whether or not a hearing is warranted.

VP Gianopolus stated that in summary, if a hearing were held, Sauk Village police Officer Morris would state that as part of an investigation he entered the business location and engaged the services of a purported massage therapist. The massage that was offered went far beyond the bounds of a massage as contemplated by the State's licensing act; there was inappropriate touching of the genitalia. The services were paid by using marked funds. The evidence would show that arrests were made as a result of the incident. Trustee Benson asked if there have been criminal charges filed. The matter involving the two individuals is separate from the matter of the hearing of the business. VP Giannopoulos stated that the business has not been criminally charged; he is not aware of the status of the two individuals.

Trustee Benson stated that if there is no proof to his allegations that the Village may be involved in litigation. VP Giannopoulos stated again that the Board is not concerned with criminal charges and is only concerned with the allegations regarding the business, not the individuals, and that the Village ordinance violations must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence by 51%.

Mr. Hsih stated that notice of the hearing was presented August 13th with the hearing date of August 18th leaving only five days to present their case. The two individuals charged have still not appeared in court yet. Mr. Hsih stated that taking due process into consideration it is preferred that the hearing be postponed until after the court case for the two individuals is completed. They cannot appear in this hearing while their case is ongoing. Without acknowledging any fault in this case, they are agreeing to the proposal made by the Village Prosecutor with the exception of the \$2,000.00 fine which the business owner feels is burdensome. They would like the business to remain open in a law abiding manner with a consideration of a reduction in the fine. Mr. Hsih would like to come to an agreement of the proposal or to postpone the hearing pending the completion of the court case for the individuals.

Mayor Towers asked for comments from the Board.

Trustee Benson stated that taking any actions before a complete investigation and conviction against the individuals makes this hearing out of order. The Village could face possible litigation. Trustee Benson stated that he will not vote on this matter. Trustee Benson asked why this matter was brought before the Adjudicator and not to the Village Attorney. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Adjudicator is here for the purpose of the hearing.

Mayor Towers stated that the business before the Board is not pertaining to the individuals but rather to the actions that took place within the business.

Trustee Myers stated that the provisions on the license do not include inappropriate touching. The business is aware that they must follow all Village ordinances or their license may be pulled. All employees should have proper State certification. Trustee Myers asked if the hearing will interfere with the criminal investigation. VP Gianopolus stated that it would not.

Trustee Hanks stated that more facts need to be provided to determine if closing the business is

warranted. The Board is following the ordinance in due process by holding a hearing; how does the agreement affect the current ordinance stating that another hearing will not be necessary if it happens again.

VP Giannopoulos stated that the Board is following the ordinance at this time but the proposal is a voluntary agreement to relinquish those rights afforded by ordinance and a waiver of the right to have a revocation hearing with the understanding that the Village would not attempt to revoke the business license for arbitrary reasons.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board should go through with the hearing in order to hear all of the facts to see if the license should be revoked.

Trustee Anderson stated that the agreement states that the business owner has agreed to end the employment of the individuals in question and he would like to maintain his business in Sauk Village. Trustee Anderson stated that if the proposal is accepted it is not to mean that the Board does not support the actions or integrity of the Police Department.

VP Giannopoulos stated that he was impressed by the level of cooperation provided by the Police Department.

Trustee Burgess stated that keeping businesses in the Village is important but Village businesses need to operate with proper licensing. People make mistakes; he does not mind giving them a second chance. They will be watched closely and according to the agreement they waive a hearing if this happens again; they will just be shut down.

Mr. Hsih wants to allow the owner of the business to explain his intentions.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board needs to decide whether or not to accept the agreement.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to accept the agreement as stated previously. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion. Trustee Hanks stated that there is still a need to hear more facts.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess and Myers

Nays: Trustee Hanks

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carries.

Mayor Towers asked Mr. Hsih if he would like to present his client at this time.

VP Gianopolus asked if a written order from the Board will follow. Village Attorney Vasselli stated that a consent order stipulating the facts will be prepared. Trustee Hanks stated that there should be a time line in place. VP Gianopolus stated that the matter should be continued subject to the call of the chair with the requirement that a consent order be prepared and provided for signature within five business days for the memorialized agreement.

If the business owner does not agree to the proposed agreement the business license should be suspended pending a hearing. VP Gianopolus recommended immediately reducing the agreement in hand written form and having the agreement executed by the business owner and the VP Gianopolus

on behalf of the Village and a consent order will be prepared in long form subject to the binding agreement entered into tonight.

Any issues can be addressed before signing the agreement. VP Gianopolus suggested a recess.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess for eight minutes; reconvening at 8:00 pm. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All in favor.

The Board recessed at 7:52 pm.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene from recess at 8:00 pm. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Williams

Mr. Hsih stated that the business owner does not understand parts of the agreement; specifically the \$2,000.00 fine.

Village Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that the agreement was created by both himself and the council for the business owner. All conditions of the agreement must be agreed to or the recommendation to the Board to accept this agreement will be withdrawn. The \$2,000.00 fine is significant enough to reimburse the Police Department for the costs of the investigation and to send a message to all businesses that there is a certain amount of conduct expected. VP Gianopolus is prepared to proceed moving with the hearing if there is no agreement.

Mr. Hsih stated that paying the \$2,000.00 fine is not appropriate at this time due to the fact that the court case for the two individuals is still pending. Mr. Hsih requested a continuance until the conclusion of that case.

VP Gianopolus recommended that the business license be suspended until a hearing is held.

Mr. Hsih stated that the business owner would like to address the Board.

Trustees Hanks and Burgess stated that the Board has already voted to accept the agreement that was presented by the Village Prosecutor and council for the business owner with his consent. All discussions with the business owner should be done at the hearing. The Board is ready to proceed with the hearing.

Trustee Anderson recommended to reconsider the previous motion and to make a motion to suspend the business license until after the criminal case is complete. VP Gianopolus agrees providing that the business owner agrees to the suspension pending the disposition of the criminal case. VP Giannopoulos recommended that if the business owner does not accept the agreement or the suspension that the hearing proceed immediately according to the code and to hear the evidence in order to make a determination regarding the business license revocation.

Trustee Hank asked VP Giannopoulos if the business owner withdraws the agreement and the board votes to begin the hearing can the council for the business owner ask for a continuance at that time.

VP Gianopolus stated affirmatively.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to move forward with the hearing. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carries

Trustee Hanks made a motion to convene with the hearing for the special meeting of August 18, 2010 at 8:20 pm in the Municipal Center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carries

The hearing began with Mr. Hsih stating that there was only five days between the receipt of the notice and the date of the hearing. Mr. Hsih requested that the hearing be continued until the pending cases regarding the individuals charged is completed allowing them the opportunity to remain silent. The two cases are scheduled for September. Mr. Hsih asked why the rush to revoke the license. This is a violation of procedural and substantive due process rights.

VP Gianopolus stated that procedures are governed by Sauk Village ordinance #110-10 which specifically sets forth procedures to be followed and the presentation of a motion seeking to revoke the license of a business. Due process rights attached to this ordinance include serving notice by certified mail and an opportunity to be heard no later than this date. VP Gianopolus hand delivered the notice in fairness to the business on his own accord and without being required to do so by ordinance. The constitutional rights of the two employees should not be intertwined; they are personal rights. This business has no right to assert the 5th Amendment right against self incrimination of someone other than the business. This is not a criminal case; the 5th Amendment does not apply. A preponderance of evidence is needed to decide property rights. The criminal case could go on for months or years.

Mr. Hsih argued that the ordinance does not state that the revocation should take place immediately. The individuals involved have rights and cannot be questioned. The ordinance states that a hearing should take place but does not suggest closing the business before a determination has been made. VP Gianopolus agreed to a continuance until which time the business owner petitions the Board with reasonable notice requesting a hearing only if the business owner agrees to cease and desist all operations until the case is disposed of.

3.Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carries

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 10-18-10

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 AUGUST 24, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

1b. On roll call

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

Absent: None

2. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel and filed and pending litigation and to discuss possible settlement.

Trustee Burgess stated that there is no need to go into executive session because there was a newspaper article out today detailing what will be discussed in executive session. The public has already been made aware of what the Board has discussed but no vote has taken place. Trustee Anderson agreed that the information in the article has already been previously discussed. There is no need for an executive session unless new information will be introduced. The possible layoff of 10-15 employees and the amount of money is basically the same. Mayor Towers stated that there is no new information but he would like to bring the department heads in to get their views regarding the layoffs in their departments and to discuss who and how many personnel will be involved in the layoffs. Trustee Benson stated that it was not necessary to bring the department heads into the meeting; that discussion should take place during the department head meetings. Department heads should not be included in executive session meetings.

Mayor Towers restated his request for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel and possible pending litigation.

The motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson and Burgess

Absent momentarily: Trustee Williams

Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:07 pm.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

3a. Discuss personnel matters (5ILCS 120/2 ©(1)(2010)

3b. Discuss filed and pending litigation, discuss status and possible settlement (consideration of this matter held in closed meeting/ executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2©(11)(2010).

4. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:40 pm.

5. CALL TO ORDER

5a. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene to open session. Trustee Hanks made the motion to reconvene. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call

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

Absent: None

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

6a. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams – No report

6b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that as of this month all Police retirement pension checks are now automated. There will no longer be manual checks mailed out.

6c. Village Attorney- Del Galdo Law Group, LLC- Eric Stach- No report

6d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that we are still waiting to get water rates from Highland and Lansing. We have received the rates from Hammond.

6e. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Sauk Village summer camp has ended. Mayor Towers thanked the CEDA program for providing 8 young men and 8 young women to act as camp counselors. Mayor Towers also thanked the SSDMC for sponsoring the camp and Catholic Charities for providing the food and snacks. Mayor Towers thanked camp directors Maxine Towers and Tokelia Williams. The kids had a great time. Mayor Towers stated that the after school program sponsored by the SSDMC started registration on Monday, August 23, 2010 at the Ed Paesel Center. Contact the community center for more information at 708/758-9115. State Representative Anthony DeLuca is sponsoring a free women's self defense seminar at the Bloom Township Center in Chicago Heights on Monday, August 30, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Call Donna Fanning for more information at 708/672-0200.

7. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

7a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee met on August 12, 2010 to plan the next quarter of events. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 3 pm – 6 pm at the Senior Center. The cost is \$5.00 and entertainment will be provided by the Morgan family and free line dancing instruction by Flora Haynes. Tickets are available from committee members, including Rose Langston and Trustee Anderson.

The Police Alliance Committee has come up with pass out cards using the acronym CRIME that is for police and citizens. One side states that Courteous Response Is More Effective and the other side reads Courteous Response Is More Encouraging.

7b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson thanked committee member Darrick Thompson for his contribution sponsoring the Back to School event. More than two hundred kids attended and received free food and school materials. Trustee Benson thanked Mayor Towers and Trustee Anderson for attending.

7c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks- No report

7d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7 pm. The proper notice and agenda was posted due to the change of the meeting date. Trustee Myers asked Interim Chief Holevis to meet with him before the meeting to discuss a pending ordinance.

7e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday August 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall. The public is invited to attend.

7f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, August 27, 2010 by midnight.

8. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

8a. Police Department: Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis stated that school is in session and full time school patrol and emergency services have resumed. IC Holevis stated that the Village has received the DUI grant. This is a statewide program that will be conducted this weekend and Labor Day weekend at no cost to the Village. There were sixty tickets written at a recent Village sticker detail. Letters were sent to eight different construction agencies asking for assistance with repairs that are necessary in the Police Department kitchen at no cost to the Village. Three supervisors have completed the required NIMS training.

8b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen- No report

8c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that there is currently a project at 219th and Gailine involving a shut off valve that should be completed by tomorrow if the parts are available. There have been complaints of street lights out on Jeffery Avenue and 225th Place/ 225th Street due to the storm last month. ComEd has been contacted twice. ComEd may be out tomorrow. DH Weller recognized Pat Couch and thanked her for the donation of one free t-shirt for every Public Works employee.

8d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

8e. Finance Director: Ms. Gibson-No report

8f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson- No report

8g. 911 Commission Board- Chief Stoffregen- No report

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion to approve and Ratify Certain Personnel Matters

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and ratify certain personnel matters.

Trustee Anderson made a motion for implementation of layoffs of Village employees in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreements, State and local laws and ordinances and the Village employee manuals and policies specifying to include 9 total employees; three from Water, three from Sewer, two from Community Development and one from Finance; and to authorize the Village staff to take the necessary and appropriate action for such layoffs to take effect.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Williams

Motion carried.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

10a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Anderson stated that during a recent Senior Committee meeting a senior asked if the paint donations from Behr Paint could be expedited. Trustee Burgess stated that he is working with Behr Paint on phase two now that we have a drop off point. Trustee Anderson thanked all of the citizens who came out to support the 3rd Annual Back to School event again sponsored by the Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization and the Right Tough Barber Shop last Sunday. Special thanks to the Fire Department and Trustee Myers who brought out the fire truck and worked with the kids explaining fire safety. Thanks also to Mayor Towers for attending the event.

Trustee Benson stated that he attended court on August 19, 2010 on behalf of Brunetta Hill-Corley in a case pending with Ed Shankel. The judge heard the allegations and interviewed the witnesses there. The judge was highly upset that the case even reached the court. The case was dismissed. Trustee Hanks stated that he did

not understand why we are discussing a court case between a former employee and a Village resident. We do not discuss all cases brought before the Village and dismissed; it would be nice to have an update on all court cases brought before the Village. Trustee Benson stated that this was brought on by a resident and it should be told. Trustee Williams also asked why this is being brought up when the specific resident who is involved was more than likely present in court and should already know the outcome. Trustee Williams stated that the Board has previously discussed how this seat should not be used to depict people in a negative manner and to stop putting people's business in the street. The comment was just as inappropriate as the newspaper article that came out today. If anyone wanted information on the outcome of the case they should have asked the parties involved.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board needs to decide on a date for the budget hearing. There still needs to be some discussion with department heads and more trimming. It could take more than one meeting.

Trustee Burgess suggested that be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Accounts Payable was left off of the agenda. Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney Stach if the Board could deviate from the agenda to pass the Accounts Payable.

Village Attorney Stach stated that a motion is needed to suspend the rules in order to approve the payments.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules to pass the Accounts Payables and Disbursements. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

Mayor Towers asked for the roll call.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Disbursements of August 24, 2010.

Trustee Myers asked for the correct amount to be approved. Finance Director Gibson stated the amount was \$311,287.52.

The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

Trustee Williams stated that there have been a lot of motions to suspend the rules due to errors on the agendas. Trustee Williams asked who oversees the agendas. Items like Accounts Payable and Comments and Questions from the Audience are on the agenda every two weeks; a template should be used. Mayor Towers stated that the agenda goes out on Fridays and everyone should look at them and point out errors. Trustee Williams stated that the Village Clerk has asked the same thing about the minutes. The Board should take time and look at both the minutes and agenda and bring corrections to someone's attention before the Board meeting. Trustee Anderson suggested that Trustee Williams take on the responsibility of proofing the agenda. Trustee Williams agreed and asked that the agenda be emailed to her.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

10b. Questions from the Audience

Ed Shankel asked Trustee Benson to repeat what he said. He could not hear what was said but it sounded like a personal attack. Trustee Benson refused to repeat it and Mayor Towers told Ed Shankel to get a copy of what was said from the Village Clerk.

Larry Stewart stated that the comment relating to the court case was out of order and should not have been brought up.

David Chick stated that the Back to School event was a huge success. He worked with Darrick Thompson to provide free food and book bags to two hundred kids. David thanked Mayor Towers and Trustee Benson for the use of the grounds and facilities and local business for the donations.

Mike Brown stated thanks to all who answered the FOIA requests he did as a school project. Mike stated that there is no intergovernmental cooperation. Mike remarked that only routine patrol can be done due to budget restraints. Mike asked why the Village is hanging on the back of the recession. What will happen if the Village cuts Police and Fire? Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village is not the only one laying off. Laying off in the Police and Fire departments is not being entertained at this time. Mike asked if bringing in Cook County is still an option. Rather than pay Cook County we should pay our Police officers. Mayor Towers stated that the Cook County Sheriff's Department is on standby in case they are needed in emergency services.

Ed Shankel stated that Trustee Benson was out of order; the Mayor should have gaveled him. Mayor Towers stated that he was not out of order; he has the right to make a comment.

Ed Shankel asked where is the \$90,000.00 for Parks and Recreation from October. Mayor Towers stated that the Finance Director is working on it.

Elizabeth Zupon asked if the Board is taking a pay cut. Mayor Towers stated that the Board has not taken a pay cut.

Rose Langston asked why the Human Relations Commission was omitted from the agenda. Village Clerk Williams stated that they are on hiatus and asked to be temporarily removed.

Carl Rylander asked what departments have been cut and what services will be affected. Will these employees be rehired when the economy gets better? Is outsourcing being considered? Mayor Towers stated that three employees from Sewer, three from Water, two from Code and one from Finance will be laid off and that he hopes that services will not be affected; outsourcing is not considered at this point. Mayor Towers stated that when the Village is back on their feet they will be the first to be brought back.

Mike Bartnicki stated the news article mentions a more thorough certified audit. It was not discussed in the open like it should be. Will there be action on that? Mayor Towers stated that there are plans for a special audit. It does not have to be voted on.

Trustee Anderson stated that the audit was not on the agenda to be discussed openly; audits are done on a regular basis.

Trustee Hanks stated that the press release was from Mayor Towers, not the Board of Trustees. The Board found out this afternoon. It was not on the agenda for vote. If the Mayor wants a special audit he can request one by bringing referrals to a Committee meeting to be reviewed and action taken at a Board meeting.

Mike stated that the press release stated that it would be brought to the Board tonight.

Mayor Towers stated that the press release states that the Village is making preparations for an audit.

Mike asked if there was an outside service working with him on the press release. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Trustee Williams asked if audit proposals will be brought to the next committee meeting. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Marion Winters stated that there is a street light on Torrence and Orion that has been out for almost a year.

DH Weller stated that an outside contractor needs to be called in; there is a financial concern.

Ed Shankel stated that when Cook County fixed the street they took out the street lights and they have not been replaced.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting is adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: 10-5-10

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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Benson will be late.

1. Lincoln Meadows- Ms. Edna Johnson, Ms. Lolita Chambers, Ms. Rosie East and Ms. Marva Pruitt

Residents of Lincoln Meadows discussed past and future efforts to beautify the Lincoln Meadows subdivision entry way. The residents have raised the funds towards this effort in the past and are now asking if they can purchase the mulch through the Public Works Department in order to save money in the future. The residents have also entered into a contract with a landscaping company to trim the bushes, provide weed killer, etc. on a monthly basis with the funds raised. The residents are seeking Board approval for them to assume the responsibility of the landscaping contract with MAC Landscaping and the purchase of the mulch through Public Works before the cold weather sets in. MAC Landscaping currently provides services to several Lincoln Meadow residents. The residents contribute \$50.00 per year to the effort of maintaining the entry way. MAC Landscaping would charge the residents \$50.00 per month for their services. All transactions would be handled through Ms. Lolita Chambers. The residents will continue to bear the costs of the landscaper and materials. The residents recognized Kevin Weller and the Public Works Department for always doing a wonderful job through the winter months with regards to snow removal. The Board agreed to provide the mulch through the Public Works Department and agreed to the landscaping contract providing as long as the contractor is licensed to do business in Sauk Village.

Marva Pruitt stated that she will be asking for the Beautification Committee to be placed on an upcoming agenda to provide the Hootsie Awards to the winners.

2. Municipal Solutions-Rita Miotti

Trustee Williams stated that Rita Miotti is not present tonight. Trustee Williams is asking for confirmation if the Board is still considering pursuing outsourcing the water billing as a cost savings initiative. This item is tabled for now due to the fact that the possible layoffs have not affected that department at this time.

3. Winpak Portion Packaging, Inc.- Mr. Andy James- DP Partners, Patrick McCormick- Winpak Portion Packaging and Shannon O'Hare and Mr. Jason Lake- NexGen

Andy James gave a basic status report on a Build to Suit agreement between DP Partners and Winpak Packaging, Inc. for a 267,000 square foot manufacturing facility that will be rail served and have an expansion component. DP Partners, NLI and Sauk Village will work together to facilitate the deal. DP Partners is also working to negotiate the current redevelopment agreement between DP Partners and Sauk Village and is committed to pay \$100,000.00 to Sauk Village between now and the end of the year. The Admin expense reimbursement will be increased from \$150,000.00 to \$250,000.00 per year until TIF 3 runs out in 2028 or 2029. The Winpak deal does not affect those figures; however, there will be an impact fee of \$442,000.00 to the Village under the current redevelopment agreement. Jason Lake gave a summary of the project which includes a minimum of approximately 40 jobs with an average salary of \$35,000.00 per year with room for expansion. Winpak hopes to break ground April 2011 with a fourth quarter delivery. The Class 8 property taxes could be \$200,000.00 per year. Winpak is asking the Board to approve a conditional resolution for an

application for a Class 8 at the next regular Board meeting due to the significant cost differential between this site and others. Winpak also requests use of the State Enterprise Zone tax incentives and tax credits that are available.

Patrick McCormick explained that Winpak is the largest producer of single serve packages. Winpak is a family oriented organization that is a solid company with a solid future. Jason stated that he spoke with the Mayor about conducting a job fair among Sauk Village residents to allow them the first opportunities for employment.

Trustee Burgess asked if the TIF consultants were aware of the project. Mayor Towers stated that everyone is on board. Trustee Burgess asked to be included in future negotiations as the chairman of Economic Development. Trustee Hanks spoke with Kane, McKenna, Lou Vitullo and the attorneys. They are in support of the project and are asking for a fast track.

Trustee Anderson asked for clarification of an Enterprise Zone and Class 8 property tax classification. Jason Lake clarified that Cook County property taxes inhibit development. A Class 6 B is common and essentially the same as a Class 8. Class 8 is available in municipalities that are in need of help. If the Class 8 resolution is approved when the project is completed it will fast track the project through Cook County.

The conditional resolution will be included on the agenda next week.

Mayor Towers stated that this project will also assist in the funding of the basketball courts behind the Village Hall.

4. Resignation of current Village Attorney- Del Galdo Law Group, LLC.

Mayor Towers stated that he informed the Del Galdo Law Group that the Board is considering hiring an in house attorney instead of a law firm as a cost savings initiative. The Del Galdo Group was surprised and disappointed. Mayor Towers stated that the Del Galdo Law Group will be putting in their resignation as the Village attorney at this point.

Trustee Hanks stated that it was discussed in executive session to explore the possibility as a possible cost savings between bringing on an in house attorney versus a firm. It was stated that an investigation should be conducted among other municipalities. This research has not been conducted and discussing this with the Del Galdo group was premature. This was still in the exploring phase. Information that was requested by the Board has not been presented and no decisions have been made. Trustee Hanks stated that he also has spoken with the Del Galdo Group. There are a lot of open court cases and issues that require attention; the wrong message may have been sent to the law firm. Trustee Hanks cautioned that it is best not to move too quickly so that nothing falls through the cracks. They have agreed to work with the Village until a qualified individual is found to transition to. Mayor Towers stated that he has spoken with Mike Del Galdo and that information regarding their resignation is included in the Board packets. Trustee Hanks stated that he believes that Del Galdo is under the impression that someone is already in place to fill the position. He assured Del Galdo that no one has ever been brought before the Board for consideration. Mayor Towers stated that the Board directed him, as the Chief of Staff, to find ways to save money which included finding a Village attorney. Trustee Hanks stated that the suggestion was made but that several things needed to be investigated and brought back to the table before a decision to proceed could be made by the Board; this moved too quickly.

Trustee Williams stated that the Del Galdo resignation letter that is dated September 3rd states that the Village will be hiring an in house attorney on September 7th and that all pending litigation will be transitioned by

September 10th. Trustee Williams agreed that discussions did take place during executive session regarding what type of inquiries would be made before discussing the issue further; no decision was made to move forward. The transition includes over 60 grievances, all EEOC complaints, the IEPA issue and more. Mayor Towers stated that the new attorney will be voted on at the meeting of September 14th. The letter has a typo; the new firm will stay in place until after the new attorney is appointed and will transition all files and take on all general service for the Village immediately after September 14th. Trustee Anderson disagreed with both Trustees Hanks and Williams. Trustee Anderson stated that discussions have taken place for over one month in executive session and by audience members that there have been concerns regarding the services rendered by the Del Galdo Group. Mayor Towers is acting on the Board's direction. Trustee Williams stated that there have been issues with the Del Galdo Group; mostly pertaining to the fact that there were different attorneys from week to week. When questions were presented to one attorney the information was not always relayed to the other attorneys or the Board. A list of qualifications, salary, business hours and roles and responsibilities were to be discussed before any further action would be taken by the Board. There is an appointment of a new attorney on this agenda with no information regarding the qualifications, salaries or responsibilities of this appointed attorney. Trustee Williams does not support a transition of one week. Trustee Anderson again disagreed. There were discussions in executive session that generally discussed the roles and responsibilities and hours as well as salary. Trustee Hanks stated that discussions did take place but no research has been done, job discussion or salary was not finalized and the job was not posted for bids and no interviews have taken place. There is an appointment by the Mayor without other qualified candidates being presented to the Board. It was discussed that there would be more research to decide if an in house attorney was feasible and if it would provide a cost savings to the Village. This was discussed along with other cost savings initiatives that are also still under discussion. Trustee Anderson stated that this would be an immediate cost savings to the Village. Trustee Hanks stated that there is no proof that the cost savings would be there. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board had discussed putting a cap on the amount that would be allowed for attorney fees. Trustee Myers agreed that discussions did take place in executive session. There is information that is not included in the resume provided to the Board that he would like to discuss with the new firm. Trustee Myers agreed that there were problems with the Del Galdo Group but he did speak with them and they agreed to stay on until a transition is in place. Trustee Myers also suggested setting up interviews with other candidates. Trustee Benson agreed with Trustee Anderson that the discussion has been ongoing for a couple of months. The Board agreed with Trustee Burgess that an individual attorney was the direction to take. Trustee Benson stated that the letter from Del Galdo states that they are resigning now and will transition with the new attorney and continue to work on the TIF. The letter does not state that they will continue until we find some one else. Trustee Benson stated that if Trustees Hanks and Myers received that information from Del Galdo then Del Galdo has to notify the Board in writing. Trustee Williams suggested that the Board not accept the resignation of the Del Galdo Law Group until further investigation. Also, it is the Mayor's right to appoint but it is the Board's right to appropriate funds and there is no mention of the amount that the new firm will charge. Trustee Burgess stated that there is no job description for the new attorney and it is unclear what duties Del Galdo may still be doing for the Village. There is mention of a September 9th court date that Del Galdo previously stated they could not represent the Village on due to a conflict of interest; now they say they will represent us on that matter until someone else is in place. Trustee Burgess asked if salary and a contract have

been discussed. There has never been a contract with a Village attorney. Mayor Towers stated that he will be discussing the proposed agreement, not a contract, with the individual and the Board in executive session. Trustee Burgess stated that if an agreement is signed it becomes a binding contract. The job duties, the salary and the fact that no contract will be signed needs to be clarified.

Trustee Williams stated that a salaried in house attorney will save the Village based on a review of the legal bills where many unnecessary charges and charges not related to the business of the Village were incurred in the past. Mayor Towers stated that those charges should no longer be an issue since everyone has been in their position long enough to have grown from that; a lot of those charges were unnecessary.

Trustee Hanks restated that discussions were held as a matter of only exploring the possibility. There has been no job description or salary decided on by the Board. Other individuals should have the opportunity to be interviewed by the Board. Trustee Hanks asked if any other candidates have been looked at for this position. Mayor Towers stated that this is the only candidate that he looked at and will recommend to the Board. There will be an opportunity for the Board to review and make changes to the agreement in executive session.

Trustee Anderson stated that even though there is a typo with regards to the date it is clear that the Del Galdo Law Group is ready to file a substitution of appearance for all open litigation so the Village will be covered until the cases can be transitioned.

Trustee Burgess asked if this individual is qualified to handle all of the cases like personnel litigation and municipal law cases that we have now or will there be a need for outsourcing. Mayor Towers stated that the person will answer all questions in executive session.

5. Appointment of new Village Attorney- Judge Michael Stuttley

Mayor Towers invited Judge Michael Stuttley to address the Board. Mayor Towers stated that he has been in contact with Judge Stuttley and the Del Galdo Law Group regarding the Board's direction to him, as the Chief of Staff, to retain in house counsel as a cost savings initiative. Judge Stuttley's resume was presented to the Board in their packets. Judge Stuttley stated that may be a possibility after looking at all of the logistics involved in terms of what is expected by the in house attorney and the expected pay. Judge Stuttley is looking for a commensurate retainer; not a salary. (To be discussed in executive session.)

Trustee Williams stated that Judge Stuttley's resume shows a lot of legal experience and many legal courses but no mention of municipal law. Judge Stuttley stated any phase of law is in books and that he is more than qualified to find any applicable laws that applies to any type of situation. Trustee Williams stated that was the problem with Del Galdo was that they were not versed in municipal law and in many cases research was needed to answer many of the Board's simple questions and very often the answer was not received quickly. Judge Stuttley stated that research should not be part of billable hours and that there should not be a great deal of time needed to find answers that should be readily available. Trustee Williams asked why SSDMC was not included in his professional affiliations when the SSDMC was tied to the Village and the Mayor. Judge Stuttley stated that the SSDMC is a non profit venture, he is the chair and will remain the chair in a volunteer capacity. That is different from his judicial standpoint. Judge Stuttley stated that there is no conflict of interest involved. Any past relationships with the Village would not inhibit his ability to defend the Village zealously within the bounds of the law. He would hold what is in the best interest of the complete municipality with the highest esteem.

Trustee Myers asked Judge Stuttley if he has experience in local ordinances and would he be able to proofread and advise him. Does he foresee any conflict being a retired judge defending the Village? Judge Stuttley

stated that his resume focuses on his judicial career but he has been involved in local government law for a long time and has experience with local ordinances. Judge Stuttley sees no conflict at this time.

Trustee Burgess asked Judge Stuttley if he would have a problem defending the Village against an ex-employee that he knew. Judge Stuttley stated that he is not aware of any ongoing litigation but he would recuse himself in that case and recommend another lawyer if necessary. Trustee Williams stated that it is possible that he would have to excuse himself from one of his first cases with the Village. Judge Stuttley stated that he is required by law to bring it to the Board's attention if he had a personal or working relationship with someone rather than compromising his integrity.

Trustee Hanks asked if the former employee dealt with employees of SSDMC would he have to recuse himself. Judge Stuttley stated that Village Clerk Williams could verify that his role in the SSDMC was Chairman of the executive board and to act as an ombudsman for the SSDMC and to secure funding. Trustee Hanks stated that he felt that the position should be applied for and asked that Judge Stuttley not take anything personally. After Judge Stuttley swore in the Mayor and Board members last year they had to be resworn in because the Village attorney stated that the swearing in was illegal. Judge Stuttley stated that he does not take it personally and that he has sworn in several other Mayors and Boards and that has always held constitutional mustard. He is allowed by statute to perform the swearing in. Trustee Hanks asked if Judge Stuttley will work according to what the Mayor wants or what the majority of the Board wants. Judge Stuttley stated that he will work for the best interests of the Village and will take instruction from the Board but will still advise as the legal counsel according to the mandate and make recommendations to the Board stating that the Board should respect his advice.

Trustee Williams asked as a matter of clarification if Judge Stuttley would take the Board's direction once he advises them. Judge Stuttley is not yet aware of the requirements of the Village attorney but if he takes on a position knowing what the mandates are he will follow the mandates. Trustee Williams stated that the Board has not seen the roles or salary at this time either but asked Judge Stuttley that as an employee of the Village would he do as instructed by the Board once they are advised. Judge Stuttley stated that he would not be an employee but rather an independent contractor on a retainer expecting to have regular business hours. The agreement will be reviewed by the Board and Judge Stuttley to verify the language and mandates.

Trustee Benson stated that as legal counsel Judge Stuttley should advise and direct the Board in the right direction. He should not be controlled and he would not want him to act on anything the Board is doing illegally. Trustee Benson stated that he believes that the reason the Village is the way it is now is that the Board tried to control the people who have been put in place to direct us in the right direction.

Trustee Anderson stated that she feels that Mayor Towers brought a very good candidate to the Board and she does not see how the Board could find anyone with more credible credentials.

Trustee Williams asked what plans Mayor Towers has if the appointment is not approved next Tuesday. Mayor Towers stated that he hoped the appointment would be approved; if it doesn't it will be dealt with on Tuesday. Mayor Towers is not considering anyone else.

Trustee Anderson restated that Del Galdo will not leave us high and dry.

6. Demolition Process Review (2643 Talandis Drive and 21831 Jeffrey Avenue)- Sherry Jasinski-Community Development

DH Jasinski provided estimates of the cost of demolition for the two properties in question. It is very costly. DH Jasinski suggested that the attorneys do a title search and sending a letter with the estimate to the owners

requesting that they can do the demolitions themselves; they are eyesores and hazardous. DH Jasinski is getting conflicting reports on who owns the properties. The Village is not allowed on the properties.

Trustee Myers stated that the law firm was directed to get this information four weeks ago. We need to move forward.

Mayor Towers asked DH Jasinski to give him the PIN numbers. He will research the deeds.

7. Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Vending Fees)

Walgreens has applied for a permit for a Redbox DVD rental vending machine. The current fee is \$5.00. After comparing the fees of surrounding communities DH Jasinski has requested that the Ordinance Review Committee look into increasing some of the vending fees. The fees are \$75.00 in Chicago Heights and \$50.00 in Homewood. There is no ordinance that refers to a fee for this type of vending machine. The permit fee is \$50.00 and the fee for all other vending is \$5.00. DH Jasinski suggests raising the fee to \$75.00.

8. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Salaries of Elected Officers)

Trustee Anderson suggested that the people who move up in the next election receive the salary equal to the current trustees. It is stated that per ordinance the increases are automatic if there is no change to the ordinance. Trustee Williams stated this ordinance also calls for an automatic annual increase for the Mayor and the Clerk. According to a payroll review these positions did not receive the increase in May 2010 and the Village is in violation of the ordinance. Trustee Williams asked the Finance Director to investigate.

Finance Director Gibson stated that she was asked to place this item on the agenda to discuss whether or not a trustee should be paid if they leave a meeting early. There is no clear ruling included on the current ordinance.

Mayor Towers stated that since this is a concern of some Board members the need to amend the ordinance is up for discussion whether a Board member is penalized when they come in late or leave early. Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers has stated in the past when Trustees have called in to state they will be late. In cases of being stuck in traffic or family emergencies there should be no penalty. When a trustee removes himself from a meeting they should not get paid. It should be documented when they left the meeting. Trustee Benson stated they should be compensated if they sit in a meeting for an hour and a half and they are tired of the bickering and they leave for the sake of more argument and getting upset and before something happens in that meeting. Sometimes you get tired of sitting there fighting and nothing gets done. They should be able to leave after an hour and a half.

Trustee Burgess stated that the officials are elected to do the best that they can to move the Village forward in good times and bad and argument or not. Trustees are not elected for convenience. This is not a one person Board or a rubber stamp. It should not be their decision to get up and leave when they get ready; there should be a penalty.

Trustee Hanks suggested that the Board put their checks on hold in view of the recent discussion of employee layoffs and vendors not getting paid. Trustee Williams stated that this is a job and the cost savings would be minimal. Trustee Williams stated that she has not voted in favor of lay offs. Mayor Towers asked if other employees would also be asked to put their checks on hold. Trustee Anderson agreed that the job of Trustee is very time consuming. One of the cost savings initiatives discussed was a 20% pay cut across the Board. That is agreeable to Trustee Anderson. Trustee Williams suggested that the Board not get paid for their monthly

committee meetings as a feasible compromise. Trustee Myers stated that he was also agreeable to either the 20% across the board cut or foregoing the committee meeting pay.

It was decided that Board members can make an individual voluntary decision of either option.

9. Financial Matters- Gloria Gibson, Finance Director

Finance Director Gibson stated that Trustee Williams asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. Trustee Williams thanked FD Gibson for providing all of the information she requested regarding payroll, attorney and K+ invoices and a breakdown of employees in the water and sewer departments and their salaries. Trustee Williams has seen problems in these areas. Trustee Williams was not in favor of laying off seven people from the water and sewer departments. Trustee Williams stated that the water department is self funded. The average payroll for the water and sewer departments is \$41,000.00 before taxes. Trustee Williams asked how much revenue is received from water bills per month. FD Gibson stated that approximately \$85,000.00 to \$90,000.00 per month. FD Gibson stated that a fund balance needs to be established to allow for improvements to the infrastructure. There are over 50 fire hydrants that need to be replaced or repaired. There is a well that needs to be repaired. A reserve can be built by reducing the staff. Otherwise, any improvements made after exhausting the water and sewer fund would have to come from the General Fund, bonds or increasing fees to the residents. Trustee Williams stated that it was agreed 5 years ago to raise the water rates. Laying off employees will result in a loss of service to the residents and will create a lot of overtime.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board discussed that every department, except Public Safety, would incur layoffs. Also, fringe benefits paid by the Village need to be taken into account and would create a deficit. Trustee Williams agreed that the fringe benefits add to the cost but the majority of the payroll and other costs are covered with the water fund. The suggestion of a tax increase was voted down by the Board. This tax increase could have kept these employees working and maintained the services. FD Gibson stated that the Mayor instructed the department heads to come up with a plan on how they will continue to manage their departments without affecting services to the residents. Trustee Hanks stated that layoff notices have been sent to the employees. It was a tough call for trustees that voted in favor of layoffs. The decision was based on the information in front of them. It is the intention of the Board to call these employees back when the Village receives money from real estate taxes or as soon as possible.

Trustee Williams stated that another issue is the amount that was spent on legal fees since May of 2009. The Board has asked for copies of attorney invoices on several occasions and did not receive them. After reviewing the invoices presented by FD Gibson, Trustee Williams stated that there are several charges that have been approved by the Board that she never would have approved had she seen the bills such as charges for a water committee that should be a resident action, conference calls with the Mayor, Chief of Staff and one individual trustee that other trustees were not aware of, lawsuits the Board is not aware of, setting up a 501C3 (the Village is not a non for profit organization), etc...

With regards to payroll records, Trustee Williams reviewed payroll records to verify whether or not the Village complied with the ordinance regarding the Mayor and Village Clerk's salaries. While reviewing payroll, it was clear that an elected official that has a base salary according to ordinance received a one time increase in pay without the Board's knowledge. Finance Director Gibson will research. This will be discussed further in executive session.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board needs to be mindful of the many directives that were given to the attorneys costs money. Trustee Burgess stated that he asked the Chief of Staff for this information on several occasions. Mayor Towers stated that trustees often call the law firm directly without notifying him.

Trustee Burgess noticed charges for litigation, redevelopment and work for the ex- Chief of Staff after her termination that he was not aware of. The Board should have been advised of these charges beforehand and given the chance to question the charges.

Mayor Towers stated that there may be questions about these legal bills but in previous years the bills have been as much as one million dollars per year. Trustee Williams stated that the Board should not repeat the same mistakes with the new firm. The Del Galdo Group spent a lot of time researching because they were not familiar with municipal law and they spent a lot of time helping the Chief of Staff with her duties and charged to prepare agendas and review minutes.

Other issues include the Board agreeing to pay K+ a maximum of \$8,000.00 but the bills now exceed \$20,000.00. K+ failed to apply for the EPA loan before the deadline. Robinson Engineering was able to file for the loan through an extension. Trustee Anderson stated that the EPA issued a warning and fine and is assessing \$10,000.00 per month until the issue with well #3 is resolved. K+ was instructed to go back and do additional research to find the source of the contamination. Mayor Towers stated that he is communicating with the Attorney General's office to verify that the Village is in contact with and in compliance with the EPA.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor was quoted in the paper stating that the Police budget was 4.4 million dollars. That was an 18 month budget not 12 months; that should have been made clear. The 12 month budget for the Police Department was \$2,838,680.00 in 2008. Trustee Williams stated that there were a lot of inconsistencies in the letter prepared by the Mayor. The facts stated in the letter are not completely factual and do not give the residents clear picture. Stating that the previous administration mismanaged funds and is responsible for reckless spending is offensive. Research and checking facts should be done before letters are sent out. This administration should examine those same issues. Mayor Towers agreed that the issues still have not been resolved by this administration. Issues like paying 100% for employee's insurance premiums, paying 1 million dollars per year in Workman's Comp, high legal bills all need to be looked at so this administration does not make the same mistake. Mayor Towers asked why Trustee Williams did not question the previous administration about the finances. Trustee Williams stated that the minutes of June 6, 2009 will reflect her and the other Board members being shocked to find out the state of the Village finances during this administration because they were always told the Village had money and everything was fine from the former Mayor and Finance Director. It was discovered when this administration came in there was a \$16,000.00 General Fund balance, a deficit of 1.5 million dollars and \$500,000.00 of unpaid bills. Trustee Anderson stated that the article was written in the Mayor's emphasis and opinion as articles written by any Board member would be. Trustee Anderson stated that in the previous administration they made responsible decisions based on the information they were given.

10. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Mayor Towers stated that he submitted his Sauk Talk article four days late and asked that it be placed in the Sauk Talk anyway. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations committee made the decision not to place the article in the Sauk Talk because it was late. The Sauk Talk policy clearly states that Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight of the last Friday of the month. Exceptions would cause problems with those that have been refused in the past. The committee is implementing a policy that will list the articles not submitted by the deadline so it will not appear that articles were omitted for another reason.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will meet Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The committee will be wrapping up the Spaghetti dinner. Tickets are now available for \$5.00. The all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, October 9, 2010 and includes entertainment by the Morgan family and line dancing instruction by Ms. Flora Haynes. The Police Alliance Committee will meet next Tuesday at 6 pm before the Board meeting. Mayor Towers stated that CN Railroad needs to be placed on the agenda for next week. FD Gibson reminded the Mayor to have the attorneys review the agreement. The Board will not be attending the IML Conferences this year unless they do so on their own.

