

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 3, 2012.**

1.Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:18 pm.(Started late due to a 6:00 pm Special Meeting)

A. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

2. A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:19 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:38 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Trustee Chavez asked for an opportunity to present the Parks and Recreation Youth Service Committee's 2011 Volunteer of the Year award to Cortez Stewart at this time.

3. Update on the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Program—James Czarnik, Robinson Engineering

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that he met with Public Works Director Kevin Weller and Village Manager Henrietta Turner to discuss 2012 MFT / CDBG funding and the annual day labor report. Street repairs will be made to portions of 223rd Street, 217th Street and Clyde Avenue based on available funds. Standard IDOT forms were presented to the board. These items will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

- BLR 05510 Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds
- BLR 0911 Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code
- BLR 05512 Preliminary / Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds
- BLR 09111 Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

- BLR 05520 Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer
- BLR 14230 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

4.A Resolution Authorizing the Village Mayor to Serve as, or to Appoint, the Official Representative of the Village of Sauk Village to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative. –Trustee Hanks

Tabled per Trustee Hanks.

5. Parks and Recreation Staffing and Expenditures – Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that he spoke Village Manager Turner and Finance Director Rao to discuss part time employees for the Community Center. These employees would receive no benefits. Trustee Chavez stated that he is aware of the hiring freeze for full time employees. The Parks and Recreation budget allows for Contractual Services in the amount of \$30,000.00 under line item #100-237.68. Trustee Chavez stated that he was unable to address the matter of Parks and Recreation personnel during budget talks and would like to now move \$23,683.00 to Personnel to pay two part time employees (one at \$12.00 p/hr and the other at \$10.00 p/hr) for 4 hours a day. The balance of \$6,317.00 will remain for Contractual Services such as referees and umpires. Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee continues to bring in revenue; having employees on staff will allow for even more programming. Revenue in the amount of \$1,200.00 has already been added to the budget.

Trustee Chavez requested that funds be provided for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Basketball Court when it is completed with striping in the spring. The gym floor needs rubber flooring repairs in the amount of approximately \$2,500.00. Window replacements are also necessary. Trustee Chavez is requesting \$10,841.00 for repairs. Funds have been approved by Finance Director Rao. The Parks and Recreation budget has a remaining balance of \$55,463.00. Trustee Chavez stated that all revenue from the Line Dancing, Boxing, concessions and other programs come through the front desk.

The two items dealing with amending the budget for Parks and Recreation personnel and the hiring of two part time employees will be added to next week's agenda for approval.

6. Ordinance Amending the Rates imposed for Water and Sewer usage in the Village Ordinance No. 06-10—Village Manager

Tabled per Mayor Towers.

7. D. P. Partners Donation of \$100,000.00 expenditures—Village Manager

Tabled per Mayor Towers.

8. Codification for Village Ordinances – Village Clerk

Trustee Myers asked Village Clerk Williams to report on the update of the Municipal codebook. Village Clerk Williams stated that per the board's instructions to continue with the update of the code book all ordinances have been submitted to Municode through December 2011. The last update took place in April of 2003.

The cost to update the code book is approximately \$12,500.00 which will include a legal review to verify that the Village codes are in compliance with all current State laws. This project could take up to six to eight months to complete. Municode will provide a free three hour training. Funds from the Winpak donation will be used to pay for the cost of the update or two payments can be made per year for two years. Additional services are available at an additional cost. The code book should be updated quarterly or annually in the future. This item will be readdressed at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Myers stated that he verified with Finance Director Rao that Winpak funds were available. The Ordinance Review Committee will review the updated code book for accuracy when it is completed. Village Clerk Williams stated that currently all ordinances have been posted on line as they were approved starting in 2010.

9. GIS Consortium membership (SSMMA) – Village Manager

Tabled per Mayor Towers.

10. Open Meetings Training – Village Manager

Tabled per Mayor Towers.

11. Agenda Order – Village Clerk

Village Clerk Williams stated that it has been suggested that questions from the audience be placed back at the end of the agenda. Audience participation was originally placed at the end agenda but was moved up in the agenda as a suggestion from the Village Attorneys. The board agreed to move audience participation before the motion to recess to executive session on the agenda.

12. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Fundraising efforts include a trip to Four Winds Casino on Monday, February 20, 2012 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. The cost of \$35.00 includes a \$10.00 meal credit, \$15.00 in slot play and roundtrip transportation. Trustee Williams thanked Comcast (\$1,000.00), Odelson, Sterk Law Firm (\$450.00) and School District 168 (Student Government Day breakfast) for their generous donations.

Trustee Chavez reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Community Center at 5 pm. Trustee Chavez asked Public Works Director Weller to move forward with the rubber floor to prepare for basketball season. Basketball and boxing flyers will be out soon. 2012 Community Center memberships are on sale for \$10.00 -17 and under and \$20.00 – 18 and older. Non-residents add \$5.00. Late memberships fees begin after January 31, 2012. Trustee Chavez asked for a website link and calendar to be included on the Village website. Trustee Williams asked for all information to be sent in electronic format.

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Benson reminded residents that all public information is available through Freedom of Information requests.

Trustee Myers reported that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on January 17, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The next Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting will be held on January 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall; guest speakers will be in attendance. Police officer presence has also been requested. Trustee Myers reminded residents to light up the front and back of their houses at night.

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams asked PW Director Weller for a list of light outages that are Com Ed's responsibility. PW Director Weller stated that the Public Works Department is addressing that issue. There are still 18 street lights requiring repairs.

Mayor Towers asked to amend the agenda to include item #14 at this time.

***14. Public Comment**

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

Human Relations Commission and Beautification Committee Chair Marva Campbell- Pruitt reported that the Human Relations Commission will meet on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall and the Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. The Beautification Committee will be presenting their annual calendar of activities and would like the approval of the Board to sell concessions at the Village meetings in order to raise funds for the activities. The Board agreed by consensus to allow the concession sales.

Larry Stewart stated that more people should volunteer to make a difference.

Rose Langston- congratulated Trustee Chavez on being named Man of the Year. Rose reported that the Chili Cook Off will be held on March 24, 2012; volunteers are needed to make chili. The Blood Pressure Screening will take place two times a month. The next Monday Senior Movie at the library will be held on January 9, 2012 at 1:00 pm. The Senior Craft Show is open to exhibitors 50+ years old for no charge with priority to Sauk Village residents. Refreshments will be sold by the Senior Committee only. Rose thanked the Beautification Committee for all they do. The Senior Committee will be making a donation to the Community Garden.

Francine Anderson- congratulated Cortez Stewart on his volunteerism and stated that money is in the Police Department budget for the Police Chief.

Bernice Houston remarked on the water revenues and the non working hydrants.

Janice Clark- remarked that it was stated that there was no money in the Police Department budget before the Police Chief was sworn in.

Additional discussions included information regarding the check that was issued to Chief Fox without Board approval and the water revenues. A summary of Water Department revenue and expenses was requested by Trustee Williams.

Village Clerk Williams reminded residents that all FOIA requests must be directed to FOIA Clerk Jasinski.

13. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All ayes

The meeting was recessed at 10:07 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Committee meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

15. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 pm

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Amended Agenda Order

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, JANUARY 3, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel Matters and Possible Threatening and Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (SILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Hanks repeated the motion to recess to executive session with formal action to be taken.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:08 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene with action to be taken at 7:24 pm.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Trustee Williams directed the Village Attorney to forward a summary of events that were discussed in executive session to the Illinois State's Attorney's office.

A motion to place Village Treasurer Genorise Carmichael on paid administrative leave pending a future investigation was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson stated his concerns with the amount of litigation Sauk Village is involved in. Trustee Myers stated that an investigation is needed to see why the money was given out. Trustee Williams stated that the direction to the attorney includes an investigation for possible misappropriation of funds, official misconduct and attempted theft by Treasurer Genorise Carmichael and Mayor Towers.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

A motion to place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on immediate paid administrative leave as a direct result of her assistance in the aforementioned charges was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Burgess stated that it was clearly stated during budget talks that no money was allocated for a Police Chief this year. It was suggested to hire from within and revisit the budget next year. Mayor Towers has not provided a plan on how to pay this person. The same matter was addressed two weeks ago and the Village Attorney stated that the check should not be written. Mayor Towers placed the Village Manager in a precarious position by giving her an executive order to prepare a check without board approval. The check was signed by Mayor Towers and Treasurer Carmichael and subsequently a stop payment was placed.

Trustee Benson stated that the board and the attorney are trying to micromanage the Village Manager. Trustee Benson stated that the person who wrote the check should also be disciplined or no one should be disciplined.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Trustee Williams asked that an investigation begin of official misconduct on behalf of Chief Fox for accepting the check even though it was stated at several board meetings in his presence that there was no money and that the check should not have been cut. Trustee Williams asked for a status of the check. Trustee Williams stated that it is unfortunate that people who knew there were no funds appropriated for the check chose to do so of their own free will.

Chief Fox stated that the State's Attorney's office has been notified and there will be some notification in the morning.

Trustee Myers asked the amount of the check in question. The amount of the check was \$4,686.65.

Mayor Towers stated that was his attempt to make sure the Chief got paid without costing the taxpayers money on litigation. The Chief will get paid at some point. Mayor Towers stated that there is money in the Police Department budget. Mayor Towers stated that he attempted to hire from within the department but the board will not work with him. Mayor Towers stated that there will be litigation to pay the Chief.

Trustee Williams asked that a memo be given to both employees placed on administrative leave and that all keys and other Village property be returned. A memo should be given to all department heads to explain that Interim Village Manager Dieterich is in charge.

Mayor Towers stated that he will prepare a written veto on each of the board's motions.