11. Questions from the Audience – Agenda items only

Mike Bartnicki stated that the Board should have more than a few days to have an opportunity to speak with Judge Stuttley and for Judge Stuttley to prepare answers for the Board. Lots of money was spent on a firm that was experienced in municipal law but lots of money was spent on a firm that did not know about municipal law. You get what you pay for. Mike suggested that the employee handbook would need to be updated if an employment position is added. That should have been done with the Chief of Staff and it was not. Mike is impressed with the Judge but next week is too soon. Mike stated that the Board is entitled to their money; they work a lot of hours. He thanked the Board for their time. Mike also does not agree with a lot of the content of the letter. Mike stated that there are a lot of empty houses in the Village. That is why the money isn't there. Property taxes are the main source of revenue for the Village and the property taxes are not being paid on those homes. The assessed value of the remaining houses will go down. Property taxes will go down further. Utility taxes, phone and excise tax, etc... will also not be paid to the Village. Sales tax money is reduced because businesses are going out of business. The problem is not mismanagement. Don't blame the prior administration. Show that you can do the job. The meetings are too long and there is no cohesiveness.

Mike Brown stated that the resignation of the current attorney was by letter; why weren't there here in person. Mike stated that he knows Judge Stuttley very well and knows that he has 22 years on the bench and is well versed in the law. How can he answer questions from the Board without a job description? There should be an ordinance amendment to state that your salary should be based on positive job performance and promoting positive actions. There is too much whining about the past. Project the future. Take on the leadership of the Village. Project the future- where there is no vision people perish. Stop the arguing and the personal attacks- it's not about you.

Nathan Griffin agrees that the Board argues too much. The Board needs to meet beforehand and work out their issues and come together as unit in front of the people. Trustee Hanks stated that this is a discussion meeting and these discussions must be held in the open.

Larry Stewart agreed with Trustee Hanks. This is a discussion meeting that has to happen in the open and would have taken place whether there was an audience or not. Going forward is a slow process even with the bickering. Larry stated that the Board should ask the residents what they think sometimes.

Mike Bartnicki stated that as he drives through other towns he sees progress. They apply for grants and get things done with Federal money. There is a lot of money still available in the government pot.

Rose Langston agreed with Mike Brown and Mike Bartnicki. Rose has attended Village Board meetings for 50 years and 3 former administrations. She has never seen an administration bad mouth another administration. Set goals and move forward. Rose agreed that it would be a step in the right direction if Board

members give up their committee meeting pay.

Lenarge Booker suggested setting up a consultant's budget to handle other business while looking for another attorney.

Ed Shankel asked the residents to respect the other residents and ask questions when the time is right.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of personnel and litigation.

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 11:33 pm.

13. Executive Session

- a. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees of Village and/or discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives. (5 ILCS120/2(c)(1) (2010)); 5 ILCS 120/(2)©(2010)
- b. Discuss probable or imminent litigation

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 12-11-10

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Village Clerk Williams stated the following corrections:

Item 2b should read July 13, 2010 Board meeting not July 19, 2010.

Trustee Benson brought it to the Clerk's attention that the minutes of July 29, 2010 stated that he was absent on June 1, 2010, June 12, 2010 and June 22, 2010. He was in fact present at all three meeting, however, he was not present at the time the vote was taken to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010, June 12, 2010 and June 22, 2010 and he was recorded as absent at that time.

a. July 6, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2010.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

b. July 13, 2010- Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2010.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

c. July 29, 2010- Special Meeting (In place of July 27, 2010 Board meeting)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 2010 with corrections.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

d. August 3, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2010.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that a recent review of attorney bills had charges relating to the Village Clerk's roles and responsibilities and whether the clerk can be eliminated at Board meetings. VC Williams stated that the Village Clerk is an elected position and the role at meetings is clear. The Village Clerk does not speak as a member of the Board with regards to Village business except in terms of the Regular Board meeting's Clerk's report and for points of clarification. However, the Village Clerk reserves the right to speak as a resident when the time comes.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Police Pension Board is in the process of reviewing the new letter of agreement from the auditors for the annual audit and DOI filings.

3c. Village Attorney- Del Galdo Law Group, LLC- Eric Stach- No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that he is working on obtaining water rate information from neighboring communities. Rate information that was received from Hammond will soon be increased. An update will be provided when further information is available. The IEPA application for the loan to repair well three has been bumped to the head of the list due to the circumstances. There is a two month review process. Loan approval could come as early as spring of next year. Obtaining Lake Michigan water will be handled as a separate request.

3e. Mayor's Report: Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee met today. The Police Alliance Committee will participate in the Lion's Club Flea Market at St. James Church on September 18th. The PAC will sell raffle tickets for \$1.00 at the Flea Market. The winner will get a ride to school from the Sauk Village Police Department.

The Senior Committee will sponsor the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 9th from 3PM- 6PM. Tickets are now available. Entertainment will include the Morgan Family and Flora Haynes line dancing instructions. The Senior Movie at the library had 5 participants.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee is communicating with the Bloom Township school district to offer an afterschool youth program for high school children only. Updated report to follow.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Collaborative website is still under construction. The web site will provide lots of valuable housing information. The Diversity, Inc. annual dinner is September 29th. Tickets are now available. Diversity, Inc. has been a major contributor of valuable information regarding housing for Sauk Village residents for many years. Former Finance Director Beverly Sterrett is the current President.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that three ordinances are before the Board tonight. Trustee Myers asked to have the ordinance regarding vending fees tabled and remove item 7c until the committee can review the requirements further. The attorneys discovered that Illinois State statutes require notification of raising vending fees at least 30 days prior and that vending machines cannot be raised more than \$25.00.

Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance for playing in the streets is being reviewed by the police officers. The ordinance will be presented after final review of the Police Department and Ordinance Committee.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee will be held on September 13th. The committee will be meeting with local business owners to see what the Village can do to enhance the businesses and to encourage a Chamber of Commerce. Meetings with the property owners of the businesses will also be scheduled.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis announced that the entire department has now qualified with the state mandated firearm requirements. IC Holevis spoke with the personnel coordinator of the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board who has agreed to hold our roster; the Village is facing a problem until the roster is turned in. The department is currently working on the annual sex offender registry and will continue through the Halloween holiday. Detectives will be going door to door. There was a recent shipment of marijuana discovered at ABF freight. The canine unit was alerted and 25 lbs. of marijuana was seized. IC Holevis is seeking estimates on new tires for the units. Canine Officer Sgt. Mieczak and Bosco will be present at the Lion's Club Flea Market. IC Holevis stated that he is reviewing the feedback from the officers on the playing in the streets ordinance and is waiting for one more sergeant to report. IC Holevis stated that he was invited to meet with Cook County Board Commissioner Pete Sylvestri and Under Sheriff Zelda Whittler with regards to County taking over Sauk Village and he was assured that there will be no County action in Sauk Village as long as there is a police department standing.

Mayor Towers asked for clarification. IC Holevis stated that he was told that there was no written contract and absolutely no reason for them to come into Sauk Village unless there was no police presence. Trustee Benson asked if IC Holevis received permission to meet with these individuals. He stated that he did not. IC Holevis stated that the department is in turmoil with the absence of Lisa Gibbons. Lisa was important to the department and a lot of work is not getting done including the required annual update to the New World System that is not included in the maintenance contract. IC Holevis placed himself at the mercy of the Board and asked for her reinstatement rather than pay thousands of dollars to a New World representative who will have to be flown in and accommodations provided for while they perform the update.

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department assisted in nine calls during the period of September 7th and September 14th. Investigators were also sent on mutual aid calls. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Firemen's Association annual golf outing is Saturday, September 18th at Longwood Golf Course.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the Public Works department repaired several water main breaks this past week; a boil order was placed in affect for one break; there was overtime was involved. The chipping program started on September 12th and will continue until one sweep for all streets is completed. The department is trying to stay on schedule with the short staff; emergencies will take priority. Recently a resident called 911 to report a sewer problem. DH Weller reminded residents to call the Village Hall during business hours if there are any sewer problems. After hours call should be made to the non emergency number. The daily capacity rate was met during recent water main breaks which caused excessive pumping of water. The department vehicles will be prepped for winter. There will be some outside repairs needed. Patching will be done as the manpower allows. DH Weller stated that Com Ed is still not able to complete the repairs on the Jeffrey Avenue street light. The department will try to continue to assist other departments with minor vehicle repairs and oil changes but they are short staffed. A leaf program update will follow.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director: Ms. Gibson- Absent

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

DH Johnson stated that ESDA had eleven calls in the past week which included assisting the Fire Department in 6 different incidents, working with the police department, school patrol and assisting Chicago Heights on a house fire.

5g. 911 Board- Chief Stoffregen-No report

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

**7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS
(These were performed out of order)**

7a. A Resolution Granting the Lincoln Meadows Sub-Division permission to Landscape in the Village of Sauk Village Right of Way

Mayor Towers asked that item 7a be tabled until further insurance information can be reviewed by the attorneys.

The motion to table the resolution stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess and Williams

Motion to table carried.

Trustee Burgess asked if the contractor has done business in the Village before. DH Jasinski stated that the contractor must obtain a Village business license and proper insurance and insure the Village has no liability. DH Weller stated that mulch will be provided and properly invoiced.

7b. An Ordinance Approving a Class 8 Classification Status for the Village of Sauk Village for Winkpak

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above.

A motion to table this item was made by Trustee Benson until further information could be received by TIF advisors. Mayor Towers stated that the TIF advisors, attorney and Village financial advisors have worked hand in hand on the agreement. The presentation was made last week.

Trustee Benson withdrew his motion.

Trustee Hanks stated that the agenda is calling this an ordinance when it is in fact a resolution. Trustee Hanks asked if this could be approved as a resolution.

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

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

7c. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village. Illinois (Vending Fees)

A motion to table this item was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion to table carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements

August 25, 2010 – September 14, 2010

Trustee Williams stated that FD Gibson stated previously that a payroll printout is attached to Accounts Payable. As a point of clarification, there is no payroll printout and there has never been one attached. This was discussed when Trustee Williams questioned a \$250.00 payroll item recently.

Trustee Hanks asked what the bank balance will be after approving Accounts Payable. Mayor Towers stated that there will \$5,000.00 left in the General Fund as of Friday. Trustee Hanks suggested just approving payroll and saving the balance in the General Fund for the next payroll. Mayor Towers stated that the gas bill must be paid or the fleets will not receive more gas. Trustee Burgess asked for bi-weekly Collector's Report. Trustee Hanks made a motion to only approve payroll in the amount of \$203,622.04 and to table the remaining Accounts Payable of \$102,395.07.

There was no second.

Motion failed.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable in full as presented was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Hanks reminded residents that the Lion's Club Flea Market will take place on Saturday, September 19th from 8am- 2pm.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Judy Cast clarified that the vests are in good standing and asked if the personnel files and other items have been returned from former Police Chief Martin. IC Holevis stated that the vests are in good standing and the items have not been returned. Judy stated that a check was received for Parks and Recreation that nobody knows what happened to it. Where is the money? Judy asked where the Collector's Reports are. Mayor Towers stated that the Finance Director is working on several things. The personnel files need to be returned; HIPPA laws are being violated. Cook County Police does not belong here. Chief Holevis is doing a fabulous job. County does not know our streets. We are not in emergency status yet. Mayor Towers stated that any money received by Parks and Recreation would have gone into the General Fund.

Trustee Williams asked for a status on the stolen items from the former Police Chief and Chief of Staff. IC Holevis stated that the items have been entered as stolen. Trustee Williams asked for a list of stolen items before next Tuesday. Mayor Towers stated that some items have been returned. Mayor Towers asked for an updated list. Trustee Anderson stated that she remembers a recommendation from the State's Attorney regarding those two cases. IC Holevis stated that he is not aware of that communication.

Mike Brown gave kudos for IC Holevis' leadership and taking initiative to do his job. Mike stated that all past records should be carefully checked when residents make inquiries. Mike asked why Trustee Benson did not ask his questions last week when the Winpak resolution was discussed.

John Hinko asked if there are any controls on how many calls are made to the attorney. Mayor Towers stated that the Board voted to allow any trustee to call the attorneys any time they want to. John asked IC Holevis if the vehicle sticker sting panned out. IC Holevis stated that the sting ran for four Fridays and three dozen tickets were written. John stated that vehicle stickers are income for the Village and this should be monitored. Trustee Williams stated that she does not remember a vote being taken whether or not to allow trustees to call the attorney. There should be some research done. Trustee Williams stated that trustees have asked for copies of the attorney's bills and other invoices with the Accounts Payable. The Board never got the copies in order to monitor the spending. The attorney bills were just recently given to the Board and gross incompetence was evident. John asked if he could receive a copy of the income and expenses of the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the Collector's Report has not been done since October 2009; he is entitled to the Collector's Report when it is completed. John stated that the Board needs an independent audit.

Trustee Burgess stated that he also has been asking for the attorney bills since last year. When it was given to the Board two weeks ago it was evident that there were calls to the attorney that did not relate to Village business. If these would have been received promptly there could have been controls put in place. The Board needs to have checks and balances and be held accountable.

Kerry Pratt asked if he can receive a copy of the itemized attorney's bill to see if there is personal business being billed to the residents.

Rose Langston stated concerns over the attorney's fees. The Board could Google their questions to avoid unnecessary calls to attorneys. Rose commended IC Holevis and his department for doing a fine job. Rose stated that it was out of line to question why IC Holevis met with County; it was police business. Rose also commended DH Weller and his department for the fine job they are doing even though they are short staffed. Residents will have to be patient through the winter. Rose is also waiting for the Collector's Report.

Jeff Morden asked the Board to address making IC Holevis the official Police Chief. He is doing a fine job.

Mayor Towers stated that is a personnel item. Trustee Williams clarified that discussions need to be held and a contract needs to be finalized in executive session.

10. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and/or discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives.(5ILCS120/2©(1)(2010); 5ILCS 120/2©(2)(2010)

Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:35 pm.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and/or discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives. (5ILCS120/2©(1)(2010); 5ILCS 120/2©(2)(2010)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting reconvened at 11:01 pm.

On roll call:

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

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted: 11-5-10

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010.

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers arrived at 7:15 pm.

1. Discuss a Request for a License to Operate a Tattoo Parlor within the Village of Sauk Village

Item removed- business withdrew request.

2. Discuss Vending Machine Licensing Fees

Trustee Myers will provide an update in the Vending Machine Ordinance when he arrives.

3. An Ordinance Approving a License and Indemnification Agreement Related to Landscaping Services with M.A.C. Landscaping and Snow Removal for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Lincoln Meadows residents are asking that the Board approve the ordinance and indemnification agreement with M.A.C. Landscaping as soon as possible for landscaping and snow removal for the subdivision entryway. The residents have signed the agreement and are paying for the services themselves. The residents signed the contract with the landscaper for work to be performed on Village property. The ordinance and agreement is being reviewed by the Village Attorney to verify indemnification and lack of liability for the Village. This item will be placed on the following week's agenda for possible approval after the attorney's review.

4. Financial Matters

Mayor Towers presented an update prepared by the Village Treasurer detailing the funds currently available to the Village and a summary of payroll. Trustee Williams asked if the payroll breakdown is being provided. It was stated last week that the breakdown of payroll is provided with the Accounts Payable. It has not been provided in the past. It was requested that the payroll breakdown be provided with the Accounts Payable in the future. There were concerns including the fact that payroll was a little high last week. Mayor Towers stated that the Payroll Department may not be able to provide that information due to other circumstances.

Trustee Burgess stated that he was told the last payroll was high due to layoffs and paying compensation that was due to the employees. The actual reason for the increase in the last payroll was for a lump sum back pay to an individual employee. The payroll is higher next week due to the layoffs and compensation of the employees. Trustee Burgess asked if there are any other wage issues that might affect future payrolls.

Mayor Towers stated that there is no Finance Director available at this time to answer those questions; he will investigate and advise the Board.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board was aware that the back pay was due to the employee. Trustee Burgess stated that there were questions regarding the employment status of the employee who would be receiving the lump sum payment. The questions were not answered before the payment was made to the employee. Trustee Williams asked that the item be discussed further in executive session for clarification purposes.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification with regards to the resignation letter received from the Finance Director. Mayor Towers stated that he approved three days off for the employee with the understanding that the employee would return on Thursday. Mayor Towers stated that he was told on Sunday that she had resigned. Trustee Williams questioned the accrued time the employee had earned and stated that the Board was not notified of the request. The Board made attempts to discuss financial issues with the Finance Director last week not knowing that she had requested time off. Trustee Williams stated that it is past procedure that department heads inform the Board of their vacation plans leaving contact information and details of who is in charge during their absence. Trustee Benson stated that is incorrect and should be discussed in executive session. Mayor Towers stated that it is not necessary to inform the Board. Mayor Towers stated that someone needs to be in place to deal with the payroll and other financial issues as soon as possible.

Trustee Williams restated the need to have a detailed payroll report included with the Accounts Payable to keep the Board informed of extenuating payments that should be reviewed by the Board before the approval of Accounts Payable.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board should be careful not to overburden the employees with requests for information. Trustee Burgess verified that funds were available for payroll and the vendors listed in the Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks verified the State statutes to see if the Finance Director is able to leave the position before a replacement is found. He found no stipulation to that fact.

Mayor Towers requested a recess at 7:30 pm in order to retrieve information.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 pm.

Discussion followed regarding the expenditures and the funds available. After approving the Accounts Payable the General Fund balance will be approximately \$10,000.00. Trustee Burgess stated that payroll is higher than usual again. Mayor Towers will review the payroll and Accounts Payable documentation with the Payroll Department. Trustee Benson stated that the Mayor should instruct the department to contact him before any information is released to the Board members. Trustees Williams, Hanks and Burgess disagreed stating that Board members are elected officials and should not be restricted to receiving information.

Mayor Towers stated that is Trustee Benson's opinion; if no email or memo comes from the Mayor then that remains just his opinion.

5. Cook County CDBG funding for the Village of Sauk Village- Robinson Engineering- Jim Czarik

Mayor Towers received the application from Cook County. Mayor Towers will give the signed application to Jim Czarnik before executive session. Jim Czarnik reviewed the status of the 2010 resurfacing project in the amount of \$637,000.00 funded by MFT, ERP and CDBG. The project was halted because the CDBG agreement with Cook County was misplaced at the County offices. Rather than try to refile this year, rewrite the entire project and take a chance on the asphalt plants closing, the 2010 project will continue with the MFT and ERP funding and this year's CDBG funds will be rolled in to next year's funds. Sauk Village will have \$270,000.00 already approved for 2011. Mayor Towers needs to write a letter requesting the rollover of funds before the end of the year. The streets of Ross Crescent and Strassburg Avenue originally listed on the 2010 CDBG project will be included in the 2011 project. Trustee Benson stated that he received different information from County that stated the delay in the project was caused by streets having been added which

required an environmental study before the bid process could start and Village staff being unable to do the paperwork that was needed. Jim Czarnik stated that was not the case; the Village actually got an early start this year. There were no streets added to the project; projects are locked in one year in advance and needs to fit certain criteria.

Trustee Anderson stated that there have been employee changes with the Village and Cook County. Trustee Anderson suggested taking Jim Czarnik's recommendation.

The MFT funds of \$227,000.00 and ERP funds of \$250,000.00 will include repairs to Orion Avenue, Jeffrey Avenue and 224th Street. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board had discussed which streets would be repaired on several occasions. No streets could be added without the Board's knowledge.

The Mayor will sign the agreement. The Board will approve the resolution at the next Board meeting and send the agreement to County to move forward.

2. Discuss Vending Machine Licenses

Trustee Myers passed out the Illinois State statute that relates to vending machines that states that the vending machine licenses cannot be raised more than \$25.00. After the Board reviews the statute and agrees to any increase in fees the business owners will be notified in writing. The Ordinance Review Committee will also prepare a draft ordinance for the Board to review. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

6. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams asked who will be preparing the agendas. Mayor Towers stated that he will be preparing the agendas. Trustees can email requested items for the agenda to him. Trustee Williams suggested keeping executive session listed on the agenda every week in the event an issue comes up that requires an executive session.

Trustee Hanks stated that he is a member of State Representative Anthony DeLuca's Public Safety Advisory Committee. Today's discussion included State Representative DeLuca's crime free housing bill that has made it through the House and is tied up in the Senate. If the bill passes there will be a Crime Free Housing Ordinance for Home Rule and Non Home Rule communities. There was also discussion of a bill requiring sex offenders to post something on their doors and not being able to pass out candy around Halloween. Support from the Police Department and Village Board will help push the crime free housing bill through.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Spaghetti dinner will be October 9th from 3pm – 6pm in the Senior Center. All you can eat spaghetti, with salad, bread, beverage and dessert for \$5.00. Entertainment will be provided by the Morgan family and line dancing instructions from Flora Haynes. Tickets are now available.

Trustee Anderson stated that Bloom Township is offering flu shots for seniors October 18th – October 20th. Contact Bloom Township to schedule and appointment. Bloom Township is also offering senior lunches starting in October; flyers will be provided.

Village Clerk Williams stated that today was the first day to begin circulating nomination papers for the 2011 Trustee election. Information can be obtained by Googling 2011 Candidates Guide. For the 2010 election, Tuesday, September 23rd is the first day voters can register for absentee ballots by mail or in person. Applications are available at the front desk. Tuesday, October 5th is the final day for voter's registration. There is no full time employee available at the Village Hall to register voters. Appointments can be made with the Village Clerk or registration is also available at the library. Wednesday, October 6th starts a grace period

for registration and voting. Early voting starts October 17th through October 28th at many locations including Bloom Township and downtown. October 28th is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. Friday October 9th through November 1st in person absentee voting will be available. This information will be posted in the Village Hall and on the internet.

Trustee Myers stated that broken tree limbs caused a lot of damage during the recent storms. Residents should notify the Police and Fire Departments to report damages. Public Works will be notified.

7. Questions from the Audience on agenda items only

James Harvey asked what CDBG stood for and asked for clarification on when the streets will be done. Community Development Block Grant Program streets will be done next year.

Judy Cast asked if the water bill payments are held in a separate account and if water department employees are part of the lay offs. Mayor Towers stated that the water department does have a separate account but there is not enough money in the water department account to pay for all of the water department employees. Judy stated that in the past the Village Clerk had the sole responsibility of the water department. Mayor Towers stated that there is a billing department to handle the water billing. Judy asked if a water bill increase is being considered. Trustee Williams stated that an ordinance was approved in 2006 that increases the water bill annually on May 1st because the Village did not have a reserve in place. Judy asked if money has been borrowed from the water department. Mayor Towers stated that there is evidence that this had been done prior to this administration. Board members stated that they were not aware of that. Judy stated that the water fund should be able to support the employees of that department. Judy did state that having many vacant homes has caused a decrease in the amount of water revenue. Mayor Towers added that water main breaks also need to be considered.

Jimo Kasali read an article from the Sunday, August 20th Tribune stating that the Mayor was talking to Tom Dart about Sauk Village Police. He is concerned with that. Jimo also stated that the Village pays more than their fair share for the employee's health benefits. Jimo stated that the newspapers need to report fairly; Mayor Towers did not create this mess.

Frank Williams stated that his comment in the paper asks if the Mayor created or inherited the problem. Frank stated that you can't blame the old administration for all of the problems. Four of the current Board members are part of the old administration. It is important that when the Village gets money that we do what we are supposed to do with it or we will continue to have these problems.

Ed Shankel asked for clarification on the landscaping and snow removal in item three. Mayor Towers stated that the Lincoln Meadows residents are paying for those services on their own but need the Village to approve the contract in order to get the work done on Village property.

David Murray, 6 yr resident and recent graduate of Loyola University stated that he has a degree in Finance. David has no experience in City or Government finances but has worked with a multi million dollar company and would like to be considered as an intern in the Finance Department.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board has not considered the next move. Mayor Towers asked that he submit his resume to the Board. David Murray submitted his resume to the Board.

Linsette Hawkins stated that the lot behind 225th Street needs to be mowed. The tall grass is causing several problems.

Mayor Towers stated that the department is short staffed. He will speak with Public Works and see if that area is on the list to be mowed.

Carl Rylander stated that Gloria Gibson was approved to sign checks for the Village. Carl asked if that has been curtailed with her resignation.

Larry Stewart asked if the CDBG grant funds and other grants, like Parks and Recreation, go into the General Fund. Mayor Towers stated that all grant money is usually run through the General Fund but it is earmarked and spent on whatever the grant was received for.

Nathan Griffin asked if the Board has tried to write grants for the Village. Mayor Towers stated that the Village does not have a grant writer but department heads often apply for grants that pertain to their departments.

Judy Cast questioned the grant money that was received by the Fire Chief for the new fire truck that was placed in the General Fund. The Village is now making payments with interest. Mayor Towers stated that was done prior to his term.

Rose Langston clarified that at one time the water department was owned by the Theodore family. The Village Clerk was a member of the Theodore family. The Theodore family sold the water department to the Village and the Village took over the billing. Rose stated that when grant money is received there is certain criteria expected to be met in order to apply for grant money and it must be used for that purpose.

Frank Harvey stated that his water bill is high already and asked when the next water bill increase is expected. Trustee Williams stated that the next increase may be in May 2011.

Trustee Williams stated that there is a lot of talk about the past administration. We need to move forward. Four current Board members are part of the past administration. The Board was told that money was there. Trustee Williams stated that the Board was never told the funding for the new fire truck was not available until the budget meeting in June, 2009. A lot of information was discovered during that budget meeting. The past administration provided collectors reports that showed what money came in for grants, tax bills, water payments, fees received etc.... We have not received a collectors report since 2009. The past administration also provided invoices to the Board. The Board did not have these problems; if there were problems they were not aware of it. The Board continued to ask how the Village stood financially. They were informed by the past Village Manager and the past Finance Director stated that they needed to save money for a rainy day but they were okay. The new administration came in with new people and new ideas and new ways of thinking. It is true that the Village does pay 100% of the insurance for the employees. The Mayor has been directed to go back to the unions on this. There has been nothing done on this. Trustee Williams stated that using water department money has been done in this administration also. This administration has been vocal and asked questions and has not always received the information.

Becky Norcutt stated that we need to stop dwelling on the negative and put the pride back in the Village.

Judy Cast asked if grant money is received and used for something else will the Federal government honor the Village with another grant.

Carl Rylander asked if there is a policy in place to do background checks and check for illegal aliens when outsourcing jobs to outside companies like in item #3 and if the lowest bid is always used.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board is not hiring the landscaping company. The Lincoln Meadows residents are paying that company. Trustee Burgess stated that it is a good point to check that everyone that works for an outside company is legally able to do so and that the lowest qualified bid that fits the criteria is usually accepted. Trustee Anderson stated that the Village may only question their citizenship.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for matters of personnel. Trustee Burgess made the motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:12 pm.

9. Executive Session

- a. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, finance, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body 5ILCS120/2©(1)(2010).**

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 12-11-10

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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2010.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. On Roll Call

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

Absent: None

2. Approval of Minutes – No Minutes for Approval

3. Reports of Officers

a. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that information regarding both the 2010 election and the 2011 election is now available on the web site and posted in the Village Hall. The last day for voter's registration for the November 2nd election is October 5, 2010. Voter's registration is available at the Mc Conathy Public Library or making appointment with the Village Clerk. There is no full time voter's registrar at the Village Hall. Nomination packets for the 2011 Sauk Village Trustee election are available through the Village Clerk's office or on the internet at www.voterinfo.net.

b. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

c. Village Attorney – Mr. Eric Stach- No report

d. Village Engineer – Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer stated that there will be no resolution from Cook County presented due to errors in the resolution. Corrected agreements will be sent to Mayor Towers for approval of the resolution at a later date. VE Czarnik advised Mayor Towers to wait until December to write a letter asking that the \$170,000.00 of funding be rolled over until next year to complete the roads that were scheduled for this year.

e. Mayor's Report – Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. Reports of Trustees and Board Committees

a. Senior Citizens and Police Alliance Committee – Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited residents to the Senior Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 9th from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the Senior Center. The cost of \$5.00 includes all spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Entertainment includes the Morgan Family and line dancing instructions from Flora Haynes. Tickets are available from Trustee Anderson and senior committee members.

The Police Alliance Committee enjoyed participating in the Lion's Club Flea Market. Cards were distributed displaying the acronym CRIME- Courteous Response Is More Effective for citizens and police officers.

b. Parks & Recreation Committee – Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation committee will join with the Ford Heights youth organization to host practice videos to piggyback off of Michelle Obama's campaign against child obesity Monday and Tuesday, October 4th and 5th, from 4 pm to 6 pm for 7 and 8 year olds. The actual taping will take place Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 2pm-4 pm. Delta Sigma Theta is hosting these tapings at the Community Center.

c. Housing Commissioner – Trustee Hanks- No report

d. Ordinance Review Committee – Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reminded trustees that input is needed regarding the video machine ordinance. A public notice will be required after the final draft of the ordinance is approved.

e. Economic Development Committee – Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will be inviting Sauk Village retail businesses to participate in a forum to discuss how the Village can help them achieve their goals, concerns and problems they may be facing. Date to be determined.

f. Public Relations Committee – Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, October 6th, 2010 at 7 pm in the Municipal Center.

5. Reports of Departments and Commissions

a. Police Dept. – Acting Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis stated that as of last week all officers have qualified at the firing range and have met the requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement training. Repairs continue on squad cars. Chief Holevis is working with Mayor Towers to obtain tires for the squads. A couple of officers will be sent for training for the Tobacco grant that deals with under age minors purchasing tobacco. The Police Department is working with Capt. Rich Atwood regarding NIMS compliance. IC Holevis commended the patrol division and the detective division for working together on 4 burglary arrests and 1 aggravated criminal sexual abuse arrest. IC Holevis warned the residents that there has been a rash of burglaries in the area, including Dyer, Indiana. IC Holevis warned residents not to open the door to strangers; call the Police immediately if they are suspicious of anyone.

b. Fire Dept. – Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department handled fifteen calls from 9-21-10 through 9-27-10; nine calls were weather related. Chief Stoffregen thanked all who supported the Firemen's golf outing. The money raised will be used for the education and to help offset the expenses of six firefighters attending a class in Champaign soon. A boot drive will also be taking place Friday and Saturday. Chief Stoffregen thanked the residents for their patience during the recent storm. Chief Stoffregen thanked Officers Hufnagel and Lesniak who's quick response at a house fire kept a bad situation from getting much worse.

c. Public Works Dept. – Mr. Weller

Department head Weller stated that branch pickup started on September 26th. All branches should be out now. Branch pickup may take almost a month to complete due to the short staff. The storm has caused damage to trees. Once an area is complete Public Works will not return. Residents have complained about their water being shut off. Public Works is issued the shut off list from the Village Hall. Residents should call Village Hall with questions and complaints.

d. Community Development Dept. – Ms. Jasinski

Department head Jasinski stated that 261 property maintenances have been completed; 110 are left to complete. There are 288 tickets on the Sauk Village court docket for various code violations and 24 LO tickets in Markham for housing violations. The department is struggling with the layoff. A lot of time is taken up with inspections; code violations are being prioritized.

e. Finance Director - none

f. Emergency Services and Disaster Agency – Mr. Johnson

Department Head Johnson stated that ESDA assisted the Fire and Police departments on nineteen calls from 9-21 through 9-27 on school patrol and some weather related calls.

g. 911 Commission Board – Fire Chief Stoffregen- No report

6. Consent Agenda

7. Ordinances and Resolutions

a.A Resolution Appointing a Certain Individual to a Specified Office within the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Village Attorney)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table item 7a.

Trustee Benson made a motion to table item 7a. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams asked if this item will be discussed in executive session; there are several questions regarding the agreement the Board received.

Mayor Towers stated that this can be discussed in executive session and at the next Committee meeting. The motion will be tabled until the next Board meeting for vote.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Williams

Mayor Towers stated that the Village has been without a legal firm representing the Village ever since September 3, 2010. With the resignation of the Del Galdo Law Group, the Village of Sauk Village is virtually without legal representation. It has been the responsibility of the Mayor to fill that vacancy. Mayor Towers stated that he has given great consideration to this task. Understanding the delicacy and importance of this office we must work diligently and be selective. Mayor Towers stated that he and the Board of Trustees need to carefully examine what the vision of the need of the form of an in house counselor or corporate authority.

In addition to the Del Galdo Law Group requesting weekly fees to serve as interim during this interim period, we cannot afford to delay and yet cannot afford to jump without carefully searching for the best candidate or the best firm.

Mayor Towers stated that pertinent to the power vested in the office of Mayor and according to 65ILCS Section 3.1-3.0- 5d he is appointing Judge Michael Stuttley and the Stuttley Group to serve on a temporary basis for the corporate authorities for the Village of Sauk Village. Judge Stuttley's responsibilities and compensation shall be outlined in the proposed legal representation agreement that he presented to the Mayor's office. A copy of this agreement has been given to all trustees. By making this temporary appointment Mayor Towers believes that this will provide ample to time to tweak what he and the Board agree the Village needs in terms of legal representation. Mayor Towers stated that it also gives the Board and himself the opportunity to judge the performance and the competency of Judge Stuttley and the Stuttley Group while saving the Village substantial costs. Mayor Towers stated that the appointment of Judge Michael Stuttley and the Stuttley Group on a temporary basis will commence as of October 1, 2010.

Trustee Burgess clarified that the Mayor may appoint the attorney but the Board has to vote on the compensation. Mayor Towers stated that the discussion of the compensation will take place in executive session.

Trustee Williams also clarified that the compensation needs to be discussed. The appointment will receive no payment until the Board approves compensation. Trustee Williams stated that the hourly rate in the agreement is \$50.00 higher than what the Board agreed to and the annual rate is \$50,000.00 higher than what was agreed to.

Trustee Myers stated that there were previous heated discussions about bringing up things not on the agenda asked Village Attorney Stach if it was legal for the Mayor to table the item and then put forward an appointment. VA Stach stated that the Mayor can act on this matter without it being on the agenda; the appointment may have even occurred outside of the meeting.

b. An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Grand Trunk Corporation, a Wholly Owned U.S. Subsidiary and Owner of the U.S. Rail Operating Subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company, for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked to have item 7b tabled. There are several questions from him and the attorneys. Those issues were given to the Board in their packets.

Trustee Hanks asked to have the motion to table item 7a removed. Since the Mayor made the appointment after the Board tabled item 7a the Mayor should know how the Board feels about the appointment and should be allowed to vote on the item.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion to remove the motion to table item 7a.

Trustee Anderson stated that this has been an on going discussion for some time and that the Board is aware that the Village has had no legal coverage since September 3rd other than the interim services of the Del Galdo Law Group, paying more for their temporary services than their prior general cost. Discussions in executive session and open session should be consistent.

Trustee Burgess stated that an executive session should not be necessary because the things discussed in executive session have already been brought to the public. The discussion of compensation should continue in the open meeting with the residents present.

Trustee Williams stated she voted no to table the item because she felt that the appointment was the Mayor's next move. This should be discussed in open session. The Del Galdo Law Group is still the Village attorney. Del Galdo withdrew when the Mayor told them the Board was considering outside counsel. They stated that they will not leave until there is a two week transition with whatever new firm is chosen; do not scare the residents into thinking there is no legal representation.

Trustee Williams stated that it is true that Del Galdo is expecting to get paid on the previous balance as well as getting paid \$175.00 per hour for their interim services along with the \$195.00 hourly rate for the interim services of the Stuttley Group. Trustee Williams agreed that things stated in closed session are not always stated the same in open session.

Trustee Myers questioned why Mayor Towers would motion to table the item and then turn around and make the appointment. Last week the Board asked the Mayor to go back to Judge Stuttley to discuss certain items and asked if other firms could be brought in for discussion and that those things would be discussed this week. Instead an appointment was made with no discussion. Trustee Myers stated that we need to work together. Trustee Myers stated that the Mayor has mentioned the Village is in financial straits; we need to look into spending \$16,000.00 per month.

Mayor Towers stated that \$200,000.00 is a bargain compared to previous attorneys who got as much as \$1,000,000.00. Someone needs to be paid. Del Galdo is ready to go; only wants to work on an interim basis.

It is time we pay someone now that will be less than what we pay now. It will save the Village money to bring in the Stuttley Group. If the Board continues to drag their feet it will cost more. Mayor Towers stated that \$200,000.00 is for Village representation and \$175.00 per hour is for litigation.

Trustee Williams clarified that the Stuttley Group is asking \$200,000.00 per year and \$195.00 per hour for litigation where Del Galdo was \$175.00 per hour for everything. The Stuttley group is asking for \$16,000.00 per month. Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Burgess and Trustee Anderson were instructed to research legal firms. Last week Trustee Burgess stated that he had a firm to present. That was a waste of time. Now the motion was tabled just so the appointment could take place without discussion.

Trustee Burgess stated that he did find a firm who was cheaper. The retainer is \$4,000.00 annually with an hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour for all services and no certain amount to be paid each month. Payment only for services rendered. The Mayor would control who calls the firm. Trustee Burgess stated that he previously stated that he would not pay a contract for attorney services. Legal bills should be paid as services are rendered. The Board was only considering the option of in house representation but the Mayor informed Del Galdo which made them cease representation.

Mayor Towers stated that there is no contract with the Stuttley Group. Trustee Burgess stated that signing the agreement is a contract. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Burgess did not inform him that he had a firm to present. Trustee Burgess stated that the final agreement was given to him tonight and he was prepared to present it to the Board as planned.

Mayor Towers stated that it was time to move on.

Trustee Benson asked for the name of the firm Trustee Burgess is recommending. Trustee Hanks stated that will be discussed in executive session. Trustee Benson stated that Judge Stuttley has reduced his price since his first proposal. The Board does not work together in allowing the Mayor to do his job. Some members of the Board would prefer their own firm rather than the Mayor's appointment.

Trustee Hanks reminded the residents that the Del Galdo Group is still the Village Attorney and they will follow legal channels for transition when a new firm is hired. Trustee Hanks stated that it is not the Board who is dragging their feet but the Mayor. It was not until last week that the Mayor said the Board could seek other firms that may be lower priced. Trustee Hanks stated that he would like to see what information Trustee Burgess has to present to the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that what the Mayor did was sneaky and underhanded when asking for an item to be tabled and discussed in executive session and then made an appointment. It is the Mayor's right to appoint; but with the consent of the Board. The appointment will not get paid until the Board approves payment.

Mayor Towers stated that he stated that this would be a temporary appointment until the Board and the Mayor decided on who would be the next legal counsel for the Village. This temporary appointment would give the Mayor and the Board an opportunity to tweak what they believe the Village needs in legal representation.

Mayor Towers stated that he does have the power to temporarily appoint legal counsel for the Village.

Village Clerk Williams restated the motion to remove the tabling of item 7a was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carries

Item 7a brought back to the table.

a.A Resolution Appointing a Certain Individual to a Specified Office within the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Village Attorney)

Trustee Burgess made a motion not to approve the Resolution under item 7a.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion not to approve.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion not to approve carries

Mayor Towers restated that he has the power to temporarily appoint legal counsel for the Village. Mayor Towers restated his appointment of Judge Michael Stuttley as temporary legal counsel for the Village of Sauk Village commencing on October 1, 2010.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that there has been no money approved to pay Judge Stuttley and requested that all bills be presented to the Board and that no bills will be paid until the Village Board approves.

Trustee Benson stated that any work Judge Stuttley does after October 1st the Mayor should take it upon himself to use his power to have the bills paid.

Disruption in the audience. Audience member leaves with two police escorts.

Trustee Williams addressed the comment that Trustee Benson stated before the disruption. For clarification, the Mayor may appoint but in this form of government the Board approves the funds. If the Mayor keeps the appointment he will not get paid. All payments must be made through Accounts Payable and approved by the Board.

Trustee Anderson reminded the residents that bills will continue to be received from the Del Galdo Group during the interim period. Trustee Hanks agreed that the Del Galdo Group will still be representing the Village.

b. An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Grand Trunk Corporation, a Wholly Owned U.S. Subsidiary and Owner of the U.S. Rail Operating Subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company, for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked to have item 7b tabled. There are several questions from him and the attorneys. Those issues were given to the Board in their packets.

On roll call:

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

Motion to table carries

c. An Ordinance Approving a License and Indemnification Agreement Related to Landscaping Services with M.A.C. Landscaping and Snow Removal for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Motion carries

d. A Resolution Amending a Resolution Supporting, Approving of and Consenting to an Application by Winpak Portion Packaging, Inc. for a Class 8 Designation, Pursuant to the Cook County Real Property

Assessment Classification Ordinance, as Amended, for a Portion of Certain Real Property Located in the Village of Sauk Village for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers stated that this resolution was approved last week with two PIN numbers reported in error. Those PIN numbers have been corrected.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

8. New Business

a. Accounts Payable and Disbursements (September 15, 2010 – September 28, 2010)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Benson made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

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

b. Community Beautification Award

Mayor Towers introduced Marva Pruitt and the Beautification Committee. The Beautification Committee brought the Hootise awards back to the Village. Award certificates were given to certain individuals who maintained their property and kept their property beautiful. Mayor Towers presented the certificates to the following winners:

Buildings category –

Crossroads Apartments

Honorable mention- Homeowners

Robert and Rosemary Ketcham

Frank Kristina

Katherine Newton

Victoria and Reynold Roberts

Doris Wojcicki

3rd Place- Joe and Sue Phillips

2nd Place-Derrick and Juanita Burgess

1st Place- Melvin and Hazel Neal

Mayor Towers thanked the committee for their efforts and encouraged all homeowners to be a part of the Hootsie Awards next year.

9. Miscellaneous Business

a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Myers asked Interim Chief Holevis if applications are still being accepted for the crossing guard position. IC Holevis stated that there is still a position open for the 223rd and Orion location. This corner is currently being covered by a parent.

Trustee Anderson asked when a decision will be made.

IC Holevis stated that he and the Mayor have been speaking with Supt. Williams on this matter. No decision has been made.

Trustee Burgess stated that last week former Chief of Staff Corley and the recently resigned Finance Director were allowed back in their offices to remove personal items.

Trustee Burgess asked if she was able to get her personal belongings from her office why has the Village still not received the Village property that is in her possession. Corley's lawyer stated that those items are part of litigation and are in his office. They may be signed out. Trustee Burgess stated that the cell phone is still active and the bill shows activity every month since her termination. Why is still on? Trustee Burgess asked if the Village is still paying for insurance for the former Chief of Staff and former Police Chief. Mayor Towers did not know at that time. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor should know whether or not cell phone and insurance payments are still being provided to former employees. The cell phone alone is \$100.00 per month. It is a struggle to make payroll every week and employees have been asked to cut expenses. The benefits of the workers recently laid off were terminated immediately. Trustee Burgess asked if someone could check on

that now. Mayor Towers stated that the Board controls the money and they should have asked the staff. Mayor Towers will ask the Payroll Director. Mayor Towers stated that he has made contact with Mrs. Corley's attorney and he will make arrangements to have it picked up. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Burgess could pick up the phone. Trustee Burgess stated that he will not be picking up the phone. The Mayor should not have allowed Mrs. Corley to remove items from her office until she returned all Village property. Trustee Williams stated that when the motion to terminate both Chief Martin and Brunetta Hill- Corley was made on May 25, 2010 it was stated that all items belonging to the Village, including laptops, cell phones, keys, etc... needed to be returned immediately. It has been requested multiple times that these items be returned. Trustee Williams asked if the Village Treasurer could obtain the information regarding the insurance payments. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that is the job of the Finance Director or Payroll Director. Trustee Williams asked IC Holevis if the items have been reported stolen, where the investigation stands and when will the Police Department show up at their door to get the pick up the Village Property. IC Holevis stated that they have been reported stolen. Trustee Williams requested a copy of the report and a progress report. Trustee Williams asked why other employees who were recently laid off held to a different standard. All items had to be returned immediately and all benefits were terminated.

Disruption- another resident removed.

Trustee Anderson stated that there are no double standards.

(References to the prior election and people involved in appointments by the Mayor are excluded.)

Trustee Williams read a letter regarding her thoughts on the decline of the Village and the division between the Board and the residents as well as several issues that have come about in the past sixteen months.

Trustee Williams also referred to a situation that occurred due to certain information from a previous executive session meeting being discussed outside of that meeting. Trustee Williams stated that future bullying or harassment regarding how she votes or her stand on issues will be reported to the Police.

Trustee Hanks stated that he is working State Representative Anthony De Luca's Public Safety Advisory Committee. A recent discussion involved sex offenders passing out candy during Halloween. Trustee Hanks passed the information onto IC Holevis. Trustee Hanks stated that he was concerned that two residents were asked to leave after outbursts due to two trustees enticing the riot. It is important to remember who the Board is talking to. The Board is a servant of the people.

Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Hanks does not know how meetings should be run and that he and the residents should respect the leadership of the Village. (References to religion are excluded. Personal attacks among trustees are excluded.)

Trustee Anderson stated that she does not apologize; excitement happens through discussion; residents get rallied up over partial information. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee is hosting the Spaghetti Dinner on October 9th; everyone is invited.

Trustee Burgess stated that as chairman of Economic Development he has stated previously that as leaders of the community we are to set examples to the residents and businesses. Why would a business invest in this community? They will look to see how we conduct our business first. How can you expect anyone to respect the Board if the Board doesn't respect themselves? The Board needs to be more careful with the words, body language and actions they display.

Trustee Myers apologized to all residents for the behavior they witnessed tonight.

Village Clerk Williams stated that preparing the meeting minutes continues to be harder and harder to do with all of the bickering and slanderous comments. Future minutes will not contain slanderous comments or any references to past, present or future political campaigns, agendas or candidates. Minutes will reflect the business of the Village only- no personal attacks or agendas.

b. Questions from the Audience

Mike Bartnicki stated that he is impressed with Judge Stuttley and his expertise in many areas. Mike stated that the Board should review all areas of expertise including municipal experience. Mike, former Village employee, offered to pick up the Village property at the attorney's office if directed to do so with an authorization letter. Mike stated that the former Chief of Staff called to have his health insurance benefits stopped the day he was laid off; the benefits were set to continue until the end of the month. Mike had to turn in all Village property, including keys and cell phone, on his last day of employment. Mike asked why the Mayor didn't contest the unemployment benefits of the former Chief of Staff when she was terminated with cause. Why was she allowed to take her personal items when she still had Village property in her possession? Mike encouraged the Mayor to take control of the Board before things get out of hand.

Judy Cast stated that the motion to terminate Chief Martin also included that he return all items immediately. Why did the Mayor allow them to enter their sealed offices to remove items when they have property that belongs to the Village? Judy commented that the residents respond with partial information because they don't get the whole story.

Mike Brown stated that in reference to item 7a it was apparent that it masked the appointment. Residents should be heard- not gavelled. Using religion to attack someone is low.

Sharon Davenport asked where is the Pride and Progress? A house divided will not stand. There is too much discord on the Board. Sharon has been waiting for a tree to be removed and now employees are laid off.

John Hinko stated that the firm Trustee Burgess found is cheaper and should be the temporary firm.

Pat Holland asked if the residents will get answers from the questions they ask. Pat commented on the discord on the Board and the lack of transition with the previous administration. Pat asked if the Mayor belongs to SSMMA.

Mayor Towers stated that the Village belongs to SSMMA; he does not.

Pat stated that Mayors from surrounding areas learn information from SSMMA like how to get free police cars and free maintenance on cars.

Gary Holcomb asked if the access codes were removed from the laptops taken by the individuals that left.

Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Larry Stewart commented that 4-2 means majority rules. We should be able to move forward with a majority.

Larry referred to the minutes of the 11-16-09 Parks and Recreation meeting. The minutes state that each committee member will be assigned a play lot and report on the safety of the park. The minutes also state that Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee received a grant for \$60,000.00 and that money was used for payroll and insurance. It also states that whatever money is left will be paid back to Parks and Recreation. That was done incorrectly. We are broke. Nobody knows where the money is. Was that money returned? That should be looked at by the Board.

Rose Langston stated that the next Senior Movie will be October 4, 2010 at 1 pm at the library. Free refreshments will be served. Rose mentioned the weeds around the Village are about 18 inches tall. Rose stated it is the Mayor's responsibility to make sure the property was received from the ex employees. Rose is also concerned about paying for cell phones and benefits for ex employees. Rose asked why appoint a lawyer on a temporary basis without entertaining any other firms. Del Galdo will transition with Judge Stuttley. Will Judge Stuttley be qualified to transition with the other firm if that is the case? Three lawyers will get paid.

If Judge Stuttley is not experienced with municipal matters who will have to pay if Judge Stuttley hires another firm for those matters. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village will have to pay for that.

James Harvey stated that some people have a water bill over \$100.00 per month. Now there is talk of a 5% increase. Where is the money going? People are being laid off.

Trustee Williams stated that an ordinance was passed in 2006 to increase the water bill due to a high rate of infrastructure problems and necessary water treatments. The infrastructure is over 50 years old. The increase was intended to build a reserve to handle these issues. The taste does not mean it is unsafe to drink. Well #3 was closed due to contamination but the IEPA stated that the water in the other wells is safe. The water bill consists of the cost of garbage pick up. The balance is revenue for the Village. That revenue pays for water department payroll, supplies and any items relating to the water. They have their own budget.

James Harvey asked why Trustee Burgess did not agree to pick up the cell phone when the Mayor instructed him to do that. Trustee Burgess stated that the employee and her lawyer came here to pick up her belongings; they should have brought the property back at that time. There should be no special trip needed to pick up items from four months ago.

Charles Poindexter stated that he acts as Village Engineer for three municipalities. Keep the dirty laundry in the back.

Frank Williams stated for the benefit of everyone he will tell why the Board is so divided at the next Board meeting.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks added with further action to be taken.

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn with further action to be taken. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting adjourned to executive session with further action to be taken at 9:40 pm.

11. Executive Session

a. Discuss personnel matters including appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and/or discuss collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (2010)); (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) (2010))

12. Adjournment

The Board reentered the Board room at 11:25 PM without Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers. It was verified that both Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers left the building.

Trustee Hanks asked for roll call.

On roll call:

Present Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers

Trustee Burgess made a motion to elect David Hanks Mayor Pro Tem for the purpose of closing the meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint temporarily the law firm of Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donell, Marovich and Lapp at a \$4,000.00 retainer and \$165.00 per hour starting October 1, 2010.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson stated that the motion was improper and was not on the agenda. Trustee Anderson feels that the Trustees should not be appointing the attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the Village Attorney clarified that as long as it was something that was discussed in executive session the motion is okay.

Trustee Anderson also stated that the Board has not had any other opportunities to look at other attorney firms.

Mayor Pro Tem stated the motion was stated as temporary.

Trustee Anderson stated that it was asinine to have two Village Attorneys; one for free and one for \$4,000.00 whose organization was never presented before the committee.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that she opposed the meeting being closed because she felt the action was inappropriate and illegal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 pm.

Mayor Towers

Village Clerk Debbie Williams

Submitted in its entirety 10-25-10

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 5, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers to introduce the person seated next to him. Mayor Towers introduced Stuttley Group representative Joe Bertrand.

2. VILLAGE FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mayor Towers announced the bank balance as of 10/2/10 was \$206,680.00.

3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

3a. An ordinance approving memorandum of agreement with Grand Truck Corporation, a wholly owned U.S. subsidiary and owner of the U.S. Rail operating subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company, for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois – Eric Jakubowski

Mayor Towers invited Eric Jakubowski back to discuss issues with the agreement and the quiet zone.

Item 1. Eric reviewed the agreement and stated that CN will pay all costs related to the quiet zone. Sauk Village will hire the consultant. The cost of the outside engineering consultant and all construction costs will be paid by CN. The total cost could range between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00. It was determined that a noise barrier may not be necessary due to the proximity of the homes.

Item 2. The language allows the Village to design their own mitigation program to administer distribution of the \$270,000.00 of allowable funds which also allows the Village to use a portion of the funds as administrative costs. Many communities use the funds for privacy fencing, landscaping, window improvements, etc... Eric suggested communicating with neighboring communities to check how funds were disbursed. The Village needs to provide a report within 60 days to CN for review to verify mitigation administration. Reporting ceases once the funds have been disbursed.

Item 3. The Safety Vice President has been in contact with Fire Chief Stoffregen to discuss safety training offered by CN. All costs of tuition, transportation and lodging are covered by CN for emergency responders. Training, including Hazmat, will be completed within a three year plan.

Item 4. Optional to Sauk Village given dispatch capabilities.

Develop protocol to plan emergency routing by providing hardware and software to real time access to information regarding approaching trains.

Item 5. CN is prepared to waive the license fees for all municipal utilities either on a portion of the right of way or across the right of way for a period of 20 years.

The agreement will be filed with the Federal Transportation Board to stipulate that CN Railroad and Sauk Village have worked through the issue of mitigation within the community.

Trustee Burgess asked if the train can be broken or if fines can be imposed if the train stalls causing a long term blockage. Eric stated that CN will contact the Village immediately if a train has a mechanical problem. It may congest traffic longer by breaking the train but the train can be broken in an emergency. Trustee Burgess

asked if fines could be imposed if the train is stalled for too long. Eric stated that fines have been contested and thrown out of the Illinois Supreme Court. Eric stated that a unique signal bundle is tied into cellular phones that give real time access to information on how long gates are down.

Trustee Burgess stated that he heard of a possible overpass and asked if there are any future plans for an overpass on Torrence Avenue. Eric stated that he is not aware of an overpass. Torrence is a county road that is not programmed for that in terms of average daily traffic counts.

In three years the amount of trains using this railroad would double and could reach 38-40 trains per day. The average train lengths have been shortened.

Trustee Myers asked if there will be any study done with the telecommunicators. Eric stated that communication will continue between the CN Police Chief and the Sauk Village Police and Fire departments.

Trustee Williams asked if there will be any training done in the schools. Eric stated that there is a program called Operation Lifesaver that targets the grade schools. Railroad employee volunteers will teach railroad safety; coloring books are provided.

3b. An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Trustee Myers requested that the Board and the legal department review the saggy pants and playing in the streets ordinances before submitting them to the Board for approval at a later date.

3c. Illinois Municipal League Risk Management – Non renewal notification

Trustee Myers stated that several contacts have been made regarding cancellation of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management policy. The cancellation was due to the excessive amount of injuries and the lack of a safety committee which could have prevented some of those injuries. Inquiries were made to other organizations. Presentations will be made at future Board meetings. The cost of risk management could exceed \$350,000.00. Trustee Myers stated that all representatives suggested being selective in choosing the risk management firm as well as starting a safety committee immediately. Trustee Myers will continue to keep the Board updated. Mayor Towers also spoke with the representative from the IML and confirmed the excessive number of claims which exceeded the amount paid as well as the strong recommendation for safety training.

3d. Cook County Department of Public Health Intergovernmental Environmental Health Inspectional Services

Mayor Towers asked the Board to review the agreement between Cook County Department of Public Health and the Village of Sauk Village for the purpose of providing inspectional services. This agreement will be submitted for approval on next Tuesday's agenda.

Trustee Myers stated that Cook County has been asked on several occasions to perform an inspection on one particular Village business and has failed to do so. Trustee Myers would like to consider other agencies that can perform these inspections. Trustee Williams agreed to consider looking into other organizations; compare prices and services. Part of the problem with Cook County was that they had not been shown that the required changes were made regarding this isolated incident.

Mayor Towers stated that the department that issued the agreement may not be aware of what has taken place

with that business. They should be filled in.

Trustee Benson suggested placing this item on hold giving him two weeks to research other avenues.

Mayor Towers will check if there is a time frame that would require immediate attention or allow time for additional research.

3e. Budget hearing dates for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

The Board agreed to set Saturday, October 23, 2010 8:00 am as the date and time for the budget hearing.

4. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and the update of pending litigation if needed.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

Trustee Hanks asked that item 4 be moved and that the Board continue with the rest of the agenda and adjourn to executive session last so the residents will not be inconvenienced.

Trustee Williams asked why the format was changed; going into executive session before comments from the Board and the audience. Mayor Towers stated that he is trying something new. Trustee Myers stated that the executive sessions often are lengthy. Several residents are in the audience. Trustee Myers suggested speaking with the residents first.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion fails

Trustee Hanks made a motion to revise the agenda moving recessing to executive session until after miscellaneous business. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

4. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (REVISED)

4a. Comments from Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that last week there were no appropriations made for the Stuttley Group that was appointed by Mayor Towers. Trustee Burgess provided a comparison spreadsheet between the Stuttley Group and a firm he researched. The Stuttley Group is requesting \$200,000.00 per year with payments of \$16,000.00 per month regardless of the amount of services rendered and an additional hourly rate of \$195.00 for litigation matters. The Village is involved in a lot of litigation. Trustee Burgess stated that he cannot agree to a monthly fee of \$16,000.00 when we are struggling to make payroll and just laid off employees. As a cost cutting

measure. Trustee Burgess recommended the other firm with a \$4,000.00 annual retainer and a cost of \$165.00 for everything including litigation. Mayor Towers stated that the Board was requesting an annual retainer. The \$200,000.00 retainer allows unlimited access to the Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers stated that the Stuttley Group will agree to the hourly rate of \$165.00 but confirmed that continuing a past practice has cost the Village an excessive amount of money. At a rate of \$165.00 that will exceed the \$200,000.00 retainer. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor placing restrictions on who can call and why calls are made will keep the costs down. Otherwise, the monthly payment of \$16,000.00 will need to be made every 30 days whether their services were used to that degree or not. Trustee Burgess stated that there is no mention of municipal experience for the Stuttley Group on the internet. Trustee Burgess asked why they are getting an office in the Village, keys to the building and use of office amenities like phones, copiers, etc... This is not a cost cutting measure. They are not employees; we are paying them. Trustee Williams stated that previously it was discussed that the Village would be compensated for the use of the office. Mayor Towers stated that they will work out of the Village office; the office hours have not been decided yet. Trustee Williams stated that litigation is huge part of what the law firm does. Trustee Williams stated that comparing past legal fees of \$1,000,000.00 is not a fair comparison. During 2007 and 2008 there was a lot of TIF activity that was paid out of the TIF funds not out of General Fund. It is fiscally irresponsible to agree to a \$16,000.00 monthly payment when the Del Galdo Group is also expecting \$8,333.00 per month on their past due fees. Trustee Williams stated that the information provided by Trustee Burgess is credible and that the other firm should also be able to make a presentation to the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that the appointment of the Stuttley Group last week was made by the Mayor with no funds appropriated by the Board. No money should be paid until it is agreed to by the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that he challenges the appointment. The State statute does state that the Mayor does have the right to appoint with the advice and consent of the Village Board. It further states that vacancies and all municipal offices may be made with the advice and consent of the Village Board. Also, it is stated that if there is a resignation it is required that the municipal officer remain in that position until a successor has been chosen and has qualified. The attorney is considered a municipal officer. The statute does state reasons that allow the Mayor to appoint a temporary successor to office; none of those reasons apply here. That is why the temporary appointment is being challenged.

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to the Senior Spaghetti dinner. The cost is \$5.00. Tickets are available. Seven people attended the Senior Movie. The Senior Committee will be meeting on October 6th rather than the second Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

Trustee Hanks stated that particularly during election time everyone needs to be aware of the sign ordinance that stipulates that temporary signs that are 6 square feet or less are exempt from the sign ordinance and temporary signs cannot be placed in the parkway. Trustee Hanks also stated that multiple trustees asked to have an item added to the agenda. The Mayor openly refused to add the item to the agenda stating that the agenda was already done. Trustee Hanks stated that the agenda was not done until later in the evening and not posted until the next day. Mayor Towers stated that he got two calls from Trustees. That was disputed. Past precedence states that a request by one trustee gets the item placed on the agenda. Mayor Towers has openly refused to place things on the agenda; that is wrong.

Trustee Anderson stated that to be clear about abandonment the Del Galdo Law Group sent a letter dated

September 14, 2010 that informs the Village that the group continues to receive calls for legal advice even after a letter dated September 3, 2010 that states the firm's resignation. Del Galdo stated that the Village is making no effort to advance the transition to a new Village attorney or to discuss past due balances. The firm reiterated that the Del Galdo Group had resigned as of September 3, 2010, therefore abandonment, which gives the Mayor the right. Trustee Burgess stated that there was no abandonment; Del Galdo still works on TIF. Trustee Anderson stated that a comment was made that no one knows anyone from the other firm and that the Mayor is hiring Judge Stuttley because he is a friend of the Mayor. Trustee Anderson stated that everyone knows someone from the other group because Mr. Lapp conducted the hearing for the former Chief of Staff. Trustee Anderson stated that the discussion about in house counsel was brought up due to the problems with the current firm.

Mayor Towers stated that he will bring the \$165.00 proposal back to the Stuttley Group.

Trustee Williams stated that no appropriations have been made for the Stuttley Group. Trustee Williams asked that Village attorney matters be included on the next Committee agenda. Trustee Burgess stated that the Village is at risk allowing the Stuttley Group to take an office in the Municipal Center; what type of liability will the Village face. Trustee Hanks asked that they be treated as any other non employee and asked how much they will be charged to use that space. Trustee Benson stated that the statute read by Trustee Hanks does not mention anything about charging for the office; he is out of order. It is the Mayor's appointment and it should stand. Mayor Towers asked all trustees to write down their concerns and he will investigate them.

Mayor Towers stands behind his temporary appointment.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will meet Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the executive session room.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will meet the second Monday at 6:30 pm.

4b. Comments from the Audience

Judy stated that there has not been a lawyer at a committee meeting in a long time; why is there a lawyer here now whispering to the Mayor. If the lawyer will get office space then the Village is entitled to a reduction in fees. The lawyer should represent the Village; not the Mayor. Judy could not hear what Trustee Hanks was saying over the gaveling. Trustee Hanks stated that he was replying to Trustee Benson's statement regarding charging the law firm for office space. Trustee Hanks stated that by ordinance the trustees do have the right to determine how much should be charged. Judy stated that it was indicated that the law firm will not get paid until it is approved. Mayor Towers stated that he did not say that. Judy stated something off of the agenda.

The agenda did not stipulate comments on agenda items only. Mayor Towers stated that regardless of what the agenda says "only agenda items will be discussed". Disagreement followed. Trustee Williams stated that recently in the same case a vote was needed by a majority of the Board to change the agenda. This also applies here. Trustee Anderson stated that the Committee meeting is customarily only open to questions on agenda items so the customary practice is in place. Village Clerk Williams agreed that the agenda is not specific to agenda items only and therefore should be open to all discussion according to the Public Access Counselor.

Judy asked that everyone be treated equally.

Larry Stewart stated that people are asking questions and not getting answers. The attorney is speaking to the Mayor and not the Board or audience. Larry appreciated that the Board changed the format so the people could hear what is going on. Larry demanded that other law firms need to be considered. Get an attorney that represents all of the people.

John Hinko asked Trustee Burgess to check how much the other firm normally gets paid from other municipalities. John asked if the current attorney is keeping track of his time and will the Village pay him for his time here if the appropriations are approved; the Board is saying that he will not get paid. Mayor Towers stated that he never said that they won't get paid.

Mike Bartnicki stated that the agenda does not limit the audience participation and that it would require the vote of the Board to change the agenda or the discussion should be opened. Mike stated that the attorney should be advising the Mayor correctly. The Mayor and the Board are in violation of the Open Meetings Act. The attorney should be the parliamentarian.

Stuttley Group representative Joe Bertrand stated that he is an administrator (not an attorney). He did in fact agree and did try to instruct the Mayor to accept the information from the trustees and the residents. Mike stated that he would have picked up the items from the ex-Chief of Staff today if the Board would have instructed him to do that. She is in violation of her contract and a civil suit should be started against her. She should be instructed to return the items. It was difficult for him to understand why she is getting unemployment when he had to fight for it when he got laid off because he could not get an adequate letter stating that he was laid off.

Mike stated to type the agenda correctly or pay the consequences.

Larry apologized and respected that Mr. Bertrand acknowledged what the note was for.

Ed Shankel stated that whatever law firm is chosen they will sit on the side and advise the whole group.

Carl Rylander asked for clarification that the railroad will provide funds for an environmental impact study. Will the Village be doing their own study? Candlelight is affected by the noise. Mayor Towers stated that the Village will do their own study. Carl asked if there is anything about revisiting the agreement after five years. Mayor Towers stated that there is no mention of five years; the contract is final when the agreement is signed. The funds will be disbursed for a quiet zone and noise mitigation. Carl asked if he knew anything about an overpass. Mayor Towers stated that he did not know anything about an overpass. Mayor Towers stated that he does have other concerns that he will be talking to them about. Carl was concerned about chemical spills; would there be an alarm sounded. Who will be responsible for health issues relating to the railroad? Mayor Towers asked that everyone put their questions in writing and he will bring those issues to railroad.

Judy also apologized to Mr. Bertrand. Judy asked if the property from Martin and Corley has been returned yet and why the phones were still on. Judy asked why the recently laid off employees who have worked in the Village for many years had their benefits terminated immediately while the Chief of Staff and Police Chief had their benefits continue. Mayor Towers stated that there was no Chief of Staff or Finance Director in position to do that. Judy stated that the Finance Director was in place but was not directed to do that. It was the Mayor's responsibility. Judy stated that she spoke with an attorney from the Del Galdo Group. He stated that they did write a letter to inform the Village of their resignation but they have to stay here by law until another firm is in place.

Rose Langston is concerned with the parliamentarian procedure. In the past all correspondence with the lawyers was done so everyone could hear. Rose encouraged the lawyer to sit on the side and not to act as only the Mayor's attorney.

Rose stated that the attorney should have gotten up and defended Trustee Williams when she suggested that a motion be taken to change the agenda.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification about payment for the law firm. Trustee Hanks stated earlier that the Stuttley Group will be expecting a payment on the 15th. The Board has not approved any appropriations. (No reply).

Rosie Jones stated that the Village needs a good lawyer and everyone will not agree. Votes are always one sided.

John Hinko stated that the majority is for the Village.

5. RECESS (ADJOURN) TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and update of pending litigation.

Trustee Benson made the motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discuss personnel matters and update of pending litigation if needed (5 ILCS120/2(C)(1) (2010))

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and the update of pending litigation if needed.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 11-6-10

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 OCTOBER 12, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. August 10, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

b. August 17, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2010. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

c. August 24, 2010 -- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams – No Report

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael (arrived at 7:20 pm)

See 9a.

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand – No report

Trustee Burgess asked the Stuttley Group representative if he was a lawyer and asked that he identify himself. Joseph Bertrand stated that he is reporting for the Stuttley Group; he is not a lawyer.

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reminded the Board that bids will be opened tonight for resurfacing work to be completed at the end of the season. He would like for the bid opening to take place as quickly in the meeting as possible so that he can evaluate the bids and make a recommendation.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

The Mayor stated that Living Springs Community Church located in Homewood sponsors special projects to assist the seniors in other communities. The project they've chosen for Sauk Village is to pick up the trash and mow lawns between Carol and Peterson Avenues. Mayor Towers will be joining them Sunday, October 17th between 10am and 12pm. If there is anyone that would like to volunteer, please see the Mayor after the meeting.

Mayor Towers informed the residents that The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is hosting their 4th annual Breast Cancer Walk in Tinley Park Sunday, October 17th starting at 8am. If anyone wanted to donate to the cause, volunteer or participate in the walk, he would see them after the meeting.

Mayor Towers stated that Janelle Davis, Director for Meals on Wheels of Bloom Township, informed him that Meals on Wheels provides meals to at least 20 Sauk Village Seniors. They are looking for volunteers to help put the meals together or for delivery of the meals. If anyone would like to volunteer to this cause or get more information see Mayor Towers after the meeting.

Trustee David Hanks requested that item 8b – Opening of the Bids- be added as part of the Mayor's report. The Mayor agreed. Trustee Hanks made a motion to open the bids. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mayor Towers began the reading of the MFT/ERP Project bids.

1. Alpha Construction- The total amount of the bid was \$459,274.00
2. Gallagher Asphalt – The total amount of the bid \$416,946.67
3. K-Five Construction Corp – The total amount of the bid was \$460,160.00.
4. Iroquois Paving Corp –The total amount of the bid was \$379,975.07.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson thanked those that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner held Saturday, October 9th. There were over 140 tickets sold with 100 people in attendance. Trustee Anderson thanked the US Bank employees along with the many other volunteers, including Frances Federenko, Saul Bosman and Eddie Randall, who helped make the event a success. Donations were received by Bloom Township, Steger Memorial Chapel, Noel Dahmer, Rose Langston, Francine Anderson, Bob Barnes, Jim Embry, Pat Stockwell, Floyd and Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall just to name a few. Entertainment was provided by the Morgan Family and Flora Haynes, the line dancing instructor. The committee sold 50/50 raffle tickets and door prizes were given out.

The Police Alliance Committee met earlier today. The Police Alliance Committee meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6pm right before the Board Meeting; the public is encouraged to attend.

The committee presented several questions to the Chief regarding several events.

1. Would it be possible for the residents to come to have their Halloween candy X-rayed for safety sake?
2. What is being done about teenagers who don't adhere to Curfew hours?
3. What is being done about the Gang violence on the North Side of town?
4. Can we have consistent attendance to the Police Alliance meetings by the Police Department?

Chief Holevis stated that the Police Department does not have X-rays available for candy and suggested the nearest hospital. Chief Holevis stated that juvenile tickets are given to curfew violators. They are expected to appear in local court. Chief Holevis stated that the tactical unit goes out just about every weekend. Chief Holevis apologized for missing tonight's PAC meeting.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and 15 of the Sauk Village youth performed for the

open video taping of “Moving into Fitness” this past Saturday. This was a great experience for the youth and it moves to help combat weight concerns as advocated by our nation’s First Lady, Michelle Obama. The Parks and Recreation Committee will work with the sorority to create additional videos in the near future.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks received an email from a company that likes to work with communities to address how they can help with the maintenance of foreclosed homes and vacant properties. Some of the services they provide are trash outs, debris removal, lock changes, photo verification to document the condition of the vacant/foreclosed homes, lawn maintenance, painting, drywall repair, and carpet removal. Trustee Hanks stated that he believed a fee is involved and will follow up with the company to get more information.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

The Ordinance Review Committee contacted another company that handles Risk Management. The Mayor met with the company and will bring information back to committee. Trustee Myers volunteered to chair the committee of three that the Mayor suggested was needed to search for a new Risk Management firm for the Village. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be next Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm. The committee is in the final stages of various ordinances to address playing in the streets, low riding pants and vending machines. The committee will present the ordinance drafts to the attorneys for review.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, October 11th. The committee looked at what WinPak was proposing to give to the Village and how it would affect the TIF 3 district. The agreement by WinPak was to give Sauk Village \$100,000 payable in 3 installments each month starting in October. Trustee Burgess proposed that a portion of the money be used to pay back membership dues to the SSMMA. SSMMA is a very useful organization that has influence with various municipal services that the Village can benefit from. The Mayor said he will review it and put it on the next agenda. Trustee Burgess asked for a timeframe; perhaps next week. Trustee Rosie Williams attempted to get clarification and the Mayor insisted there is time to pay the back dues and he fully understands the benefits of the organization as he has attended some meetings as well. Trustee Benson stated that the Village’s budget review will be taking place shortly and that we should wait to see if money would be available. The Village has not been an active member in two years and so waiting an additional 15 days should be no problem. Trustee Williams proposed that it should be put on the agenda of the next committee meeting to talk about the benefits of joining the organization and that the dues should not be paid with taxpayers’ money but with funds from the WinPak gift.

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

Trustee Williams reminded the Board that Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight of October 29th. This will be the last release of the year to publicize holiday events. The next Public Relations meeting will be held Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis reminded residents that there will be an annual sex offender check this weekend. Chief Holevis stated that more than half of the squads have new tires. Vehicle repairs are continuing; there is a need for one transmission and one motor. Chief Holevis and Deputy Chief Atwood have worked to bring the Village NIMS compliant which will help to complete grants. Halloween hours are 3-7pm.

5b. Fire Department- Captain Synowicz

Fire Chief Stoffregen and Deputy Chief Atwood are currently attending a conference in Peoria. Six firefighters have been sent to Champaign for fire fighter training this week. The cost was covered by the Fire Department Association. Last week was Fire Prevention Week. The FireD visited all of the schools. Special thanks to McDonalds for hosting the event. Capt. Synowicz thanked the community for their generosity during the recent boot drive. The contributions will help the fire fighters attending the training in Champaign. The annual pump testing was done today. The Fire Department answered 16 calls this week for various incidents.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the Public Works department is continuing the leaf pick up through the last 3 weeks of

November. There will be a one time sweep through the neighborhoods.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director

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

DH Johnson stated that ESDA had eleven calls in the past week which included assisting the Fire Department in different incidents, working with the police department, school patrol and assisting Chicago Heights on a house fire.

5g. 911 Board- Captain Synowicz – No report

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum and Agreement with the Grand Truck Corporation; a wholly owned US Subsidiary of the United States Rail Operations subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway Company for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Hanks

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7b. A Resolution Approving Cook County Department of Health Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspection for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A Motion to Approve a Revised Accounts Payable & Disbursements from September 29, 2010 – October 12, 2010.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above in the amount of \$181,892.34. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Myers confirmed that Halloween hours were still during the hours from 3pm – 7pm. The Mayor

confirmed those hours. Trustee Myers also wanted to confirm that ESDA would be assisting the Police Department on Halloween night. Art Johnson said that ESDA would be of assistance for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night of Halloween weekend. The Mayor stated that if the Trustees wanted to amend the Halloween hours it would have to be put on the Agenda for next Tuesday. Trustee Williams reminded the Board that the discussion and vote would happen too late before Halloween occurred. All Trustees agreed to leave the hours the same.

Trustee Burgess asked if the property belonging to Sauk Village had been returned by Brunetta Hill-Corley. The Mayor replied that he had no additional information. Trustee Myers asked if the Mayor had turned the matter over to the Police Department as this was an ongoing situation that is not getting resolved. Trustee Williams stated that no Trustee or resident should be expected to retrieve the items. Officers should be instructed to pick up the items which include personnel files. Trustee Williams stated that she gave the direction four weeks ago that the incident should be treated as stolen property and handled as such by the Police for both Hill-Corley and Ex-Chief Martin. It has been long practiced that whenever an employee separation occurred, other employees were expected to signoff and surrender all Village property before leaving.

Trustee Anderson informed residents that additional units at Saint James Estates in Crete have opened for senior housing. The units are located at the corner of Richton Road and I-394. Sheriff Dart's office has cell phones for seniors. Applications are available for those that are interested.

Trustee Hanks thanked the seniors for the Spaghetti Dinner. Trustee Hanks attended a meet and greet for State Representative Anthony DeLuca and State Senator Toi Hutchinson. DeLuca and Hutchinson referred to some funds they were able to get for the Village. Trustee Hanks asked what funds they were referring to. Mayor Towers stated that it was \$4,600 the Village could expect to receive from MFT. No money has been released from the State yet. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board has no reports for TIF spending and no Collector's report since last October. The Board needs to know what funds are received and from where before they can vote on expenditures. The Board has no idea where the income is coming from; so when Accounts Payable is voted on, they have no idea what monies are available. The Mayor stated he had no idea who could formulate the Collector's report since we have no Finance Director. Trustee Anderson suggested that that could be one of the first things the new Finance Director could do when they are hired on. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village is supposed to provide that report monthly. Trustee Williams stated that the former Chief of Staff and former Finance Director were in place during that time frame and the reports were not getting done. Trustee Burgess stated that money is coming in; someone knows where it is coming from. It should be a manner of logging it and presenting it to the Board. Between the Treasurer and Accounts Payable, it should be relatively easy to provide a report to the Board. Trustee Williams proposed that it be placed on the next agenda to be addressed. Trustee Williams asked for Collective Bargaining to be placed on the agenda next week. Trustee Williams asked if the process has been started to look for a new Finance Director. Mayor Towers stated no. She also wanted to know why so many officers were in attendance tonight; why they weren't on the streets. Overtime and budget constraints dictate they be on the streets instead of at the meetings. There is usually the Police Chief and one other officer; tonight there are six officers present. Chief Holevis stated that was his decision based on information he received. Trustee Williams wanted to know if the Stuttley Group had an office in Village Hall and had they returned their keys. The Mayor responded, no- not yet, to both questions. Trustee Williams suggested that policies and procedures be created for when Village property should be returned.

Trustee Williams asked why the Stuttley Group sent an administrator when the Village is being billed for a lawyer. If the Village is going to pay the Stuttley Group at the hourly rate of a lawyer, then a lawyer should be present. An attorney for the Stuttley Group was present in the audience; the Stuttley administrator was sitting alongside the Mayor. The Trustees and Mayor Towers had discussions about the Mayor's right to appoint a lawyer and for how long. The Mayor insisted he has a right to appoint on a temporary basis until he chooses to name a permanent law firm. Trustee Hanks went on to quote State statute regarding the rights of the Mayor to appoint by and with the advice of the Board of Trustees. Mayor Towers stated that the State statute states that he has the right to appoint an attorney on a temporary basis. Trustee Hanks stated that the reasons that allow for the temporary appointment do not apply to this case, such as, death or abandonment of the previous firm. The Del Galdo Group did not abandon the Village. The Board wants the Mayor to agree to look at other law firms with more experience than the Stuttley Group and the Mayor refused.

Mayor Towers stated that he has appointed the temporary law firm for the Village and will not entertain any other firms. Trustee Burgess asked what the time frame was until Mayor Towers brings the permanent appointment to the Board. Mayor Towers stated that he has no time frame for temporary. Temporary can be until he decides to make the position permanent. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will know when he decides to make the position permanent.

Trustee Williams reiterated that she would like to see the review of possible attorneys for the Village, including the Mayor's appointment placed on the next agenda. The Board is not in a temporary situation. The Village needs permanent guidance. It would behoove the Mayor to place the temporary law firm and any other law firm on the next agenda for discussion. A permanent solution is needed for a permanent problem. While the Stuttley Group is temporary they are not getting paid. The Board has to approve payment of the Village attorney. There is outstanding litigation, ordinances, etc... that need to be addressed. Mayor Towers stated that the money that the Stuttley Group is asking for will be placed on the agenda. Trustee Williams stated that last week it was discussed that if three trustees ask for an item to be placed on the agenda it should be placed on the agenda. Trustees Williams, Burgess, Hanks and Myers supported requesting the item to be added to the agenda. Mayor Towers moved on.

Trustee Hanks reminded the Board that communication between himself and the Mayor informed him that the Del Galdo Group had abandoned the Village. Mayor Towers denied he said that. Trustee Hanks will provide the Village Clerk with a copy of a memo from the Del Galdo Group stating their current status with the Village. Trustees Hanks, Burgess and Myers agreed with Trustee Williams that the discussion of other law firms should be put on next Tuesday's agenda so that Trustees could review possible attorney firms for the permanent position. Trustee Anderson stated that it is not fair that the Mayor is not allowed to appoint a temporary law firm until he is ready to hire a permanent law firm. Trustee Anderson stated that the Mayor sets the agenda and the Board should wait until the discussion of hiring a permanent law firm is placed on the agenda. Trustee Benson challenged that Trustee Hanks doesn't understand what he is reading. It clearly states that the Mayor and only the Mayor has the position of appointment; not the Board of Trustees. They are out of order. Trustee Benson agreed with Trustee Anderson and stated that every time the Mayor tries to bring in an appointment they try to bring in their appointment. They should be quiet and let the Mayor run his Board so we could get out of here much faster. Trustee Benson stated that when the three, sometimes four trustees start talking it creates chaos; it is unprofessional and they have brought embarrassment to this Village. Trustee Benson stated that they should be ashamed of themselves. The Board is disrespectful and constantly tries to tie the Mayor's hands on every account.

Trustee Burgess stated that there will be an election in April and he hopes that whoever decides to run for Trustee has done their research to understand the duties of a Trustee. They will find that no reference in the statutes that states that Trustees are supposed do what the Mayor wants. Nowhere does it say state that Trustees cannot place what they would like to see on the agenda; it's not just the Mayor; otherwise, why would the Trustees be here. Trustees are responsible for appropriating the money. That accountability is solely on the Trustees and not on the Mayor. No one is beyond questioning. Trustee Williams wanted clarification of what would be put on the agenda next week. The Mayor emphatically stated that the agenda item will consist of what fees would be appropriated to the temporary law firm. And he would not entertain that again.

Trustee Williams stated that three members of the Corporate Authorities have asked for an item to be placed on the agenda. Trustee Myers added that he would also like to see that item added to the agenda. Trustee Anderson asked exactly what Trustee Williams is asking for on the agenda. Trustee Williams stated that any and all members of the Corporate Authorities should be given the opportunity to bring any one or any ideas for review and discussion to be placed on the agenda.

Mayor Towers did not respond and moved on to recognize Village Treasurer Carmichael who was not present at the time of her report.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board will have their quarterly meeting next Thursday. VT Carmichael wanted to clarify that the Treasurer has never been responsible for compiling the Collectors' report. That report is provided by the Finance Director.

Trustee Myers asked who is recording the information now. Mayor Towers stated that the payroll department is currently recording the information.

Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers what will be on the agenda next week. Mayor Towers stated that you will see what's on the agenda and will not entertain this any further. The Mayor stated that he has stated many times that the only thing on the agenda will be voting on their money. (Disruption)

Mayor Towers asked Village Engineer to provide his recommendation to the Board.

Village Engineer Jim Czarnik stated that he reviewed the bids and proposals; some errors were discovered, including the bid for Alpha Construction Company being actually \$439,138.05. Jim recommended that the Board accept the lowest bidder- Iroquois Paving Corp bid of \$379,975.07. This is conditional of an 8 day waiting period by IDOT. A follow-up letter will be sent by Jim Czarnik stating his recommendation. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to accept the above recommendation. Trustee Williams motioned to approve the recommendation to accept the bid of Iroquois Paving Corp. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Benson

Motion carried

9b. Questions from the Audience

John Dennis stated that the Veteran's Memorial Service will be held on Veteran's Day 11/11/ 10 at 11am at the St. James cemetery. Everyone is invited.

Frank Williams stated that the next person speaking will be reading the rules and regulations that need to be followed by the Sauk Village Board.

Judy Cast, 46 year resident, stated that according to (verbatim reading follows):

Section 31.01 – Selection and Removal of Appointed Officers- All appointed officers of the Village shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Corporate Authorities. Such officer shall hold their office until such time the Corporate Authorities by ordinance or resolution provide. Any officer so appointed may be suspended or removed from the office at any time by a majority vote of all of the Corporate Authorities at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called in accordance with law. All vacancies so made may be filled in the manner this section provides.

Judy Cast stated that the Mayor has the right as the Mayor to appoint but the Board has to approve it. The people have stated it before; they don't want the Mayor's friends. We want competent people. It is unclear who these people are and what they do. Judy stated that she thinks it is illegal for a law firm to be seated in the Village Hall without paying rent. Judy stated that the people do not get any answers.