Trustee Burgess stated that the board is trying to work with Mayor Towers. The board asked Mayor Towers to show them where the Chief's salary will come from. There has been 4 ½ weeks to come up with a plan on how to pay his salary. The attorney's recommendation from two weeks ago not to prepare a payroll check should have been followed by all personnel again this week.

Trustee Benson stated that a plan was provided by Interim Village Manager Dieterich to provide for a Chief's salary if they followed the plan by making various cuts and other revisions to the budget.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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, **JANUARY 10, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: None

C. State Representative Anthony DeLuca- Words of Encouragement to Board and Community

State Representative Anthony DeLuca explained that the legislative boundaries are redrawn every ten years following the Census. Due to the redistricting that will take place on January 2013, Sauk Village will be split between two State Representatives. Representative DeLuca regretfully explained that his district will no longer include Sauk Village. State Representative DeLuca encouraged the Board and the citizens to work together to move the Village forward. Mayor Towers thanked Representative DeLuca for attending the meeting and for the words of encouragement.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. November 29, 2011- Special Hearing- Hook Up

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table the minutes of November 29, 2011 Special Hearing- Hook Up. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

B. December 6, 2011- Committee Meeting

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2011 Committee meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. December 13, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustees Hanks

Motion carried

D. December 20, 2011- Special Hearing- Enterprise Zone

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2011 Special Hearing- Enterprise Zone. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E. December 20, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to table the minutes of December 20, 2011 Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion to table carried

F. December 20, 2011- Committee Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the comprehensive Sauk Village Calendar is now being updated on the website and copies will be available at the first Board meeting of the month. VC Williams asked that all committees provide all meeting information to be included on the calendar and to submit agendas and meeting minutes promptly to the Clerk's office. All Sauk Village meetings should be open to the public.

VC Williams stated that as a matter of full disclosure all Village board agendas, minutes and ordinances are posted on the Village website upon approval. Information discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting is available to anyone requesting this information within the week prior to the board taking action on the following Tuesday. All Freedom of Information requests must be directed to FOIA Clerk Sherry Jasinski to be considered a FOIA request. The amount of 2011 FOIA requests have neared or exceeded 100 requests. All FOIA's have been logged in and answered appropriately. There have been five complaints filed with the Attorney General regarding incomplete FOIA responses. The Village has been found at no fault on three of the five complaints. The Village Attorney believes the Village will be found at no fault on the two remaining complaints. All complaints from the Attorney General's office are immediately turned over to the Village Attorney. Meeting minutes beginning in January will only include the business portion of the meeting and will include no references to race, politics, personal or professional attacks, bickering, allegations, etc...

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner- No report

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that the agenda includes motions to approve a number of agreements regarding road reconstruction and resurfacing projects that will include 217th Street from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue, 223rd Street from Nichols to Murphy and Clyde Avenue from 218th Street to 215th Place.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Veto the Board's motion to Suspend Village Manager Turner with pay

Veto the Board's motion to Suspend Village Treasurer Carmichael with pay

Mayor Towers read his formal written objection dated January 7, 2012 that vetoed the Board's motion of January 3, 2012 to suspend Village Manager Turner with pay.

Mayor Towers read his formal written objection dated January 7, 2012 that vetoed the Board's motion of January 3, 2012 to suspend Village Treasurer Carmichael with pay.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the Community Center will be closed Saturday and Sunday due to the gym floor repairs. The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Basketball registration and the purchase of Community Center ID cards is available at the Community Center. Trustee Chavez stated that the Community Center is open for rentals. Elected officials will not be charged for Committee meetings but will be charged for personal use of the facility. Elected officials must state the reason for the rental before the application is approved. Trustee Benson requested the Community Center for a community meeting from 10 am -12 pm on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority Commission met to discuss the NACA workshop, both Home Save and Home Buy programs, as well as other programs to assist the residents. The Housing Commission is working on offering a Water Expo that will provide residents in-home alternatives for water. Trustee Hanks thanked Commissioners Holcomb and Stewart for attending the Chicago Southland Collaborative Steering monthly meetings in his absence and providing reports to the commission. Information was shared on alternative ways to pay for the GIS mapping system previously discussed by the Board. Use of TIF funds, sharing between departments and sponsorships were considerable options. Cook County is also considering funding to assist municipalities.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall conference room. The Neighborhood Watch Committee will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Guest speakers will be in attendance to introduce an alarm system and to give residents safety tips. Trustee Myers asked Village Attorney McGrath to provide an update on the vacant Talandis property when it is available.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development meeting was rescheduled until Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Burgess reported on the progress of the Winpak development and other local businesses. Guest speaker, Shannon Armstrong, will be providing information on possible improvements to TIF #1 to the Board and TIF consultants in the near future.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee has finalized Student Government dates and events. Student Government Day is open to all Sauk Village 8th graders including students that are home schooled and attend out of district schools. Registration information will be available at the front desk. Fundraising will continue. The Four Winds Casino trip is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at a cost of \$35.00. Trustee Williams reported that the Sauk Talk is complete and ready for distribution. The Sauk Talk has not been delivered to homes since July of 2009 due to budget restraints.

The Sauk Talk continues to be published bimonthly and is available at the Village Hall, library, local businesses and the website. Trustee Williams prepared a memo to the Board asking for a consensus to move forward with the printing and the mailing of the current issue to all residents due to the content (Student Government Day, Water Referendum information, etc...). The estimated cost for the printing and postage (\$1,800.00) is included in the memo; the final costs will be included on the next Accounts Payable. Mayor Towers asked for the timeline when the Sauk Talk would be mailed. Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk needs to be printed and at the Post Office by Friday, January 20, 2012 due to a postal increase for the bulk mailing.

Trustee Benson stated that there is no money for the mailing of the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams stated that the money could come from the Winpak donation; it is important that the residents receive information on the Water Referendum. Trustee Benson stated that Winpak money should be used to pay for employees- not the Sauk Talk; the website **and** marquee can be used instead to save money.

Trustee Burgess stated that Winpak money cannot be used to pay for employees and stated that Trustee Williams discussed the mailing of the Sauk Talk last week; every resident should receive the information.

Trustee Williams stated that all Sauk Talks are already placed on the website and the marquee can also be used. Trustee Burgess stated that everyone does not have internet access. Trustee Williams asked for a consensus of the Board if this Sauk Talk issue should be mailed.

FD Rao confirmed that funds were available per Trustee Myers' inquiry.

Mayor Towers stated that he is in favor of the Sauk Talk being mailed; his only concern being can the Board vote on the expense at this time. Village Attorney McGrath agreed that a consensus to move forward is acceptable at this time.

Mayor Towers polled the Board.

The consensus to move forward with the printing and mailing of the Sauk Talk was:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Mayor Towers approved the consensus.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported that Sauk Village will be receiving 10 new tazors with video cameras at no charge. The tazors will be received within the next 21 days per the compliments of Superintendent Terry Hilliard. An incoming \$4,500.00 grant from Illinois Public Risk Fund will be used for computers and office radios. Chief Fox will be confirming the Sheriff Department's SWAT team dates for the period of January – December, 2012 with Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees. The SWAT team will be in Sauk Village two weekends a month to provide trash clean up; water and access to public facilities is required. Chief Fox will meet with State and County Police Departments to discuss initiatives on gangs and drugs and focusing on saturating high crime areas during the period of March 1st – June 1st. A report will be given to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. A zero tolerance roadside safety check is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday on Route 30. The Step Grant can be utilized to pay for safety checks.

Chief Fox will continue to focus on the burglaries with the assistance of outside agencies. Chief Fox reported that there were 1,325 calls for service with 94 arrests to date. Back seat drivers are required to wear a seat belt as of January 1, 2012. Chief Fox reported that the Bond Court will be closed in court houses on the weekends starting in March if the Chief Judge does not rescind the order. This will impact the Police Department overtime heavily; officers will need to transport prisoners to 26th and California and wait for them to be processed. Chief Fox suggested that residents write the County Commissioner to ask that the order be rescinded. Trustee Myers asked Chief Fox to email the contact info to the Board.

(Chief Fox was dismissed at 10:08 pm to assist the State Police in conducting an investigation in the Village.)

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 29 calls between the period of December 13, 2011 and January 9, 2012. Chief Stoffregen reminded residents to keep space heaters 3 feet away from any objects, avoid using extension cords and keep an eye out for elderly neighbors.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the Public Works Department has addressed 30 street light repairs; four more require additional repairs. General maintenance continues at the Police Department and the Community Center. The Public Works Department is ready for winter; plenty of salt is on hand. The department will also continue to address the water leaks and tree cutting which is affected by the lack of personnel. DH Weller informed residents to report all sewer leaks to the Police Department after normal business hours before calling a plumber to determine if the problem is Village related.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski reported that the information presented for the electric guard dog fence has been reviewed by the Village Attorney. The Village needs a text amendment for special use to install an electric fence in an industrial area. The Zoning Board will meet February 6, 2012 at 7 pm to start the process and will present the information to the Board on the 1st meeting in March. Payment Service Network (On line water bill payment service) is up and running. Access www.paymentservicenetwork.com to pay by check or credit card. A link will be available on the Village website shortly. Happy Nails has moved to 1717D Sauk Trail. A new supermarket will be opening at the end of January or beginning of February in the old Consumers Pharmacy building.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the current General Fund balance is \$719,065.04. The last quarter of the COPS grant reimbursement was received on January 7, 2012 in the amount of \$22,972.40. The second quarter report for the Department of Economic Commerce Opportunity (DECO) has been completed. Village Engineer Czarnik is working to provide information to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The audit may be complete by the end of February. Finance Director Rao stated that the Village has completed an 18 month audit and is waiting for information from the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards. The Police and Firemen's Pension Boards are reluctant to complete an 18 month audit. Chief Fox stated that they are compiling the paperwork now. The audit may be completed without that information. The bond rating is currently suspended pending the audit.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson stated that the department answered 32 calls between the period of December 13, 2011 and January 9, 2012. DH Johnson reminded residents to be cautious driving in the snow and shoveling the snow and check on the seniors and handicapped residents.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston reported that seven seniors attended the movie at the library. Free Blood pressure screenings co-sponsored by the Senior Committee and the PLAN will be held on January 11, 2012 and January 25, 2012 in the Senior Center from 1-2 pm. The next Senior Committee meeting will be held January 12th in the Senior Center at 5 pm. The Senior Committee has scheduled events for 2012 that include the Chili Cook off (Saturday, March 24), Senior Spaghetti Dinner (Saturday, October 13) and Craft Show (Saturday, May 12). Movies were also selected. The Senior Committees are open to all Sauk Village seniors over the age of 50. The next Bloom Township senior luncheon will take place at Serbian Hall at 186th and Stony on January 24, 2012. Doors open at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$4.00 for Township residents and \$8.00 for non-residents. The Jones Community Center is hosting a Lunch and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, January 18th at 10 am. Call 708/757-5395 for more information. The cost is \$5.00. The 2012 dues will be \$5.00 and will be collected at that time.