Judy stated that according to (verbatim reading follows):

Section 31.04- Surrender of Affect of Office-Any person whose employment or time of office shall have expired as an officer or an employee of the Village shall within five days after notification and request by the proper person shall deliver his successor in the office all books, property and affects of every description that may be in his possession belonging to the Village or pertaining to his office.

Judy stated that she has been asking for months for the return of the Village property. (Disruption)

Village resident was escorted out by two police officers. (Further disruption)

Judy stated that the personnel files should be retrieved from the former Police Chief. Judy stated that the Village has lost sight on how it was run. The Village Clerk has always had an integral part of the Village and the Board. Judy stated that according to (verbatim reading follows):

Section 31.03- Turn over of Money- All Village Officers and employees shall immediately upon the receipt of money properly belonging to the Village turn the funds over to the Village Clerk.

There is no Finance Director and no one knows what anyone is doing. The Village Clerk is supposed to be responsible for that. It is still on the books that the Village Clerk is responsible for the Water Department.

The Village needs to move on – an independent audit approved by the Board needs to be done. Judy asked that people who have been in the Village twenty years or more to stand. Judy stated that the majority of the audience has been here a long time and they won't give up until they get answers.

Larry Stewart stated that it is unclear why two is more than four. The majority of the Board has the right to an agenda. Larry asked that the Mayor pull the community together. Larry is shocked that the person sitting next to him is not an attorney. Larry asked the Mayor to stand with the majority and move the Village forward.

Carl Claret, 23 year resident, stated that his house was broken into; someone broke the sliding glass door. He was unable to get a police report; they are not calling him back. Citizens need to be aware of the thievery going on. Nothing is getting done. Carl has called the newspapers to let them know what is going on.

Darrick Thompson stated that he is in the community registering people to vote and he wanted to let the Mayor know that the majority of the people are happy with what he is doing. There is a big change. We need to be worried about crime and youth in Sauk Village not bickering with the Mayor. We should be worried

about people who work in the Village and take the money outside the Village. Make the people who work in the Village live in the Village. The Board should be talking about drugs and crime. Darrick stated that the Police officers sit at Marathon and watch drug sales happen and don't do anything. Trustee Hanks stated that the Police Department is doing their job. They respond to citizens reports of incidents crime and drugs. Drug stings are performed by the Police Department. The Board does not openly discuss what the Police Officers are focusing on. That would harm their investigations. Darrick stated that there is hatred at these meetings. Let the Mayor shoot himself in the foot if you think he is making bad decisions. The Trustees are shooting themselves in the foot. Darrick stated that the people in this meeting do not represent the majority. He registers people to vote every day and there will be a major turnout at the next election He has registered 500 people to vote. Trustee Hanks asked if the Board allows the Mayor to shoot himself in the foot – who pays for that? The Village residents do. The Mayor has shot himself in the foot for over a year and the Board has finally come together to say that we are not going to allow the Village to go down the drain any longer. Maybe people should talk to the ones that disagree and find out why.

Darrick stated that the Police Department has a 4.4 million dollar budget. Trustee Williams clarified that the article for the newspaper that stated that figured did not specify that the last budget was an 18 month budget not a twelve month budget. Darrick stated that there should be an ordinance that you have to live in Sauk Village to work in Sauk Village. Trustee Williams stated that people who are qualified for Village positions do not often apply for them. Three of the top paying positions appointed by the Mayor went to people who live outside of Sauk Village. The Stuttley Group is not located in Sauk Village.

Darrick stated that he held a Back to School event because the Village did not. Darrick feels that the Board does not care about the youth. Trustee Burgess stated that he was the chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He worked hard for the youth. He was removed from that committee. Trustee Burgess had a successful basketball program and quarterly programs. The Parks and Recreation Committee hosted dances, Halloween events, Easter egg hunts, Corn and Dog Roast, Christmas parade, etc... for the youth at no cost to the Village. The committee raised money to fund the events. Trustee Burgess stated that Darrick should not say that the Board does not care about the youth.

Jimo Kasali stated that Sauk Village is too small to be divided. Public officials need to be aware of what they can and cannot do. The Mayor has the right to appoint. The financial problems did not start with this Mayor. No one wants to support this Mayor. Jimo stated that there were issues with a previous administrator at the School District and the School Board is trying to work together now. Jimo stated that more police patrol is needed before and after school.

Charles Dieringer came to talk about an opportunity regarding the water. Charles also discussed different forms of government. Charles stated that the City of Chicago is looking for a place to have a model gun training range. The NWRD is holding a meeting on October 21, 2010 10:00 am at 111 E. Erie. Charles invited the Board to attend or check out nwr.org for more information.

Elizabeth Hinko, resident since 1976, is concerned about the budget, low property values, foreclosures and crime. Elizabeth stated that a shooting took place after kids were arguing at 5:15 pm today. Her granddaughter was very close to the situation and could have been hit by a stray bullet. Crime should be the number one topic for the Board. Police need to boost up patrol on Jeffrey. Gangs are taking over.

Mike Brown asked when the next Student Government Day is. Trustee Williams stated that it is the last Tuesday in March. Mike agrees that crime and drugs should be on the fore front. Mike stated that there are different forms of government. The House and the Senate introduce legislature; the President cannot introduce that. Mike stated that it takes money to hire police officers, pay for overtime and conduct special task forces.

Mike also stated that the police are often involved in other actions that may prohibit them from responding. Mike stated that any person who has witnessed a crime can affect a lawful arrest. Mike stated that four trustees have asked for an item on the agenda. Will the Mayor place that on the agenda? Mayor Towers stated that as far as the attorneys are concerned it is what their fees will be. Mike asked what will happen if the Board does not approve the money. Mayor Towers stated that is up to the Board. Mike asked Ms. Pettway, Stuttley Group attorney, if four trustees have asked for a specific item to be placed on the agenda that would give them the opportunity to introduce to the Board other legal representation that would act on a permanent basis that would act on behalf of the Village of Sauk Village, what statute gives them the legal right to have that item placed on the agenda. Melanie Pettway stated that she cannot answer that right now. Ms. Pettway stated that she does not have the statutes in front of her. Ms. Pettway asked Mike for his email. She will email the answer to him. Trustee Williams asked that the Board receive the same information.

Sharon Davenport, and her 7 year old son Laughton, stated that she has trust in the Government system but she has seen that this Board has major issues. The last time she was here she was offended by Trustee Benson. She asked for an apology. Everyone on the Board apologized except Trustee Benson. Trustee Benson stated that he did not owe her an apology and laughed at her. Her children witnessed the rudeness. Sharon stated

that she does commend Kevin Weller and the Public Works department. They acted quickly when she reported a problem with her tree. Sharon asked Mayor Towers to speak to him. She has still not received an apology. Sharon stated that businesses need to be brought to town so the residents can find employment. Sharon stated that the Illinois Highway Coalition is giving the Village a \$10,000.00 gift to place a mural in town and the Committee cannot find a decent place to put it. We are in the homestretch. Who's in charge and what steps are being taken to get businesses in town?

Trustee Burgess stated that it is true that there is not a lot of economic development here. People who are looking to move their businesses check out the town first and this is the environment they see. There has been growth in industrial business but not retail. Trustee Burgess stated that he is asking for a planner to be brought in to encourage new sites and updates old façades. Everyone wants to see growth. SSMMA is a good resource to help with economic development. Sauk Village needs to support their local businesses. People from other towns shop here.

Sharon stated that the focus of the mural is Pride and Progress. The Board needs to work with the mural committee to find a place for the mural.

John Hinko asked if this is a dictatorship. John asked if Trustee Benson sells refreshments at his events and where the money goes. In accordance with the ordinance the money should go to the clerk. Trustee Benson stated that the money is collected and given to the front desk and placed in the General Fund. Trustee Benson stated that John's information is incorrect. John said that the Board needs to look at the Village Codes. The Board needs to run the Village. John asked the Mayor if he is doing what he was asked to do. John stated that the new Police Chief is doing a great job of starting to turn things around. It takes time. Chief Martin did not want the Police Department to harass the gangs. John told the Mayor he should work with the Board to get competent people, not friends and acquaintances voted in to run the Village.

Frank Williams stated that he previously stated that he would tell everyone why the Village is the way it is. The Mayor stated that there would be open government, everything would be above Board and each department head would have a Trustee over their department. The Mayor also said that there would be no changes in personnel for one year. None of those things have happened. People should be judged by their qualifications only. Frank suggested to the Mayor that asking the Village Manager to stay a little longer to help the next person in that position; he refused. Not knowing what to do is why we are in the shape we are in right now. The Village had grant writers that were run away. The Village does not need to go back. Frank asked which way the Mayor is going to take the Village forward from tonight on. Give the people answers to their questions. Frank stated to the Mayor that we are all friends and we trusted that you would listen to your Board and the department heads, like Kevin Weller and the Police Department, who know the ins and outs of the Village. Listen to them. Bringing all new people in; they cannot advise you. Starting tonight the Mayor should move the Village forward with the advice of the Board.

Rose Langston, 50 yr. resident, is concerned that the Village Board is going in the same direction as the School Board under Dr. Ryan. It was a dictatorship. He told the school board members what to do. It should not be one-sided. Rose asked why the Mayor is pushing for payment to a temporary law firm. The Mayor can appoint every thirty days. Other law firms should be considered. Law firms that have municipality experience may be able to answer the questions. Rose stated that she has never seen anything like what is going on here and she is not giving up. She will continue to volunteer. The Board should stick to the budget and finances and leave the crime to the Police Department. They are doing a fine job. The Board should join SSMMA to help find money and receive the benefits they offer. Rose reported a leak on the North side to Kevin Weller. Rose commended Kevin for taking on a job of removing tall weeds himself when his employees were not available.

Bernice Houston stated that she gave a package to the Mayor and the Trustees regarding the loan the Village applied for to repair well number 3. Bernice stated that she felt that the plan does not anticipate the other problems coming up with wells 1 and 2. Bernice asked if further discussion of the plan could be placed on the agenda so taxpayers will know what they are paying for; 3.2 million dollars (s/b 2.2 million) is not going to solve the water problem. A more comprehensive plan is needed. Mayor Towers stated that it will be placed on the agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that one audience member asked for an item to be added to the agenda and the Mayor agreed when four trustees asked for an item to be added they were denied. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers if Village Engineer Jim Czarnik could be included in that discussion.

John Hinko asked how long the Village has survived with the water and where does the Village stand with the independent audit. The Village needs to know where the money is coming from and going to move forward.

Mayor Towers stated that an audit is needed but it has been placed on the back burner because it costs money. Trustee Anderson stated that by ordinance the Village is required to have an audit within 6 months of the end of the fiscal year. The fiscal year ends at the end of October.

Mayor Towers stated that the regular audit was done prior to this administration coming in. John Hinko asked if he can get a copy of the audit. Mayor Towers stated that it is public record.

Rose Langston stated that due to the property tax statements going out late this year the Board will not be receiving tax money until later in the year. The Board should consider this when they are doing things.

Rose asked if there is a record of income received from tickets and other income that is usually on the collector's report. Rose asked when the next collector's report will be created.

Mayor Towers stated that the Payroll Department is the only department left that can do that report. He will assign that responsibility to that department.

10. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matters of personnel and the update of pending litigation. There was no second from the Board.

Motion failed

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn to executive session with action to be taken for personnel and pending litigation if necessary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 10:20 pm.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of personnel matters an update of pending litigation if needed (5ILCS120/(C)(1)(2010)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was reconvened at 11:37 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Trustee Hanks made a motion for Mayor Towers to move forward on the actions that were discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers to follow up with the other individual discussed in executive as well as her attorney to get the other situation rectified as soon as possible.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, OCTOBER 19, 2010.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustees Anderson and Myers (both arrived at 7:11 pm.)

Mayor Towers introduced that going forward the podium will not be used at the question and answer period. The audience will address their concerns from their seats.

2. Pace AD Shelter Program- Christine Rose- Community Relations Rep.- Ad Shelter Program

Pace is proposing the installation of ADA compliant advertising shelters at locations preapproved by the Board. The Village is held harmless of all liabilities. Pace provides 50% of the advertising revenue to the community. Data will be pulled to determine the key locations. There are four styles of shelters to choose from. Pace bears all costs of construction and maintenance of the shelters and requests that all permit fees be waived. Depending on the amount of shelters constructed Pace may ask for help installing the concrete pads. Shelter maintenance, including snow removal, is completed weekly or within 48 hours due to an emergency. No heating or lighting is included at this time; solar panels may be considered in the future. Any advertising space not sold may be used by the community to advertise their own events. The Village needs to review the stipulations in the contract with ICSC for the shelter currently located at Sauk Trail and Torrence Avenue to verify if Pace can co-exist. Pace has strict advertising guidelines which consist largely of movie advertising which will be non violent. No tobacco or alcohol advertising is allowed.

3. ADP Resource Solution- Brigid Devries

Bridget Devries and Barry Isroff met with Finance Director Gloria Gibson and spoke briefly with Mayor Towers regarding outsourcing Payroll, Risk Management and Human Resources. ADP is the largest employer services company with a AAA ratings since 1949. ADP has a 90 % retention rate. One in six Americans in the private sector receives their paycheck from ADP. A Village liaison will interface with ADP. ADP offers a 24 hour employee assistance program, free counseling service for the employee and their family and perks programs that include discounts. ADP will check for compliance with policies, procedures and the Employee Handbook. ADP will provide trainings on conflict management and progressive discipline. A customized HR management plan will be provided after an HR audit is completed.

ADP will work with the Village to help reduce the exposure with regards to Risk Management and will work with department heads for safety training. HR is well versed with unions and collective bargaining. Employees can review and print out copies of their paychecks and update their profile online. There is no contract with ADP. The agreement is month to month with 30 days out. ADP can provide background checks.

The cost is approximately \$22,800.00 per year for biweekly payroll processing. ADP will follow up with a more formal presentation upon request of the Board.

4. Gerp Equipment (Division of the Avenue Group)- Anthony Gianfrancisco

Gerp Equipment removed from the agenda per their request.

5. Proposed Lincoln Highway Mural- Marva Pruitt/ Sharon Davenport

Marva Pruitt and Sharon Davenport made a presentation which included pictures and the history of Lincoln Highway on behalf of the proposed Lincoln Highway mural. The Village Hall will be the focal point of the mural. The fact that the Kalvelage Bridge could not handle the weight of the Army vehicles and the animals is the historical fact that explains the creation of Lincoln Highway which used to be Sauk Trail. Photos have been turned over to the artist. The artist will share proofs with the Board before finalizing on canvas.

The next step is to determine the location with a greater visibility. Possible locations include Fairway wall, Subway wall, Village Hall, Police Department, 394 and Sauk Trail, Torrence and Route 30 or erect a separate marquee near the current Sauk Village marquee.

The committee asked for approval to pass on the pictures, history and the three preferable locations for further consideration by the Lincoln Highway Commission. The mural will be approximately 200 square feet. The only cost to the Village may be \$100.00 for materials to erect the mural.

The Board thanked Ms. Pruitt and her committee for doing such a great job researching the history and locations. Ms. Pruitt stated that the McConathy Public library was very helpful with the research.

6. Village Financial Matters

Mayor Towers stated that the Village Treasurer has reported a General Fund balance of \$73,034.00 and a balance of \$177, 827.00 in the Water and Sewer Fund. It was recommended by Department Head Weller and the payroll clerk to move certain Public Works employees to the Water and Sewer department. The duties of these employees have shifted to Water and Sewer responsibilities due to the recent layoffs.

Trustee Williams asked for an update on reposting the RFQ's for the audit. Mayor Towers stated that it will be on the next agenda.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the budget hearing scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 8:30 am. Mayor Towers stated that no Finance Director is available at this time. Mayor Towers would also not be available on that day and asked that the hearing be rescheduled until October 30, 2010. The Board decided that due to the time frame it was necessary to begin the budget process as soon as possible. There most likely will not be a Finance Director in place until after the budget is finalized. It is the Board's responsibility to present a balanced budget by the end of the month. The process takes more than one day; no final action will be taken on Saturday. The previous Finance Director met with the majority of the departments and prepared an outline of the 2010-2011 budget. The budget can be passed in October and ratified at a later date if needed. The Board will meet on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm. to continue the budget process and to review the budget with Mayor Towers. A public hearing will be scheduled for 6:00 pm before Tuesday's regular Board meeting to present the budget to the residents. All special meetings and the budget hearing will be posted.

7. An Ordinance Approving and Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village- (Vending Machines)- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is recommending an increase in vending machine fees. The fees need to be finalized before the public notice can be released. The cigarette vending fees will increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00 and beverage vending fees will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00. The new DVD rental vending fee will be \$25.00. The amendment to the ordinance needs to be placed in draft form and submitted to the Board for approval.

8. Finance Director Position- Committee- Trustees Burgess and Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the Finance Director Committee will be meeting at 5:30 Wednesday, October 20, 2010 and will be discussing the job description and posting of the Finance Director position. Mayor Towers asked that Joe Bertrand be included as a member of that committee.

9. Risk Management & Insurance- Committee- Trustees Anderson and Myers

Trustee Myers stated that he and Trustee Anderson met Saturday to review four proposals. All companies have been notified that a meeting will be scheduled for them to present their proposals to the committee. Mayor Towers stated that he has another firm that he would like to include in the presentations. Trustee Myers stated that the IML did take the request to reconsider back to their Board but the request was denied due to the amount of accidents. The IML stated that the Village could reapply at a later date.

10. South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Dues Renewal- Trustee Burgess

11. Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Dues Renewal

Trustee Burgess suggested that the Village needs to be active with the SSMMA to benefit from the wealth of knowledge and networking that is available through that organization. A payment of \$200.00 will be accepted at this time to continue the membership. Revenue from WinPak for administrative costs can be used to catch up on the dues that are past due. Joe Bertrand stated that he will research the TIF agreement. Trustee Burgess stated that the WinPak agreement is separate from the TIF. Mayor Towers stated that the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus dues also need to be renewed. Trustee Anderson suggested that the WinPak revenue be used for both SSMMA and Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus dues renewals due to the benefits the Village receives from both organizations. The cost to renew the dues for both organizations will be approximately \$5,000.00 total. The Board agreed to the expense.

12. The Stuttley Group, LLC Legal Representation Agreement- Judge Michael Stuttley/ Attorney Daniel White

Mayor Towers presented a revised agreement proposed by the Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers stated that the Stuttley Group needs to be approved by the Board to start handling the litigation. Trustee Williams stated that many different offers have been presented to the Board starting with \$250,000.00 annually with a rate of \$175.00 per hour for court litigation; now the Stuttley Group is proposing the exact fees that a different lawyer proposed after being approached by Trustee Burgess. Judge Stuttley stated that the previous agreement was based on what he was told the Board was looking for in an in house counsel and at an annual rate of pay.

Negotiations continued with the Mayor and the Stuttley Group matched the offer made by the firm that Trustee Burgess presented. Judge Stuttley stated that based on the current litigation the legal fees will be in excess of \$200,000.00 per year. The revised agreement states an annual fee of \$4000.00 annually and a flat rate of \$165.00 for all respects. Discussion continued on what was included in the original annual fee and what qualified for the additional rate of \$165.00. Mayor Towers stated that the rate was agreeable when Trustee Burgess brought a firm to the table. Mayor Towers stated that the Stuttley Group has already been appointed by him and they have agreed to the terms that were agreeable to the Board.

Trustee Burgess stated that two months ago it was stated that legal fees were one of the greatest expenses the Village incurs. It was proposed that hiring in house counsel may cut costs. Trustee Burgess stated that he went to neighboring communities and SSMMA to make inquiries in the event the Board decided to go in that direction. Trustee Burgess stated that the Stuttley Group was presented before the Board made the decision to seek in house counsel. The Stuttley Group stated that they never intended to work as an employee of the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that he did find a firm with municipal experience that presented a proposal to the Board that was not even considered. Trustee Burgess stated that he is not interested in signing a contract with any law firm.

Discussion continued regarding the experience, attendance, participation and placement of the Stuttley Group lawyers and administrator Bertrand at Board meetings. Judge Stuttley stated that when Mr. Bertrand is working alongside the Mayor at Board meetings there is also an attorney present. The rate of \$165.00 is inclusive whether there are one or more people representing the Stuttley Group in any capacity on the same issue at the same time.

Trustee Myers asked Judge Stuttley if he felt there was any conflict of interest due to his relationship with any employees and/or elected officials due to upcoming litigation concerning the trustees. Judge Stuttley stated that he would give disclosure and recues himself if it was necessary.

Trustee Anderson stated that Mayor Towers has pulled the information together through negotiation and sees nothing different than what we have done with any other law firm in the past. The law firm has always been paid by the hour for any and all services. Trustee Anderson stated that the emphasis is being placed on Judge Stuttley knowing the Mayor and Village Clerk. Trustee Anderson stated that the Dillner Group that is being proposed by Trustee Burgess is also known to the Board because they are the group that handled the Hill-Corley case.

Trustee Williams stated that the difference is that the Dillner Group is known to the Board due to their representation at the previous Hill-Corley hearings and the Stuttley Group knows certain members and certain people that the Village is in litigation with by involvement in the same organizations (SSDMC) and activities and have a personal relationship. Judge Stuttley stated that if Trustee Williams is alleging that he has a personal relationship with anyone involved in Village litigation than she is mistaken. Judge Stuttley stated that the extent of his involvement is that he has worked with Mayor Towers and Village Clerk Williams as the chair of SSDMC and has spoken with Trustee Burgess with regards to the Parks and Recreation department.

Trustee Williams stated that she will not vote on a law firm until other firms are brought in or invited to bid to review qualifications. Trustee Anderson stated that everyone has one vote and stated that Mayor Towers could place the Stuttley Group on next week's agenda. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Burgess did pass out a comparison sheet to the Board, the audience and others which is just like being brought in and he needed to

give all of the information. Trustee Anderson asked that if the Dillner Group does come in that all attorneys from the group come in. Trustee Burgess stated that no firm brings in the whole group. Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers last week if he could bring in another group to the Board and he was told no. He compiled the facts from the law groups for everyone to see what they are paying for and to compare the groups.

Judge Stuttley stated that cases are coming due within the next week and his lawyers cannot go in to file an appearance without a signed agreement. The Stuttley Group will handle day to day operations. Judge Stuttley advised that since the Stuttley Group will make no court appearances without the signed agreement the present firm needs to be told that they cannot withdraw from any cases.

Trustee Williams stated that last week several questions were raised in executive session regarding litigation and asked whether certain information has been exchanged.

Judge Stuttley stated that no litigation can be transferred until an agreement is signed or there will be a violation of attorney client privileges. The Del Galdo Group needs to be informed that they cannot withdraw; court calls need to be answered. The Del Galdo Group has already filed a motion to withdraw in one case.

Joe Bertrand stated that they are still in conversation with the Del Galdo Group. Judge Stuttley stated that his concern was that the Village is not left without representation.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Stuttley Group has brought three different proposals to the Board. The third offer matched the proposal of the firm that Trustee Burgess brought in. In a normal bid process the Stuttley Group would not have made it past the second proposal. The bid process would have included the lowest cost and the amount and years of municipal experience. The firm Trustee Burgess brought in has worked in municipalities in multiple capacities since 1937. Judge Stuttley stated that the firm that comes in with him will exceed the other attorney's experience. This information would have been submitted if it had been requested of him.

Trustee Burgess stated that a concept discussed by the Board turned into an appointment of the Stuttley group without any consideration of any other firm. One firm should not have been fired before another firm was hired.

Trustee Burgess stated that a firm needs to be brought in to handle an incoming case between four trustees and former employees Hill-Corley and Martin. The Del Galdo Group has removed themselves from the case.

Trustee Hanks stated that the four trustees have the right to choose their representation according to State statutes with the cost of this representation to be paid for by the Village. Mayor Towers stated that the State statutes need to be checked. Trustee Anderson stated that she hoped that the four trustees would be cognizant of the Village money they are spending. Trustee Benson stated that the trustees should have thought about that before they committed that act; they should pay out of their own pocket. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor is also named in that suit. Trustee Hanks stated that the Dillner firm has already been voted on at a previous meeting. Trustee Anderson stated that the motion should be brought to the floor so she can give her no.

The Stuttley Group agreement and the Hiskes & Dillner Group for the purpose of representing the upcoming litigation with Hill- Corley and Martin will both be on the agenda next week for vote. Trustee Anderson asked that the Hiskes and Dillner agreement be placed in her box along with the packet for next week.

13. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due October 29th by midnight. The last issue had lots of information. This is the last issue before the holidays. Trustee Williams recommended hiring a financial consultant to assist with the financials until the hiring process for the Finance Director is completed.

Information will be provided to the Board after the meeting regarding one individual and his background which includes previous employment for the auditing firm of Mc Gladrey and Pullen and experience with several municipalities. Trustee Williams asked that this item be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda for discussion. Trustee Williams asked why the residents no longer ask questions from the podium. Mayor Tower s stated that it saves time if they ask questions from their seats.

Trustee Hanks stated that he received an email from SSMMA regarding a grant that is providing over 10 million dollars worth of relief for communities that suffered flood damage during the 2008 flood. This grant is working through the Neighborhood Stabilization program. Trustee Hanks will forward the email and make inquiries of the department heads to obtain necessary information. The deadline is October 26, 2010.

Trustee Myers stated that he attended State Representative DeLuca's Public Safety Advisory Committee today. The committee is moving forward with discussions of the Child Sex Offender Law that is currently in the House of Representatives. The No Crime Law currently only pertains to Home Rule Communities. The SSMMA is assisting bringing this law back to the Governor to help the entire South Suburbs. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7pm in the conference room.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Jimo Kasali stated that the lawyer should be given respect and reminded the Board that the budget needs to be on file for thirty days for the public to view. Jimo stated that the Mayor is the boss and he has the right to appoint. Jimo stated that public comment should be limited to three minutes and should be moved up to the middle of the agenda so the public does not have to stay until midnight to speak.

Frank Williams stated that due to the relationship with those involved that Judge Stuttley will not be defending Trustee Williams in the upcoming litigation.

Judy Cast asked why an administrator is representing the Village when the ordinance states that we must have an attorney present. Judge Stuttley stated that an attorney is also present. Both the administrator and the attorney work for the Stuttley Group. The hourly fee of \$165.00 is charged whether there are one or two people present. Judy Cast stated that the Stuttley Group lowered their fees based on the other law firms' proposal. The other firm should have the opportunity to do the same. Judy stated that the Village needs an audit to know exactly where we are.

John Hinko stated that he has never seen bids operated like this before; it is like back door politics. John stated that the people picked by the Mayor previously gives him concern over the Judge being picked by him. John also stated that an independent audit is necessary.

Larry Stewart stated that the Mayor does have the right to appoint with the advice and consent of the Board. There were other firms to look at that were neglected on purpose. It is like we need to go with the Stuttley Group because serious court calls are coming up soon and we were not given any other choices. Larry stated

that Judge Stuttley should advise the Mayor that the majority rules. Larry stated that we are losing honorable people and there is a lack of respect.

Lynda Washington stated that there is nothing wrong with negotiations. It is commendable that Judge Stuttley changed his prices based on the other firms' prices. Linda stated that the Mayor did a fine job of negotiating and it had nothing to do with being friends. Lynda spoke on Judge Stuttley's professionalism and what he can bring to Sauk Village.

John Hinko stated that Trustee Burgess did present information to the Board regarding another law firm. The appointment by the Mayor was made before Trustee Burgess was able to present the firm in the proper way.

Rosie Jones asked why people keep bringing up the same thing. We need to move on.

Brenda Reed stated that she is new to the Village and that she joined Parks and Recreation yesterday.

Pat Couch stated that we need people with municipal experience, knowledge and ability and nothing else should be taken into account.

Several references to Race were excluded from these minutes.

14. Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 11:18 pm.

A. Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

15. Adjournment

The meeting was reconvened at 12:10 am on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Mayor Towers asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

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

Trustee Williams asked that if it could be researched if it is necessary to recess and then reconvene after executive session when in the past the adjournment before executive session was sufficient.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am Wednesday October 20, 2010.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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, OCTOBER 23, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: Trustee Burgess

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Hanks at 8:35 am. Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to appoint a temporary chair in the absence of Mayor Towers.

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks as Temporary Chair for the Special Budget Hearing meeting. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried.

1.REVIEW PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET

The proposed budgets of all department heads were reviewed by all using the previous year's actual totals vs. the proposed budget.

Sherry Jasinski –Community Development

Department Head Jasinski explained she controlled costs by not ordering forms; instead photocopying them when needed. Overtime and training were eliminated. The budget for vehicle maintenance was proposed to increase by \$6,000.00. New department budget proposal total is \$228,653.00; a 10% decrease from 2009.

Chief Al Stoffregen – Fire Department

Fire Chief Stoffregen explained how costs were controlled in his department; beginning with monitoring how supplies were ordered, controlled vehicle maintenance, etc. There are no plans to replace the fleet which will mean greater costs for vehicle maintenance. Chief Stoffregen explained that the department received a letter from the State of Illinois stating that the department must be in compliance with Narrow band radios according to State standards by 12/31/12 or the Village could receive fines in the amount of \$10,000. per day. Chief Stoffregen suggested that equipment be replaced in stages in advance of the deadline date. Miner has provided a list. Chief Stoffregen stated that all departments need to be compliant and it is not factored into any budgets. The 30 year old air compressor needs to be replaced; approximate cost \$42,000. Repairs are costly. Various cost savings initiatives by the department are being enacted to ensure the department is operating within budget. Chief Stoffregen also stated that there is a \$75,000. fire truck payment due. Money should be transferred from the General Fund to make the current payment, however, due to the Village's economic situation, the Fire Department will make this year's (2010) payment out of their Sinking Fund. The Sinking

Fund could be reimbursed when the Village is back on their feet. Trustee Anderson questioned the training costs. Chief Stofreggen stated that training is a priority. Testing and certification fees increase every year. The department is a young department. There are five potential firefighters waiting to come on board. The physicals and Prairie State costs \$1,000.00 each. Trustee Anderson asked if the Fire Department is staffed to capacity. Chief Stofreggen stated that there is a need for additional firefighters; the hiring freeze has halted adding to the staff. When a volunteer firefighter leaves the department will be short due to the hiring freeze. Trustee Hanks added that this is the second year that the department is not replacing the fleet. Money will be budgeted for repairs rather than new purchases. Chief Stofreggen stated that he has spoken with Kevin Weller regarding necessary repairs to the driveway. The repairs need to be done in stages. Chief Stofreggen will check if any training provided by CN Railroad will alleviate training costs. Chief Stofreggen stated that he did not send people to training this year in some cases. Trustee Myers warned that the incident within the Homewood Fire Department was due to lack of training. Trustee Hanks stated that training will be done with approval of the Board and suggested the Chief present a spreadsheet listing the trainings needed. Trustee Benson questioned the \$7,000.00 expense to replace fire hoses. NFPA guidelines state replacing 10% pr year. The department has held off on this. Trustee Myers will provide Trustee Benson with a copy of NFPA guidelines.

Chief Stofreggen stated that he can operate with the Sinking Fund leaving the Village in tact. The \$1,600.00 adjustment in line item 722 can be justified by other items. Chief Stofreggen will bring back information requested by Trustees Anderson (professional development) and Benson (hoses).

Trustee Williams made a motion to recess at 10:02 am to allow for copying materials for Public Works. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

The meeting resumed at 10:21 am with Mayor Pro Tem Hanks and all trustees present.

Kevin Weller – Public Works Department

Kevin stated that the Public Works department's year to date costs from 2009 – 2010 decreased due to holding off on ordering supplies and most repairs. A suggestion was made that perhaps Public Works could perform the cleaning service currently performed by MopHeads. Kevin stated this would be a violation of their union contract; in addition to not having enough personnel. Instead of buying new vehicles, the proposal is to continue repairing the fleet of trucks. Public Works does oil changes and vehicle maintenance for various departments. The total budget is \$75,600; down from \$207,866. due to employee changes.

Water Department- Several increases due to employee changes. Quarterly testing up slightly from last year. Additional supplies, materials, training and professional services may be needed. K+ may be needed for water studies if there is a water referendum. Training costs could be reduced due to SSMMA and SSWWA memberships. Well number one should be pulled and inspected every 10 years. This has been delayed. One step van needs to be replaced. Hydrant parts are needed for repairs.

Sewer Department- adjustments to personnel. Add \$3,200. To major tools and add one ½ ton pick up. The last two payments for the sweeper came out of utility tax. There are two payments remaining.

Art Johnson – ESDA

Proposed budget is \$88,250. which includes a 0.25% adjustment to pay rates. Request for a new light truck was removed. There is a need to replace four units of Narrow bands at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each. Trustee Myers suggested that the State is making it a mandate and therefore may provide some funding. ESDA has 13 employees which includes 3 retired personnel who handle the emergencies that occur during the day. They reach out to other agencies when needed.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to recess at 12:26 pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

The meeting resumed at 12:35 pm with Mayor Pro Tem and all trustees present.

Chief Tim Holevis – Police Department

Chief Holevis provided the Board with an overview of the operating expenses for this department. When reviewing year to date costs, the amount spent on overtime was a major concern. Chief Holevis explained that part of the increased cost for overtime was due to injuries in the department. The department is short three officers and a fourth officer will be out shortly The Cop's grant is good for 4 years. Sauk Village picks up the tab after that. Two officers are applying to the Pension Board for duty related injuries. These positions cannot be filled until the Pension Board makes the decision. There are currently 27 employees without the Chief; three out now and one will be out in November. Wages are approximately \$1,800,000. Part time wages for the crossing guards are \$15,000. Chief Holevis stated that FD Gibson stated \$1,585,000. plus 3% contractual raises. It should be \$1,886,330.60. Chief Holevis stated that the eligibility list is close to expiring. Chief Holevis will meet with the Police and Fire Commission to extend the list and will verify costs of any additional testing. Chief Holevis also informed Mayor Towers previously that the sergeant list is expired and the police list expires in November. The high cost of vehicle repairs and the need to properly equip existing vehicles was also discussed. Damaged cars are put in the garage. There has been no addition to the fleet in the past two years.

There has been no training for over one year. That is a huge liability. NEMRT bill is past due. NEMRT cost at least \$100.00 per year. All training is free with NEMRT. Officers can choose the free training.

Proposed total budget is \$3,375,437.

Police Department discussion will continue in the budget meeting of October 25, 2010.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Myers made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

Budget review will continue on Monday, October 25 at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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, **OCTOBER 25, 2010.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

1.REVIEW PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET (Part Two)

The department heads met on Saturday, October 23, 2010 to discuss each department's budget. Mayor Towers and Trustee Burgess were absent. Village Clerk Williams provided everyone with a revised proposed budget. Trustee Hanks reviewed the changes that were made at that time.

Trustee Benson stated that department heads should check with other communities to see if they can provide services/ supplies or cost information before handing in a budget request. Trustee Benson stated that all department heads should have supporting documents for all budget requests. Chief Stoffregen stated that the budget only shows an estimate; no research is done without Board approval. Trustee Myers stated that in regards to the Cascade System (air tanks) the research was presented a few years ago. Trustee Myers reminded the Board that the funds do not come out of the General Fund. Trustee Hanks stated that the budget earmarks \$42,000. for the safety of the firefighters. In the case of the Cascade System, a bid process will take place before any purchase. A bid process does not begin before the budget; after the budget is done the department knows what they can spend. It is the job of the department heads to work within the budget and get the best price possible for any items allocated in the budget. Every department head comes in with a packet after carefully reviewing their budget. The Board does not micromanage, or question, each and every line item at the time of the budget process. Board approval may be needed at the time of some actual purchases. Most departments discussed their department's budget with the Finance Director before presenting the final version.

The following is a continuation of the Police Department and the balance of the budget discussions.

Police Department- Chief Tim Holevis

Mayor Towers stated that he is working with School District 168 and Dr. Williams regarding Crossing Guard funding. Chief Holevis will follow up. Mayor Towers stated that postage costs should be combined with Administration. Chief Holevis stated that currently the postage is done at the Administration offices and charged to the Police Department.

The Board reviewed the budget request compared to last year's budget and actual expenditures. Trustee Williams stated that the budget always shows inflated figures. Last year, a halt on spending was placed on all departments. If the property taxes and other revenue are not received again this year the spending halt may continue for all departments.

Other Police Department highlights:

Radios are needed ASAP; can be paid out of drug seizure fund. Chief Holevis will present a proposal.

Chief Holevis stated that the Police Pension Board attorney has additional information regarding increases.

Per the trustees request for basic training costs, Chief Holevis stated that the costs are between \$18,000. and \$26,000. Some training needs to be done immediately or the Village faces a huge liability. It is also a safety issue.

NEMRT, SSERT and SMART still unpaid. Face suspension from SSERT soon.

FEMA- ten officers not yet trained.

Ammunition is almost out.

LEADS training needs to be completed.

Entire department should be certified in breathalyzer. Ten officers are still not certified.

Mayor Towers asked if training costs can come from the drug seizure fund or tow fund. Mayor Towers asked where the tow fund is listed on the Police Department budget. Chief Holevis stated that the tow fund was removed from the Police Department budget and allocations from the drug seizure fund are very specific; further research is needed. Trustee Williams stated that if the tow fund is placed back in the General Fund it has to be earmarked for the Police Department and may possibly be used for training.

Enterprise Funds

Amended due to employee changes within the water and sewer departments.

The new total is \$3,455.421.

Finance and Administration

Removed Chief of Staff and one Office Clerk positions. Mayor Towers stated concern over no budget for an administrator for day to day operations (Chief of Staff). Trustee Hanks stated that the goal is to balance the budget. A position can be created and a salary can always be appropriated if revenue comes in and it is approved by the Village Board.

No money for contingencies. The Board has to be careful with spending. Committees will need to fundraise for events.

Mayor and Board of Trustees

Item 740 includes website updates.

Item 722 includes \$10,000. for IML and trainings. Cut professional development to \$5,000.

Trustee Hanks suggested transferring the \$10,000. from 722 to 749-003 earmarked for Fireworks.

Additional money may be added later to cover Police and Fire testing for new commissioners; will try to extend the list.

Parks and Playgrounds

The full time individual may be retiring. Salaries and benefits will change. A volunteer could be placed in that position or create two part time positions- 8 am- 4 pm and 4 pm – 8pm. Discuss retirement with the full time employee and factor in part time wages. Trustee Benson stated that the part time job position may require certification. Mayor Towers stated to leave this until it is determined what the salaried employee intends to do. Trustee Hanks stated that any salary change and job description needs to come before the Board for

approval. Trustee Benson why Board approval is necessary. Joe Bertrand stated that as long as you stay within the amount allocated of \$33,409. no Board approval is necessary but a job description needs to be written. IMRF and fringe benefits will change. Trustee Benson will inform the Board of the hours and part time wages.

Trustee Myers questioned the \$30,000. expense for contractual services. Trustee Burgess stated there is no need for an outside service; Public Works provides services like putting playground equipment together and putting the mulch down if available. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee gave a report to the Board regarding the parks and playgrounds. Trustee Williams stated that there was a Mayor's report stating that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation committee was that the parks be closed. Trustee Williams asked for a detailed report at that time and it was never received. Trustee Benson stated that the Public Works department is short staffed and the parks have damaged equipment that needs several repairs. Trustee Benson also stated that the basketball court needs to be moved. Trustee Hanks stated that the basketball court is capital outlay.

Trustee Myers stated that the parks do need repairs. Trustee Benson asked the department heads for facts and figures. There are no facts and figures as to how much it costs to repair the parks.

Trustee Anderson suggested cutting the \$30,000. to \$15,000. allowing \$10,000. for contractual services which includes referees and \$5,000. for tools and equipment.

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation events like the basketball program, Easter egg hunt, parades and radio shows all fall under that item. Trustee Benson stated that he has documented proof that he submitted to Finance Director Gibson that \$30,000. is needed. Hot dogs and other materials are needed for those events. In previous years, Parks and Recreation needed money for those events.

Kevin Weller state that Public Works does all of the maintenance on all parks. Public Works was told to stop because no money was available. Trustee Burgess stated that the Village did not pay for the Easter egg hunt, Basketball program, Halloween or Christmas programs. In the past, the Parks and Recreation department would have money fronted to them for events. All money was paid back from charging for ongoing events and concessions. The Parks and Recreation committee needs to show the revenues coming in. Trustee Burgess stated that the \$30,000. should be used for the equipment only and placed in line item 840. Trustee Benson should present the needs of the parks to the Board. Trustee Burgess questioned the \$10,000. for operating supplies. Trustee Benson stated that is for hot dogs and other things needed for upcoming events. It is also used for parks equipment. Trustee Benson also stated said that it is for the gym floor.

Trustee Williams stated that the Community Center is always in use. Is there money being collected? It is not listed in the Collector's Report. Trustee Benson stated that people can rent the facilities by filling out the application at the front desk and making the payment at the front desk. The front desk keeps a list of all rentals. Trustee Williams suggested dropping the \$30,000. down to \$3,000. allowing for the referees. Trustee Burgess stated that the basketball program should be self sufficient. The fee paid by the players pays for the refs, trophies, t-shirts and the dinner. The concession stand in the past made \$300.- \$350. per week during basketball season. There was one part time worker approved by the last Board that was paid \$100. per week to set up and run the kitchen for the basketball program. Trustee Burgess stated that the Corn and Dog Roast made enough money to supply the Halloween and Christmas programs without having to go to the Village.

Trustee Williams restated allowing \$3,000. for contractual services and eliminating the operating supplies since nothing was spent last year.

Trustee Benson stated that money was received from concessions and rentals and placed in the General Fund but Parks and Rec was hit big time and lost lots of money. Trustee Benson put the Board on notice that good equipment is important for the safety of the children. Money needs to be left for operating supplies; flyers may need to be printed for upcoming events.

Trustee Anderson suggested: Operating supplies- \$4,000., Contractual services \$5,000. and Major tools and equipment \$5,000.

Trustee Williams stated that it is the responsibility of the committee chairs to fundraise for their events. Public Relations lost their entire budget last year. There was no money for Student Government Day. It was funded solely by fundraisers.

Mayor Towers asked for other comments. Trustee Burgess stated that if he gets \$10,000. Then he should be able to show revenue of \$15,000. There should be records of the concessions received from last year.

Trustee Hanks suggested dropping the contractual services of \$15,000. down to \$10,000., Major tools and equipment \$5,000., and eliminating the \$10,000. operating supplies.

Trustee Hanks stated that replacing equipment is capital outlay. All requests for capital operating must come before the Board. Public Works can do the necessary repairs to the parks. What you are selling in concessions should make more than what was purchased. Trustee Hanks stated that all committees have lost their funding. There could be \$1,000. for operating expenses; revenue should be generated from concessions.

Trustee Myers stated that Trustee Benson can always come back before the Board at a later time.

Mayor Towers stated that line item 840 will decrease from \$37,000. to \$5,000., line item 768 from \$30,000. to \$5,000. and line item 650 will be \$1,500. Total budget \$63,775.00.

Municipal Audit

Mayor Towers stated that 3-4 bids have arrived and they were opened by the front office. These need to be sealed bids. This will be sent out for rebid as soon as possible. Inform front office that bids should be given to the Clerk unopened. No change for the allocated amount.

Risk Management

Trustee Myers and Trustee Anderson formed a committee to find a company to replace IML. Allocation \$400,000.

Impact Fees

Trustee Burgess stated that any litigation needs to be cleared up before WINPAK can move forward. It could be 6-8 months before the Village receives the impact fees. Impact fees will not be placed in the budget at this time.

Mayor Towers asked for a brief recess at 9:23 pm. The motion and second to recess was inaudible.

All Ayes.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm. The motion was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Municipal Building and Construction

No change

TIF #1

Mayor Towers asked why there are no professional or contractual services in any of the TIF's. This needs to be reviewed and amended (s/b \$70,000. ?) Check with attorneys. Ending fund balance \$36, 719.

TIF #2

Mayor Towers stated that Chicago Air Power will leave if the Village does not satisfy their contract. Trustee Hanks stated that they are for Sale or Lease now.

There is no money left in this fund. This was set up strictly to sell bonds. Trustee Hanks stated that professional fees come from TIF #3. TIF 2,3 and 4 are contiguous.

TIF #3

TIF #3 is dissolved every year by design. No changes until Winpak revenue goes to General Fund-Administrative.

TIF #4

Trustee Burgess stated that a city planner is needed for TIF #4. Mayor Towers stated that the two TIF consultants need to step up rather than hire a planner. Professional services should be budgeted at least \$20,000. Administrative costs need to be pulled from the TIF.

Need TIF meeting for advice. Get consultants together for contractual costs. Is \$90,000. enough for consultants, lawyers and engineers with Winpak coming in? If the numbers are not correct it will come out in the TIF meeting.

Combined Debt Service

No change.

The proposed budget will be presented at the Board meeting of October 26th. Village Clerk Williams was directed to check for the electronic version, make the changes discussed and make 10 copies. The notice that the public hearing will take place the first Board meeting in November at 6:00 pm and availability of the budget for review will be placed in the newspaper on Wednesday after the Board approves the budget on Tuesday.

Trustee Myers stated that he will be tabling an ordinance that is on the agenda for the Board meeting of October 26th. Trustee Myers stated that someone was directed to call everyone and some say they were not

contacted. Village Clerk Williams asked that everyone provide the best phone number and email to be reached at and an updated list will be created. Village Clerk Williams stated that web site photo retakes will be taken from 6pm -7 pm tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON OCTOBER 26, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Judge Stuttley stated that the executive session is listed as item number 10 on the agenda. A motion is needed to amend the agenda to move the executive session up on the agenda.

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

Trustee Hanks made a motion to amend the agenda to move item number 10 – executive session for real estate matters only- to item number 2. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session for real estate matters only. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The meeting recessed to executive session at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session with action to be taken at 7:22 pm.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to reconvene from executive session with action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. August 18, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2010. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

b. September 28, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2010. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams –

Village Clerk Williams reported that voting takes place on Tuesday, November 2nd. VC Williams reminded residents that there have been changes recently to the precincts and polling place locations. There are flyers in the back listing the updated information. Maps and an address listing will be available at all polling places on Election Day. The Fire Station is no longer a polling place. October 28th is the last day for early voting. The list of early voting locations is also available. VC Williams verified with Trustee Benson that the Paesel Center has been secured for Election Day. Trustee Benson confirmed that it has been secured.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board held their quarterly meeting on October 21st. VT Carmichael presented a proposal for a tax levy to the Board for consideration. The proposed tax levy for the Police Pension is \$465,407.00 and the Firemen's Pension is \$37,536.00.

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand – No report

Judge Stuttley stated that he has already informed Mayor Towers that the Del Galdo Group is still in possession of the legal files for the Village of Sauk Village.

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that he has finished the well water treatment conceptual plan and now knows the exact cost for well water enhancement and Lake Michigan water. These costs will be presented at the next committee meeting with the Board's approval. VE Czarnik stated that he met with Trustees Burgess and Williams regarding the Quiet Zone for Canadian National Railroad. He will also bring these options for Board consideration to the next meeting. Trustee Myers asked for copy of the report. VE Czarnik stated that the Mayor has copies for distribution.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers-

Mayor Towers stated that the Meals on Wheels program is still looking for volunteers to help package and deliver meals to Sauk Village Seniors. Contact him after the meeting. Mayor Towers announced that the proposed 2010-2011 budget will be available tomorrow after 12 Noon at the front desk.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson thanked those that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner held Saturday, October 9th. There were over 140 tickets sold with 100 people in attendance. Trustee Anderson thanked the US Bank employees along with the many other volunteers, including Frances Federenko, Saul Bosman and Eddie Randall, who helped make the event a success. Donations were received by Bloom Township, Steger Memorial Chapel, Noel Dahmer, Rose Langston, Francine Anderson, Bob Barnes, Jim Embry, Pat Stockwell, Floyd and Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall just to name a few. Entertainment was provided by the Morgan Family and Flora Haynes, the line dancing instructor. The committee sold 50/50 raffle tickets and door prizes were given out. Trustee Anderson invited all seniors to attend the Senior Movie on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the McConathy Public Library. The movie is "Rio Bravo". The Senior Committee will meet November 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

Trustee Anderson encouraged residents to join the Police Alliance Committee. The Police Alliance Committee meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6pm right before the Board Meeting. Due to another meeting being scheduled for that day the PAC will not meet November 9th.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting the Mr. and Ms. Sauk Village pageant Saturday, October 30th 2010 at 1 pm at the Community Center. Winners will receive dinner with the Mayor, a trip to Great America and the water park and a \$50.00 gift certificate. All are welcome.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that there will be a Keep Your Home event from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Thornton Fractional South High School located at 18500 S. Burnham Avenue in Lansing. This event is being hosted by the Spanish Coalition for Housing with the support of the Chicago Community Trust and Illinois Housing Authority. Mortgage assistance will be offered to distressed homeowners.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers asked that item 7d of the agenda be tabled. Trustee Myers reported that according to State statutes there must be a thirty day notice for residents and businesses before raising any vending machine fees. Trustee Myers also reported that Trustee Anderson and himself along with a representative from the Stuttley Group will hear proposals from three firms regarding the Risk Management of Sauk Village.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee has been speaking with the retail businesses in Sauk Village about a possible seminar for the local businesses. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

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

Trustee Williams reported that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The main focus for the committee at this time is to review the new and improved web site that will be released at the next regular Board meeting if all updates are received. Memos have gone out to all elected officials and department heads for updated information and picture retakes if necessary. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, October 29th by midnight. Sauk Talk policies are available by request. Trustee Williams stated that she will be meeting with the owners of the Crossroads Apartments regarding their offer to help distribute the Sauk Talk through the mail. The owners will contact Trustee Williams at a later date.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief reported on the recent arrests in the Patrol and Investigation divisions. There were four residential burglary arrests; two on Brookwood side and two North of Sauk Trail. On Sunday, suspects were caught and arrested for a Brookwood home invasion. Police Chief Holevis reminded the Board that the New World update should be completed within the next ten days. Training will begin shortly after completion. A recent power outage at Wagoner School today caused the school to close early; several officers were on hand to handle the traffic. Chief Holevis asked the residents to extend courtesy to the police in these circumstances. The Police Department is working with the School Board to alleviate the traffic problems by suggesting that 215th operate one way westbound during school hours to control traffic. Chief Holevis introduced Joshua Witt, Boy Scout Troop 152. Joshua is working on his Eagle Scout badge. The Police Department sent out proposals for donations to assist the Police Department in completing the kitchen repairs that were halted due to the economic conditions. Joshua contacted construction companies who will be sponsoring the repairs. Joshua explained that there will be 125 man hours needed to complete his goal. The proposed repairs include building a better kitchenette by installing a sink, painting, blinds, cabinets and countertops at no cost to the Village. There will be fundraisers for anything not donated. Joshua is asking permission to proceed with the project.

Mayor Towers thanked and commended Joshua on a job well done and for taking the initiative stating that he is sure he will get his award. The Board of Trustees thanked and applauded Joshua for his offer.

5b. Fire Department- Deputy Chief Atwood

Deputy Chief Atwood reported that the Fire Department ran eight calls in the past week, three ambulance assists with Bud's, two fire alarms, one CO detector and one house fire. DC Atwood reminded everyone that Daylights Savings is coming up; change the batteries in all smoke detectors and CO detectors at that time. DC Atwood also reminded everyone that if the carbon monoxide detector chirps once every thirty seconds that means the battery needs to be replaced. Call the Fire Department if you have any concerns.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that branch pick up started on October 22nd and will run about six weeks due the recent storms and high winds. DH Weller reminded everyone to place all the storm damage debris in the parkway for pick up. Leaf pick up begins November 8th; place leaves in the street not in the parkway. There will be one sweep through the neighborhoods. Projects scheduled for next week include patching pot holes and street repairs due to recent water main breaks. DH Weller asked residents to be patient. Please direct any concerns to the Village Hall.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- Absent (called in sick)

5e. Finance Director-

Mayor Towers thanked the Payroll Department and the Treasurer for creating the Collector's Reports up until July 2010. Mayor Towers stated that he will be reading the Collector's Report next week.

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

DH Johnson reported that in the past week ESDA assisted the Fire Department in five calls, ran five school patrols and assisted an outside agency. ESDA was called today to assist in Manteno and Peotone for weather watch due to tornados in the area.

5g. 911 Board- Deputy Chief Atwood – No report

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6a. Motion to Approve South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) dues renewal.

6b. Motion to Approve Metropolitan Mayors Caucus dues renewal.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. A Resolution Approving the Legal Representation Agreement with the Stuttley Group, LLC for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution as stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion failed

7b. A Resolution Approving a Letter of Agreement Concerning Future Issuance of Sauk Village Bonds for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution as stated above. A motion to approve a letter of

agreement by DP Partners contingent upon approval of the letter of agreement by the redevelopment consultants, including Phil McKenna-Kane, McKenna, Lou Vitullo, Del Galdo Law Group and Dave Gonzalez- Dave Gonzalez and Associates was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7c. A Resolution Approving Advertising Transit Shelter Agreement by and between the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7d. An Ordinance Approving the Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois to the Vending Fees.

A motion to table this item as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A motion to Approve the Revised Accounts Payable & Disbursements from October 12, 2010 – October 26, 2010.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above in the amount of \$204,767.42. Trustee Williams asked the reason for revising the Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks stated that items were removed due to finances leaving payroll and insurance for approval.

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

8b. Approving an Outside Legal Firm to Represent the Village of Sauk Village and Trustees in Litigation with the Former Chief of Staff.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve as stated above. Trustee Hanks stated the name of the firm for the record as Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich and Lapp. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson and Anderson

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that she needed to alter her “aye” vote of the minutes from August 18, 2010 to an abstention due to being absent from that meeting.

Trustee Williams rescinded her motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2010 Special Meeting. Trustee Myers rescinded his second to that motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of August 18, 2010. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Abstain: Trustees Anderson and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Williams asked that the CN Railroad Committee be placed on next week’s agenda. Trustee Williams confirmed that she and Trustee Burgess met with Jim Czarnik and Jeff from Robinson Engineering today to discuss the Quiet Zone as instructed by the Mayor. Trustee Williams reported that she and Trustee Burgess also met with Mr. Theobald in reference to the Finance Director position the possibility of an interim finance person coming in to help with the budget and the levy . A copy of Mr. Theobald’s credentials were provided to the Board at last week’s meeting. Mr. Theobald will email a formal proposal of what he can offer and the fees by Friday to be placed in the Board packets. Trustee Williams asked that the Finance Director Committee be placed on next week’s agenda to discuss the proposal.

Trustee Myers asked if all power has been restored to the Village and if there was substantial damage to the community. Responses were that power has been restored and no major damage has been reported.

Trustee Anderson stated that she has applications for Seniors who need emergency cell phones that are available through Sheriff Dart’s office. Trustee Anderson asked if Trustees Williams and Burgess are entertaining any other companies other than Mr. Theobald for the financial position. Trustee Williams asked that the discussion of Mr. Theobald be placed on the agenda. Any Trustee has the opportunity to have other proposals included in the discussion for the need of an interim in that position. A schedule and a timeline was provided in previous meetings detailing the newspaper postings, deadline to receive resumes and dates of interviewing. This will also be discussed at the next meeting. Trustee Williams asked that any proposals presented by other Trustees be placed in the packets by Friday along with Mr. Theobald’s for discussion on Tuesday’s Committee meeting. Trustee Anderson asked for the outline of what the committee is looking for to provide the information to the public. Trustee Burgess stated that someone is needed to move forward with day to day accounting until the position can be posted and filled. Trustee Williams stated that nothing was given to Mr. Theobald as a proposal. There was a discussion regarding the condition the Village is in with the end of the fiscal year, being in the middle of a budget and the need to prepare for an independent audit and levy and other things coming up. Trustee Burgess asked him for a calendar of financial events that should be taking place at this time of year in the absence of a Chief of Staff and Finance Director. Mr. Theobald was asked to provide 3 proposals- A, B and C. They provide a wide spectrum of municipal services ranging from consulting for other municipalities to being the outsourced Village Manager for Matteson.

Trustee Anderson stated that she wanted it to be open government and give the public the opportunity to see if they or someone they know could provide those services.

Mayor Towers stated that the Committee was supposed to be working on a full time Finance Director. Mayor Towers stated that he did not instruct the committee to work on anything part time or temporary. Trustee Williams stated that the committee has been working on getting things in place to provide a job description, post the position and hold interviews; that was the purpose of discussing it next week. Trustee Williams stated that since the fiscal year ends on October 31st and there still is not an approved budget, a tax levy is coming

up, the audit bids that were sent for RFQ were opened by mistake there are certain things that need to be done immediately. It will take a significant amount of time to hire a Finance Director. This is an option being submitted to the Board. The Board can choose whether or not to take the option. Mayor Towers stated that the Board is again taking it upon themselves to decide what goes on without informing the Mayor. Why would the committee be looking into anything part time without informing him. Mayor Towers reiterated that he did not advise the committee to look for a part time Finance Director and the committee will not look for a part time Finance Committee unless he instructs them to do so. The Mayor or the Board may decide to discuss the possibility of part time at a later time but he is not entertaining that now. Trustee Williams stated that last week during miscellaneous business the resume was passed out and the idea of a possible interim/ temporary Finance Director was stated as an option. In a Democratic society the majority of the Board can decide whether to move forward or not. Mayor Towers stated that he is not entertaining the part time finance person. Trustee Burgess asked if there is anyone per the Mayor's instructions to take care of the accounting from now until the end of the year. What is the plan to meet the several deadlines that have to be met? Mayor Towers stated that the committee was formed to give dates of when things would be done; he would have known then if a part time person would have been needed then. Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers was aware of what was going on because he instructed Joe Bertrand to sit in on the meeting when the information was presented last week. Mayor Towers stated that it was for full time not part time. Mayor Towers stated it was time to move on.

Trustee Anderson stated that Trustees Williams and Burgess were aware that this was for a fulltime position and the part time proposal is unfair to the Board. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Williams has provided information to Trustee Hanks that she is not aware of and that it is being presented tonight as if it was a done deal to be put on the next committee meeting with no previous information.

Trustee Burgess stated that this was a proposal, not a done deal, for two positions; one full time to be posted and one part time to alleviate what we need right now. The committee wanted it up for discussion next week; no vote can be taken next week. This is strictly a proposal; nothing was cut in stone. The committee was gathering information; not stonewalling anyone.

Trustee Anderson stated that this discussion did not take place until she brought it up that there was no information to the public; that is not fair to others.

Trustee Benson stated that the Board is doing the same thing they did before. A young lady accused him of stealing money a couple of months ago. It went to court and she never showed up in court. She is now in default. Trustee Benson stated for the record that the Megaspots Association was at no fault.

Trustee Hanks stated that he provided the job description to Trustees Burgess and Williams per the Mayor's instruction two weeks ago. Trustee Hanks stated that he never provided any names or any other input to that committee. He just provided what he was instructed to provide by the Mayor. Trustee Hanks stated that twice he has sat here and heard statements about "the Board" stated by someone including the Mayor. Trustee Hanks stated that he has nothing to do with the committee, has not seen this information before tonight and he is not trying to push anything through. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson and the Mayor need to be careful about making accusations that the Board is trying to push things through or any other accusations about the Board. There are four people that are not included on that committee who need to see the information and discuss it before a vote can take place. No back room deals have taken place. Two people on the committee were asked to present what they have at a committee meeting next week.

Trustee Williams rebutted stating that job descriptions were received from SSMMA and Trustee Hanks. There was a discussion between her and Trustee Burgess because they sit on the committee. Trustee Williams stated that she gave the information to Trustee Anderson exactly the way it was presented to Mr. Theobald. Mr. Theobald received nothing on paper; simply a discussion on where the Village was financially. When Trustee Anderson asked if this was the only proposal or could there be more it was stated that all proposals can be placed in the packets by Friday; the same deadline as Mr. Theobald, in time for the Board to review in order to make a decision. To say that it is unfair that we provided information is incorrect. This information came up from two meetings of the committee. A Stuttlery Group representative was asked by the Mayor to attend the first meeting; he was not there and neither was Mr. Theobald. There was a meeting tonight and the information was provided tonight. Nothing has happened – nothing has been signed; it was solely the intention of the committee to provide information and to ask for the discussion to be placed on the next agenda. Trustee Williams apologized if she misinformed anyone in the audience.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

John Dennis announced that Golden Corral will be giving free food to Veteran's on Veteran's Day, November 11th. Applebee's is also giving discounts. Anyone interested can join the Veteran's in the Senior Building.

John reminded everyone to come to the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th at a 11:00 pm at St. James cemetery.

Rose Langston added that there will be a speaker discussing holiday safety prior to the Senior movie on November 8th at the library. Lunch will be provided by the library. Reservations are needed.

Rose asked why Trustee Benson always vote no, she understand the abstains when he was not here, but why always vote no to the minutes; does he not understand them. Rose stated that she has been keeping record of it. Trustee Benson asked if Rose was keeping record of everyone's vote or just his. Rose stated that she keeps track of all votes. Trustee Benson stated that it his position to vote however he wants. If he believes the minutes are incorrect he does not have to vote yes for them.

Judy Cast asked why Chief Holevis still does not have a contract. He is doing a commendable job. Mayor Towers stated that it is still under negotiations right now. Judy stated that the Deputy Chief was demoted to sergeant and is still functioning as that why isn't she the Deputy Chief. Mayor Towers stated that is up to the Chief. Judy stated that oversized signs are in yards of the upper echelon that are against the law in this town.

Why do the residents have to obey the laws if the upper echelon does not have to? Mayor Towers stated that if she is referring to him the State Representative placed that sign in his yard and he has asked that it be removed. They have not removed it yet. Judy stated that a Trustee has the sign in his yard, too. Judy commended Trustee Anderson for keeping accurate records for the Senior Committee but questioned Trustee Benson's receiving money for refreshments during events which could be \$400.00 a night during the season.

The front desk said they don't have a record of receiving any of the money. The lady in the center stated that she does not handle that money. If Trustee Benson can't explain where the money went why give him a lot of money in the budget when there are no programs. There are problems with the playground equipment but that is a lot of money. That is why the independent audit is needed. Trustee Hanks asked if a resident is not in violation if someone else puts something on their property. Mayor Towers stated that the residents are responsible for their property. He will call them again to remove the sign. Trustee Hanks stated that he spoke to Representative DeLuca last week; he apologized for someone placing the sign there. Trustee Hanks stated that he will call Representative DeLuca tomorrow to remove the sign. Trustee Myers stated that the state of Illinois is changing the sign ordinance. He will pass the draft ordinance on to the Board.

Darrick Thompson commended the Board for their professionalism tonight even though they did not agree with each other.

John Hinko asked where we stand with the independent audit. Mayor Towers stated that the fiscal year ends October 31st and it is in process. John asked how long will the lawyers be temporary. Mayor Towers stated until the Board approves the money.

Trustee Williams stated that it was on the agenda tonight and the majority of the Board voted no. They are still a temporary entity.

Larry Stewart stated that some things that are needed for the Parks and Recreation are justified but should still be approved by the Board. Larry stated that Trustee Benson stated in previous minutes that he turns money into the Parks and Recreation but the money comes up missing in the General Fund. Trustee Benson should have his own records. Why doesn't the Mayor have a timeline when the audit will be done? The Board needs to investigate that.

Lenarge Booker thanked the Mayor, Trustee Benson and the Board for allowing the Line Dancing program to continue. They are celebrating their one year anniversary. Lenarge asked to submit something for the Line Dancing to Trustee Williams for the Sauk Talk.

Sharon Davenport asked for more information on Lake Michigan water. Will there be an increase in the water bill? Village Engineer stated that he will be making a presentation next Tuesday on the costs of well treatment and Lake Michigan water.

Sharon stated that she was there when the schools were closed earlier today. Wagoner school did a great job of notifying parents. There was a road jam of parents picking up their children. Seniors were walking n the snow to get children. People park in her driveway because she lives near the school. Sharon stated that 215th is already a one way street in the morning and afternoon. Sharon asked if Chief Holevis is thinking of making that permanent and are there any other plans. Chief Holevis stated that he is working on a couple of plans with the school maintenance department. The street runs both ways and they want to shut it down to one way in and one way out. When the buildings are done it will hopefully help to alleviate the problem. Sharon stated that there is an event this weekend and asked how she gets information about it. Trustee Benson stated that flyers were sent to all schools. Sharon stated that she will help with the seniors.

Lynda Washington stated that there are kids 15-24 years old walking up on porches trying to see if the door is open. They got in one house and put ketchup all over the house and vandalized it. The community needs to be alerted.

Wendell Westbrook stated that his house has been broken into three times. When he reported it to the Police Officer he said it could have been worse and said it is young people breaking in and they can't do anything. It does not matter how old they are. Wendell is disturbed and disillusioned. His credit card was used and it was videotaped; there was no investigation. Chief Holevis asked that he meet with him after the meeting.

Linda Ross asked why the Village marquee has not been updated since October 5th. If there are no current activities it should say Have a Nice Day or something else. Trustee Hanks suggested putting Halloween hours up.

Trustee Williams stated that she is still waiting for a report from Parks and Recreation that she requested at the budget meeting. Trustee Williams asked the Mayor to explain the new format of taking questions from the audience for those that are unfamiliar with the change. Mayor Towers stated that he will take questions from the audience from the right side starting with the front and go row to row to the back and repeat the process on the left side.

John Hinko and Ed Shankel asked if that means they cannot ask another question or give rebuttal to someone else's question. Mayor Towers stated that is correct. This is an effort to move things on.

DH Kevin Weller stated that the marquee request sheet is available at the front desk. If there is an event people will fill out the sheet and the marquee is changed. There is no manpower to change the marquee unless there is a request.

Trustee Myers stated again that there are Collector's Reports available at the front desk thanks to the girls in the front office and the Treasurer.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion. Trustee Williams asked if action will be taken.

Trustee Hanks asked the reason for executive session. Mayor Towers stated that he has nothing. There was no further reason to recess to executive session.

Trustee Benson rescinded his motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Hanks rescinded the second.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION- There was no executive session

Discussion of personnel matters an update of pending litigation if needed (5ILCS120/(C)(1)(2010)

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, NOVEMBER 2, 2010.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Anderson (Called in)

2. Village Financial Matters

Mayor Towers reported that money did come in so there will be no transfer from the Water Fund needed at this time; funds may need to be transferred this Friday for payroll. Mayor Towers asked for a consensus of the Board to agree to borrow the money from the Water Fund for payroll. The Board was in total agreement, with the exception of Trustee Anderson who was absent. The Board will be notified if additional money is received before Friday making it unnecessary to borrow the funds.

3. South Suburban Pads- Mr. Mike Wasserberg- Executive Director of South Suburban Pads

Mr. Michael Cobb- Assistant Executive Director

South Suburban Pads provides shelter and services to men, women and children who are homeless or victims of abuse and live below area median income. Thirty six percent of the people served are families with children. PADS provides overnight and daytime assistance. The goal is to move the families to permanent housing. Country Club Hills has provided three acres of property near 167th and Cicero. PADS is looking to develop a 77 unit permanent support housing building which includes community rooms to help provide a variety of programs to help counsel and provide health and employment information. PADS is asking Sauk Village to work along with other South Suburban communities by reaching out to the water bill customers to donate \$1.00 per month on their water bill to help in this effort. The donations have already reached over \$500,000.00 from over 14 other communities. PADS is looking to break ground in the Spring or Summer of 2011. Sample letters are available to send out to residents to inquire if they would be willing to opt into this 100% voluntary program.

Mayor Towers stated that an agreement or resolution can be added to a future committee agenda. Information was requested from PADS to place in the Sauk Talk or on the web site to inform residents of the program.

4. Environmental Consulting Group, Inc. – Mr. David and Maureen O’Dea-

(Entered after Item #7)

David O’Dea introduced their food safety inspection company. Maureen stated that the company has 22 years of experience. The cost comparison is \$45.00 per inspection for EGC and \$65.00 per inspection through Cook County representing a 30% savings. Inspection costs are passed on to the businesses that are inspected. EGC uses the same Health Inspection report as Cook County. EGC stated that they would respond within 1-2 days and the inspection Takes Approximately 1 ½ hours.

The Board agreed to revisit this after reviewing the information and concerns with Sherry Jasinski and reviewing the current ordinance that was recently renewed with Cook County.

5. Village of Sauk Village Water Quality Improvement Conceptual Plan- Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik presented a Water Quality Improvement Conceptual Plan. The goal of the plan is to determine what can be done to improve the water quality in Sauk Village. The Village would need to apply for allocation of Lake Michigan water through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. A study would need to be done to determine if Sauk Village would qualify for the allocation. It would need to be proven that this is the most cost effective option and that there was a minimum amount of leakage in the water system.

Sauk Village water has a history of odor, poor taste, corrosion, scaling and vinyl chloride contamination at well #3.

Comparison #1- Testing parameters

	Sauk Village	Lake Michigan	Normal
Cold dissolved solvents (causes corrosion, deposits in piping, colored water and salty taste)	2x normal	170 mg/ltr	500 mg/ltr
PH (causes corrosion)	7.2	7.4	8- 8.5
Hardness (results in scaling, clogging of piping, increased soap consumption)	660	135	less than 120
Vinyl Chloride (Contamination- well #3)	2-5 micro grains/ltr	--	0

The plan includes a span of a twenty year period to allow for growth. Projected Sauk Village population in 2030 is 18,209. Average water usage is 120 gallons per person per day. Current usage is 1.25 million gallons per day or 1.7 million gallons per day at peak.

Option #1- Obtain Lake Michigan water

Upgraded infrastructure is needed to take Lake Michigan water from other communities and transport it out with the proper pressure into the system. One new pump station is needed (three for future growth) with 2500 gallon per minute pumps and additional piping installed to accept additional pumps when the growth demands it.

Water storage improvements- Sauk Village currently has two elevated storage tanks at 400,000- 500,000 gallon capacity and a ground storage reservoir pump station with a 300,000 gallon capacity. Lake Michigan communities are required to have 2 times the average daily water usage capacity stored. The ground storage reservoir would be taken off line and another pump station would be added at that location to handle the capacity. The required storage would currently be 2.5 million gallons per day. A 2 million gallon ground storage reservoir is proposed.

Possible surrounding communities /Lake Michigan water suppliers-

Sauk Village met with Lynwood, Dyer, and Chicago Heights to discuss the cost of supplying Lake Michigan water.

Hammond supplies water to Chicago Heights/ Chicago Heights to Sauk Village. Two alternatives are available to provide water from Chicago Heights; Route 30 alternative (Total cost is \$7.62 / 1,000 gallons). No additional booster station is needed in Sauk Trail Route. (Total cost is \$7.33 / 1,000 gallons).

Hammond supplies water to Lansing/ Lansing to Lynwood /Lynwood to Sauk Village. Two alternatives are available to provide water from Lynwood; Joe Orr Road or Torrence Avenue. Total cost unknown because Lansing would not provide a water rate to Lynwood- the chain is broken.

Hammond supplies to Highland/ Highland to Dyer/ Dyer to Sauk Village. Total cost unknown because Highland would not provide a water rate to Dyer- the chain is broken. Highland wants to do a water study to determine the cost of the infrastructure improvement to serve Sauk Village and Dyer.

The Highland Water Board has been authorized to do the study. Highland is hoping that Sauk Village will share the costs of the study.

Hammond will be boosting water rates soon to all communities. The quoted rates include the boosted Hammond rate.

Costs and Timeframe

The Village would need to get a loan for roughly 10 million dollars. All costs of the project will be rolled into the water rates. Repayment of the loan would appear on the water bills for a period of twenty years. The cheapest option, Chicago Heights- Sauk Trail route will cost \$7.33 per 1000 gallons to bring the water to Sauk Village. **Currently the cost is \$3.90 per 1000 gallons.** (See the minutes of March 8, 2011. VE Czarnik corrected this amount as being \$3.40 per gallon.)

This cost does not include replacing any existing pipes in Sauk Village. Replacing the entire infrastructure of Sauk Village could exceed 10 million dollars (300 per foot).

The time frame before Sauk Village could receive Lake Michigan water is 4 to 5 years. The higher payments would start immediately upon taking out the loan.

Currently water leaks due to water main breaks (which average about 5-6 hours to repair through 16 inch water lines) are at no cost to the Village. Sauk Village would pay for Lake Michigan water usage during all water main breaks. Sauk Village will have to ensure the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that the water main losses are at below 8%.

Option #2- Enhance well water treatment boosting the water to Lake Michigan water quality.

Chemical treatment, air stripping, water softening, cold time softening, filtration, disinfection with chlorine and reverse osmosis.

Chemical treatment is used to increase PH to reduce corrosion. (This is recommended.)

Air stripping adds air to the water; it evaporates out the vinyl chloride (standard method to remove vinyl chloride. This is recommended.)

Water softening – hardest ions are exchanged with sodium ions (widely utilized and economic technology for most applications. This is not recommended for Sauk Village. The water hardness is so great that it would result in a high sodium content.)

Cold time softening- adding chemicals to the water to settle out the hardness. This is not recommended. Sauk Village would require excessive chemicals to get all of the hardness out. A large facility would need to be staffed around the clock.)

Filtration- removal of iron and sediment. Pressurized vessel with media in it to filter out all bad water components. (Sauk Village currently utilizes iron filters- does a good job; this is widely used and is recommended.)

Reverse Osmosis- filtration process with very small openings to force the water through the smallest imaginable screen. (Removes the dissolved solids and the hardness- cannot get through. Bad part-water that has that in there is wasted- 15-25 % of the ground water taken in is wasted to the sanitary sewer. Widely used technology and the only technology that is capable of treating the ground water to Lake Michigan equivalent.

The proposed ground water treatment plant would be approximately 86 feet wide and 120 feet long and could be placed near the current location of wells 1 and 2 but space is limited. Additional property may need to be purchased and water distribution piping will need to be upgraded which includes tearing up streets and sidewalks. This will be in a residential area and a disruption to the residents. Three reverse osmosis units, three separate sets of pumps, three iron filters, a generator, a chlorine room, a lab, a chemical room and a light control room are housed in that plant. Placing the water treatment plant at the well 3 site there is room to grow and is already in a commercial area. No sanitary sewer extension would be needed. The vinyl chloride would be removed. This is recommended. Creating smaller water treatment plants in both well areas is not recommended.

The infrastructure cost for the water treatment plant could cost \$19,400,000.00 without the cost of acquiring land or easements.

The IEPA wants to help improve water quality. There is a current loan application in place for 2.2 million dollars to repair well #3. The Village stands a good chance at receiving that loan. VE Czarnik could not say if the IEPA would be agreeable to the Village waiting 4-5 years to get Lake Michigan water as an alternative to repairing well # 3 which has to be placed back on line.

The IEPA low interest loan for Lake Michigan water is limited to a maximum of \$10,000,000.00 and may possibly offer some interest forgiveness or zero % interest. The Village would have to finance the balance.

The wells would remain uncapped and there would be no water restrictions and no usage charges for water main breaks (Total cost is \$7.92 / 1000 gallons).

Lincoln Meadows

The Lincoln Meadows subdivision is at the end of the line. An extensive, separate study would have to be

done for Lincoln Meadows to determine flow. Costs to determine better water quality could be done for Lincoln Meadows. The study that was done six years ago included boosters to move things around for Lincoln Meadows.

Water rates from other communities could go up or down. The rates could increase \$1.50/ 1000 in two years when Chicago Heights' contract expires. The study costs explained above are current rates and could also go up at any time.

Future Steps:

- 1) Referendum- public opinion with knowledge of the costs to attach to the water bills
- 2) Illinois Department of Natural Resources water allocation application approval (takes 3-6 months)-
A study must be done to prove that it is cheaper to get Lake Michigan water than to treat our own.
- 3) Decide water treatment or Lake Michigan water
- 4) IEPA low interest loan application
- 5) Easement and property purchases (not included in the costs)
- 6) Water rate negotiations
- 7) Design and permit applications
- 8) Project bid
- 9) Construction

The lowest option of Chicago Heights/ Sauk Trail route does not include land acquisition, permits, legal fees for land acquisition or easements (approximately 6,200 feet) and could exceed \$7.92/ 1000 gallons.

Clear facts and figures should be given to anyone who wants to spearhead the water referendum committee in order to educate the residents of the impact of the costs on their water bills and the fact that they will pay the increase for 4 or 5 years before they even see Lake Michigan water. Another meeting should be set up in December in order to further inform residents.

6. Heater & Air at Public Work's Garage/ Public Work's Monthly Work Report (Employees from Layoff) – Kevin Weller

DH Weller has requested the replacement of the heater and air conditioning unit in the Public Works garage for the past several years. The unit is over thirty years old. There is currently no heat in the garage. DH Weller presented four quotes to replace the unit. One quote includes a 95% efficiency unit that will save on electricity for both heating and air and which eliminates two window units. This quote includes a 15 year guarantee on parts and labor; one part has a 25 year guarantee. The Board agreed that it needed to be done; further review of the budget and investigation into whether the Water Fund can be used to pay for some or all of the purchase is needed.

DH Weller stated that since the recent layoffs there has been an excessive amount of water main breaks which is taxing the safety of the current employees and is increasing the amount of hours worked. The crew recently worked a 24 hour shift during an emergency situation when hydrant problem and two water main breaks occurred during this time period. DH Weller stated winter snow removal, excessive cold which causes

water main breaks, the leaf program, tree removal and special projects are coming up. DH Weller stated that day to day projects are not getting done and have piled up over the past two years due to budgetary reasons. Any emergency pulls employees from day to day operations. The current employees are keeping up with the workload but for safety and health reasons DH Weller is requesting an additional two employees to back up employees. DH Weller stated that the average snowstorm requires seven staff members; currently there are six. Drivers are required to take eight hours off after eleven hours worked. The employee overtime pay is also excessive. The concern is that breaks occur most often in the wintertime and could occur during snowstorm where employees are needed in both situations. The Board agreed that this is a safety issue and discussed union issues and how employees could be brought back and paid between the Water and Sewer departments. DH Weller was asked to provide the projected costs to the budget hearing next week. The budget needs to be reviewed and balanced next week. Cuts will need to be made.

7. Glosniak 6B Resolution (R&N Management)- Ronald Glosniak

Mr. Glosniak requested a renewal of the 6B for R&N Management Company. R&N Management is a freight consolidation facility that is located at Sauk Pointe in Sauk Village. A 6b is a program that is offered by the Cook County Assessor's office that encourages industrial and commercial growth and development by granting a 6B incentive. The 6B is offered for a limited amount of time to reduce the level assessment of the market value that lowers the real estate taxes. R&N Management applied for and was approved for the 6B ten years ago and is now seeking a renewal by the end of the year. R&N Management currently pays 10% rather than 25% which is still a significant amount of tax money. Due to the current economic climate and to sustain the business the renewal is requested. The Board agreed to consult the TIF attorneys to review the renewal request.

8. Removed from the Agenda.

9. Sure Site (Site Lease with Options)

Mayor Towers stated that T-Mobile is requesting the Board's consent to make some improvements to their cell site which includes placing a fence around the tower. The Board was agreeable to these improvements.

10. Audit Proposal

Mayor Towers stated that four companies provided audit proposals (RFQ). Mayor Towers asked if the Board would like to conduct a formal bid for the audit services. RFP's will be requested from all four companies to conduct the 18 month audit for the period of May, 2009 through October 31, 2010. Joe Bertrand suggested asking the bids to include the 18 month period as well as 2 additional years. The audit must be completed within six months after the closing of the fiscal year. A bid opening will be scheduled for December 14, 2010.

11. Reduction in Days and Consumer Services (Window Hours)

Due to recent layoffs, the office staff is requesting to reduce the customer service window hours by one hour and to close on Wednesdays in order to catch up on internal work. The Board agreed to close the Village Hall on Wednesdays starting December 1st but will not shorten the number of hours on the other days. The revised hours will be placed in the current Sauk Talk.

12. Finance Director Position (Committee- Trustees Burgess and Williams)

The following recommendations were made by Trustees Burgess and Williams under the direction of Mayor Towers.

Trustees Burgess and Williams spoke with Theobald & Associates regarding providing interim financial assistance in the absence of a Finance Director as an option to help close out the fiscal year, finalize the budget and prepare other year end reports. Trustees Burgess and Williams presented copies of the comparison and proposals provided by Theobald & Associates as well as by previously forwarding that email to the Board. This is only an option for the Board to consider while the interviewing process takes place. Trustees Burgess and Williams presented a schedule of how and where the postings for the Finance Director position will be placed. The Trustees propose placing the employment ad with South Suburban Mayors and Managers, Illinois Municipal League and GFOA as soon as possible. The proposed application deadline would be November 22, 2010. The Finance Committee will consist of Trustees Burgess and Williams, Mary Thompson- Kane, McKenna, Payables Clerk Sandy Dietrich and Joe Bertrand- Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers asked why there are five people instead of three people on the committee without him being informed. Trustees Burgess and Williams stated that the purpose of this report is to discuss the proposed actions of the committee. The following committee structure and guidelines were based on the actions of the Finance Director Committee that met recently to hire the previous Finance Director.

The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, November 29, 2010 to review resumes and chose the finalists. All information will be shared with the Board in their packets on Friday, December 3, 2010. Mayor Towers stated that the five person committee was fine and that the information of the final three candidates is to be given to him for final approval.

Trustees Burgess and Williams asked for further direction from the Mayor on how they should proceed. Mayor Towers stated that a couple of days are needed for him to review the information presented by Trustees Burgess and Williams. The placement of employment ad will be on hold until the Mayor's review is complete.

13. Risk Management & Insurance (Committee- Trustees Anderson and Myers)

Trustees Anderson and Myers met with three company representatives to discuss Risk Management and insurance coverage for Sauk Village. Trustee Myers received a packet of information from all three companies. Trustee Myers will send the additional information they have requested to these companies. IML needs to release certain information to these companies. Trustees Anderson and Myers will make a presentation to the Board once all final information is received. This presentation should be by the end of the month. There are four possible companies. Joe Bertrand stated that self insurance is an option for the Board to consider.

14. Grand Trunk Corporation (CNN Railway- Committee Trustees Burgess and Williams)

Village Engineer Czarnik provided pictures and specs for the proposed Quiet Zone for the CN Railroad. Monies will be provided by CN Railroad. Trains are required to blow their whistles when approaching crossings. The Quiet Zone will mitigate the sound of the increased train traffic. Additional measures need to be taken to establish a Quiet Zone where the trains would not be required to blow their whistles. VE Czarnik

asked them to put gates in. The cost is over \$600,000.00. The concrete barrier median option is a wide and tall median that would act as a barrier keeping cars off the tracks when the gates go down. This is a cheaper solution but this would require widening Torrence Avenue- The cost is \$210,000.00. The last option is flexible delineators; a thin curb with a gate that goes up that keeps cars from crossing. Public Works can install these. The Cost is \$15,000.00. Maintenance may be a problem due to snowplow damage; VE Czarnik suggested escrowing some money to pay for future delineators.