Chase Bank salutes the military with exclusive benefits and support for unemployed Veteran's and military personnel including waiving fees and hiring veterans.

The Senior Committee is offering basic computer classes for seniors.

H. Beautification Committee- Linda Todd

Beautification Committee member Linda Todd reported that the Beautification Committee met January 9, 2012. The Beautification Committee will continue to move forward on the Community Garden even though the Fiskar's Grant was not awarded to Sauk Village. The 2012 calendar will be published in the Sauk Talk including the Community Improvement Day, May 19th and Clean, Green and Preen week of June 4th through June 9th. Fundraisers will include a Balmoral Race Track event on March 16th, Open Market and Community Garage Sale in June and concession sales at Village Hall meetings starting January 17th. The Adopt a Spot criteria will be provided at a later date.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Police Alliance Committee Chair LeNarge Booker stated that the Police Alliance Committee will be sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on January 21, 2012 from 10 am – 12 pm. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 am. The location may be changed to the Community Center. The Police Alliance Committee is looking for volunteers. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th. There will be no meeting on January 23rd.

J. Human Relations Commission- Trustee Hanks

Human Relations Commissioner Trustee Hanks announced that the Human Relations Commission met to discuss upcoming events including a Voter's Registration Drive, hosting Diversity Dinners, an International Festival, updating the Community Resource booklet, hosting a BBQ Cook off, Mother's Day Tea, Race Relations Seminar, facilitate training and collaboration between Village Officials and establish a Youth Council. Contact HRC Chair Marva Pruitt at hrcommission@yahoo.com for more information. Trustee Hanks read a salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. Motion to Approve BLR 0911 Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion to approve Resolution BLR0911 was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that these are standard forms required by the State of Illinois to pass in order to perform work in the municipality and to provide multiple tax breaks and funding for road reconstruction.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve BLR 09111 Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion to approve Resolution BLR09111 was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve BLR 14230 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion to approve Resolution BLR14230 was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for December 14, 2011 through January 10, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for December 14, 2011 through January 10, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Benson stated that he will not pass any Accounts Payables due to the misappropriations of the Board. Trustee Hanks asked Trustee Benson to provide proof of the allegation so improper charges can be removed from the Accounts Payable if necessary. None was provided.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve BLR 05510 Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the BLR 05510 Preliminary Services agreement for Motor Fuel Tax funds. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve BLR 05512 Preliminary/ Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the BLR 05512 Preliminary/ Construction Services agreement for Motor Fuel Tax funds.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve BLR 05520 Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the BLR 05520 Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. A Motion to Amend the 2011-2012 Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Budget to hire Part time Employees for the Community Center

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the 2011-2012 Sauk Village Parks and Recreation budget to hire Part time Employees for the Community Center.

The motion approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson stated that there is no money for additional employees; if there is money in the Parks and Recreation budget it should be used to improve the conditions of the parks. Trustee Hank stated that this matter was discussed at length. The Parks and Recreation budget includes an allocation for Contractual Services. A recent grant will provide for park repairs. Trustee Benson asked for copies of all information pertaining to the parks grant.

Discussion continued including budget cuts to the Public Works Department, elimination of Code Department and the Police Department budget.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. Motion to Authorize Village Manager Dieterich to Hire an Administrative Clerk to Replace a Retiring Individual

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Authorize Village Manager Dieterich to Hire an Administrative Clerk to Replace a Retiring Individual.

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

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that due to the timeframe involved a replacement needs to be in place as soon as possible to allow for training. The replacement will be hired following union guidelines. Administrative Clerk Sandy Dieterich will be retiring in Mid-February.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement reached between the Village of Sauk Village and Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela in Settlement Conference directed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Approve a Settlement Agreement reached between the Village of Sauk Village and Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela in a Settlement Conference directed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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

Trustee Benson questioned the Board's actions in approving settlements out of court. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village insurance company is presenting the settlement agreement to the Board after they conducted a full investigation through the EEOC and by direction of the Federal court. The settlement is being paid through the insurance company at no cost to the Village. Village Attorney McGrath agreed that the settlement will be paid through the insurance company with no admission of liability on behalf of the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the Risk Management company's representative explained to the entire Board that a trial would cost more money and they can pull out leaving the Village responsible for all court costs and attorney fees as well the settlement.

Trustee Burgess stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order Trustees should be limited to comment twice on a topic and should not be recognized by the Chair after that.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

H. Motion to Expunge all Disciplinary Action made by Former Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill-Corley and Former Chief Martin to Sauk Village Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Expunge all Disciplinary Action made by Former Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill-Corley and Former Chief Martin to Sauk Village Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela.

The motion to expunge was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

I. Motion to Overturn Mayor's Vetos to the Board's Motions to Suspend with pay the Village Manager and Village Treasurer.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Overturn Mayor's Vetos to the Board's Motions to Suspend with pay the Village Manager and Village Treasurer.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. PUBLIC COMMENT- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers.

Francine Anderson commented on the Police Department settlements and the Sauk Talk water article.

Janice Clark asked for clarification on the Police Chief's proposals for community service.

Larry Stewart commented on the Police Chief's proposals for community service.

Bernice Houston commented on the Sauk Talk water article, Sauk Village water issues, the Police Officer's settlements and the status of the Village Manager.

Demetri- 215th & Peterson asked for clarification on an Accounts Payable item.

Pat Couch- 221st Street – commented on past lawsuits.

James Harvey- 224th & Brookwood- commented on the Police Officer's settlement.

Rose Langston commented on following Robert's Rules of Order.

Lynda Washington asked for clarification on the Mayor and Board's ability to veto and override and replacing the retiring individual.

Nate Griffin- asked for clarification of the Consent Agenda.

John Hinko asked for clarification of the Police Officer's expungements and commented on the Sauk Talk water article.

Will Smith commented on the Police Department budget.

Bernadine Hopkins commented on volunteering and hiring individuals for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Towers stated that all inquiries regarding the Police Department settlement need to be submitted as a FOIA to the insurance company. Questions from the audience must pertain to agenda items only at Regular Board meetings.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees-

Mayor Towers asked to rescind the motions to approve item 2E per Village Clerk Williams.

Mayor Towers asked for clarification why the item needed to be rescinded. Village Clerk Williams stated that Trustee Hanks brought something to her attention after the minutes were approved that needed further clarification.

The motion to approve item 2E was rescinded by Trustee Williams and the motion to second was rescinded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion to rescind the motions to approve item 2E carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table item 2E per Village Clerk Williams. The motion to table was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion to table item 2E carried

Trustee Williams asked that signs be displayed prohibiting talking on the cell phone during the meetings. Trustee Williams stated that the three minute rule and stopping discussion of items not on the agenda needs to be consistent throughout the public comment period and that discussion of personnel, lawsuits and pending litigation should be limited in open session.

Trustee Myers inquired about the status of the handicapped sign for resident Ms. Perkins. Trustee Benson stated that the State Police does not issue the type of signs that Ms. Perkins is requesting for the use of

medical personnel who visit her home. Ms. Perkins can include the medical personnel's information to her handicapped parking tag. Trustee Benson has been unable to contact Ms. Perkins.

Trustee Hanks commented on the lack of signature on his Commission card and asked that the issue be included on all future agendas until it is signed.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification if the Finance Director or the Village Manager makes the final decision about budgetary items such as personnel. Finance Director Rao stated that the Finance Director reports to the Village Manager.

Trustee Chavez inquired what type of meeting Trustee Benson is holding in the Community Center and stated that resumes and applications for the part time position will be accepted at the Community Center.

Trustee Benson stated that the meeting is a Public Awareness meeting at 10 am.

11. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

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

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 10:18 pm.

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 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 17, 2012.

1.Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Safeguard Properties- Trustee Williams

Safeguard Properties Representative Brandon Kirkham presented the Compliance Connection software application that is free to municipalities to help deal with code violations on vacant or abandoned properties. Compliance Connections helps to identify the bank, loan servicer or investor that is responsible to address violations on those properties. Safeguard Properties also works with the bank, loan servicer or investor to correct the violations in a timely manner at no cost to the village. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

Police Chief Fox stated that this software will give beat cops the opportunity to check out abandoned properties on their routes, will generate income for the Village and will reduce the manpower in the Public Works Department for grass cutting and other property maintenance. Brandon stated that the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance will also assist the vacant properties.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess at 7:24 pm in order to reconvene the 6:00 pm Special Meeting executive session. The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Committee meeting at 9:03 pm after adjourning the 6:00 Special meeting following the executive session. The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

3. TIF #1 Closeout Items

Interim Village Manager Dieterich presented a list of closeout items for TIF #1 that were presented to TIF Attorney Jimmy Vasselli for review. TIF #1 is due to expire in December of 2012. The TIF can be renewed if agreed to by both parties. Any outstanding obligations should be satisfied before the expiration of the TIF. All remaining money will be split between all of the taxing bodies. Sauk Village will receive 19%. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

4.TIF #2 & #3 Invoices

Interim Village Manager Dieterich presented invoices for TIF's #2 and #3. TIF #4 revenue can be used to pay for TIF #3 invoices because it is contiguous. Activity in TIF #3 has been reduced. The next TIF

meeting will take place after the village audit is complete. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

5. Request to Waive Bidding for ESDA Warning Siren Upgrades

ESDA Director Johnson stated that four sirens need to be updated per mandate. Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that the upgrading of the sirens is budgeted for and asked that the bidding process be waived in order to continue working with the local company that maintains the sirens at the present time. DH Johnson stated that he would like to move forward before Federal Signal's February 1st increase. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

An additional siren is needed in order to be in total compliance with Homeland Security. The board agreed to research the feasibility of placing the \$18,000.00 siren in TIF #2. This item will be placed on the next Committee agenda for discussion.

6. Request to Hire 2 additional ESDA personnel to replace personnel who have resigned

ESDA Director Art Johnson requested hiring ESDA personnel to replace two members that are retiring from the department in order to maintain minimum staffing. No "additional" positions are being created. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

7. Progress Payment- Strada Construction- MFT Sidewalk Construction Contract

Interim Village Manager Dieterich reported that the progress payment for Strada Construction is due for sidewalk construction that has been completed to date. The payment will be made through MFT funds. Village Manager Turner stated that Village Engineer Czarnik suggested withholding 20% until the project is completed. The additional sidewalk repairs are on hold until spring.

8. Northeastern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative bidding process for electricity

Interim Village Manager Dieterich reported that NIMEC has proposed lower rates for the pumping station than the current ComEd rates. Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that this a floating rate and does not see a huge savings. Village Manager Turner stated that companies continue to bring proposals to the village to reduce energy costs. The board agreed to a one year plan and to continue to analyze additional proposals.

9. Annual Motor Fuels Tax day labor transfers

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that funds are not available for the annual Motor Fuel Tax day labor transfers at this time. This matter will be readdressed when the entire \$55,000.00 is available in the MFT Fund.

Mayor Towers asked Interim Village Manager Dieterich for an update of his last date of employment. Interim VM Dick Dieterich will officially be retiring on Friday, January 20, 2012. Recognition of his years of service will be planned in the near future.

10. Commission Cards- Village Clerk Williams- Removed Per Clerk Williams

11. Public Comment

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

James Harvey- 223rd and Brookwood- asked questions relating to information on the water referendum and the Sauk Talk article.

Bernice Houston asked questions relating to information on the water referendum and the Sauk Talk article, discussed the options available upon the passing or failing of the water referendum and asked the balance in the water fund.

Frank Harvey- 223rd and Brookwood- asked questions relating to information on the water referendum and the Sauk Talk article.

Bernadine Hopkins asked how to be placed on the list for sidewalk replacement and commented on the Sauk Talk article and the water referendum.

Francine Anderson- 216th Place- questioned the Sauk Talk article and the mailing of the Sauk Talk. Francine also inquired about the Respond Now Food Pantry and future plans for the Community Center. Trustee Chavez stated that the Respond Now Food Pantry is active under the direction of Carl Wolfe.

Lynda Washington commented on the Sauk Talk article and the street lights being out on her block.

Response to several questions from the audience regarding the Sauk Talk and water referendum:

Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with the Village Attorney with regards to the Sauk Talk article. Mayor Towers stated that he has not seen the Sauk Talk but had asked that any infrastructure costs associated with the \$4.6 million dollar option be included in the article and that it was clear that the water quality would remain the same. Mayor Towers was also uncertain if the board agreed to only two options. Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk article and the ballot question refers to information of exactly how much the water rate will change that was provided by the Village Engineer and the Village Attorney. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Village Manager was asked to write the Sauk Talk article for the water referendum. Due to the Village Manager's leave of absence the Village Clerk compiled the article using sources from the Village Attorneys and the Village Engineer but did not alter or add anything to their information. The article does state that the \$4.6 million dollar option will go into effect if the referendum fails per the Village Attorney and also states that the water quality will not change with this option. The resolution question in the article is the actual question on the ballot that was previously approved by the board. The final version was given to the Mayor and the Trustees after being reviewed by the Village Engineer and the Village Attorney on January 11th. It was stated at that time that the Sauk Talk needed to go to the printer by Friday, January 13th in order to be processed before the postal increase the following weekend. It was previously approved by the board to mail this edition of the Sauk Talk in order to provide this information to all residents. The article also states that further information is available on the website and at the Village Hall including both water presentations by the Village Engineer. The Sauk Talk has been printed and is ready for mailing.

Marva Pruitt reported that the Human Relations Commission is sponsoring a Deputy Voter's Registrar

class that will take place on Monday, January 20, 2012 at 7pm at the Fire Station. Voter's Registration ends February 21, 2012. Voter's Registration drives will be planned for the near future.

Rose Langston and the Senior Committee presented a check to Beautification Chair Marva Pruitt to help with the Community Garden. Rose thanked Trustee Williams for bringing Safeguard Properties to the attention of the board. Rose thanked Trustee Chavez for the donation of two bookcases for the Senior Center book exchange and the library for the donation of two computers. Chili Cook off is March 24, 2012. The Senior Craft Show is May 12, 2012. Refreshments will be sold by the Senior Committee.

Pat Couch asked for a status report on the water and sewer line warranty program.

Judy Cast asked for updated copies of the Collector's Report and the status of the Police Pension Fund and the overpayment to Cook County.

Frank Williams commented on water main breaks and the water restrictions that can be imposed from Hammond.

Nathan Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- asked if the board always has to meet in the open and why there are so many executive sessions. Mayor Towers stated that executive sessions are necessary for personnel, collective bargaining, litigation, etc...

Ron Mitchell-216th Street- referred to a letter sent to the residents in 2009 that addressed the well contamination and asked if the ESDA opening will be posted.

John Hinko – 216th Place- commented on lawsuits from past employees.

Ed Shankel commented on microphones not working properly.

Trustee Burgess commented on the fact that his paycheck was not signed by the Mayor.

Steve Shymkus and Nate Griffin both inquired about the type of government Sauk Village is governed by and who makes the rules. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee submits ordinances to the board and Village Attorney for review and to make any necessary changes. The board votes on the final draft of the ordinance. Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village runs under a Strong Mayor form of government. The Mayor makes the rules with the advice and consent of the board. Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Village was formed under a Mayor / Trustee form of government. In a Strong Mayor form of government the Mayor executes the budget, hires and fires all personnel and starts the legislature process. Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers is working under a Strong Mayor form of government. A referendum would be required to change the Mayor/ Trustee form of government.

Sid Harris- stated that some residents do not get answers to their questions.

12. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess, Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt and McConathy Public Library Director Nan Wargo have worked on finalizing Lincoln Highway Coalition's mural project. Trustee Burgess presented a rendition of the mural that will be installed on the Fairway Foods building in the near future

and thanked Marva Pruitt and Nan Wargo for their efforts.

Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk is ready to be mailed for the first time since July, 2009. Student Government Day will be held on March 27, 2012. Packets are ready for Sauk Village 8th grade students who do not attend Sauk Village schools. Essays are due February 24th. Judges are needed; judging will take place on February 29th. The Four Winds Casino trip is scheduled for February 20, 2012. The cost is \$35.00 includes transportation, \$10.00 meal voucher and \$15.00 in play. Trustee Williams stated that some residents do not respect the time limit during public comment. The Public Comment ordinance is not being enforced.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will be meeting on February 18, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Chavez reported that the outdoor basketball courts have been completed. Community Center cards are on sale at a cost of \$10.00 for 17 years old and younger, \$20.00 for 18 and over. A \$3.00 fee will be charged after January 31, 2012. Registration has started for the Boxing classes that will be available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the near future. Community Center rentals and activities will be placed on the Parks and Recreation calendar on the Sauk Village website. Basketball registration will begin in February at the Community Center after 5 pm. Volunteers are needed. A one day pass for the Community Center is available for \$3.00. Call Trustee Chavez for more information at 708/932-9900. Baseball, Softball and T-ball programs will be considered in the near future after the fields are redone. School District 168 may be donating mats for the Cheerleading program. Resumes for the part time Parks and Recreation position are now being accepted. The position will be posted on the website. Trustee Chavez recommended that Parks and Recreation volunteer Cortez Stewart is offered the first spot due to his many hours of volunteer service. Mayor Towers stated that both positions will be posted and the positions will be filled by the Village Manager. Trustee Williams stated that the Employee Manual states that the department head reviews and interviews the applicants and selects a qualified applicant.

13. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2012)

14. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 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, JANUARY 17, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel Matters and Collective Bargaining (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

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

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting at 7:02 pm.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess the Special Meeting.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

The Special Meeting was recessed at 7:02 pm.

The Special Meeting will reconvene at the conclusion of item #2 of the 7:00 pm Committee of the Whole meeting.

After recessing the Committee of the Whole meeting Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting executive session.

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

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

The Special Meeting executive session was reconvened at 7:24 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting at 9:03 pm.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 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, JANUARY 19, 2012.