VE Czarnik stated that there are two different railroads owned by two different railroad lines. There may need to be a gate placed there as a possible request from the Federal Railroad Commission. Trustee Burgess stated that CN may not have been truthful during the initial presentation about the overpass. Trustee Burgess stated that he specifically asked if Lynwood was getting an overpass and the CN rep stated that they were not. Trustee Burgess believes that Lynwood is getting an overpass due to the hospital. VE Czarnik reported that CN stated that they have not promised Lynwood an overpass and Sauk Village cannot go back and ask for that now. Judge Stuttley stated that if CN made a false representation Sauk Village could have grounds to cancel the contract or renegotiate. Trustee Burgess suggested that CN Railroad put the gates in place even though the cost exceeds the amount of \$270,000.00 CN agreed to pay. Trustee Williams stated that the Quiet Zone and noise mitigation is two separate issues. The flexible delineators would be a less expensive option for the Quiet Zone and the excess money could be used to secure noise mitigation to the homes in the area. VE Czarnik stated that Sauk Village is not the sole determiner in the equation. The Illinois Department of Transportation would weigh in on the Torrence Avenue issue, the Federal Department of Railroads, the ICC and CN Railroad would also have to meet with Sauk Village before a decision can be made. Trustee Burgess would like to meet with CN Railroad again. CN will be doubling the train traffic in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess was under the impression that the money was a donation to the Village. Joe Bertrand stated that if the FRA requires a gate to be placed there for safety issues then the railroad may be responsible for that. Trustee Myers agreed that after meeting with all of the agencies it should be determined that CN should be responsible to install the gates. Judge Stuttley mentioned detrimental reliance; all information needs to be provided. The Board agreed that no money will be accepted from CN Railroad until the attorneys get to review the information from the previous discussion with CN Railroad.

15. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that at a previous meeting it was stated that certain Board members are going behind the Mayor's back and are trying to sabotage the administration when he and Trustee Williams attempted to bring a recommendation to the Board with facts and figures, not behind your back and not trying to micromanage, about bringing in someone to help with the finances temporarily.

Trustee Burgess stated that he was unable to respond at that time. Since that time, the Board has received a letter from the Cook County Sherriff's Police Department. The letter was addressed to the Mayor and all Trustees. It states that the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department has received the written request endorsed by the Mayor and Trustees Anderson and Benson to provide an estimate of the yearly cost to police Sauk Village. It states that the approximate cost to provide contract police in Sauk Village is three million dollars per year as a preliminary estimate subject to change upon a more detailed review of the policy requirements of Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess asked why the Board was not informed that the Mayor and two trustees were seeking an estimate from Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. Trustee Burgess asked who instructed

these trustees to get an estimate from Cook County. Mayor Towers stated that he contacted Cook County as the acting Chief of Staff to get information as a cost savings measure. Mayor Towers stated that he is looking at every option to save money. Trustee Burgess stated that the written request was endorsed by two trustees not the entire Board. Mayor Towers stated that the position of Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Hanks was that they did not want the County brought in. Mayor Towers submitted the request naming the two trustees who supported the request and the four who did not. Trustee Burgess stated that the entire Board should have been informed that the request was being sent to County. Trustee Burgess stated that he was accused of sabotaging the Board and he would not have known about this request if the County had not sent the letter to all trustees. Mayor Towers stated that he intended to bring the information to the Board after he met with the County.

Trustee Williams stated that the Chief of Staff would only take an action like that as a direction from the Board. The Board should have been involved in the decision to write that letter before the acting Chief of Staff took that action. This was disrespectful to the Trustee's position as elected officials and the residents. When the idea was first presented four trustees, the majority of the Corporate Authorities, and many of the residents in the audience stated that they did not want Cook County; they wanted Sauk Village police to patrol our streets. It is now proven that Cook County will charge just under what we currently pay even though they will not have the response times, the on hand resources and accountability that we get with our own department. The same trustees that endorsed this letter accused Trustee Burgess and herself of trying to hide things when they tried to present facts and figures to the Board in a past meeting regarding cost savings initiatives.

Joe Bertrand stated that this was a procedural issue and it is normal for the Mayor to inquire about situations that may benefit the entire community and bring it back to the Board for discussion. Trustee Burgess stated that it is obvious that only two people of the Corporate Board knew about the letter. That is not being transparent.

Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk will be released soon. The new website is still under construction. IT Consultant is still compiling the information he has received. The Public Relations Committee is rescheduling their November 3, 2011 meeting to November 10, 2011 to meet with Gerald to preview the site. The new site will be unveiled at the November 23rd Board meeting.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Rose Langston asked if PADS has received all of the funding for the building. Judge Stuttley stated that they have received commitments, not funding.

Rose asked if the other company does health inspections would Cook County still have to back that up. Trustee Myers stated that this is under investigation; what are there qualifications. This is on hold.

Rose stated that nothing was said about water restrictions since we are at the end of the line. Rose clarified that the \$7.33 was not all inclusive of all expenses. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that does not include easements or property purchases. There may be water shortages. Rose stated that there are still too many questions; she does think going to Lake Michigan water is the best idea.

Rose stated asked if the Code Department will still get phones calls and will shut off notices still take place when the window is closed for payments.

Rose stated that the Mayor has the right to do things but it is only common courtesy to alert the Board

members so they are aware of things when approached by residents. Emails, notes or a copy of the letter should go to the Board.

Pat Couch asked where the Cook County dispatch center is located and what the response time to get officers here would be. Pat stated that they do not know our area.

Mayor Towers stated that Cook County will dispatch on their own and he was not aware of the response time. Judge Stuttley stated that the County will be on site and they have GPS in their cars.

Angela Cox was unable to read a letter; the topic was not on the agenda.

Judy Cast wanted to talk about the County Sheriff's Police. Mayor Towers stated that was not an agenda item.

Judy asked about the audit many times to find out where the money is. Just asked if the goal is to bring in a while new audit firm. Mayor Towers stated that the goal is to bring in a whole new firm for the Village.

Otis Gilmore, a representative from one of the companies interviewing for the Risk Management contract, suggested that the Board select a broker to market the case for Sauk Village on the fast track and bring back the comparisons.

Carl Rylander asked where the PADS site is. Judge Stuttley stated that the building will be in Country Club Hills. Carl stated that the railroad should be responsible for the gate crossing. The NTSB should know about that. Carl stated that negotiations with CN should include a noise containment wall that should be built to keep the noise down.

Bernice Houston clarified that the treatment costs more than Lake Michigan water. Bernice stated that the well three will still be on a contaminated site and wells one, two and three all have some traces of vinyl chloride. Bernice asked if Mayor Towers if he was going to direct Robinson Engineering to revise the plan to include the infrastructure costs for the treatment option or for Lake Michigan water to submit to IEPA so the Village can get a larger loan to correct this. Mayor Towers asked Village Engineer previously if the IEPA will delay things until another option is presented. Bernice asked why a referendum is needed to get Lake Michigan water when the treatment of the water costs more than Lake Michigan water. Trustee Williams stated that a referendum would be needed to raise water rates either way. Mayor Towers stated that a referendum would not be needed to treat well number three only for the 2.2 million dollars. Bernice stated that there is already a referendum started for Lake Michigan water; why isn't there a referendum started for the 19 million dollar treatment option. Mayor Towers stated that a committee was started to get Lake Michigan water no one talked about treating the water. Bernice asked what happens if the referendum does not pass. Mayor Towers stated that the well would have go back on line. Bernice asked why we would spend 2.2 million to treat well three when Lake Michigan or treatment is going to cost money on top of that. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that it is important to spend the 2.2 million dollars to treat well three because there are fines pending with the EPA of \$10,000.00 per every day that well three is down. Lake Michigan water or a treatment plant will take years to complete. Well number three has to be brought back on line in the meantime. There is enough water capacity with well number three off line. Trustee Benson asked if the treatment plan that the Village Engineer provided enough for the IEPA to withdraw the lawsuit against Sauk Village. Judge Stuttley stated that the litigation is on hold. Bernice stated that the costs of the treatment site are greater than getting Lake Michigan water.

Frank Williams stated that the Mayor should look at the state statute regarding a 2/3rds majority. In eighteen months the Village has not moved forward. What is it going to take to move forward? Is it going to take the Mayor sitting down with the six trustees in an unbiased manner or the Mayor continuing to go against the four trustees? Not one thing has been done since this administration took over.

Frank asked what happens if we get water from Dyer (or wherever) and Dyer goes bankrupt. Would we still get water? No. Judge Stuttley stated that a Federal Administrator would be appointed; we would still get water. Frank stated that if it ain't broke don't fix it; he can't afford to pay a higher water bill or leave his house.

Trustee Benson asked what if the 2.2 million is spent on the well and it breaks down one month later.

Bernice Houston stated that the water bills will increase with either option- treatment plant or Lake Michigan water.

John Hinko stated that there is a limit by the DNR on how much water can be taken from Lake Michigan. If there is a fine imposed will it be passed on to everybody. VE Czarnik stated that once the IDNR approves the amount Sauk Village is allotted they are guaranteed that. Sauk Village will only get what the IDNR allows.

John clarified that the higher water bills will be charged for four to five years before the water comes to Sauk Village. Village Engineer Czarnik agreed stating that is because the Village does not have the means to fund the project.

John asked who the bids for the audit will be addressed to. John stated they should be sent to the Mayor and the Village Clerk and remained sealed.

John stated that the Mayor does have the right to go out and get information on behalf of the Village but it should have his name only on it.

16. Motion to Recess to Executive Session without Taking Action- None

A. Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

17. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment- None

18. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 am Wednesday, November 3, 2010.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

(The meeting started late due to the budget meeting running over.)

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. September 14, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2010. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Village Clerk Williams stated that Trustee Benson stated in the minutes of September 14, 2010 that a correction was needed because the minutes of July 29th reflect that he was absent on June 1, June 12 and June 22, 2010. Village Clerk Williams stated for the record that the minutes of September 14, 2010 will reflect that the minutes of July 29, 2010 state that Trustee Benson was in fact present at the June 1, June 12 and June 22, 2010 meetings but was in fact absent on July 29, 2010 when the vote to approve those three sets of minutes was taken.

Trustee Williams rescinded her motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2010. Trustee Myers rescinded the second to that motion. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the September 14, 2010 minutes with the corrections as stated by Village Clerk Williams. Trustee Myers seconded the motion to approve with corrections.

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

b. October 5, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that the Village Hall will now be closed on Wednesdays until further notice and will continue to stay open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Village Hall will be closed November 25th and 26th, December 23rd, 24th and 31st due to the holidays. This information has been posted in the Sauk Talk, website and in the Village Hall.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Judge Stuttley– No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that there has been an increase in Motor Fuel Tax funding for the Illinois municipalities. Sauk Village should be receiving the first installment of \$45,000.00 this month.

Village Engineer Czarnik will be assisting Sauk Village with the administration of the CDBG program. The requirements in order to continue to receive funding include a mandatory performance hearing to be scheduled during the month of November. The performance hearing will include detailing CDBG projects not completed and the estimated dates of completion and the financial status of these open projects. A certified copy of the Public Notice as well as a copy of the minutes from the performance hearing needs to be delivered to Cook County by December 31, 2010. The Public Notice must be posted in various places 10 days prior to the Public Hearing. VE Czarnik stated that the performance hearing can be scheduled immediately before a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

VE Czarnik stated that the road reconstruction project to remove and replace curbs and the culvert has started and is on track with a completion date of December 3, 2010.

3e. Mayor’s Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson reported that 19 seniors participated in the free movie and luncheon sponsored by the library last Monday. The next Senior Committee meeting is on November 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. Trustee Anderson sadly reported the passing of Eddie Randall, husband of active Senior Committee member Dolores Randall. The services for Eddie Randall will take place on Friday at Victory Assembly in Matteson, Illinois- wake 10am-11am and services from 11 am – noon. Trustee Anderson asked for prayer for active committee member Bob Fallon who is also very ill.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee did not meet due to the budget hearing but will be back on track next month.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee held the 2010-2011 Mr. and Ms. Sauk Village pageant contest on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the Paesel Center. Trustee Benson stated that there were over 40 spectators in attendance and 21 participants. There were 5 winners and no participation for Mr. Sauk Village. Congratulations to Miss Sauk Village- Bloom Trail Freshman Zamira Davis, Mr. Sauk Village, Jr.- Tommy Roberson, Miss Sauk Village, Jr.- Natashia Sandleberg, both from Rickover Jr. High, Mr. Sauk Village Liberty- Joquaid Cotton and Ms. Sauk Village Liberty- Symiria Phillips. Trustee Benson stated that all participants displayed great talent. Good food and a wonderful time was had by all. Trustee Benson reported that Darrick Thompson provided the music. Trustee Benson acknowledged the Parks and Rec committee and Mayor Towers for attending. The winners will probably make their first appearance later this month. Village Clerk Williams asked for the names in writing. (The names were not provided- if corrections are needed please notify Village Clerk Williams).

Trustee Williams asked how the information to apply for the pageant was advertised. Trustee Benson stated that the event was well publicized by passing out applications at all three schools and at the after school program. Trustee Williams stated for the benefit of Sauk Village kids who do not attend schools in Sauk Village the information should be placed in the Sauk Talk, marquee and web site.

Trustee Burgess asked if there was a Halloween Party in the Community Center and if it was open to the public. Trustee Benson stated that there was a Halloween Party but it was not given by Parks and Rec and he assumes it was open to the public. Trustee Burgess asked who sponsored the Halloween Party and how people were notified. Trustee Benson stated he could not answer that. Mayor Towers stated that the Halloween Party was sponsored by the SSDMC after school program.

Trustee Williams stated that no information regarding Christmas programs from Parks and Rec or SSDMC has been given to the Public Relations Committee for the Sauk Talk or website. Trustee Williams asked Trustee Benson that if any programs are planned to please utilize the sources of public information available to all residents.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 17th at 7pm in the conference room. Trustee Myers reported that packets were distributed to four Risk Management agencies. The packets are due Monday of next week. This information will be shared with the Board. Trustee Myers stated that one company asked for details of all accidents from the past 5 years. That information was released to all four agencies.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

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

Trustee Williams reported that the Sauk Talk is out and can be found at the Village Hall and library. The Public Relations Committee will meet Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall to discuss final stages of the website. The website will be more user friendly and will hopefully be unveiled at the last Board meeting in November. Trustee Williams stated that there was no mention of holiday events in the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams asked for information on any holiday events open to the public so that it can be placed on the web site. Trustee Williams stated that residents are asking for dates of the tree lighting and Santa parade.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis- (vacation)- No report

5b. Fire Department-Chief Stoffregen

Deputy Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department ran twelve calls from November 2nd through November 8th – including assisting Ford Heights in a mutual call where they lost a church and six or seven homes.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that a boil order was in place for some areas due to various issues, such as, multiple water main breaks, need for valve repairs and issues which caused low pressure. The boil order was lifted yesterday. Residents should flush the hot water tank out and run water until clear. DH Weller stated that it is difficult to maintain these issues with the short staff. A 13 year employee resigned on Friday due to the workload. The employees are under heavy stress. DH Weller asked for some of the employees to be brought back to work to assist with the continuing leaf pick up program, upcoming winter season duties and other programs that need to be completed. DH Weller stated that this is the time of year for sewer back ups and street flooding. Do not remove manhole covers; this is dangerous.

DH Weller stated that it was reported that at 3 am Saturday there was a STOP sign down and a hydrant was leaning. The hydrant may need to be replaced.

Trustee Williams asked the Board receive a weekly written report tracking hours worked by the employees.

Trustee Hanks asked that DH Weller be instructed to replace the resigned employee since that is already in the budget.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

Ms. Jasinski asked if the Board will be meeting with her to discuss her new title and job description. Ms. Jasinski stated that she was glad to still have her job and asked the residents to allow her the opportunity to tell her employees herself before word gets out that they have been laid off.

5e. Finance Director- None

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that from November 2nd through November 8th ESDA assisted the Fire Department in twelve calls which also included assisting the State Police in a bad accident on Steger Road and 394.

5g. 911 Board- Left off the agenda- No report

Village Clerk Williams asked that the 911 Board report be included with the Fire Department report so that it is not left off of the agenda in the future.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6a. Motion to Approve Sure Site Consulting Group, LLC an Agent by T-Mobile Central LLC. To Upgrade its Communications/ Data Transmission Services to our Cell Site.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated above. A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Benson.

Trustee Hanks verified that a letter will be sent to T-Mobile stating the approval of the agreement.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Towers asked for an executive session to discuss two ordinances requiring approval.

Trustee Williams asked if there will be additional information provided in executive session.

Trustee Hanks also asked for clarification as to why the executive session would be needed.

Mayor Towers stated that the executive session would be needed to discuss Real Estate - items 7a and 7b.

There will be no executive session- all discussion for the following ordinances will be held in open session.

7a. An Ordinance Approving an Application for Class 6B Real Estate Assessment Classification for R&N Management Company for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance as stated above. A motion to approve an ordinance approving an application for Class 6B Real Estate Assessment Classification for R&N Management Company for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7b. An Ordinance Approving a Short Term Loan Program (The Program) with South Suburban Mayors and Managers for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Mayor Towers stated that South Suburban Mayors and Managers sent an email to inform Sauk Village that funding is available for a short term loan through SSMMA. There is a short window to approve the loan and an ordinance for the loan. This ordinance would need to be approved tonight.

Trustee Myers stated that the application is asking if the Board is considering the loan.

Trustee Burgess questioned the short term of six months and the fact that the repayment will come from the tax levy payments which will need to be increased to pay this additional loan with interest.

Trustee Williams was concerned about borrowing one million dollars. There is too much debt service and past due bills already. State and Federal payments are not being received. Trustee Burgess agreed that it is hard to

borrow out of debt. The Village should hold off until tax money is received to start paying the debt down. Mayor Towers stated that his goal was to inform the Board of the opportunity and to get the application in by the deadline if the Board decided to apply for it. There was no guarantee the Village would be accepted. Trustee Anderson stated that we are having a hard time paying our bills. Trustee Anderson stated that it is interesting that a few weeks ago the Board suggested reinstating SSMMA because they have advised us well and for the programs they offer. The Board takes their recommendations for lawyers and Finance Directors and now they do not want to take advantage of this funding benefit. Trustee Burgess stated that he appreciates the offer by SSMMA but the Village does not have to accept it. There are other programs that they offer that the Village may want to take part in. Trustee Burgess does not see the need to tie up the incoming tax money that is already late. Trustee Williams clarified that the application has been submitted by the Mayor. Trustee Williams asked if the Board would be informed if the loan was approved and would records be kept on the loan. Trustee Hanks agreed that the Village needs to hold on a little longer. Trustee Hanks stated that the application is not complete without an approved ordinance. Trustee Myers agreed that having just laid off several employees it is hard to think about borrowing money and having to pay interest back rather than bring employees back with that money.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the ordinance as stated above. There was no motion to approve the short term loan with South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association.

Motion failed due to no motion.

7c. An Ordinance Authorizing Interfund Borrowing for the Purpose of Providing Moneys to Meet Ordinary and Necessary Expenses of the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing interfund borrowing for the purpose of providing moneys to meet ordinary and necessary expenses of the Village of Sauk Village was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

Mayor Towers stated that money has been borrowed from the Water Department to meet other obligations through the General Fund for the past couple of months. An ordinance needs to be approved to authorize borrowing funds for that purpose.

Trustee Hanks stated that it should be made clear that these funds were borrowed temporarily to meet payroll and it is the intent of the Board to pay those funds back.

Trustee Williams asked that the Board is informed when funds are borrowed in order to keep a record of what amount needs to be paid back.

Mayor Towers stated that is stated in the ordinance; the Board will be informed. Joe Bertrand reported that reports will be made at each Board meeting when the funds are borrowed. Trustee Anderson stated that the payroll department currently informs the Board when these funds are moved.

Trustee Hanks remarked on the numbering system being used on the ordinances. Village Clerk Williams stated that she has informed Joe Bertrand on the ordinance procedures and also asked that all ordinances be submitted electronically.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A motion to Approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from October 27, 2010 – November 9, 2010.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$252,256.16.

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8b. Approving Sauk Village Budget Year 2010/2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the 2010/2011 budget as stated above.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the 2010/2011 budget as stated above. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Williams

Mayor Towers breaks the tie with a vote of "Aye".

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Hanks stated that the budget that was passed tonight was a difficult budget. It is not something that any of the Board wants to pass but it is balanced. Hopefully, employees can be brought back in six months if money is available. Trustee Hanks stated that another community is laying off police officers for the second time in less than a year. Sauk Village is not laying off any police officers. Village residents have security and peace of mind. There were no further cuts in water and sewer. The streets need to be plowed. There is no surplus in the budget. The state and federal governments are not paying their portion. This was a tough decision for the trustees. The Village needs to keep running with the limited funds that we have. Trustee Hanks encouraged everyone to ask questions.

Trustee Williams asked if there are plans in motion to speak with the department heads. This budget has changed a lot since the last version. Trustee Williams realizes the need to rush a balanced budget but is disheartened that the department heads and most trustees just received this budget for the first time in a public setting. Trustee Williams stated that the Board should focus on the employees we still have so we do not lose them.

Mayor Towers stated that he was waiting for the Board to approve this budget before he scheduled to meet with the department heads.

Trustee Anderson made remarks to resident Angie Cox regarding information she passed out in the back of the room that referred to an incident that occurred involving the Sauk Village police responding to a call. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Hanks was also present but was not listed on the information. Ms. Cox stated that Trustee Hanks did not accost her. Trustee Hanks was down on the other end. Trustee Anderson stated that any time the Sauk Village Police zoom up when a crime is being committed as a trustee she will ask what they are coming for. Trustee Anderson stated for the record that if they would come to her home as fast as they came to the polling place she could address her neighbors with answers to their concerns...(disruption: a shooting occurred outside her door in her neighborhood at 216th Place.) Trustee Anderson asked that the document prepared by Ms. Cox be placed in the record.

Trustee Williams stated that she was not certain that a document prepared by a resident should be included in the minutes. Joe Bertrand stated that it was not on the agenda. There was an appearance of discussion between a trustee and a resident; we should move on to the next trustee. This is an administrative meeting where no political discussion should go on. Stay focused on the municipality issues.

Trustee Burgess acknowledged that the economy is bad and we have to bite the bullet but just as hard as we worked to balance the budget he is committed to work just as hard to bring back at least half of the laid off employees within the next six months. Every dime has to be watched. Services will be lost.

Trustee Hanks stated that he has spoken with the Mayor to contact State Reps and the Governor to pull funds together. They don't know the problem until we tell them. Trustee Hanks will work with the Mayor to help get the word out.

Trustee Williams stated that there have been residents that have had complaints against trustees in the past.

Trustee Williams encouraged residents to put their concerns in writing so they can be dealt with preferably not in an open forum; especially when it concerns a Board member and a citizen. This causes tension and it is not right to go back and forth with a resident in the audience; that is disrespectful.

Trustee Williams thanked Ms. Cox for bringing the incident to the Board and apologized on behalf of the Village. Trustee Anderson stated that Trustee Williams has had similar interactions with residents in the past. Trustee Anderson apologized to Ms. Cox if she was offended. Trustee Williams stated that if she has ever offended anyone she would ask that person to write a letter and publicly inform everyone,

DH Weller stated that the Board agreed last week to replace the heater in the Public Works garage. DH Weller wanted to make sure that was not removed from the budget presented tonight. The Board stated that the replacement of the heater was not affected.

b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Angela Cox was offended and appalled by the incident that occurred. Angela stated that whenever language such as that is used by a Board member to a resident they should be removed or remove themselves.

Judy Cast asked if Village Engineer Czarnik is getting paid to assist with the CDBG process. VE Czarnik stated that there will be no additional fees incurred.

Judy asked where the Halloween party was held and if they were charged to use the facility. Trustee Benson stated that it was an outside agency that put it on. Mayor Towers stated that the SSDMC after school program sponsored the Halloween Party at no charge to the kids. Judy stated that she was not aware of it. Mayor Towers stated that in the future there will be a greater effort to inform more residents. Judy stated that Mayor Towers stopped her from speaking on items not on the agenda when he let others do that in the same meeting. Judy said we are dragging our feet about not appointing Tim Holevis as Police Chief hoping we will fall apart so Cook County can come in. Tom Holevis has done a fabulous job; we want him here.

Judy stated that according to Robert's Rules of order if there is miscellaneous on the agenda and you allow the Board to bring something up in miscellaneous then it becomes part of the agenda and the audience is able to discuss it. Judy stated that she spoke with the State's Attorney about the Stuttley Group sitting here. Judy stated that the majority of the Board voted to bring on a different law firm after a closed session meeting that Trustee Benson and the Mayor walked out of. Stuttley Group has never been voted in and they are here.

By law, the other group should be here. Judy stated that only a lawyer should be sitting next to the Mayor.

Judy commended Trustee Williams for her fortitude and honesty. Judy remarked about the rudeness and disrespect that Mayor Towers allows on the Board.

Pat Couch is concerned that we are losing more people and that the town will fall apart. Pat stated that Cook County cannot monitor our town like our own Police Department. Pat is concerned what will happen when no Code Department is in place to monitor code issues. Pat stated that she has had an ongoing case for two years. The local judge keeps continuing the case. Nothing is happening. Pat brought this to the Mayor's attention and still nothing is done.

Rosie Jones asked why blame the Mayor when things go wrong. He is not the judge.

Steve Pritchett stated that he constantly hears people cutting down Trustee Benson. Steve is a member of Parks & Rec. Trustee Benson is doing a fantastic job.

Darrick Thompson invited residents to a toy giveaway on December 22, 2010 at Bloom Trail High School. Darrick is looking for donations from Board members.

Carl Rylander asked if the CN agreement has been renegotiated yet. Trustee Burgess stated that no money has been received yet and they have not heard back about renegotiating.

Carl asked if Trustee Hanks was aware of the Department of Urban Housing giving money to buy houses and rehab them to sell for a break even price. This could help bring home values up if there were less vacant homes. Trustee Hanks stated that this was discussed in the past administrations. Sauk Village is not Home Rule. The Housing Authority is meant to be informative but cannot take on the purchase and rehab of homes. Trustee Hanks stated that he can investigate current grants and what is available.

Ed Shankel stated that the Cook County Police would come out when they can. We need our Police Department.

Gary Holcolm stated that one fourth (56) of the fire hydrants in the Village are down. Gary is concerned because there is a greater chance of fire with the large amount of vacant homes in the Village. Gary asked if this is being addressed in the budget. Trustee Hanks stated that Kevin is putting a list together of hydrants that are down. The budget will be readdressed in six months. The downed fire hydrants have been painted to distinguish them. Trustee Hanks asked DH Weller for costs. Trustee Anderson asked for DH Weller to work with the Fire Chief to determine the amount of broken fire hydrants and the costs.

Mayor Towers asked VE Czarnik if there are any CDBG grants available for fire hydrant repairs. VE Czarnik is not aware of any grants for that purpose.

Mr. Brayboy asked if there are any plans to improve Sauk Village water. Mr. Brayboy showed a sample of the water that came into his home. Why does he have to pay for this? DH Weller stated that after a water main break the water could take a few days to clear up. Residents are notified not to wash clothes for a couple of days and to run cold water as much as possible. DH Weller stated that residents can notify the Water Department to check if there are other circumstances that could be contributing to the water that is discolored and has an odor.

Mayor Towers asked DH Weller to meet with the resident after the meeting.

Mayor Towers asked Village Engineer Jim Czarnik to shed some light on the water subject.

VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering was directed to do some research on improving the water quality in Sauk Village. Getting Lake Michigan water from surrounding communities is shown to be more cost effective than treating the water. VE Czarnik stated that it will cost at least twice as much for the water if any improvements are made.

Bernice Houston asked when the revised plan will be ready.

VE Czarnik stated that it will be ready in about three weeks and will be reported at a Board meeting.

John Hinko stated that he heard no response on why the law firm that the majority of the Board voted in is not representing the Village and why the Stuttley Group is here by appointment of the Mayor only. How long will this keep going? Mayor Towers stated that the appointment of the Stuttley Group stands and the Stuttley group is the Village attorney representing the Village. Mayor Towers is waiting for the Board to approve the Stuttley Group.

John asked about the condition of foreclosed homes. Is the bank responsible for maintaining the home? Mayor Towers stated that the banks are responsible but they do not always maintain the property. Joe Bertrand stated that the banks are trying to keep people in the foreclosed homes as much as possible to maintain the property and avoid theft.

John asked if the Village is still on track with the independent audit.

Mayor Towers stated that there will be a bid process in the near future.

Carl stated that during the presentation of getting Lake Michigan water it was not discussed that the Village would lose the income generated from the water. Carl asked what would replace the loss of income that the water generates for the Village. The water provided 3.1 million dollars in revenue for the last fiscal year.

The water is a valuable resource that the Village owns. Carl stated that it was also going to take 5-6 years before we get the water and we will start paying for it now. VE Czarnik stated that the water rates do include maintaining salaries of the Water Department.

Mayor Towers stated that is why the matter is going to referendum and that is not an action of the Board. Mayor Towers stated that this is under investigation; no decision has been made yet.

Rose Langston thanked VE Czarnik for his assistance with the CDBG process.

Rose asked if the homes with the illegal oversized signs in the yards of some officials were sited and if they have paid their fines.

Sherry said that tickets were issued and they are due November 10th or can appear in Night Court in December.

Rose is concerned that the majority of the Board, who seemed to represent the residents, has voted 4-2 for another law firm but the Mayor has appointed a firm and will not entertain any other firm. Rose stated that is not right. The citizens elected all of the Board members to vote for them and their vote is not being recognized by the Mayor. Rose stated that the Mayor has the right to appoint the Stuttley Group every 30 days. How long will this continue if the 4-2 does not change their mind? This has to stop. (There was no response.)

Judy Cast stated that it is unfair that the water referendum will go on without the residents knowing what all is going on. Judy stated that the residents need to know the facts. The water bill in other communities more than tripled and they do not have the infrastructure problems that Sauk Village has. Judy stated that there are over 300 monthly for people who cannot afford to pay their water bill now. How will people be able to pay the higher amount? They may just have to move.

Mayor Towers stated that copies of the budget that was passed tonight will be available after noon tomorrow at the front desk.

Nate Griffin stated that there is crime and problems with the water. Nate asked if the Mayor and the Acting Chief meet to discuss the police issues. Mayor Towers stated that he and the Acting Chief have not met lately.

Nate stated that the Mayor and the Acting Chief need to work together not individually regardless of personal issues.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Towers at 6:03 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. 2010-11 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Towers thanked Trustee David Hanks and Joe Bertrand/ Stuttley Group for their assistance this weekend in getting the budget ready for approval. This was not an easy budget to pass. Tough decisions had to be made. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Hanks to present the 2010/2011 budget.

Trustee Hanks presented the updated budget. The budget proposed of last week reflected a 1.8 million dollar deficit. The Village needs to pass a balanced budget.

Quite a bit of changes were made since the last proposed budget review. Department heads and other trustees are hearing the proposed budget for the first time.

Estimated changes include:

All capital expenses are on hold; to be reviewed in 6 months.

Mayor, Board and Trustees- \$30,000.00. Special called meetings need to be reduced. Fireworks and special events were removed.

Public Works- \$46,000.; vehicle expense \$6,000.00, telephone \$2,000., utilities \$17,000. (will be paid out of General Fund) and facility maintenance \$20,000.

Police Department- \$56,700. Office supplies-\$5,000., operating supplies- \$12,000., computer and software-\$5,000., tools and equipment down to \$3,000., telephone- \$5,000., intergovernmental services \$5,000., public information- \$1,500., other rents and leases- \$3,400., contractual services \$13,000. No cuts in personal development. Tow release fees reduced to zero (residents will pay their own tow; tow company contracts will be reviewed). Dispatch- \$8,000. (professional development for dispatch reduced to zero. Facility maintenance supplies- reduced to zero. Materials and supplies - \$4,500. Office supplies reduced to \$500. Other contractual services- \$40. Overtime will be watched closely. Minimum staffing of two according to contract will have to be adhered to. The Police Chief will have to enforce this minimum staffing.

Community Development -\$180,000. Includes tough cuts of laying off the employees and moving Sherry Jasinski to Finance and Administration and Zoning Administration.

Mayor Towers stated that decision was based on the amount of revenue brought in by that department. Trustee Hanks stated that tickets are being written but there are problems with the adjudication. Tickets are being thrown out. The revenue generated does not cover the cost of the adjudicator and employees. Vehicles

used in this department can be used in other departments. Trustee Burgess stated that the tickets are being written. The adjudication and collection process should be reviewed. It is not the departments fault if tickets are thrown out. Without the department there will be no tickets written. Will there be a need for an adjudicator? Will home inspections be outsourced?

Trustee Hanks stated that this will be reviewed in 6 months. The goal is to bring the employees back. There will be no personnel to complete home occupancy inspections. Individuals will need to bring in certifications to receive a home occupancy certificate. The Police Department will fill in when possible.

Trustee Williams stated that she does not agree with removing an entire department; removing an entire department cannot be decided in one meeting. The Police Department is already overworked. Having no one to write tickets will create a bugger hole. This should have been discussed at a committee meeting after the director was informed and to get her input on how this will affect the Village. The residents need to be serviced. Trustee Williams asked what revenue the tickets bring in. Trustee Hanks stated that there is no money currently allocated in the budget for this department but the department remains in the budget and will be revisited in 6 months. The employees are being laid off; not eliminated.

Trustee Hanks stated that tough cuts were made to balance the budget. The end result of the budget will show a surplus. There is no real surplus; the State is behind in their payments, tax payments are late going out, \$296,000. has been borrowed from other funds to make payroll and now has to be paid back.

Trustee Anderson asked that the review continue and that the trustees hold their questions until the end.

Finance and Administration shows an increase in salaries due to the transfer of the Code department head. Computer software supplies -\$1,000., postage -\$1,000. and public information -\$3,000.

ESDA-\$9,450. Operating supplies \$800.00, computer software supplies removed, tools and equipment removed, other materials and supplies- \$200. , vehicle repair and maintenance dropped down to \$5,000., professional development removed, training reduced to zero. publications - \$50, professional services reduced to zero. computer contractual services- reduced to zero, Capital reduced to zero.

(Professional development not cut from Police, Fire or Water departments due to necessary certifications.)

Street Department- \$70,000.

There are no employees. Budget removed to zero. The employees have been moved to water department. Vehicle expense also moved to water department. This does increase the water department.

Parks and Playgrounds - \$37,000. There is an employee retiring. This allows six months worth of salary for the retiring employee. Operating supplies -\$1,000., other contracts and leases -\$4,000. and tools and equipment -\$3,500.

Fire Fund -\$8,000. These cuts are based on the continued lack of revenue from the State and other sources. Office supplies -\$1,000., computer software supplies -\$350., telephone -\$3,500., printing -\$300., facility maintenance -\$2,000. and public information -\$1,000. All capital on hold for 6 months.

Water Department – Combining the two departments only raise this budget \$5,000. Kevin Weller asked for two additional employees- one in water and one in sewer. These positions cannot be filled at this time

Changes include: vehicles expense +10,000., facility maintenance and supplies -\$1,000., operating supplies -\$14,000., reduced computer software supplies to zero, tools and equipment -\$1,000., utilities -\$15,000., postage -\$1,000., equipment and repair +2,000., vehicle repair and maintenance +\$8,000., facility maintenance -\$3,000. Public information -\$500. Other rents and leases +\$500.00, capital out lay, major tools and work equipment +14,000. and vehicles +\$17,000.

Sewer department -\$3,600. Operating supplies -\$1,500., computer software supplies -\$1,000., tools and equipment -\$1,000. and reduced materials and supplies to zero.

Police Pension Fund + \$30,000.

Fire Pension remained at \$2,100.

This total budget of 18,207,605. includes a \$575,408.00 surplus. The surplus will only be realized if all State and real estate taxes are paid in full and on time.

Trustee Myers is concerned about the layoffs in the Code Department. The Police Department has their own job to do. Trustee Myers stated that the adjudicator is responsible to see that fines are paid. Fines are a great source of revenue.

Trustee Williams stated that combining the Streets and Sewer departments with the Water Department budget and eliminating all sewer and streets expenses may cause a problem. The Streets and Sewer departments do have additional expenses separate from the Water department.

Trustee Burgess asked what is included in the contracted services under administration. Trustee Hanks stated that legal and auditing services are included. Trustee Burgess stated that there is something wrong with the tickets being written and the revenue not coming in. The adjudicator is paid to enforce the fines. Why are so many tickets getting thrown out? This needs to be investigated.

Trustee Anderson stated that trustees need to remind the residents that the lack of services is due to the attempt to balance the budget as much as possible in these hard economic times. This budget will be reviewed in 6 months. Please be patient. This is not a permanent solution. Asking for volunteers could be a solution.

Trustee Williams stated that the last budget was revised six times; there could be a new Board in place within the next 6 months that are not familiar with the budget process. These budget changes should have been brought to the Board for discussion at a prior budget meeting. Trustee Williams does not agree with minimum staffing of two on the Police Department; especially with the suggestion of the Police Department writing code tickets.

Trustee Anderson moved to accept this as the 2010/2011 Budget.

3.AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ted Sanders stated that the tax levy should fund the pensions.

Kevin Weller questioned the operating supplies budget; could go over with cost of chemicals. Trustee Hanks

stated that an estimated surplus in water could pay for chemicals. Kevin stated that repairs and maintenance has not been completed in two years. Trustee Hanks stated that there will be further review in six months.

Judy Cast asked how the Police Pension will be affected. Trustee Hanks stated that pension payments will be made; there will not be a larger amount growing interest. The incoming Finance Director will be making recommendations to the Board soon.

Sherry Jasinski asked when the cuts would take place in the Code Department. Sherry would like to inform her employees. Mayor Towers stated that the decision will not be made until the Board passes the budget. The process would start immediately; contracts would be followed and could take place within the next 14 days.

Becky Norcutt stated that she is shocked that there will be no Code Enforcement. There will be a problem with people keeping up their properties and it will bring property values down even further.

Trustee Hanks stated that the foreclosure rate is very high. These cuts are tough. This will be reviewed in 6 months. If there is a surplus in six months the employees can be brought back.

Trustee Anderson suggested closing this hearing and move into the regularly scheduled meeting. Residents can present additional questions at that time.

Trustee Williams stated that the budget hearing is open to present the budget and allow public participation. Those present for the hearing should not have to wait until the end of the regular meeting.

Mayor Towers agreed but stated that residents will have the opportunity to ask those questions at the regular Board meeting.

Mayor Towers thanked Trustee Hanks, Joe Bertrand and all the trustees for helping to put this budget together. Mayor Towers stated that this is a budget that needs to be passed understanding that the Village does not have the money. We need to pass a balanced budget. These are crucial cuts. We are not happy with the cuts and were never happy laying off employees but these are necessary cuts in order to pass a balanced budget. The State, County and other municipalities are doing it all the time.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, **NOVEMBER 16, 2010.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks (Called in)

2. Village Financial Matters

Mayor Towers reported the following fund balances:

General Fund- Midwest- \$113, 199.65

General Fund- US Bank- 29,028.37

Garbage 24,028.37

Water 27,213.18

Motor Fuel Tax 245,213.18

Mayor Towers stated that he is working with the Stuttley Group to determine which funds may be moved according to a recently passed ordinance which allows the moving of funds. Funds are needed to meet payroll and other outstanding bills which include the fuel payment for Public Works. The Motor Fuel Tax fund is exclusively dedicated for roads, salt, etc... The Payroll Department will notify the board by email or phone when the final determination is made.

3. Energy Exchange, LLC (EMED)- Barbara Fosle

Barbara Fosle presented information on how the village can save money using the Energy Exchange clearing house. Rates are analyzed by zip code. The rates are available on line and can be locked in at any time for a 3, 6 or 12 month term. The clearing house includes all companies in Illinois. Barb stated that contracts can be prepared for board review. Com Ed would still own the line; the only difference would be the energy rates. There would be no cost for the Energy Exchange; the chosen company from the internet pays EMEX and EMEX pays the consultant. Energy Exchange is currently working with Hazel Crest and is also approaching other municipalities. Energy Exchange is also looking to include natural gas at a later date. Barbara encouraged everyone to take a bill and compare the savings.

4. Aqua America Midwest – Jim Bilotta

Aqua America Midwest gave a slide presentation regarding publicly traded water utilities. Aqua America is offering to buy the village water and sewer system through a purchase agreement or a “Build Own Operate Transfer” program where the village could buy back the water system if not satisfied. Aqua America is regulated by ICC and the IEPA. Aqua will hire current village water and sewer department employees at the same pay or better. ICC must approve the sale and regulates the rates. Aqua is responsible for EPA issues.

Aqua services Peoria, Champaign, Manteno, Bradley, Bourbonnais, Kankakee, University Park, etc... Aqua could enhance environmental compliance and improve water quality. Valves, hydrants and infrastructure will be replaced as needed. Illinois Department of Natural Resources will focus on the amount of leaks caused by poor infrastructure. Aqua could help the Fire Department lower their ISO rating and could obtain fire hydrants at \$800.00 instead of the \$1,800.00 the village currently pays.

All water, sewer and garbage billing, customer service related calls and water main break issues would be dealt with out of the Kankakee office. Aqua will look into Lake Michigan water and water softening treatments. The rate will depend on the system. The rate will be capped for the first year. Approval of the acquisition could take up to one year.

5. Proposal Audit Bids-

Trustee Myers stated that four companies were contacted to provide bids for their audit services. Three companies have responded. The deadline is November 23, 2010. Bids will be opened at the first board meeting in December.

6. Discussion of the Reappointment of the Stuttley Group as Legal Counsel for the Village of Sauk Village-

Mayor Towers stated that the board needs to make a decision to appoint the Stuttley Group as legal counsel for the Village of Sauk Village. There is open litigation without representation. The board was given the fee structure for the Stuttley Group. Trustee Burgess stated that Mayor Towers will not entertain information from other firms. Trustee Burgess asked for the names and resumes of all of the people involved with the Stuttley Group. Trustee Burgess is cautious to sign the agreement that is demanding payment within 15 days of receipt. There are past due bills for two other law firms currently in house. Trustee Burgess has concerns with the recent bill that the Stuttley Group has submitted. Trustee Williams questioned why there is no legal representation if the Stuttley Group was appointed by the mayor. Mayor Towers stated that the Del Galdo Group withdrew from all litigation and until the Stuttley Group is approved by the board they cannot take on the litigation. Carl McCormick, Stuttley Group representative stated that a remuneration agreement would need to be in place with the Village before the Stuttley Group can take on the litigation. Trustee Williams stated that the board was not informed that there would be no legal representation when a recent case was up in court causing a default judgment for Sauk Village in the amount of \$90,000.00. Trustee Anderson stated that the Del Galdo Group stated that they have withdrawn from all except TIF cases and the board needs to accept responsibility that they continue to refuse to appoint a lawyer. Trustee Williams stated that the mayor appointed one attorney and the board appointed a different attorney. The village needs to come together and choose the council. The board was supposed to come to the table. There are many unanswered questions about the Stuttley Group and the mayor will not entertain other firms. The board questioned charges on the recent Stuttley Group bill. The board remains deadlocked at 4-2 against the appointment of the Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers will reappoint the Stuttley Group at the next village board meeting.

7. Finance Director Position- Committee- Trustees Burgess and Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the committee is on track; an ad for the position of Finance Director was placed with the Southtown Star, IML and SSMMA. Trustee Burgess stated that there is a December 15th deadline to file the tax levy. Someone needs to be brought in to do the levy or we will lose it. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Attorney can handle the levy. Trustee Burgess stated that the Finance Director usually prepared

the levy and presents the information to the Village Attorney for review. Trustee Burgess stated that Theobald & Associates or a different company who handles municipal governments could still be called in to get things in order from May 2009 until now, work on the levy and transition with the new Finance Director. Mayor Towers stated that this is not the responsibility of the committee. Trustee Williams clarified that part time financial assistance is off the table per Mayor Towers. The levy will be prepared by the Stuttley Group.

8. Risk Management & Insurance- Committee- Trustees Anderson and Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the current risk management company is withdrawing. There are three other firms asking for additional information. Mayor Towers stated that there are time restraints. Trustee Myers stated that quotes will be in and this can be done within 30 days for board review. Joe Bertrand, Stuttley Group, suggested that the committee get the quotes to the trustees as soon as possible and contact them one on one to answer any questions. This item should be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

9. Grand Trunk Corporation (CN Railway)- Committee- Trustee Burgess and Williams

Mayor Towers asked for an update on the Grand Trunk Corporation agreement. Trustee Burgess stated that discussions on the agreement may be reopened to include additional requests from CN. There are concerns that CN Railway is in litigation with other towns. Mayor Towers stated that a FOIA request was received by the Illinois Transportation Bureau recently asking for a copy of all agreements. Village Clerk Williams stated that there is a 90 day clause in the agreement. Trustee Burgess stated that items were missed in the research end of this agreement and once the village accepts the money they might not be able to go back to the table.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that Attorney Timothy Lapp, lawyer for the Hill- Corley court case, needs an agreement signed to remove Attorney Vasselli as the attorney of record and adding Attorney Lapp. Mayor Towers stated that the Stuttley Group will prepare the agreement for board review and this will be presented on next week's agenda. There is a court call on November 30, 2010.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams stated that the website will be reviewed at next week's board meeting. The screen and projector will need to be available.

Village Clerk Williams stated that there is a matter of litigation that needs to be addressed in executive session.

Trustee Benson questioned the wording on the agreement for the Del Galdo Group. Mayor Towers stated that the item will be discussed in executive session.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Rose Langston stated that she has concerns on item 6 and the water issue.

Judy Cast read from the State Statute 31.01 that all appointed officers of the village shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the Corporate Authorities. Such officers shall hold the office for such time as the Corporate Authorities by ordinance or resolution provide. Any officer so appointed may be

suspended or removed from the office at any time by a majority vote of all the Corporate Authorities at any regular or special board meeting in accordance with the law. Judy stated that the board has made a 4-2 vote not to approve the Stuttley Group but they are present and expect to be paid. The board was asked to bring suggestions to the table but they were not considered or asked to make an appearance before the board. Judy questioned why there is a lawyer and another representative present for the Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers stated that there is only one charge to the village regardless of how many representatives are present.

Rose Jones stated that you can't get along with everybody. The Mayor is the Mayor.

Frank Williams asked where the Aqua people will get the water from. Mayor Towers stated that they will use our water system and look at staying with our water system or consider other options. Frank stated that the village water does not make a loop and that should be pointed out to Aqua before any decisions are made.

Frank spoke with Aqua and they are under the impression that the water loops.

John Hinko asked why the mayor is so headstrong about the Stuttley Group and why a committee was not formed to research the law firm just like the other committees on the agenda.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Trustee Benson made a motion to recess to executive session for the items listed below. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed.

(5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

All Ayes

The meeting recessed at 10:17 pm.

12. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

The meeting resumed at 11:38 pm. Mayor Towers asked for the roll call.

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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 ON NOVEMBER 23, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Executive Session- Special Hearing June 22, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the executive session minutes of June 22, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

b. Executive Session- Special Hearing June 29, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the executive session minutes of June 29, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Clerk's office has not received all paperwork for open litigation. The former Chief of Staff may have received the earlier summons and other paperwork. VC Williams stated that the transition of legal firms is still not completed. Due to the recent default judgment placed on the village due to non-representation VC Williams asked Mayor Towers to ask all attorneys handling any open litigation to provide paperwork and status reports, including the next court call for these cases to the Clerk's office.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik prepared a memo in response to questions raised by the board at the November 2nd water study presentation. One question was the cost of replacing all of the water mains in Sauk Village. The cost would be approximately 68 million dollars. No community would ever replace all water mains at one time but would replace the mains as needed using capital improvement funds. Secondly, dead ends and water pressure. VE Czarnik stated that the report of November 2nd was to study the water quality not water pressure and dead ends. If the village does go with Lake Michigan water you will get a higher quality water with the same pressure and distribution system currently available. VE Czarnik stated that he was also asked to check previous studies regarding replacing all dead end water mains. In 2004, the cost to replace all dead end water

mains was 2.8 million dollars. Increasing the water pressure in Lincoln Meadows would involve raising the water tower or installing booster stations.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers thanked Andy James of DP Partners for helping to provide Christmas baskets to over 350 needy Sauk Village families. This is the second year the village has partnered with DP Partners and Respond Now to pass out turkey and ham baskets to the residents. Sign up is at Community Center from Monday through Friday from noon – 6 pm.

Baskets will be distributed from 4-6 pm on December 22nd. The announcement will be placed on the marquee.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the senior movie day will be changed to December 6th due to a conflict with a Bloom Township party on December 13th at 1 pm. Trustee Anderson stated that State Representative Anthony De Luca's Senior Advisory Committee has asked seniors to fill out a survey asking what direction they would like to see taken. The survey is located at the back of the room and it asks for the top three discussions for forums.

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Police Alliance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 6:00 pm.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the youth basketball open registrations will take place on November 27th and December 4th from 12 pm – 8pm for 8-18 year olds. The \$60.00 registration fee covers trophies, uniforms and tournament fees. The tournament starts December 23, 2010. The coordinators are Antwon Newell and Darrick Thompson. Flyers are available on the back table and have been distributed in Rickover and Strassburg schools. Flyers will be distributed in Deer Creek and Lincoln Meadows tomorrow. Contributions and team sponsors are needed.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Keep Your Home modification program will be held on Saturday, December 4th from 9 am – 2 pm at Thornton High School in Burnham. Flyers are on the back table. Loan modifications are available for homeowners at risk of falling behind in their mortgage. There is a list of documents is needed.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee did not meet in November due to illness but will meet in December. Trustee Myers contacted State Representative DeLuca regarding the law that gives the village first dibs on money collected from liens on properties and the new sign ordinance. Trustee Myers will present the information to the board for review when it becomes available. Mayor Tower asked for an update on the video ordinance. Mayor Towers stated that the movies would fall under a current ordinance.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee met on Monday, November 8th. Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers to schedule a TIF meeting before the end of the year. The Committee has a lot of ideas to bring to the TIF consultants. The TIF meeting is open to the public. All information will be shared with the board. There has not been a TIF meeting since February.

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

Trustee Williams stated that the IT consultant is unable to present the website tonight due to illness. The next target date will be the first board meeting in December. Sauk Talk articles are due the last Friday in December. Student Government Day is approaching; fundraisers will begin soon. Hopefully, the same support as last year will provide another nice dinner and prizes for the essay winners. Any submissions will not be available for public viewing until the board reviews the site. Time sensitive submissions will continue to appear on the current site.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis- Absent- No report

5b. Fire Department/911 Board -Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department answered seven calls from November 17th through November 22nd. Chief Stoffregen reminded residents to keep space heaters 3 feet away from any objects, change furnace filters and smoke detector batteries and to try to eliminate the use of extension cords (especially not to put extension cords under the rug). . Chief Stoffregen also reported that the next Pancake Breakfast will be on December 5th from 8 am -12 pm. The cost is \$5.00. There will be pictures with Santa for a nominal fee

911 report- No report

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the leaf program is progressing. The recent storm has caused some minor sewer backups. The primer coat of asphalt will be installed on 224th and Jeffrey starting November 24th. Please do not park on the street. There are several complaints of street light outages. Due to the manpower shortage these will be addressed after the leaf program. Some of these issues need attention from Com Ed. The Christmas tree will be decorated after Thanksgiving break.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski reported that a General Contractor contacted the department regarding permits to start the demolition on the Jeffrey Avenue apartment building. DH Jasinski informed the board that a party is interested in opening a new business in Sauk Plaza and would require a liquor license. The business is similar to a nightclub. The mayor can decide if this will be an A3 or C2 license. The prospective business owner will be present at the next committee meeting.

5e. Finance Director- None

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

DH Johnson reported that during the week of 11/16 through 11/22 ESDA assisted the Fire Department in six calls and ran four school patrols.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. A Resolution Approving the Legal Representation Agreement with the Stuttley Group, LLC for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to table items 7a and 7b due to the fact that the resolutions were not given to the board before the meeting.

Village Clerk Williams reported that the Stuttley Group stated that these resolutions would be available before the meeting but were not received. VC Williams reminded the Board that there is an open litigation matter up in court on November 30th that requires Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich & Lapp, Ltd.

Trustee Williams stated that the agreement that was approved last week will suffice for the November 30th representation by the Hiskes firm.

Trustee Hanks agreed that the board cannot vote on resolutions that they cannot review beforehand.

Mayor Towers stated that he was told that the internet server was down.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that this types of business does not require resolutions; motions are sufficient.

Trustee Williams withdrew her motion to table items 7a and 7b.

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

Trustee Benson made a motion to approve the legal representation agreement with the Stuttley Group.

Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that he will vote no based on not having the resolution before him.

Trustee Anderson asked if the resolution had changed since the last time it was presented to the board.

Mayor Towers stated that no changes had been made to the resolution previously presented to the board.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion failed

Mayor Towers read a resolution reappointing the Stuttley Group, LLC. as legal counsel for the Village of Sauk Village on a temporary basis until further notice. A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to all Corporate Authorities.

Trustee Hanks stated that the resolution to reappoint the Stuttley Group, LLC as legal counsel needs a motion and a second and is not on the agenda. Village Attorney McCormick stated that the mayor has the executive power to alter the agenda. Village Attorney McCormick also suggested that calling the reappointment a resolution is a misnomer and recommended that the term resolution be stricken. The mayor should be allowed to execute his executive powers.

Trustee Burgess asked if there was a date of the temporary appointment.

Mayor Towers stated that the appointment is for 30 days starting from November 23, 2010.

Trustee Hanks challenged the mayor's appointment stating that the mayor has the right to appoint with the advice and consent of the board. Trustee Hanks stated that the mayor has refused to bring other firms before the board.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Stuttley Group has agreed that the board should not attempt to make a motion to approve any ordinances or resolutions without having a copy of such to review beforehand. There are still two ordinances/ resolutions out from October 26, 2010.

Mayor Towers rescinded the resolution to reappoint the Stuttley Group and announced the reappointment of the Stuttley Group.

Trustee Burgess mentioned that the Stuttley Group will not be handling ongoing litigation until appropriations are approved. Trustee Burgess asked if an outside firm can handle the ongoing open litigation. The Hiskes Group was appointed to handle the open litigation for the village on one case but there are other open litigation cases.

Trustee Anderson stated the Stuttley Group has been appointed for the second time and the board is aware that there is open litigation that is not being taken care of because the majority of the board will not approve the appropriations for the Stuttley Group.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that the Stuttley Group is concerned about open litigation and the board is within their rights to hire an attorney for litigation not covered by the village risk management insurance attorneys.

Trustee Benson stated that the majority of the board should recognize the mayor's appointment.

Trustee Hanks stated the majority of the board is not holding things up. It is the mayor and the fact that he refuses to bring other firms before the board that is keeping things from moving forward. Trustee Burgess did present a proposal that was less expensive that was not recognized by the mayor. The Stuttley Group did however match the rates of that firm. Trustee Hanks repeated that the mayor's appointment is with the advice and consent of the board; not solely on the mayor's discretion. The appointment should be based on qualifications and municipal experience and no other reason. Trustee Williams stated that the firm Trustee Burgess brought to the board can handle litigation for the same rate that the Stuttley Group has agreed to match. The majority of the board needs to approve any decision and the entire board needs to live with the decision.

Mayor Towers stated that he will continue to speak with the legal firm.

7b. A Resolution Approving Law Firm Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich & Lapp, LTD. to represent the Village of Sauk Village and Trustees in Litigation.

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

Trustee Anderson stated that this resolution should state specifically the case that is being litigated.

Trustee Benson stated that the motion to approve this resolution should be tabled because there is no resolution before the board.

Trustee Hanks stated that it was previously suggested that this item be tabled due to the resolution not being available to the board. Trustee Hanks stated that the agreement for Hiskes' representation for this case has already been approved.

Trustee Williams made a motion to table item 7b. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to table.

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A motion to Approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements November 10, 2010 – November 23, 2010.

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

Trustee Williams asked if the Accounts Payable includes any payments for the Stuttley Group. Mayor Towers stated that there is no payment for the Stuttley Group included. Trustee Hanks asked if the money is available to pay the entire Accounts Payable. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the money is available.

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8b. Opening of Bids for an Auditing Firm for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers opened the following bids:

Crowe, Horwath- \$45,900.00

Legacy Professionals- not to exceed \$45,000.00

Baker, Tilly-shows all inclusive rates of individuals involved. No definitive dollar amount given.

McGladrey and Pullen- 2010 \$49,800.00 (Also includes rates for 2011-2013. 2011- \$51,200.00, 2012- \$56,650.00, 2013- \$54,200.00.

Trustee Williams asked who will be reviewing the bids and making the recommendation to the board.

Mayor Towers stated that the lowest bidder would be chosen.

Trustee Williams stated that a review of the qualifications and contents of the bid should be reviewed before a decision is made. Mayor Towers stated that a committee will be formed to review the bids and bring the recommendation to the board. The audit must be done within six months of the close of the fiscal year.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that a uniform bid sheet should be filled out by all bidders that lists qualifications and the bid amount. The lowest qualified bid must be accepted.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that four resumes have been received for the position of Finance Director. The committee will receive copies of the resumes for review on Friday and will be interviewing candidates on Tuesday, November 30th. Trustee Williams thanked Village Clerk Williams for her assistance with the budget, bid process and assisting the Finance Committee.

Trustee Myers stated that he and Trustee Anderson have instructed interested parties to get their risk management insurance quotes in. The quotes will be reviewed upon receipt and a recommendation will be given to the mayor. Trustee Myers asked if there is a tree lighting or Santa parade scheduled. Trustee Benson stated that there will be a tree lighting and Santa parade.

Trustee Williams asked Trustee Benson to provide the information for the tree lighting and Santa parade for the website. Trustee Benson stated that he may get back to her.

Trustee Hanks stated his concern that there has been no TIF meeting for several months. Trustee Hanks referred to a letter received by the Del Galdo Group. The attorney should not be withdrawing due to nonpayment. Professional services for the TIF need to be paid timely. Trustee Hanks asked for an update on all outstanding invoices for relating to TIFs.

Trustee Burgess stated that he previously requested resumes for all Stuttley Group participants. Mayor Towers stated that he was unable to open his email to get that information today because of the internet server being down.

Trustee Williams stated that all website or Sauk Talk submissions need to be sent electronically.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Pat Couch asked if the missing items from the former Chief of Police and the former Chief of Staff have been returned. Mayor Towers stated that had been turned over to the Chief of Police.

Pat asked when the appointment of the Chief of Police will take place. Mayor Towers stated that is still under consideration.

Pat asked when the people will know the details of the Santa parade. Trustee Benson stated details should be available next week.

Frank Williams asked if the former employees can be subpoenaed to bring the items back. They are only allowed to keep the items for 5 days. Mayor Towers stated that the Police Chief is handling the matter according to the law. Village Attorney McCormick stated that the police department does not have subpoena powers.

Frank asked why the Hiskes Group is not working with the Village since they were voted on by a majority of the board.

John Flory stated that it has been stated that \$96,000.00 has been missing from the Parks and Recreation funds. Mayor Towers stated that there is no money missing. There was a grant that was turned over to the Accounts Payables department. No individual handles any money directly. Trustee Williams stated that the board has not received a report where the money was placed. Trustee Myers stated that the audit will determine where all money has been allocated. This grant is not connected to the Jesse Jackson, Jr. grant received 5 years ago. There was another \$96,000.00 shown in a Collector's Report. Conflicting discussions of where the grant came from and how it was spent continued; the audit will determine the allocation.

Lynda Washington asked how garbage pick up is handled on holidays. Village Clerk Williams stated that garbage pickup normally happens the day after the holiday. VC Williams suggested Ms. Washington contact Skyline Disposal for more information.

Rose asked for information regarding the grant program. Trustee Burgess stated that a grant from 2005 was to be used for the cadet program and youth services. The money has been drawn down as needed. The grant administrator receives all draw downs for approval.

Rose Langston stated that six trustees were elected to conduct the business of the village; the majority should rule. Trustee Anderson will respond to Rose after the meeting.

Rose asked if the Police Chief is required to have police representation in his absence during board meetings.

Mayor Towers stated that he is required to have someone present; he will address that with the Police Chief.

Joe Wiszowaty asked if all lawsuits are directed to the Village Clerk. Village Attorney McCormick stated that it would be directed to the person being sued. Trustee Williams stated that in the past all paperwork was given to the Village Clerk.

John Hinko stated that the majority of the board saved the village a lot of money by not allowing the Stuttley Group to come in with a \$200,000.00 retainer up front. They are looking out for the village.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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, NOVEMBER 23, 2010.

Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

On roll call:

Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

A quorum was present.

1. 2009 CDBG Performance Hearing- Robinson Engineering- Jim Czarnik

Jim Czarnik stated that Cook County requires recipients of Cook County CDBG funding to conduct a performance hearing every November until all open projects are completed. Jim distributed a summary of the one project currently open in Sauk Village. Project 09-029 includes the Ross Crescent Cul De Sac, 224th Street/ Jeffrey Avenue to Chappell Avenue, Strassburg Avenue to Clyde Avenue to 221st Place. This project includes concrete removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement, structure adjustments and all necessary restoration to make the streets and parkways safe for the residents. The project was originally scheduled for completion by September 30, 2010. Cook County revised the total funding award during the contract year. A series of failed communications due to personnel changes by Sauk Village and Cook County caused the deadlines not to be met. Sauk Village could not utilize the CDBG funding without the signed agreement. The funding for Project #09-029 will be rolled over to the 2010 program.

Project #10-040 includes the Orion Avenue bridge repair, Jeffrey Avenue and Clyde Avenue. The 2010 project includes Motor Fuel Tax and Emergency Repair Program funding. The Orion Avenue bridge repair includes replacing the existing deteriorating metal culvert. A hydraulic study was needed for the Lincoln Lansing ditch. The study was conducted by Robinson Engineering and reviewed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and took a number of months to complete delaying the entire project.

Timeline and financial summary:

Mayor Towers will submit a letter to Cook County in December requesting the rollover of 2009 funds into the 2010 CDBG program.

Preparation of contract documents will be required during January through March of 2011 for next year's program Project #10-040.

Project bid and award in April 2011.

Construction meeting in May 2011

The construction period will be June through August of 2011.

September 2011 required paperwork to Cook County.

Cook County has awarded \$160,000.00 for Project 09-029. The total cost is \$183,000.00.

Cook County has awarded \$100,000.00 for Project 10-040. The total costs have not yet been determined.

Any shortfall of Cook County funds will be paid by Motor Fuel Tax funds.

2. Audience Participation

No audience participation.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carries

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Submitted 12-13-10

Please Note: The regularly scheduled Board meeting was held after this special meeting.

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 DECEMBER 14, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

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

Absent: Benson (called in- arrived 7:26 pm)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for personnel with action to be taken. The motion to recess to executive session with action to be taken was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

The board recessed to executive session at 7:07 pm.

The board reconvened from executive session at 7:19 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. September 7, 2010- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

- b. September 21, 2010-Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

- c. November 23, 2010- CDBG Performance Hearing

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the CDBG Performance Hearing minutes of November 23, 2010.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that nomination papers for the upcoming trustee election are now being accepted during the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm except on Monday, December 20th when papers will be accepted until 5:00 pm. No nomination papers will be accepted on Wednesday due to the Village Hall being closed on Wednesdays. No lottery is necessary due to only one set of nominating papers received at 8:00 am on the first day.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- (late) No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Judge Stuttley

Judge Stuttley reported the Stuttley Group has been in communication with the risk management group. Discussions continue with the Del Galdo Law Group; an update of pending lawsuits will be given in executive session. There has been no new litigation since September. The Stuttley Group filed an appearance on the status call for the State of Illinois case. The Attorney General's office has requested working out a settlement with regards to the issue. Justice McCormick continues to meet with individual village trustees to find ways the Stuttley Group can be of service to the village and to tighten up the legal situation. Judge Stuttley stated that Joe Bertrand is not present due to the passing of his Mom.

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported a grant application is being prepared due to the 2008 flooding that took place on 223rd East of Torrence Avenue. CDBG grant money is available to fund infrastructure improvements due to that event. The allocation application is also being prepared for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the allocation of Lake Michigan water. There is no guarantee we will get the allocation. A memo has been prepared comparing the pros and cons of the presentation that Aqua made about privatizing the water system. Two of the three streets on the road resurfacing project are completed. The Orion culvert project has to be postponed until the spring due to utility conflicts and relocation that needs to be done.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson reported that the Senior Movie was held last Monday. The Senior Committee met last Thursday. Discussions included placement of items in the Sauk Talk and planning the upcoming movies. Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee did not meet today due to inclement weather and will resume in January.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the Village of Sauk Village and the Parks and Recreation Committee hosted the annual Christmas parade this past Saturday. Trustee Benson thanked the Police, Fire, ESDA and Public Works Departments and Jerry Crockwell (Santa) for their participation. They were a lot of help. It was cold but all of the pageant winners were in attendance. Pictures were taken with Santa and the tree lighting took place after the parade. Trustee Benson stated that the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa at the Community Center on December 18th starting at 8:00 am. The fire truck will leave the Fire Department at 7:00 am. The mayor will be on hand to give a speech. The first 200 youths that attend the event will get a free bike. This event is for Sauk Village and surrounding communities. Police, Fire and ESDA have been notified to be on hand. Coats and toys will also be given away after breakfast.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that the Ordinance Review Committee will not meet this month due to the holidays. Trustee Myers requested an amendment to the agenda to include approving the risk management group.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee attended a networking seminar last Thursday at the Holiday Inn in Matteson. Trustee Burgess spoke with potential businesses that are looking to do business in the South Suburban area. Trustee Burgess thanked the committee for their time and efforts. The Economic Development Committee will continue to network with other communities and businesses. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on scheduling the TIF meeting. Mayor Towers stated that he is working with the Del Galdo Law Group on scheduling that meeting.

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

Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee met last Wednesday. Gerald Pyke, Sauk Village IT consultant, was present to preview the new website with the committee. The website is still under construction. Information is currently being transferred from the old site. The new site will be unveiled at the first Board meeting of 2011. The new site is very user friendly and informative. The Student Government Day schedule and outline were also discussed. The topic for this year's essay will be in the January Sauk Talk. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, December 31st by midnight. Trustee Williams introduced Daisy Girl Scout Troop 60771. Daisies Laela, Cheyanne, Yvonne, Kaylise, Marium, Isabella, Selena, Nia, Madison, Jamori, Destiney, Lillian, Madelyn, Kailee, Teyona, and DaAveon presented handmade Christmas ornaments to Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees. The girls requested that each ornament be placed on the Village Hall Christmas tree. and sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis reported that there have been about 20,000 calls for service this past year; 25,000 calls are anticipated for entire year. Chief Holevis reported that the Police Department has been awarded almost \$5,000.00 in grant reimbursements toward DUI and traffic detail from the past several months. The funds have been tendered to the village to be placed in the Police Department fund. Chief Holevis recommended that during the Christmas holidays it is smart to leave your lights on a timer. Do not leave obvious signs that you are not at home or leave boxes outside that show you have a new TV, computer or other items. Be friendly with your neighbors. The snow parking ban is in effect after 2 inches of snowfall. Chief Holevis stated that he is still awaiting approval on police vehicle repairs. The department is still down 4 officers. The release of the equipment grant is in jeopardy; it is just sitting there. Someone needs to look into getting the funds released. Chief Holevis stated that the department is aware of the financial situation but it has been two years since the officers have received their uniform allowance. Chief Holevis stated that he was sworn in 6 months ago as Interim Police Chief and is still working without any administrative staff such as a secretary, administrative assistant or Deputy Chief. Chief Holevis asked the board to look into that.

5b. Fire Department/911 Board -Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to thirteen calls in the past week. Chief Stoffregen thanked everyone for participating in the recent Pancake Breakfast and pictures with Santa. The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success due to the overwhelming support of the residents. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department was pleased to be a part of the Christmas parade and will continue working with the village this weekend. Please check on your neighbors.

911 Board- No report

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the November leaf program has ended. There are still piles of leaves on the streets that need to be bagged and removed by the residents. DH Weller stated that there have been about 3 main

breaks since the beginning of December due to the cold weather and temperature changes. Public Works is still salting the streets and plowing the best they can. DH Weller stated that residents have to shovel their snow to either side of the driveway and not in the street; please pass this on to neighbors. Tickets can be issued. The Public Works department is running late on the Christmas decorations due to the short staff. Public Works is still picking up branches; no tickets will be issued if they are still in the parkway. DH Weller stated that during a recent water main break the street was blocked off. The employees were threatened to be shot for blocking the street.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director- None

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

DH Johnson reported that in the past week ESDA assisted the Fire Department in twelve calls and helped the Police Department with a missing child who did not return home after school. The child was found to have an afternoon activity. DH Johnson reminded parents to find out if their children have afternoon activities, know who their friends are, know what your kids are wearing each day and have a recent picture on hand.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6A. Motion to Approve the Business (FAMCID Entertainment) in the Village of Sauk Village(Tabled)

Trustee Burgess made a motion to table item 6A due to information received from the Code Enforcement Department. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. An Ordinance Approving Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois. (Tabled)

Trustee Hanks stated that there are errors that need to be corrected in various departments before the Appropriations Ordinance can be approved.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the ordinance as stated above.

A motion to table this item was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

A special meeting notice will be posted and the meeting will be scheduled for December 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Myers made a motion to amend the agenda to include the approval of HUB International as the Risk Management Company for the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

8a. A motion to Approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements November 24, 2010 – December 14, 2010.

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

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the amended amount of the Accounts Payable to be approved is \$178,304.26 which includes payroll in the amount of \$132,107.29, Skyline Disposal- \$37,451.66, General Fund disbursements - \$8,525.31 and American Express- \$220.00. Funds are available to cover these items.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Motion carried

8b. Approving the Finance Director Appointment for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Finance Director for the Village of Sauk Village.

A motion to approve the Finance Director pending further negotiations between the village and the Finance Director was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Anderson asked if the individual or just the position will be named in the motion.

The Finance Director was identified as Mohan Roa.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Motion carried

Item 8c. was added to the agenda.

8c. Approval of HUB International as the Risk Management insurance firm for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve HUB International Risk Management for the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve HUB Risk Management for the Village of Sauk Village was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams thanked the Fire Department for the Pancake Breakfast. Everything was great. Trustee Williams also thanked Public Works for their hard work clearing the street even with the short staff and water main break that happened in the cold. Trustee Williams was sorry to hear that the workers were threatened.

Trustee Myers reminded everyone that during the winter months the roads are nasty. Be careful and check on seniors. Call him if help is needed.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Authority will be working with NACA again and will set up another Save your Home workshop possibly in January. This is a great opportunity for the far southern region and Indiana. The turnout last time was great. Trustee Hanks stated that the Lion's Club will be passing out 5 Christmas baskets to needy families. The baskets include non perishables, a turkey and a \$25.00 gift card to purchase other food items. Trustee Hanks stated that his son has graduated and returned from boot camp and was awarded a meritorious promotion to Private First Class and has received his stripe.

Trustee Benson stated that the residents were not all aware of the last NACA event and asked that Trustee Hanks be sure that the residents are aware of the next event. Trustee Benson also asked that Trustee Hanks make sure that the event does not cost the village a lot of money.

Trustee Benson stated that a notice was received from the Circuit Court of Cook County and it includes a resident's name on it. This item needs to be discussed in executive session.

Trustee Anderson reminded the seniors that ongoing activities will continue through 2011.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will not meet again until after the Christmas holidays.

This being the last regular board meeting of 2010 the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Departments Heads all wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

John Dennis stated that Trustee Hanks' son can be in the VFW and he will pay his dues. Mr. Dennis asked Trustee Hanks to present a check to Mr. Witt (the scout who is working on the Police Department kitchen as a scout project) and stated that he was disappointed that only one Trustee showed up for the Veteran's Day program. Village Clerk Williams asked Mr. Dennis to provide a copy of the letter that was written for the soldier that was honored at the ceremony to be included in the Sauk Talk and website. Mr. Dennis stated that the Beer Blast for this year has been cancelled.

Mr. Owens, Owens Group, stated that he presented a proposal of three quotes to the board last week that included all A rated companies. The HUB Group presented a pool. Mr. Owens cautioned the use of a pool without the financials and an actuarial study.

Trustee Myers stated that he did a background check on all of the groups that were considered. The Owens Group is an outstanding company. The Mayor and the majority of the board were not ready to go with being self insured where the first \$150,000.00 of each claim had to be paid out before Owens would take over. The money is not there for each claim. There are already outstanding claims that the village may have to pay out.

Judy Cast asked why Mayor Towers is dragging his feet in appointing Tim Holevis as Police Chief. Mayor Towers stated that is still under investigation.

Judy asked for an update on the independent audit. Mayor Towers stated that an audit firm has not been approved yet.

Judy was disappointed in the parade this year. There was no candy thrown out and no hot chocolate, cookies or hot dogs at the Community Center that were promised. Trustee Benson stated earlier that people do not get notified of events but the Parks and Rec event this weekend has conflicting information floating around as to the time and how many kids can be involved. This event was not even discussed at village meetings or on the internet. Only certain people, not the entire village are notified.

Judy asked who cleans the Community Center. It should always be clean when someone wants to rent it.

Judy stated that when the Girl Scouts asked to use the center it was dirty and the deposit had to be made in cash. Checks have been used in the past. How long does it take to get the cash back. Mayor Towers stated that the same cleaning service is used but it may not have been done before the rental.

Trustee Benson stated that deposits have always been cash and held at the Village Hall. Deposits are returned within ten days after the center has been checked. Trustee Benson stated that his committee checks the center before and after it is rented.

Judy asked if someone comes in after the cleaning service comes in who is responsible to make sure that the center is clean for someone who is renting.

Trustee Burgess stated that in the past a committee member would check with the renter before and after the use of the Community Center and checks were accepted.

Trustee Williams stated that people have complained to her about the conditions of the center (wadded up paper on the wall, bathroom stall door ripped off of the wall, electrical wires exposed in a kitchen outlet etc...) She did investigate and it was deplorable. Trustee Williams emailed both Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers with her concerns and has not received any response.

Judy asked why the Community Center is rented in this condition. The trustee in charge needs to do something about these conditions.

Mayor Towers stated that he will investigate.

Trustee Williams stated that she requested information two weeks ago about the calendar of events, who is renting the center, how much money has been collected, etc... and has not received any answers. Trustee Benson stated that he will not reply. Trustee Williams asked when the answers will be provided or does a FOIA request need to be submitted. Mayor Towers will respond; no specific time line given.

Angie Cox stated that her son has to go outside the village to do anything because nothing is available in Sauk Village. The people are looking for answers and not getting them.

Tammy Jones stated that she has to fight with the village when she is trying to do something for the Girl Scouts. Tammy has had problems with renting the center and the gym. Tammy stated the Community Center was nasty/filthy during the last overnighiter. Tammy said the Community Center belongs to the village. Tammy said she has still has not received her money back and today is the tenth day.

Frank Williams stated that if the village is not going to do things right the PLAN will take over. The PLAN would have made sure that plenty of candy would have been thrown out. If the Community Center is not going to handled correctly- shut it down. The PLAN wants to meet with the Mayor and the board and be added to the agenda. Frank said that residents are tired of things not getting done. Come to the PLAN. They will help to get things done.

Sharon Davenport thanked the mayor and the board for allowing the Daisy troop to present their ornaments. It was an honor for the girls. Sharon stated that Mayor Towers asked for people to help deliver meals for the seniors in the village. Seniors also need help to get to the grocery store and shoveling snow. Some nurses will not go to the seniors homes because the snow is not shoveled. People need to step up and take care of the seniors.

Trustee Anderson stated that Ms. Davenport should come to speak with all three of the Senior groups that are active in the community.

Trustee Myers invited the Daisy Troop to tour the Fire Station. Sharon thanked Trustee Myers and stated that the girls have already taken the tour.

Ed Shankel asked when the Mayor will get back to the residents with answers about the Community Center. Mayor Towers stated that he will do an inspection and will report as soon as he can meet with the chair of the Parks and Rec and Public Works to see what needs to be done.

Nancy Baker asked if a committee has been formed to review the bids that were opened and asked when the auditors will start the audit. Mayor Towers stated that a committee was formed for the village audit but not the independent audit. Trustee Myers stated that he reviewed the bids and forwarded the information to Trustee Benson for review. The recommendations will be given to the board.

Nancy stated that she has been on the Parks and Recreation Committee for 18 years and does not get a phone call telling her when the meetings are. Nancy has seen the conditions in the center and has also seen unsupervised children running in the street. The place is disgusting. That is unsafe and a potential lawsuit. Nancy was also disappointed in the parade. There was no float. A wagon was pulling the kids. That was also unsafe.

Nancy said the mayor said he is a part time mayor and does not have time to do things. The town is floundering. The town has gone down. Get someone in here to do something.

Elizabeth Hinko also stated that the parade was an embarrassment. There was no pride. The children were disappointed.

Larry Stewart stated that there is division being created in Sauk Village. Larry is being personally attacked. People need to step up or take a step back Larry applauded Sharon Davenport for trying to break up the division and for Trustee Anderson being open about it.

John Hinko stated that his granddaughter was disappointed that she got one sucker when the parade came through.

Rose Langston stated that she is concerned about the condition of the Community Center and the lack of adult supervision. The groups should clean up before the next group comes in. The kids should be taught respect.

Rose stated that Bloom Township offers a lot of programs like shoveling snow, transportation, etc... for a nominal fee. Rose stated that the number of days that Mopheads cleaning service comes in has been cut and they are not on the Accounts Payables to be paid. They will not continue to work if they do not get paid.

Public Works is short staffed and should not have to clean up after the groups who use the center.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that John Dennis presented him with a check for \$100.00 for Joshua Witt to help him with his work in the Police Department. Trustee Hanks stated that Joshua was present at the Veteran's Day program as part of the color guard. Mr. Dennis would like the village to present the check to Joshua. Trustee Hanks suggested that Joshua be invited to a village board meeting for the presentation.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11a. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigations, Collective Negotiating Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if Needed (5ILCS120/2(C) (1)(2010)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session for the matters listed above. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The board recessed to executive session at 9:12 pm.

12. MOTION TO RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for roll call to resume the regular board meeting.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

The board resumed the regular board meeting at 10:34 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, DECEMBER 21, 2010.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

(The Board appointed Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem at the 6:00 Special meeting in the absence of Mayor Towers)

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Village Financial Matters

Trustee Burgess stated that the Board received a letter from Mopheads and asked if there was an update. There is no update at this time.

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that at this time there is no money for payroll and the water fund is depleted. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for an update of the funds that were on hold from Cook County. VT Carmichael stated that funds were held since there appeared to be a loan in progress. Paperwork is now required to release the funds. The ACH form should go out tomorrow after additional information is received from Lou Vitullo.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks explained that the Board declined the offer made by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for a low interest loan in the amount of one million dollars for Sauk Village. Cook County was holding the funds to repay the loan. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked VT Carmichael to keep the Board posted; those funds are needed by Thursday to make payroll.

Trustee Williams asked if the process has started to meet with the unions to discuss the insurance issue. There was 129 hours of overtime in the past two weeks that could have been avoided if the employees had not been laid off.

Stuttley Group administrator Joe Bertrand stated that discussions have been held on old issues with the USW union and will continue after the holidays. Insurance was not discussed.

Trustee Williams explained that the Village currently pays 100% of the employee's insurance. The liabilities cost more than the payroll. A 60/40 split for insurance was considered by the Board. Joe Bertrand was not aware of the insurance issue but stated that would need to be part of contract negotiations.

3. FAMCID Entertainment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks reported that this item was tabled last week. No plans, background checks, reports from other bar owners or the Police Department have been received as of today. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that his concern is if the establishment is open to the more mature crowd of over 30 years old why there is a need for armed guards. The Board needs clarification on the seating plan and the final word on whether or not food will be served. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that further clarification is also needed for the 4 am license

compared to the current 2 am license. Trustee Myers stated that the Fire Department and Health Department have not been contacted for inspection information. Trustee Burgess stated that the security is required per ordinance and must be registered through the Police Department. FAMCID will be notified of what is required before they are placed back on the agenda.

4. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, December 31 by midnight. Trustee Williams stated that the Christmas party the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority sponsored this weekend was very nice and had a huge turnout even with the bitter cold. It was great to have this organization come from the outside and work with Sauk Village. Trustee Williams encouraged other participation with outside agencies.

Trustee Myers reported that there has been one fire due to Christmas trees already this season that caused extensive damage to the home. Trustee Myers reminded all residents to water their Christmas tree. Trustee Myers stated that it felt good to see lots of young people having fun and getting toys and bikes at the Christmas party.

Trustee Anderson commended the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority. It was nice to see 200 – 300 families served with this slow economy. Trustee Anderson stated that she hoped that they would continue to work with Sauk Village and other South Suburban communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks also acknowledged the great job that the sorority did in providing so many children with great gifts during this economic downturn.

Merry Christmas from the Sauk Village Board

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Rose Langston stated that she has many concerns regarding item number three.

Judy Cast stated that the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority was very well rounded and really had their act together. Everyone knew exactly what they needed to do. They were extremely friendly and respectful; she would work with that group anytime. It was a nice day for the kids.

Judy stated that she believes that the ex Chief of Staff is still on the bank accounts after 7 months. Trustee Hanks stated that paperwork has been drawn up to include the Mayor, Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk, along with the incoming Finance Director, and may have already been executed. The Board will follow up that she will be removed from all accounts.

5. Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the matters of collective bargaining, negotiating matters, personnel and update on pending litigation.

Trustee Williams made a motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:31 pm.

**A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed
(5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).**

6. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to resume the Committee meeting.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting was reconvened at 8:37 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a roll call.

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

(The Special meeting of December 21, 2010 resumed after the adjournment of this meeting.)

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, **DECEMBER 21, 2010.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Towers.

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks referred to an email received from Attorney Carl McCormick/ Stuttley Group requesting the following items be added to the agenda. Attorney McCormick suggested approving the Amended Budget and the Appropriations Ordinance prior to passing the Tax Levy.

Trustee Myers made a motion to add approving the Amended Budget and the Appropriations Ordinance to the agenda. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Approve the Amended 2010- 2011 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve on its face the 2010-2011fiscal year amended budget originally passed on November 30, 2010. The amended budget has \$14,000.00 allocated for Code Enforcement to allow for salaries of the employees currently reporting to work. There is no definitive date when the layoffs will occur. The incoming Finance Director will review the budget to determine what further allocations will be needed until the layoffs occur within that department, as well as, review the budget overall and make any necessary corrections.