1. Call to Order

In Mayor Towers' absence a motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers to elect Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Sauk Talk

Trustee Williams reported that at the Committee meeting of January 17, 2012 she announced that the Sauk Talks were bundled and placed in postal bins and ready to be mailed for the first time since July, 2009. Some residents stated their concerns over the content of the Sauk Talk at that meeting. Trustee Williams stated that she received a phone call at approximately 12:45 pm Wednesday, January 18, 2012 that the Sauk Talks had been removed from the Village Hall. Trustee Williams spoke with both Sergeant Sailsbery and Village Manager Turner to start an investigation. Trustee Williams stated that five employees have signed affidavits of what occurred at that time and she reviewed the tape to see who took the Sauk Talks out of the building. Trustee Williams attempted to file a police report. Sergeant Sailsbery stated that Temporary Police Chief Fox would not allow a police report to be filed but an incident report was filed at that time. Chief Fox stated later in the day that he would file a report with the State's Police because Trustee Williams was unable to do so since she was a civilian. Chief Fox later stated that he would file a report. Trustee Williams stated that she was not comfortable with him filing the report because he was seen on tape removing the boxes with the Sauk Talks in them. Trustee Williams directed Village Manager Turner to request a written report from Chief Fox detailing what took place. No report of the occurrence of the events was filed by Chief Fox as of 7:15 pm that evening. Trustee Williams stated that she has informed the Cook County State's Attorney, Illinois State Police, U.S. Attorney General and the Postmaster General. Trustee Williams directed the Village Manager to inform Mayor Towers. Mayor Towers did not respond to the Village Manager's call. Trustee Williams later received confirmation that Mayor Towers stated that he had the Sauk Talks and would possibly alter the referendum article before mailing them.

Trustee Williams stated that Village Clerk Williams and several volunteers made copies of the Sauk Talk at the Village Hall and the Fire Station throughout the day and prepared them for mailing.

Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers had received a copy prior to January 17, 2012. Trustee Williams stated that Village Clerk Williams emailed the Sauk Talk to the entire board stating that this was the version that would be going to the printer on Friday, January 13th. Village Clerk Williams asked that all changes be brought to her attention before Friday, January 13th. The Sauk Talk was passed out on Tuesday, January 17th and it was stated at that time that they had to be delivered to the Post Office to avoid a postal increase that weekend. Trustee Williams stated that at least four residents did state their concern over the referendum information. It was explained that the content of the Sauk Talk article was compiled with information that was provided by the Village Engineer and Village Attorney. Mayor Towers did not make his intention known at that time that he wanted to stop the mailing of the Sauk Talk.

Trustee Burgess clarified that Mayor Towers had the Sauk Talk in his possession for 6 days prior to January 17, 2012.

Trustee Myers clarified that an employee found boxes in her car that contained the Sauk Talks. The employee notified her supervisor who determined that the boxes were placed in the employee's car by Chief Fox in error. The boxes were removed from the employee's car at that time and placed into a resident's car. It was

later stated in the affidavits that Mayor Towers had instructed Chief Fox to place the Sauk Talks into the resident's car to be delivered to him.

Trustee Williams explained that the Sauk Talks were bundled in packs of 50 and sorted in postal bins by zone. The paperwork and the check for the mailing were given to Village Manager Turner. The paperwork and Sauk Talks were removed from the postal bins and placed in boxes. Village Manager Turner still had the check in her office.

Trustee Myers asked if the Sauk Talks were identified as U.S. Mail and asked where they were at the present time. Trustee Myers also asked about the cost of the printing and mailing the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams stated that they were identified as US Mail and that she did not know their whereabouts. Trustee Williams stated that according to Village Manager Turner she contacted the resident and the resident stated that she was taking care of them for the Mayor. The check was issued to replenish the bulk mailing account at the Post Office. The cost of reprinting the Sauk Talks will be determined based on 3000 copies of four pages front and back but a rough estimate by Interim Village Manager was \$300- \$400.00. Village Clerk Williams stated that 5 people worked approximately 8 hours each with no break to get the Sauk Talks ready for the next day in order to beat the postal deadline. The cost of printing the original Sauk Talks was \$845.00.

3. Executive Session regarding Personnel Matters and Pending Litigation (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene at 8:35 pm.

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

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Mayor Pro Tem asked for roll call to be taken.

Roll call:

Present: Trustee Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

4. Formal action to be taken

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to direct the Village Attorneys to file charges against Temporary Chief Robert Fox for the least of theft of Village property and official misconduct with a Special Hearing to be called on Thursday, January 26, 2012 to review charges.

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

5. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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, **JANUARY 24, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers reported on the ruling made earlier that day in Cook County Circuit Court by Judge Kathleen Pantle that declared Ordinance 11-034 invalid. The order stated that the temporary appointment of Chief Fox will stand; the board does not have the authority to limit the terms of the Mayor's appointments.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to suspend the rules and move item #11- Recess to Executive Session up in the agenda.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

***11. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

The meeting was recessed at 7:12 pm.

***12. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 7:56 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. November 29, 2011- Special Hearing- Hook Up

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2011 Special Hearing- Hook Up.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. December 13, 2011- Special Hearing- Appropriations

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 Appropriations Hearing.
Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

C. December 20, 2011- Enterprise Zone- Special Hearing

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2011 Enterprise Zone- Special Hearing.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams recalled the series of events that lead to the preparation and mailing of the January Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams recalled the theft of the Sauk Talks from the premises which prompted the need to reprint the Sauk Talks in house in order to get them in the mail.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner reported that she will be visiting various sites with the insurance company on Friday. Revised rates should be available for March 2nd. VM Turner will provide the job description for the Parks and Recreation position to Trustee Chavez for approval. The job description will be posted online and at the Village Hall upon approval.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the next Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 26, 2012.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath provided a brief summary of today's court proceedings. VA McGrath reported that the judge ruled Ordinance 11-034 invalid ; the board is unable to limit the appointment power of the Mayor and may not remove the permanent appointment made by the Mayor until the end of the Mayor's term or until another Chief is appointed. VA McGrath stated that Sauk Village is not Home Rule; the decision was based on the Municipal Code.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that several resolutions and agreements were approved at the last board meeting. Due to recommendation of IDOT, one agreement needs to come back before the board with a minor modification at the February 14, 2012 board meeting.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers thanked Chief Fox and the SWAT Team for assisting Public Works in removing the snow from the Municipal buildings. Mayor Towers stated that Subway may be returning to the Village in a new location within 60-90 days.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez thanked School District 168 Superintendent Al Travelegni for the donation of tumbling mats that will assist in the Cheerleading program. Boxing registration is ongoing. Community Center registration will continue until January 30th. For more information on Line Dancing, Nights of Fun, Community Center Rentals and other programs call 708/932-9900.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Authority Commission will meet on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6 pm.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is working on the Conduct Ordinance and preparing to review the updated Codebook. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7pm. AT&T Alarms and Chief Fox will be on hand to provide residents with information.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that Best Construction representative Shannon Armstrong will be providing updates on the recommendations to TIF #1 facades at the next Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the relocation of Subway. Trustee Burgess asked that Mayor Towers communicate with him when businesses are considering moving to Sauk Village since he is the chair of the Economic Development. The next Economic Development meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2012 at 7pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that she attended the last School Board meeting and thanked them for donating the Student Government Day breakfast. Student Government Day is March 27, 2012. Essays will be picked up February 24, 2012. The Four Winds Casino trip is scheduled for February 20, 2012. Trustee Williams asked that the Sauk Talk and Website policies are placed on the next agenda for discussion.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox thanked the board for their support of the SWAT Team and gave credit to Tom Dart's office. This program should continue through December 2012. The SWAT Team helped shovel snow at some of the local churches and Village Hall. Chief Fox is working with the Cook County Sheriff's Department to put a plan together to deal with the crime. Chief Fox stated that he is working with Trustee Myers on the Neighborhood Watch Committee and will be discussing taking the program outside in the warmer weather.

Trustee Williams asked for updates on the investigation she requested on the Sauk Talk thefts of January 18th. Chief Fox stated that there is no investigation at this time. Trustee Williams formally requested that phone conversation tapes be pulled and that Chief Fox notify the Illinois State Police due to the fact that he was involved in the removal of the Sauk Talks. An email was sent to Village Manager Turner on January 19, 2012; no response as of this date. Chief Fox stated that no tapes will be pulled; no crime took place. Trustee Williams again requested the copies of all phone conversations on taped lines from that date and written notification that an attempt was made to notify the Illinois State Police. Chief Fox stated that Trustee Williams was a civilian who is unable to collect Police Department information on her own. Chief Fox stated that he will only take direction from Village Manager Turner. Trustee Benson asked what right Trustee Williams has to request tapes and micromanage the Police Department. Trustee Benson was surprised that she was not arrested.

Trustee Myers stated that the board used to get crime action reports. Trustee Myers requested a report of break ins from January 2011 through January 2012.

Trustee Burgess stated that he has reviewed the Police Department overtime for the past three months and is concerned with the numbers.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 15 calls between the period of January 10, 2012 – January 23, 2012. Chief Stoffregen stated that personnel were on duty for quick response to insure resident safety for a twelve hour period during the ice storm of January 12th per the approval of Mayor Towers. Chief Stoffregen stated that the 911 Committee will once again make the \$10,000.00 bond payment that is due.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the village faired well with the storm and asked residents not to place snow back in the street once it is plowed. Two fault locations, 216th Place and Torrence Avenue are marked for repairs. Salt remains in good supply.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski reported that a Public Hearing will be held to discuss a text amendment for the electronic fence at Roadway on Monday, February 6th at 7 pm. Information regarding the Special Use permit will be included in the board packets.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported on the Payment Services Network on line bill pay system. Seventy five payments have been made on line resulting in \$7,000.00 in revenue. The General Fund balance is \$595,256.26. The Midwest Bank Corporate account has a balance of \$250,000.00. The December, 2011 Collector's Report will be available in two weeks.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. The Police and Firemen's Pension Board is still working on providing their information and the TIF will be completed by February 28, 2012. The delay in the audit is due to the Village going to an 18 month audit. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Pension Board has not yet identified an auditor. Mayor Towers directed Village Treasurer Carmichael to continue working with the Pension Board to complete their audit. Trustee Burgess inquired if there may be any violation due to the late filing and how this affects the bond rating. Finance Director Rao stated that the bond rating remains suspended and that any violation will be on the Pension Board.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that the department assisted the Fire Department and school patrols in 20 different situations to help with the safety of the residents. DH Johnson stated that a severe weather emergency class will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2012. Fox News reporter Souza will be on hand as a guest speaker. Call 815/723-1455 for more information.

Mayor Towers thanked the departments for doing a great job.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston reported that seven seniors attended the last movie at the library. The next move "Raising Arizona" will be shown at 1 pm on February 13th. Blood pressure screenings will be available. The next Bloom Township senior luncheon will take place at Serbian Hall at 186th and Stony on February 10th- Chocolate Lovers Delight. Tickets are \$4.00 for residents and \$8.00 for non-residents. Rose made a donation to the Public Relations Committee for Student Government Day. The Jones Center is offering computer classes to seniors for \$5.00. Rose is concerned with people using the Senior Center without permission. Rose asked for a courtesy call before the Senior Center is used. Doors have been left open, tables and chairs have been moved, food has been left in there and the TV was left on. Crafters are invited to set up at the the Senior Craft Fair scheduled for June 12, 2012 from 9 am – 1pm.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt reported that the Beautification Committee has five major events coming up and would appreciate the help of the SWAT Team. Marva thanked the citizens for working on the honor system to purchase snacks during the Board meetings in order to support the committee and asked that everyone keep the space in order.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Police Alliance Committee Chair Lenarge Booker thanked everyone who helped to make the Town Hall meeting successful. Chief Fox was on hand to answer resident's questions about police presence. Ms. Houston reported on the water referendum. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt provided a memo regarding a recommendation for facilitating mediation among the public officials. The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to stimulate human relations among all persons. A person from outside the area will be chosen to conduct the mediation. Attendance is not mandatory. The committee will be looking to raising funds. Marva asked that the board move on the recommendation to provide mediation to board members. That item will be placed the next Committee agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for January 11, 2012 through January 24, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for January 11, 2012 through January 24, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

The Police Department vehicle expense and the fire truck payment were questioned. Chief Fox reported that all police cars are up and running. Chief Stoffregen reported that this is the 3rd payment the Fire Department has made for the fire truck.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

B. Motion to approve Safeguard Properties

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Safeguard Properties. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to approve the request to waive bidding for ESDA Warning Siren Upgrades

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the request to waive bidding for ESDA Warning Siren Upgrades.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

DH Johnson stated that this company has installed and maintained the Village sirens for as long as he remembers. This is a local company. There are not many companies around that provide that service. The sirens were provided for in the last budget.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

D. A motion to hire two (2) ESDA personnel to replace personnel who have resigned

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the hiring of two (2) ESDA personnel who have resigned.

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

The job description will be posted upon approval.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

E. A motion to Approve a Vote of No Confidence of Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a Vote of No Confidence of Mayor Towers.

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

Mayor Towers and the board discussed the reason for the vote of no confidence that was originally discussed in executive session. The discussion included lack of board unity and decorum, water quality, personnel, ongoing and potential litigation, the donations and businesses that have come to Sauk Village in the past three years and the perception of potential businesses and residents.

Trustee Hanks stated that the vote of no confidence is a statement. No action is intended; much like a Mayoral executive order.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. Appointment of a Certain Individual to the Position of Chief of Police

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the appointment of a certain individual to the position of Chief of Police.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson.

Motion failed due to no second on the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to bring the motion back to the floor per the request of Trustee Chavez.

The motion to bring the motion back to the floor was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Trustee Benson rescinded his previous motion to approve the appointment of a certain individual to the position of Chief of Police.

Mayor Towers restated his motion to approve the appointment of a certain individual to the position of the Chief of Police.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Hanks stated that it was stated at several budget hearings that there was no money in the budget for this position. A budget amendment needs to be approved before a person is hired in this position. Sixty days have passed without a budget amendment provided by Mayor Towers that includes a salary for a Police Chief. Contract negotiations have been held in executive session. Trustee Myers stated that Chief Fox will remain the Police Chief per the judge's ruling. Trustee Williams asked if Police Chief Fox has been informed of the board's offer and if the written agreement has been finalized. Village Manager Turner stated that she has not spoken with Chief Fox on this matter.

Trustee Burgess stated that he will not vote for a non budgeted position; a budget amendment is needed.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion failed

9. PUBLIC COMMENT- All questions must be directed to Mayor Towers. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Jan Clark commented on the lack of funds for the Police Chief and asked if Trustee Benson will be appointed to another committee. Mayor Towers stated that there is no open committee at this time.

Larry Stewart commented on the \$98,000.00 Parks and Recreation grant funding and the current Parks and Recreation committee's efforts to raise money.

Marva Pruitt inquired about the Lincoln Meadows loop. Public Works Director Weller stated that the loop would cost \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00. No relief is forthcoming at this time.

Bernice Houston commented on the need for Lake Michigan water and the higher water rate since 2006. Mayor Towers stated that Ms. Houston is taking the lead to get information out about the water referendum. Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk article provided information that was approved by the Village Attorney and the Village Engineer. Trustee Williams stated that information from the board should be informative without support for or against the referendum. Village Attorney McGrath stated that Board members could advocate their personal beliefs. Trustee Hanks

stated that the board should stay neutral. The board placed the binding question on the March 20th ballot to let the residents decide.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- commented on the court's action on the ordinance and stated that there is money in the Police Department budget for this position. Francine questioned the \$756.38 petty cash reimbursement for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Hanks stated that the ordinance was overturned because Sauk Village is not Home Rule. Trustee Hanks restated that the budget is tight.

Kathy (?) asked if the Sauk Talks were placed in postal receptacles why there were no Federal charges filed. Trustee Williams stated that they were in postal bins. The State's Attorney, State Police, Cook County Sheriff and Postal Inspector General's offices were all notified. She got the run around. The Postal Inspector General would not look at it without a Police Report. Trustee Williams asked Chief Fox to follow up with the State Police. The Police Department was told not to file a police report; an incident report is on file. Chief Fox stated that no crime took place. The local Police Department has no jurisdiction over the mail.

Trustee Hanks questioned the \$845.00 cost of printing the Sauk Talk and stated that it was theft. An outside investigation should take place.

Elizabeth (?) - 225th Place- commented on the lack of code enforcement, the wait for a permit and was concerned with the ice and snow plowing. Mayor Towers directed her to speak with Chief Fox.

Sharon Davenport- commented on the litigation caused by the Mayor and the board, sidewalk and house disrepair that is causing slippery conditions Wagoner School. Mayor Towers stated that the board forced him to sue; they were advised not to write the ordinance.

Corey Moore complained about a fire hydrant in front of his house. The Fire Department responded but there was no water in the hydrant. Corey spoke with DH Weller; there has been no follow up.

DH Weller stated that this matter was turned over to the Water Department. The repair has been added to the list.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- questioned how the other Police Chief was paid. Nate also inquired about the payments to Dennis Gianapolus. Trustee Williams stated that Chief Holevis was already included in the budget. Chief Holevis was included in the rank and file for over 20 years and would be a salaried employee with no overtime. The budget has a \$15.00 surplus with no allowance for a Police Chief from the outside. Mayor Towers stated that Mr. Gianapolus provides professional services.

Lynda Washington commented that the Neighborhood Watch Committee meets every month with Trustee Myers.

Frank Williams addressed the Mayor's right to appoint and the poor condition of Lake Michigan water.

Kim Clark stated that the Board needs to discuss some items in executive session.

Judy Cast commented on the petition presented to the Mayor and the need to answer resident's questions. Mayor Towers stated that the petitions did not include the signatures.

Pat Couch asked if there was a background check on the appointed Police Chief and asked where the Sauk Talks are now. Chief Fox stated that the Illinois State Police handles the certifications. Mayor Towers stated that he has the Sauk Talks; they will be recycled.

Bernadine Hopkins asked why the committee did not wait before mailing the Sauk Talks. Trustee Williams stated that as the chair of the Public Relations Committee she was never informed of the changes. Out of respect, the mayor should have pulled her aside to discuss the necessary changes. Instead she received a phone call from an employee. Trustee Williams stated that she asked Village Manager Turner to contact Mayor Towers about the missing Sauk Talks. He did not respond. Village Manager Turner stated that she asked Ms. Houston to return the Sauk Talks. Trustee Williams asked for affidavits from all employees that were involved since she was not present at the time. Trustee Benson asked to see the tapes.

Ron Mitchell commented on the budget- if you can pay Holevis you can pay Fox.

Rose Langston stated that a current background check should be done no matter who gets the job because things do change.

Sid Harris- 217th Street – asked for a copy of the tape accusing Bernice Houston of taking the Sauk Talks. Mayor Towers stated that he can view it.
Mayor Towers complimented the Neighborhood Watch.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees-

Mayor Towers closed the meeting before taking comments from the Board of Trustees.

13. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*altered agenda order

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, JANUARY 24, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

2012 Community Development Block Grant Program- Needs Assessment Public Hearing- Robinson Engineering- Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that this Needs Assessment Hearing is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of Cook County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In order to receive funding, Cook County requires public participation in developing the scope of the improvements for which CDBG funding is being pursued.

The public was notified about this meeting by posting a public notice in the Daily Southtown newspaper and in the Sauk Village municipal buildings.

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities. This objective is achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

- CDBG funding is available for the following eligible activities:
 - Acquisition of property
 - Demolition
 - Economic development
 - Housing services
 - Housing-related services
 - Plans and studies related to the above activities
 - Public facilities, such as parks, street improvements and neighborhood centers
 - Public services directly related to housing and community development activities

Typically Sauk Village has elected to apply for funding for street improvements, which falls under the Public Facilities category. In determining the scope of this year's application, the Village Manager and the Public Works Director were consulted, and the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2014 previously submitted to Cook County was reviewed. Subsequently, Priority #3 of the Consolidated Plan was selected for this year's application.

- This priority is redevelopment of 215th Pl. from Peterson Ave. to Jeffrey Ave. This street is approximately 50 years old and in poor condition, with cracking, settling, and potholes. Redevelopment will consist of curb and gutter repairs, complete street reconstruction, and construction of wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps.
- Sauk Village intends to apply for the maximum funding amount for this project, which is \$200,000. Any cost in excess of the available CDBG funding would be paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding.
- The next step in the public participation process will be to hold an Application Review Hearing.

2. Audience Participation

Village Engineer Czarnik asked if any of the Board Members or the public have any questions or comments to offer concerning the proposed project or suggestions for any other project.

Mayor Towers asked when the project will begin and how long will the process take. VE Czarnik stated that the funding will come in next year and the repairs could take approximately two months.

Trustees Burgess and Myers asked for clarification regarding the location. VE Czarnik stated that the amount of funding will only cover the 215th Place repairs from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue.

There was no comment from the public.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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, FEBRUARY 6, 2012.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers (enters the meeting at 8:07 pm)

2. Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel Matters and Possible Threatening and Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (SILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carries

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:31 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene at 8:03 pm.

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carries

3. Approval of FY 2011/2012 Budget Amendments

In absence of a contract, Trustee Hanks made a motion to pay Chief Robert Fox a salary of \$75,000.00. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that the \$75,000.00 salary is below the going salary for a Police Chief in the South Suburbs. Trustee Benson stated that a Police Chief with Robert Fox's experience should be in the \$90,000.00 - \$120,000.00 range.

Trustee Burgess stated that he acted hastily and withdrew his 2nd to Trustee Hanks' motion. Trustee Burgess stated that the board needs to find out where the money will come from to pay his salary. Trustee Hanks withdrew his motion to pay Robert Fox a salary of \$75,000.00.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to direct Village Manager Turner to layoff two Police Department personnel in order to pay the salary of Chief Robert Fox. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that the Interim Village Manager and the Village Manager did not suggest layoffs. Trustee Hanks referred to a memo from Interim Village Manager Dieterich dated November 14, 2011 that

stated that the Police Department budget only included salaries for current employees; you cannot replace and an individual that is not currently budgeted for. Interim Village Manager Dieterich also suggested reducing expenses and increasing revenues. The board has asked Mayor Towers to provide a way to pay this individual. Trustee Hanks read the overtime stats for the Police Department for November, December and January; overtime has skyrocketed the past three months. Trustee Hanks suggested that the layoffs should occur in the winter with the possibility of bringing them back before the summer if the revenue is there at that time. The safety of the residents needs to be considered. Trustee Hanks stated that hiring a Police Chief and Deputy Chief from within would have eliminated the overtime of two sergeants and would also allow for an additional officer to be hired. Anticipated tax revenue should be placed in the General Fund which is already over budget. Trustee Hanks stated that this is a tough motion that is necessary to move forward due to the court's decision. Trustee Benson stated that Village Manager Turner provided options after speaking with Village Attorney McGrath, Finance Director Rao and Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich that did not include laying off officers. The board shot that down.

Trustee Williams stated that Village Manager Turner proposed cutting Police Department overtime by \$70,000.00. Overtime was already slashed by an additional 10% in order to get the \$15.00 budget surplus. Trustee Williams stated that \$67,000.00 of the overtime budget has already been spent in the first three months of the budget which only leaves \$47,000.00 for the next 9 months. Chief Fox is requesting a salary of \$90,000.00 plus benefits. Trustee Williams stated that VM Turner is also stating 3% higher in anticipated revenue to bring in an additional \$75,000.00 in revenue. Salaries should not be paid based on anticipated revenue. The \$75,000.00 should be placed in the General Fund to pay past due bills and litigation. Moving the Police Department Secretary to Dispatch was also suggested. Trustee Williams stated that you can't have non-union employees working in a union position; grievances will follow. Removing all of these from the options leaves \$7,000.00 available. Trustee Williams stated that she never voted for layoffs in the past that were needed to balance the budget and now the board is voting on layoffs to bring on an individual. Trustee Williams requested a memo regarding savings ratio if Tim Holevis would have been chosen as Chief. A surplus would have been created if the Chief was hired from within.

Trustee Williams asked Village Manager Turner to provide a background check from Sauk Village, Lynwood, State Police or elsewhere for Robert Fox, validation of all trainings and certificates, completed contract by Friday and an update of the conversation with Fox relating to the salary offer.

Trustee Burgess stated that it is the board's responsibility to make sure that money stays within the budget. Trustee Burgess stated that he has been asking all along where the money would come from to pay Fox's salary. If money could be rearranged, the first priority should be the Code Department. There was no Code Department last summer. Investors are buying properties with no follow up. The Code Department would pay for itself. Two Code people could be brought back instead of bringing in a new person in the Police Department. Anticipated tax revenue does not come in until September through November. Lean times are April – October. Uniform allowances also need to be paid to the officers. Chief Fox came in under Mayor Towers' appointment and could result in additional litigation.

Trustee Benson referred to overtime being excessive in the budget. Chief Fox found officers getting paid for training they did not receive.

Mayor Towers stated that he knew from day one that there were problems and concerns in the Police Department. It frustrates him that the board does not think that overtime can be stopped. Mayor Towers stated that the taxpayers should be outraged by the overtime. Mayor Towers stated that he brought the matter of excessive overtime to the board over one year ago. He stated that he asked Tim Holevis for the overtime information and he refused to provide it. Mayor Towers had to FOIA the information which was also refused.

Mayor Towers stated that he directed Finance Director Rao and Village Manager Turner to make recommendations in order to stop stop paying legal fees. The board is not listening to the attorney. The lawsuit is frivolous and the board is not going to win. They will also end up paying Chief Fox's attorneys.

At the conclusion of the above discussion, the following votes were made on the motion to layoff two Police Department personnel in order to pay Chief Fox's salary.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess and Hanks

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustees Chavez, Myers and Williams

Motion carries

Trustee Hanks made a motion to pay Chief Robert Fox a salary of \$75,000.00. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that the board should take the direction of Village Manager Turner and Interim Village Manager Dieterich and pay Chief Fox \$90,000.00.

Trustee Williams stated that Village Attorney McGrath should speak with Chief Fox's attorney to tell him that this is not what they want but what they can afford. Trustee Williams asked for a memo from Village Manager Turner after the offer was discussed with Chief Fox.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson and Williams

Trustee Hanks made a motion to direct Village Manager Turner to take a loan from the Water Department to pay the back pay that is due to Robert Fox based on the \$75,000.00 salary. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson asked how they were going to pay it back. Trustee Hanks stated that it will be a short term loan. The courts have instructed the board to provide back pay to the Mayor's appointment. The Water Fund is the only fund that has money available. The Police Department will pay back the Water Department with the additional revenue from the laid off officers. The officers will return at a future date.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson and Williams

4. Approval of Employee Contract

The contract is not available at this time.

5. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: None

Trustee Benson read an obituary for Village Resident Will Smith who passed away January 28, 2012 and asked for a moment of silence.

2. Special Presentation for Sandy and Richard Dieterich (Retirement)

Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees thanked Sandy and Richard Dieterich for their many years of service and dedication to the Village of Sauk Village and wished them well on their retirement. The board also thanked Richard for coming back from his earlier retirement to fill in as Interim Village Manager. Flowers were presented to Sandy and a clock was presented to Richard.

3. Best Construction Presentation- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess introduced Best Construction- Brick Industry representative Shannon Armstrong. Trustee Burgess stated that Shannon has been working Pro Bono with the Economic Development Committee to recommend ways to improve the facades of the local businesses including ideas and examples for TIF #1 (Fairway Plaza) that expires at the end of 2012.

Shannon stated that after meeting Trustee Burgess at the IML Conference she offered her assistance as a Community Planner to work on a planning initiative at no cost to the Village. Shannon has worked with over 50 communities to help draft design guidelines, draft zoning ordinances and Comprehensive Plans that deal with designs for construction purposes. Shannon stated that she will work with the Economic Development Committee and will use the Sauk Village Zoning ordinances as a base to increase design elements, redesigning and improving facades, parking lots, fencing and walkways in new and existing Commercial developments. Shannon stated that she wanted to provide the board with this update. The project is 1/3 complete at this point. Shannon asked for input from the board.

Trustee Hanks asked if Shannon has worked with South Suburban Mayor's and Managers Association and BDI. Trustee Hanks stated that as a past Economic Development Chairman he worked with BDI to do an overview that showed possible improvements for TIF #4. Shannon stated that she will contact them and may possibly incorporate some of their ideas. Shannon mentioned that any recommended suggestions will be voluntary. The developers do not have to follow them. The Village may require the guidelines later. Village Manager Turner has participated in the process. Trustee Burgess stated that he would like to see the TIF #1 improvements made with money available in the TIF before the TIF expires. Shannon hopes to bring a completed presentation to the board within 2-3 months. Trustee Benson asked for clarification of the project. The project includes creating a design guidelines manual for building design and facades incorporating architectural details, encourage developers to conceal

dumpsters, compatible structure and landscaping including colors and designs according to the recommended draft for site plans. Trustee Myers asked if Trustee Burgess contacted the Zoning Administrator. Trustee Burgess stated that the committee is focusing on TIF # 1. He has contacted the TIF lawyer and owner. They are on board with the project.

4. ZBA Board Recommendation for Text Amendment which establishes electric fences as a Special Use in Industrial districts and establishes regulations

Zoning and Building Director Jasinski provided the minutes from the February 6, 2012 Zoning Board meeting. The Zoning Board made the recommendation to approve the Text Amendment and is requesting that the item be placed on the February 14, 2012 Board agenda for approval. The electric fence may be in front of the Zoning Board on May 5, 2012. Attorneys are putting the ordinance and the regulations together for the next meeting.

5. GNP Energy Presentation - Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers introduced GNP Energy Representative Price Sowers regarding an energy program that will help the Village go green and save money. Price stated that he met with Village Manager Turner and Mayor Towers regarding retrofitting existing street lights with energy efficient, brighter LED lights with a higher efficiency of 70-80% that will save \$8,526.00 per month by reducing the energy costs and eliminating the maintenance of the streetlights. The total estimated project cost, including installation, is \$325,725.00. The estimated utility incentives are \$135,769.00. The incentive money is paid out within 30 days of signing on to the project. The return on the investment is 1.9%. The estimated annual payment if paid in installments would be \$71,272.00 at 4% interest over 5 years which nets \$31,000.00 revenue per year. There are no up front costs. The first annual payment is deferred for one year after installation. Payments can also be made based on a three plan with 0% interest that will decrease the savings by \$5,200.00. There are approximately 500 streetlights in the Village that range from 250 watts to 400 watts. The average lifespan of the lights is 150,000 hours or 33-34 years per bulb. There is a ten year warranty. The current street lights have a lifespan of approximately 4 years. GNP has been in business 23 years and is new to the area. The Village of Woodale currently has mock up lights in place. Mayor Towers suggested that Village Manager Turner and Public Works Director Weller check out the Woodale mockup lights. Price stated that he will work with Kevin Weller to get specific costs and come back for another presentation. Mock up lights can be installed in Sauk Village for evaluation by the Village Engineers before proceeding with the project. Other energy savings options may be available.

6. Twin Supplies/ Lighting System Presentation- Village Manager Turner

Public Works Director Kevin Weller stated that an energy audit was done to retrofit light bulbs in various Municipal buildings. The bulbs are energy efficient and can be installed at a low cost, will save energy and provide a Com Ed cost savings to the Village. A 75% DCEO grant and a 10% ICE grant are available. DH Weller stated that the grants are time sensitive. The Public Works Department could perform the labor at a savings of \$2,800.00. Village Manager Turner stated that several energy savings proposals are under consideration.

7. National League of Cities/ Service Line Warranty Program- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers asked for an update on the service line warranty program that was introduced in December, 2011. Village Manager Turner stated that an agreement is being reviewed by the Village

Attorney that includes a 10% royalty to the Village. National League of Cities will send out advertisements to all residents once the agreement is reviewed by the attorneys and approved by the Board. The information can also be placed on the Village website, Sauk Talk and water bills. National League of Cities will deal with the homeowners directly. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. Recommendation for Facilitated Mediation Amongst Elected Officials-Human Relations Commission

HRC Commissioners Marva Pruitt and Eveyln Sterling presented the HRC report that recommended facilitating a mediation workshop amongst the elected officials. Commissioner Sterling stated that three mediators will be recommended with the Board having the final approval of the mediator. The mediations are not mandatory. Commissioner Sterling also presented the HRC By-laws for Board approval. The Board agreed to allow the HRC to proceed with providing the Board with recommendations of available mediators. These items will be placed on the next Board agenda.

9. Discussion of Installation of a new outdoor Warning Siren in the TIF#3 Area- Chief Stoffregen and DH Johnson

Village Manager Turner and DH Johnson stated that installation of a new outdoor warning siren is needed on other side of 394 to include Deer Creek, Bloom Trail, Industrial Park, Wayne Steel, 219th Street and all of the south side of Sauk Trail. Village Manager Turner stated that the siren is a TIF #3 eligible expense. Village Engineers Baxter and Woodman will find the electric source, determine the location and handle other project issues. The cost of the Com Ed hook up has yet to be determined. Trustee Myers and Village Manager Turner will speak with Steger regarding this matter. This item will need to be approved by February 28, 2012 due to a price increase on March 8, 2012.

10. Illinois Department of Transportation MFT Agreements- Village Manager Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that Village Engineer Czarnik stated at the last Committee meeting that the Illinois Department of Transportation has amended the MFT agreement previously approved for Peterson Avenue, Jeffrey Avenue and Clyde from 218th to 215th. This item needs to be included on the February 14, 2012 agenda for approval.

11. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Mayor to Serve as, or to Appoint, the Official Representative of the Village of Sauk Village to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that he has attended the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development meetings for the past six years while the meetings were held at night. The meetings are now held during the day. Village Manager Turner and members of the Housing Authority Commission have attended recent meetings. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village needs to appoint an official representative by resolution. This collaborative is a great asset and provides information, monthly updates on foreclosures, tax ID#s, vacant property owner information, etc... This item will be included on the next Board agenda.

12. Discussion of Retaining the Services of an Accounting Firm – Village Manager Turner

Village Manager Turner suggested retaining Theobald & Associates to assist the Payroll Clerk in the transition after Sandy Dieterich leaves. Theobald & Associates is familiar with municipal government

accounting and was hired previously to assist the Finance Department at the time of Finance Director Rao's employment. No other companies were solicited due to the favorable past experience with Theobald & Associates. They will work three days a week for four hours or less depending on the need. Their assistance will be helpful with the new regulations that are coming up. A spend down agreement will be prepared. Funding is available due to the difference in the pay rate between the past payroll clerk and the current clerk. Village Manager Turner was directed to proceed and to stay within the budget. Village Manager Turner stated that Sandy Dieterich will remain on payroll until March due to vacation days that are available. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda.

13. Ordinance Amending the Rates imposed for Water and Sewer usage in the Village Ordinance No. 06-10.

Village Manager Turner reported that Ordinance No. 06-10 has expired. The ordinance provided for an annual increase of water rates rather than have to vote annually to increase rates in order to keep up with the current costs to maintain the water system. The consensus was to table this item until after the March 20th referendum so that the rates can be calculated using the new rates.

14. Discussion of the Funding Options and Direction for Sauk Village following the Water Referendum in March- Village Manager Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that the staff needs clear direction and understanding of the option number two alternative if the referendum fails in order to apply for funding. The deadline for the low interest IEPA loan is March 31, 2012. The IEPA has been put off waiting for the outcome of the referendum. Trustee Hanks stated that the IEPA is expecting the Village to move forward. The Village will proceed with the \$4.6 million dollar option of air stripping if the referendum fails. Village Manager Turner stated that a pre-application for the maximum of \$10 million dollars has been sent to the IEPA. The final plan needs to be provided with the final application.

15. Codification for Village Ordinances- Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked the Board to move forward with the codification of Village Ordinances. The Mayor and Board were asked to review the information from Municode in order to start the process as soon as possible. The Municipal Code Book has not been updated since April, 2003. The current updated will include ordinances through December 2011. Five original copies of the code book are included in the final cost. A legal review to insure that all Village ordinances meet with the requirements of State law will also be conducted by Municode. The cost of the codification is \$12,500.00 and can be made in four installments and spread over a two year period. The Board previously discussed using the Winpak donation as a source to pay for this expense. The initial payment of \$3,750.00 will come from the Winpak donation. The remaining payments will be included in the budget spread over various departments. This item will be included on the next Board agenda for approval.

16. Open Meetings Training- Village Manager Turner

Village Manager Turner provided information regarding the mandated Open Meetings Act Training that is available on line and is required by December 31, 2012. Illinois State's Attorney Lisa Madigan is taking a strong stance that public officials could be removed from office if they do not complete the training.

17. Discussion of the Sauk Talk and Web Site Policies- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams distributed the Sauk Talk and Web Site policies detailing how to submit information for the Sauk Talk and web site. Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight on the last Friday of the month prior to the month of distribution. No exceptions- except in the case of emergency. All information must be submitted electronically to Public Relations Chair Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams. All articles not placed in the Sauk Talk will be returned with a notice of explanation. Late articles will be included in the next Sauk Talk if it is not time sensitive. The Sauk Talk is now produced in house. Web site updates are made on the 11th and 25th of the month. Agendas and minutes are updated more frequently. Only Committee Chairs or their designee may submit information for Village committees. Sauk Village clubs, committees and achievements are added. Village Board members and department heads are given priority. Written notification naming a designee is required before information will be accepted from that individual. Any costs to produce an additional page for a committee will be charged to that committee. No derogatory, offensive, negative or political information will be placed in the Sauk Talk. The Sauk Talk is distributed in January, March, May, July, September and November. All questions or concerns must be addressed in writing or in person at the Public Relations Committee meeting. The Public Relations Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month. The Public Relations Committee does not alter articles once they are submitted unless directed by the appropriate person.

18. A Discussion on a Date in February for Town Hall/ Open Forum Public Hearing on Water Referendum

Mayor Towers stated that open forums to give information to the residents about the upcoming referendum are scheduled for February 11, 2012 and February 25, 2012. Mayor Towers stated that other local elected officials have been invited to attend the February 11th forum. The Village Engineer will be asked to participate in the February 25th forum. It is not mandatory for the Board members to attend. Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Authority Commission is working on presenting a water expo where vendors will be on hand to explain alternatives to treat their water. Trustee Hanks is working on securing discounts for the Village residents. Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee has developed a Water Bill Estimator Calculator that will calculate your new water rate based on an individual home's usage for both the Lake Michigan or Air Stripping option by just inserting one number in the box. This calculator has been reviewed and approved by the Village Engineer. Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will make the estimator available on the Village web site, Village marquee, Village Hall and the library. Laptops will be made available