Other amendments include corrected mathematical errors. The amended budget leaves the Village in the black by \$611,777.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the amended budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

3. Approve the Appropriation Ordinance for 2010-2011

The 2010-11 Appropriations Ordinance was prepared based on the template of a previous ordinance. Trustee Burgess questioned the amount of the expenditures listed. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that all figures listed are correct; some of the dates and other terminology will need to be changed on the final version.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adopt an ordinance making appropriations for all corporate purposes for the Village of Sauk Village for the 2010--- fiscal year with the requested changes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Appropriations Ordinance as stated above. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

4. Approve 2010 – 2011 Tax Levy for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to table this item until further into the agenda or recessing and continuing this item after the regular meeting if needed. The paperwork has not been received in house at this time.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to table this item at this time. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

5. Approve Auditing firm for the Village of Sauk Village

Trustee Myers asked Village Clerk Williams to read an email from Trustee Benson stating that he is in favor of approving the firm of Legacy Professionals, LLP as the auditors for the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Benson stated that they offer the lowest and most acceptable cost analysis possible. Legacy brings to the table most, if not all, of the same practices that all of the other vendors proclaim and that it is clear that there cost

will not exceed \$45,000.00 per fiscal year from 2009-2013 for a base total of \$135,000.00. Although Legacy's cost is not inclusive of some services, once Sauk Village engages the firm and if there are needed and additional services the costs will be rendered appropriately and with the Village's approval.

Trustee Myers presented Legacy's proposal asking Village Clerk Williams to read the cost proposal on page 8. The cost proposal stated that "the proposed fee for the eighteen month period of May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 will not exceed \$45,000, see Appendix C for the breakdown of hours and fees as outlined in your request for proposal. The cost summary could not be completed because Legacy's records are not set up to extrapolate such a breakdown. Also, several services mentioned in item #5 are not included in our base fee. Those fees would be discussed after the firm is engaged." Trustee Myers stated that he did not see the four year term within the proposal as stated by Trustee Benson. Trustee Myers stated that Trustee Benson also made the case that once a new administration comes in to office it is not proper to keep the same auditing firm. Trustee Myers does not recommend that firm. Trustee Myers stated that the bid packet asked for an all inclusive cost for a four year period.

Trustee Myers stated that another firm also stated on page 27, paragraph 2, of their proposal that they reserve the right to change the figure if they see hours accumulate more than they predicted. Trustee Myers stated that these are reputable companies but the Board should be careful allowing companies to bid low and change their costs afterward.

Trustee Myers stated that he recommended McGladrey and Pullen. The cost proposal is all inclusive. They filled out everything in the bid packet. Legacy is open ended and does not include total costs for the four year period. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks reiterated that several of the required services are not included in Legacy's base fee.

The Board agreed to approve the most qualified bid based on the guidelines that were sent to all bidders being followed, not familiarity. McGladrey and Pullen submitted a qualified bid. Legacy disqualified themselves by not completing all of necessary paperwork.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve an auditing firm for the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Myers made a motion to accept McGladrey and Pullen as the auditing firm for the Village of Sauk Village for the next four years. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

Joe Bertand entered the meeting at 6:25 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to recess to review and copy the necessary paperwork.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 6:44 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks requested a motion to recess again in order to address items 4, 6 and 7 after the attorney arrives with the Tax Levy. Trustee Williams made a motion to recess the special meeting as stated above. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:01 pm.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

7. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

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 ON DECEMBER 28, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
 - a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. On roll call:
Present: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Benson (out of town)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. June 1, 2010- Executive Session Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010 executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

- b. June 15, 2010- Executive Session Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010 executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that the Village Hall will be closed on Friday, December 31st and is still closed on Wednesdays. Last week it was a problem because the Village Hall was closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to the holiday.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- (late) No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that there are two resolutions on the agenda for approval tonight for the IKE program that deals with repairs to 223rd and Torrence Avenue that will be completed at no cost to the village if awarded. Robinson Engineering attended the mandatory meeting in order to receive next year's CDBG funding. The agreement is in hand. The dollar amount is not what it should be. Mayor Towers wrote a letter asking that last years' funds be rolled over into this year's agreement. Cook County will be working on modifying the agreement to incorporate those funds into this agreement.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers expressed his gratitude for all of the hard work and commitment that everyone has put forth in 2010. Thanks to all employees for all of the hard work they do on behalf of the citizens. Mayor Towers thanked Department Heads Police Chief Holevis, Fire Chief Stoffregen, Public Works Kevin Weller, Code Enforcement Sherry Jasinski and ESDA Art Johnson thanks for all of their hard work and long hours while being short of staff and limited funds and yet dedicated throughout the year of 2010. Mayor Towers thanked the official board members Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams for their hard work and for devoting their time to their profession throughout the year. Mayor Towers thanked Village Clerk Williams, Village Treasurer Carmichael, Village Attorney- The Stuttley Group, Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Carl and Village Engineer Czarnik for their hard work on behalf of the citizens. Mayor Towers thanked the volunteers for their devotion and the hard work they have done on behalf of the Village of Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated that he is honored to serve Sauk Village with their help to improve the lives of everyone in our community. Mayor Towers wished everyone Peace and Happiness throughout the year.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee did meet in December and had a social dinner. The committee plans to continue the free senior Monday movie at the library at 1:00 pm on the second Monday of the month and the committee will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center at 5:30 pm. The three senior groups will continue to meet on their separate activities. The committee is also planning the quarterly activity for February.

Trustee Anderson reported that the Police Alliance Committee December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Police Alliance Committee will meet on January 11th at 6:00 pm. All citizens are invited to join the PAC.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson- absent

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks is working with the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) to put on another Home Save / Home Purchase workshop in Sauk Village. These NACA workshops are for the southern region of Illinois and parts of Indiana. The committee is looking into an English speaking workshop on February 5th from 9 am –noon and a Spanish speaking workshop on February 19th from 9 am – noon. These dates will be confirmed at a later date and will be posted in the Sauk Talk, website, flyers and marquee. Trustee Hanks encouraged everyone to tell their neighbors if they are having problems making their house payments or are interested in purchasing a home. Reservations can be made on line at www.naca.com. There were over 800 in attendance last time. Trustee Hanks will notify ESDA and Public Works asking for their assistance.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that he is working with a committee formed by State Representative Anthony De Luca that has presented information to Congress regarding notifications that child molesters must make. This information has passed the House and is now going to the Senate. The committee is also looking to rewrite the Home Safety ordinance that will give non home rule communities the opportunity to enforce laws that we cannot do now. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Monday, January 10th at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall. Trustee Burgess asked if the TIF meeting has been scheduled. Trustee Burgess has been talking to some interested parties. Mayor Towers stated that he is trying to set up a TIF meeting in January. Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee attended a meet and greet in Matteson where they networked with various vendors who are looking for a place to open up shop. Trustee Burgess is encouraging businesses to move to Sauk Village.

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

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, December 31st by midnight. Sauk Talk

policies are available by request. Trustee Williams stated that she was asked to present certificates of appreciation in grateful recognition of their continuing service and support to the Police, Fire, ESDA and Public Works Departments from the grateful residents of Sauk Village, Illinois for their continued hard work and dedication even with the short staff.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis reported that the village has received another DUI grant due to the hard work of Sergeant Sailsbery. There will be a holiday DUI detail. Chief Holevis reminded everyone not to drink and drive. The Police Department will also be doing another underage tobacco sting at local businesses. The businesses will be ticketed and fined if they sell to under aged minors. Chief Holevis reported that Sauk Village Police assisted the Cook County Sheriff's Department in the fatal accident that involved a 14 year old Sauk Village girl near the Moose Lodge over Christmas weekend. Chief Holevis stated condolences to the family.

5b. Fire Department/911 Board -Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported that during the week of December 21st though December 27th the Fire Department responded to nine calls. Chief Stoffregen stated that Andrew and Michael Kelly are both active firefighters in the Sauk Village Fire Department. Christmas morning Andrew was involved in a serious car accident at the Sauk Trail "S" curve. Andrew is still hospitalized and his 14 year old sister died at the scene. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Kelly family. Chief Stoffregen asked that everyone keep the firefighters in their thoughts as they struggle through this tragedy. The wake for Lauren Kelly will be held at the First Baptist Church located at 22240 Burnham Avenue from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Thursday, December 30th.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that there were two water main breaks on December 19th. During this time the alarm sounded at the main pump station; well number one was in default mode. The alarm was reset back to fault mode. A company was brought in to investigation and stated that there is a binding in the well. The well needs to be pulled. This needs to be done as soon as possible. There could be a problem if there is fire or more water main breaks.

Trustee Burgess asked if the company provided any quotes to correct the problem. DH Weller stated that the price depends on what parts need to be replaced but could range from \$21,000. to \$30,000. DH Weller stated that the bid process would need to be waived. Trustee Hanks suggested waiving the bid process under New Business. Trustee Anderson asked if there was a possibility that contaminants could have come in to the well while it was in default. DH Weller stated that the well is sealed; no contaminants could enter. It was reset within one minute. Trustee Anderson stated that having no back up well to wells 1 and 2 is the concern of the IEPA and asked if any trustees were notified of the situation. Trustee Myers asked in Robinson Engineering is on board with this procedure. DH Weller stated that the mayor was notified and Robinson is on board. The inspection was already budgeted for this year. DH Weller stated that this could be a one week turnaround. The Fire Department is ready with tankers in the event of a fire.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated that a cell phone business called The Hook Up will be opening their business at 2583 Sauk Trail sometime in January and will be selling phones and clothes. Trustee Burgess asked if any other businesses have made inquiries. DH Jasinski stated that someone did inquire about the old Behr Paint location. They will probably be in contact again for more information.

5e. Finance Director- None

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall

Mr. Darnall reported that in the past week ESDA responded to six calls. Mr. Darnall stated that there has been enough people to respond.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. Resolution Approving CDBG Disaster Recovery “IKE” Program Public Infrastructure Grant Application.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution as stated above. A motion to approve this item was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7b. Resolution for Meeting Urgent Need National Objective- CDBG Disaster Recovery “IKE” Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution as stated above. A motion to approve this item was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7c. Resolution Approving the Stuttley Group as Attorney of Record and Hiskes, Dillner, O’Donnell, Marovich & Lapp, Ltd. as Attorney to Address Litigation Issues Only Related to the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the resolution as stated above. A motion to approve this item was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks stated that all current litigation should be turned over to the new attorneys immediately. There are appeals that also need to be dealt with.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A motion to Approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements December 15 – December 28, 2010.

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

Trustee Hanks stated that last week the Village Treasurer stated that there was less than \$5,000.00 left in the accounts. The distributions are listed as \$301,396.78. Trustee Hanks asked if the village received funds.

Mayor Towers stated that a property tax payment of \$760,187.56 was received Friday. Trustee Hanks asked if the loan from the Water Department Fund was paid back. Mayor Towers stated that the loan of \$167,703.60 that was used to meet payroll on November 5th and December 17th was paid back in full. Trustee Hanks verified that the money is in the Water Fund to make the repairs to well number one.

Mayor Towers asked if TIF money can be used to repair well number one. There could possibly be an administrative draw down.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

A motion to amend the agenda and add item 8b for emergency purposes for well #1 was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8b. Motion to waive bidding requirements for well #1 repairs.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to waive bidding requirements for well #1 repairs.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to waive the bidding process for well #1 repairs due to emergency purposes and to not exceed \$40,000.00 without having to come back before the board. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks stated that the company should be contacted to start immediately but not to incur holiday overtime.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked if the wording can be amended in the resolution that was passed under item 7c. Trustee Burgess would like to amend the wording of "lineated by the village attorney" to "lineated by the village board or the village attorney" on the second page. Joe Bertrand stated that the resolution has been passed allowing the mayor to sign the agreements. If changes to the agreements need to be made they can be made prior to the mayor signing them.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to change the language on the resolution as stated above. Trustee Anderson stated that the prior approved resolution should be rescinded; there is no need for the double term.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to change the language in the resolution.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Anderson addressed a concern to Police Chief Holevis regarding a Sun Times news article of December 19th that states that Chicago gang crime has been spread to the Suburbs. The article states that Sauk Village is the microcosm of the gang migration and has seen a six block area colonized in recent years by at least 35 identified gang members, 15 of whom had Chicago addresses prior to moving to Sauk Village per the Cook County Sheriff's Department analysis. Trustee Anderson asked if Chief Holevis is aware of the colonized area and what his plans are to deal with the gang crime.

Chief Holevis stated that there has been known gang crime in Sauk Village for a number of years and the department has dealt with the gang crime. The statistics used for the article were Sauk Village's own statistics that are put in a computer and gathered by County. The best solution would be to hire more police officers which Chief Holevis stated that he has been begging for six months. Trustee Anderson stated that we are at our twenty five maximum with one resigned officer and three out ill. Chief Holevis stated that is incorrect Trustee Anderson stated that residents and members of the Police Alliance Committee want answers on how

this will be addressed. Chief Holevis stated that he would be welcomed to sit down and discuss this. Trustee Anderson will sit down with Chief Holevis the following day.

Trustee Hanks stated that the gang infestation became a problem when Mayor Daley started to make improvements in the City of Chicago. The south suburbs have paid for it. The south suburbs were not prepared to handle the gangs which for a long time have been a problem on Peterson, Carol and Brookwood Avenues. They continue to move around. The Police Department is doing a great job of trying to combat the problem. Gangs are in every community. The Police Department is trying to push the gangs out of the area by discouraging them by arrests and constantly being on them. We do not want them here. We need to give the police the resources they need. Trustee Anderson stated that here neighborhood does not feel safe. Trustee Hanks stated that the citizens in his area worked with the Police Department and ran the drug dealers way. Trustee Anderson stated that the Police do not respond quickly in her area.

Mayor Towers suggested that Trustee Anderson and Chief Holevis get together to satisfy her questions.

Trustee Anderson stated that she would like to hold a focus group with her neighbors about safety.

Trustee Williams stated that responsible journalism is a problem. Journalists do not always get all of the facts. Trustee Williams stated that the article stated that there were no police officers to be seen for a four hour period. Trustee Williams drives around the streets in Sauk Village and sees police officers all of the time. This article got the desired results- outrage- and it is appearing at the same time that bringing Cook County in and boosting our Police Department out is under discussion. The Police Department keeps records of all calls. Trustee Williams suggested that Trustee Anderson ask Chief Holevis to pull up the calls from December 6th when she meets with him.

(Disruption in the audience prompted Joe Bertrand to tell the audience to direct their questions to the mayor and not individual trustees.)

Trustee Burgess stated that he has driven with the Police Department on ride alongs and sees how they work. When the Police Department breaks it up they move on and start it back when they are gone. Trustee Burgess stated that he helped form a Neighborhood Watch in Deer Creek and the Deer Creek Neighborhood Watch is willing to help any other areas start one. You need to have 40-50% of your neighbors on board. Neighborhood watches deter a lot of crime and they work closely with the Police Department. Residents need to be willing to sign a complaint. Trustee Burgess resents that the paper stated that there was no police presence.

Trustee Williams stated that she also has gone on ride alongs with the Police Department and encourages all trustees to do the same. Trustee Williams stated that elected officials should pull the department heads aside and ask questions instead of believing what people from the outside say. Trustee Williams spoke with members of the Police Department when she saw the article to investigate rather than believe an outsider. Have faith in your departments. The board and the departments need to work together. Trustee Williams thanked Chief Holevis for what he does.

Trustee Anderson stated that we are responsible to find ways to keep our residents safe. The residents should be able to ask questions about what is in this article and to any trustee.

Trustee Myers requested that the new Finance Director review the outstanding bills and suggested a committee be formed to decide which bills take precedence. Mayor Towers stated that the department heads have started to address that item. The Finance Director will be provided a priority list to begin with.

Trustee Myers also spoke with Chief Holevis about the news article. It is not true that that police cars are not visible in the village. The Police Department could also be at fire scenes. Trustee Myers stated that Mayor Towers or Chief Holevis should speak with the Cook County Sheriff's Public Relations Department about why they made that statement. There should be disciplinary action taken. Trustee Myers does not like the criticism reflected in the article. Trustee Myers stated that the Police Department or Cook County do not broadcast stings and that the board needs to work together.

Chief Holevis stated that the Monday following that article he spoke with the Deputy Chief of the Cook County Sheriff's Department. There is an internal investigation and he will get back to Chief Holevis by the first of the year. The Cook County Deputy Chief stated that he was not aware that the article was being released.

Trustee Hanks asked Mayor Towers for a TIF draw by the second week of January. There is a potential developer coming in and the TIF consultants have not been paid for 6 or 7 months.

Trustee Williams stated that two legal firms were approved tonight. Trustee Williams wants an actual breakdown on what each firm will be responsible for.

Mayor Towers stated that will be discussed in executive session.

Trustee Hanks stated that all open litigation needs to get to the new attorney as soon as possible. There are appeals and deadlines to meet.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Nick Carnavas stated that he is an investor in the community. He owns four properties in the village. Nick is concerned about the Building Department being released. Mayor Towers stated that was a temporary measure the board took to help balance the budget. Nick asked what process will be taken to inspect homes. Trustee Myers stated that independent contractors will have to do inspections and pass the information to Sherry Jasinski. DH Sherry Jasinski stated that roofing, electrical and heating certificates will need to be performed by certified contractors who have a state license on file with Sauk Village. Nick said this will drive investors away. The current \$50.00 fee and the heating certification will now be in addition to these other fees.

Judy Cast stated that Trustee Anderson has no right to be the head of the Police Alliance Committee the way she feels about the Police Department. Judy stated that her group picked the article apart. There are so many lies in that paper. Judy stated that pictures will be sent to Tom Dart that show a plain clothes officer who was called out on a fictitious call and was driving around in an unmarked car. Our police officers do everything they can to protect our town. Judy suggested that Trustee Anderson form a Neighborhood Watch in her section of town. Judy asked how long we have to wait for Tim Holevis to be appointed Police Chief. Judy stated that she spoke with Tom Dart's office. The person who wrote that article is being investigated. It was not released through Tom Dart's office.

Judy asked about the audit. We see the accounts payable and don't know how much money is coming in. There are no checks and balances.

Mayor Towers stated that a Collector's Report will be available at the next meeting.

Joe Bertrand stated that the audience is aware that there is no Chief of Staff and the Finance Director just got hired. A committee has been put together to find an auditor. The pieces will all come together soon.

Trustee Williams stated that a Collector's report should be done on a regular basis. Trustee Williams stated that when a resident asks the mayor a question he should answer it to keep the lines of communication open unless the mayor addresses another person to speak for him.

Judy stated that she has called the State's Attorney and Tom Dart and they ask what the village board says. Judy states that she continually asks questions and does not get answers.

Ed Shankel asked why Joe Bertrand is sitting beside the mayor. Mayor Towers stated that is his choice.

Mary Hanks asked if Subway is leaving the village. DH Jasinski stated that they have not contacted her.

Rosie Jones stated that she does not feel protected. She calls police and they don't come.

Steve Pritchard stated that his mailbox was knocked down. He called the police and waited two hours. He called six or seven times. Steve went to the County. County stated that if you can prove that Sauk Village did not come out then County will come out. Sauk Village did end up coming. Steve needed a police report.

They said it would take 6-7 days.

Mayor Towers asked if that is proper procedure. Chief Holevis stated that is the procedure from what he is hearing.

Bill Nuring, licensed contractor, has been receiving phone calls since word got out. Bill said Code Enforcement is health and safety. Asking for roof, heating and electrical certifications does not cover structural issues, filth and other hazards. This will open the village to lawsuits. The people are entitled to a healthy, safe community. This will stop investors from coming into this community. Most towns will work with investors because they know they are investing in the community. Certified contractors lie and cheat. Code enforcement does a great job of inspecting houses. No other community got rid of their entire Code department. Sauk Village is being penny wise and dollar foolish. Who will police the exterior like broken concrete, gutters down, pools uncovered? Will the Police Department be expected to take this on?

Sherry Jasinski asked who is going to monitor the smoke detectors and CO detectors.

Mayor Towers asked Sherry to meet with the two investors after the meeting.

Pat Couch asked if it has been investigated how much money is lost by getting rid of Code Enforcement.

Pat stated that the news article came out right after the board voted not to let Cook County in. Pat stated that she has complained about the house on her block that has 17 people living in it. Mayor Towers promised he would do something about it. It is unsafe and they are still there; now Code Enforcement is gone.

Mike Brown stated that crime is everywhere. Mike did a 27 page report on Sauk Village community policing. Mike stated that it is true that the Chief needs more manpower. Often when a call comes in the officers could already be on a call. It could be as serious as a homicide. The Code Department is also part of community policing and deals with things that the Police Department does not have time to do. Mike suggested that Sauk Village look into a community policing program. Mike asked how long the article stated that police were not around. Mayor Towers stated that the article stated 3 hours. Mike asked if Chief Holevis knows the hot spots in the area. Chief Holevis stated that he does know the hotspots.

Mayor Towers stated that the agenda calls for questions only not comments.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that she is proud of the Police Department. Elizabeth stated that nothing has changed since July. Tim Holevis is still not Police Chief. He is committed to Sauk Village. Public Works got the snow removed. With Code Enforcement gone who will enforce the codes. Elizabeth stated that her neighbors look after each other. We need to work together. Elizabeth asked what happened to the other law firm. Someone needs to find a way to bring money into the community.

Trustee Williams asked why the comments section was taken off of the agenda. Trustee Williams asked that it be placed back on the agenda. This is a public forum and the residents should be allowed to speak. Elizabeth Pratt asked questions and got no answers. The mayor appoints the Police Chief not the board. Sherry cannot write code tickets because she is not a union employee.

Mayor Towers restated that it is still under consideration.

Carl Rylander asked since the Stuttley Group has been hired by resolution will the village be required to pay for their past appearances. Mayor Towers stated that they will get paid because they did the work.

Carl asked if the Del Galdo Group is also getting paid. Mayor Towers stated that the Stuttley Group is now the village attorney. Trustee Williams stated that money is still owed to the Del Galdo Group. Stuttley Group and Hiskes, Dillner, Marovich, O'Donnell and Lapp will all get paid for work they do.

Trustee Hanks stated that all attorney bills will be reviewed by the board for payment.

Judy stated that the Stuttley Group started working without the board approval. They should not get paid for services performed until their approval tonight.

Renalda Gibson stated that if we can have two law firms why can't we keep Code Enforcement. They bring in revenue. This needs to be revisited. They help our village out. Our property values are going down. Renalda is ashamed of what is going on with the board. Renalda had a car fire and had a great experience with Ed Myers and has worked with all of the departments over the years. We have great people – stop putting them down and keep what we have.

Mayor Towers stated that he did not get rid of Code Enforcement the board did. Renalda stated that the mayor broke the tie vote and made the final decision about the Code Enforcement.

Mr. Harvey asked who the new Finance Director is and if he was brought before the board. Mayor Towers stated that his name is Mohan Rao and the board has already voted on his appointment.

Frank Williams asked if we could ask Cook County to install speed bumps around the "S" curves.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that it is a county road and a petition would have to be given to county asking for action.

Frank stated that the PLAN asked to come before the board. When the article came out the PLAN did investigate. They found out more about the man in the picture. Frank said that he lives in the same area as Trustee Anderson and he has talked to Trustee Burgess and people in the area about forming a Neighborhood Watch. Frank stated that we love Sauk Village and we need to come together to move the village forward. The head has to understand that people asking questions are looking for answers. The PLAN looks things up. Listen to us.

Ed Shankel asked where the tow fund money goes and where is Trustee Benson. The tow fund money is placed in the General Fund under the direction of the Police Department. Trustee Benson is absent.

Rose asked why the new Finance Director is not listed on the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that he starts in January. Rose stated that comments and questions from the audience were always on the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that will be looked at. Rose stated that a lot of the information in the article is incorrect. The Sauk Village police are very visible. They also have a task force who works the hot spots. Rose resents the article. This got the residents riled up. We have an excellent Police Department. There is a lack of response to questions here. Rose stated that the last Collector's Report was October 2009. Mayor Towers stated that he hopes to have one at the next meeting.

Rose asked if the resolutions can be read to the audience. Mayor Towers stated that only what is on the agenda is read. Trustee Hanks stated that special resolutions and proclamations have been read in the past.

Copies of resolutions and ordinances are available at the front desk and may be added to the new website. Rose asked if the resolutions can also be posted in the Village Hall and the library. Village Clerk Williams will work with the IT consultant and post the resolutions in the hallway.

Mike asked what resolution allows the Stuttley Group to be paid retroactively. Village Attorney McCormick stated that the board has the discretion to pay for services rendered provided they have been of value to the village. The Stuttley Group was not retained in the usual way but the Stuttley Group did perform valuable services.

Ed Shankel stated that the Stuttley Group just got paid- the clock starts now.

Trustee Hanks stated that the resolution that was passed tonight was to approve both the Stuttley Group and the Hiskes' Group to split duties. One firm will take on day to day duties and the other will handle litigation.

The resolution does not discuss any back pay. The Stuttley Group will probably submit bills showing what work has been done.

Judy Cast stated that it was previously stated that the Stuttley Group did not have the qualifications that the village needs. Trustee Hanks stated that they have information from both law groups now that they can share with the residents. The votes that were taken tonight were taken to move the village forward. There is litigation that needs to be handled immediately.

Nancy Baker stated that when the mayor asked the board for information about resolutions being read in the past it gave her hope. If the mayor would have listened to the senior trustees more often a lot of things in the past eighteen months would not have happened.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the items discussed below. Trustee

11. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11a. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigations, Collective Negotiating Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if Needed (5ILCS120/2(C)(1)(2010)

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session for the matters listed above. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The board recessed to executive session at 10:00 pm.

12. MOTION TO RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for the roll call to resume the regular board meeting.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting resumed at 11:08 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Myers made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

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, DECEMBER 7, 2010.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Village Financial Matters

Mayor Towers gave an update of the village finances.

General Fund Midwest - \$7,142.00

General Fund US Bank- \$12, 688.00

Motor Fuel Tax- \$245,201.97

Garbage Fund- \$47,375.80

Water Fund- \$35,756.68

TIF's 1,2 and 4- \$236,547.45

Mayor Towers stated that vendor and TIF disbursements will be reviewed by the Payables Department.

The levy needs to be approved by the board during a hearing for the December 21st meeting with a notice posted ten days prior to the meeting. The levy needs to be filed by December 22, 2010. The Stuttley Group will prepare the levy and appropriations budget in the absence of administrative personnel.

Mayor Towers will put together a committee to review the audit bids. Only one auditing firm has produced a bid with the four year projection as stated in the bid packet.

3. FAMCID Entertainment Tenisha Johnson and Rashonda Barksdale- McClellan- RTB Management

Tenisha Johnson provided information on a mature adult tavern that she would like to open in Sauk Village at the old Theater Time location. The space is approximately 3,200 square feet. Ms. Johnson stated that this is more of an upscale jazz/ poetry club that caters to the adult crowd 30 and over. Ms. Johnson is requesting to be open 7 days a week and open until 4 am on Friday and Saturday. No food will be prepared in the establishment. A special license will be required if any food is on the premises. Ms. McClellan stated that at this time no food is involved with the establishment. If food is added later the appropriate steps will be taken. DH Jasinski stated that there are two A3 licenses available which does allow alcohol sales until 4 am on Friday and Saturday. The establishment cannot open before noon that day per Sauk Village code 111.40. All beer, wine and mixed drinks will be consumed on the premises. There will be no packaged alcohol sold.

FAMCID will provide their own armed and unarmed security. Security would depend on the crowd for that day of the week. FAMCID is looking forward to working with the board and all of the village departments.

DH Jasinski stated that no zoning issue exists; a nightclub is allowable in a C2. The Fire Department and Cook County will do their standard inspections. The business and liquor licenses would need to be renewed annually.

Ms. Johnson has been fingerprinted and the lease is under review. FAMCID is anticipating that the background checks and liquor license will be completed within approximately six weeks.

No architectural drawings or plans will continue until the village gives approval to go forward.

Terry Dorsey stated that the main draw is not the alcohol but the entertainment. There may be a number of different shows including local acts. The target is patrons from 95th Street to the south suburbs.

4. Finance Director Position- Committee- Trustees Burgess and Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the committee interviewed four candidates. The out of town applicant was interviewed by phone. The candidates were rated and the scores were given to Mayor Towers for final determination. Mayor Towers stated that there were two strong candidates; one in particular is Mohan Rao. Mayor Towers will contact all candidates and ask Mr. Rao to meet with the trustees individually before next week's meeting. The approval of the Finance Director will appear on next week's agenda.

5. Risk Management & Insurance- Committee- Trustees Myers and Anderson

Trustees Myers, Anderson and the Stuttley Group representative Joe Bertrand met with several agencies and narrowed it down to two different companies to present their information to the board.

Trustee Myers introduced Tom Kelly- HUB International, Insurance broker/ Risk Management consulting firm. HUB will manage the risk management and has made inquiries to several insurance companies who either declined due to the history or did not offer the specific types of coverage required.

Mr. Kelly provided a quote from Illinois County Risk Management Trust that has taken the village's claims and loss history into account. HUB wants to help control costs, prevent claims from occurring and manage them properly. HUB provides staff safety training. Lower premiums may result with the proper safety training by next year. The ICRMT premium is \$435,419.00 requiring 25% down with the balance due in 6 months. Mr. Kelly provided a copy of the claims and loss history. Mr. Kelly stated that ICRMT meets/ exceeds the current IML coverage.

ICRMT also offers a law enforcement loss control program.

Trustee Myers stated that there has been an excessive amount of claims for the past three or four years. Trustee Myers stated that Trustee Anderson, Joe Bertrand and himself all recommend this company. Trustee Anderson stated that this company has upgrades and increased coverage that the others did not offer.

Trustee Myers introduced Bill Owens- Owens Group. Bill Owens was accompanied by Marlene from Human Resources and Dan McDevitt from REM who focuses on police assessments. Mr. Owens stated that the Owens Group specializes in municipal insurance and provided different options focusing heavily on Risk Management/HR and to mitigate any losses.

The Owens group is offering three quotes including a partially self insured program(Muni program) where the village retains the first \$5,000.00 to \$350,000.00 and Princeton will pay the next \$150,000.00 on Worker's Compensation. The village would use a third party claims administrator. Sauk Village is currently experiencing approximately \$100,000.00 worth of claims per year; the norm is more like \$30,000.00 - \$50,000.00 per year. Total liability limits increase by two million dollars.

The second option – Britt- costs a little more with few exclusions. This option offers \$25,000.00 self insured retention for all coverages except Worker's Compensation and offers a stop loss with a maximum out of pocket of \$475,000.00 or less.

The third option- Gotham- offers \$25,000.00 self insured retentions but does not offer excess coverage which could be obtained elsewhere still providing the total liability limit of ten million dollars.

Mr. Owens suggested taking money out of the General Fund and develop a Loss Fund for self insured retention. Mr. Owens continued to break down the different cost comparisons and coverages anticipating the out of pocket should be no more than \$400,000.00. Mr. Owens stated that these are A rated companies rather than a non rated reinsure pool program like IML.

Mayor Towers stated that becoming partially self insured would require some capital to be set aside. Mr. Owens recommended setting aside the amount of the expected losses that will be used to pay claims. Trustee Burgess clarified that the auto coverage is 100% after the first \$25,000 per occurrence and the deductible of \$5,000.00 per occurrence for property losses.

The Owens Group and The HUB Group are the only two companies under consideration.

6. Grand Trunk Corporation (CN Railway) – Committee- Trustees Burgess and Williams

Trustee Burgess stated that the Grand Trunk agreement cannot be changed. The \$270,000.00 payment from Grand Trunk will be used for the gates and noise mitigation. Robinson Engineering suggested additional street barriers that should be the responsibility of Grand Trunk as well as additional fencing that may be required.

Trustee Burgess stated that a letter dated September 27, 2010 states that the \$270,000.00 should be used for gates and noise mitigation. Trustee Hanks stated that Grand Trunk is supposed to fund the Quiet Zone in its' entirety; this is in addition to the fencing and noise mitigation. Trustee Williams stated that the agreement states that if the transportation board agrees that a Quiet Zone is necessary for the comfort of the residents then Grand Trunk would be 100% responsible. Trustee Burgess asked that the railroad representative be invited back to a committee meeting to get further clarification. Village Clerk Williams stated that Grand Trunk rep Jim Kedares called today to see if there is a plan in place. Trustee Williams stated that the Stuttley Group was requested previously to look into the agreement. Trustee Burgess stated that the original agreement may not include a Quiet Zone. Trustee Burgess asked Village Attorney McCormick to investigate the status of the Quiet Zone agreement further before any money is accepted. Trustee Anderson suggested that an outline of the proposal should be made available to Grand Trunk.

7. Cook County Sheriff Police Department- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that he contacted the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department to get an estimate of the cost to provide their services to Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated that the village continues to struggle to make payroll now and cannot pay the officers their holiday pay.

Trustee Burgess stated that the village would relinquish control of the policing of the village. Trustee Burgess suggested that Mayor Towers reach out to the unions and negotiate rather than reach out to Cook County. This shows no confidence in the department. The Police Department union came up with an offer to extend the time of payment for the holiday pay due to the financial position of the village.

Mayor Towers would like the board to allow Cook County to give a presentation explaining the cost for their services. The majority of the board was not in favor of inviting Cook County to give a presentation but would rather see the board support the current Police Department.

Trustee Hanks stated that the numbers provided by County just weren't there. They should provide a proposal before they come or it is a waste of time. Trustee Hanks is not in favor of inviting County to speak to the

board. The Police Department looks to us for moral support.

Trustee Williams stated that the village previously received a letter from Cook County stating that the cost of their services would be just slightly less than the budgeted amount of the current Police Department. Cook County's cost did not include overtime and other essentials. Trustee Williams stated that the board and residents have already stated that they do not want Cook County Sheriff's Police patrolling their village for a number of reasons including slow response times, not knowing our residents or our streets. When you eliminate any department it is hard to get it back.

Trustee Myers stated that there has been a change in Cook County. The cost savings is not there. There are additional charges that are not included in their initial quote. Currently, everything is handled in house. Problems with Cook County may have to be dealt with in a location as far as 26th and California.

Trustee Anderson stated that she is in support of hearing the information from County to see what is available rather than the board limiting themselves of information. There has been an increase of crime in this town. The Police Alliance Committee was formed due to citizens taking the policing of town in their own hands.

The elimination of a whole department upset everyone. There was no balance.

Trustee Burgess agreed that the board gets limited information. Three weeks ago Trustee Burgess tried to present another law firm to the board but was unable to do so; now we want to entertain other avenues that are out there.

Trustee Williams stated that the union has worked with us during these financial times. They were supportive of the village when the village could not pay them. Will County be so forgiving? The Police Department has a vested interest in Sauk Village. They participate in village events on their own time. The tax levy has to be considered. Taxes were raised in the past to add police officers. One police officer recently came in through a grant; that would have to be paid back. Trustee Williams stated that she has always voted in favor of not cutting any personnel. Friends or affiliations who have not provided any service to the village should not be favored over people who should be thanked for their years of service and what they have brought to the community at a ½% (?) savings.

Trustee Anderson stated that the officers have been well involved in the community and the past chief had a lot involvement in the community. Due to his involvement in the community there were more active citizens as well. They advocated well for the Police Department. They helped create the Police Alliance Committee. Gathering information does not mean you have made the final decision to eliminate. This is fact finding before you make a decision.

Trustee Williams stated that options were not given to the board when others have been put in place. There is an option here. Trustee Anderson stated that there were options in those cases; everyone had their vote.

Mayor Towers asked for a consensus of the board if Cook County should come to make a presentation.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

There will be no presentation by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department according to a vote of four against and two in favor.

8. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Anderson asked seniors to complete a survey that is on the back table and return it tonight. State Representative Anthony De Luca is requesting this information to decide what the targets should be for the senior committee under his legislative branch. Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet Thursday, December 9th in the Senior Center at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

Trustee Hanks stated that he and his wife will be leaving tomorrow for their son's graduation from boot camp on Friday.

Trustee Benson stated that the annual Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010 starting at the Public Works garage at 10:00 am. After the parade around the village the lighting of the Christmas tree will take place at the Community Center where there will be pictures with Santa and hot chocolate.

Trustee Myers stated that he will attend the Public Safety Alliance Committee meeting in Trustee Hanks' place on December 14th at 9:00 am. Trustee Myers stated that there will be no Ordinance Review Committee meeting in December.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will meet Wednesday, December 8th at 7 pm to discuss the website and Student Government Day. Sauk Talk articles are due on Friday, December 31, 2010 at midnight.

Trustee Burgess thanked everyone for their condolences on the loss of his brother. The Economic Development Committee is taking a field trip this Thursday to network with other communities.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the first date of filing nominations papers is Monday, December 13th starting at 8:00 am. Anyone in line at 8:00 am will receive a lottery number. The lottery will be held within nine days. This determines position on the ballot. Nomination papers will be accepted through Monday, December 20th until 5:00 pm. The Village Hall is closed on Wednesdays therefore no nomination papers will be accepted on Wednesdays. The last day to file objections to nominating petitions is Tuesday, December 28, 2010. The last day to withdraw nominations is also Tuesday, December 28, 2010. Candidates are strongly advised to seek legal advice with regards to the circulating and filing of nomination papers. Nomination papers are a matter of public record and will be made available for inspection.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Judy Cast stated that Cook County Police will expect to get paid; just pay our guys. Judy contacted Cook County and stated that they will not come to Sauk Village as long as we have a workable Police Department. The amount of money they will charge is basically the same and includes two cars per shift and does not include patrolling the streets. Sauk Village has 2-4 cars on the street throughout the day and night. The money paid to Cook County will not cover supplies and overtime and they have no knowledge of our village. Crime has gone up everywhere. Too many grievances have already been filed in this town.

Pat Couch stated that Cook County does not know the residents or the streets. The amount of money to be saved is a pittance. Pat asked Attorney McCormick for some information on the Stuttley Group. Pat asked if a Police Chief has been appointed yet.

Zeb Stanley, many year resident, stated that the only time Cook County normally comes in is when they are taking over after some type of corruption. To be asked to come in is unheard of. Do we have to be concerned that Cook County will come in overnight?

Ralph Nikitscher, Police union rep, appreciated everyone's kind comments. Ralph stated that several months back there was a meeting set up with Mayor Towers and the Village Attorney and the village cancelled the

meeting the day before. Ralph tried several times to reschedule another meeting and could never get another meeting. They have been hearing about Cook County and they were told it was not going to happen. The men and women of the Police Department have been under a lot of stress wondering if they will be walking in to a job tomorrow or not. They have heard that County is coming at various times. End this; they have a job to do. They have offered to meet with the Mayor and deal with him. Joe Bertrand called last week and explained the Village's position and Ralph met with everyone and got an extension within four days and hand delivered it to Mayor Towers. They believe in you; when are you going to believe in us. The Police Department still stands ready to work for this community every day even though they have not gotten uniforms in two years, half the squad cars are sitting broken down and much of the equipment they have to work with is dysfunctional in many cases. Ralph asked Mayor Towers to tell him what he needs. The letter was delivered Friday and he still does not know if the village accepted it. He's a phone call away and he is frustrated. Ralph stated that it was good that the officers present could hear the support from the elected officials and the community.

Mike Brown stated that Cook County keeps getting called up. Cook County was called to Ford Heights because they could not pay their Police Department. Sauk Village can pay their Police Department. Mike stated that maybe the Police Department could look and see what cuts can be made within the department. Mike praises the Sauk Village Police Department. There is a string of robberies happening in Sauk Village. He recently called the police and they responded quickly.

Larry Stewart stated that crime is not new to Sauk Village. People should get to know their police officers. They work with the community. It seems some members want that gone. They say it is about dollars. A lot of people's jobs are on the line. The head needs to consider the people of Sauk Village. Instead of outside sources being brought in we need to lift up the inside sources. Build things up without outside interference. The majority of the board is against it- drop it. Give people promotions that they deserve.

Carl asked if FAMCID will get their business license next week and asked if it was in a TIF district. Mayor Towers stated that it will be on the agenda next week. Carl stated the amount of people they are talking about will cause traffic and a lack of parking. Think about the consequences of the venture.

Frank Williams stated that the four that are against Cook County should send a letter and the two that are for them should send a letter and they will know not to make the trip out here. Frank stated that the Police Department is responsible to resident's calls. Frank stated that the citizens will get behind the Mayor if he goes in the right direction. Laying off the Police Department and Code Enforcement is not a good thing to do. We have to have Code Enforcement. Let's come together and stop trying to separate. Take what you have and make what you want out of it.

Jan Clark asked how many trustees voted to not have Cook County come in and if this can happen again and again. Trustee Burgess stated that a poll, not a vote, was taken tonight whether or not to put it on next week's agenda. Jan asked that everyone who is upset about Cook County Police coming into our village and who support the Police Department to stand up. Jan suggested that the trustees ask the Mayor not to bring this up again.

Nancy Baker asked why the audit hasn't been started yet. Mayor Towers stated that he will put together a committee.

John Hinko stated that you have to give a little to get a little.

Liz Hinko said instead of fighting for the Stuttley group and Cook County Police fight for the Sauk Village Police Department.

Rose Langston stated that the location for the FAMCID seems kind of small when you put tables and chairs in there.

Rose suggested that a bid packet be sent out to Cook County and get the information in writing. Ask the Police Department everything they do and ask Cook County what the cost would be for those services. Rose has never had a problem with the police for the last 50 years. Rose is sure they won't patrol or be there when the kids get out of school or at the fires before the Fire Department can get there.

Trustee Williams thanked Mr. Nikitscher for coming and speaking up for the officers and discussing the stress this has caused them. They could see that there is support for them. Trustee Williams apologized for the mistakes and miscommunication caused by the board and asked Mayor Towers to follow up with Mr. Nikitscher. The board has been discussing setting up meetings with the unions since August. The Police Department needs to know that the board respect them and wants them to have the things they need. Trustee Williams thanked the officers in the audience.

Mayor Tower stated that he will get back to Mr. Nikitscher.

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session for the items listed below. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

The board recessed to executive session at 10:20 pm.

10. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Trustee Hanks made a motion to resume the Committee meeting at 11:18 pm. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

11. Adjournment of Meeting 11:19 pm

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams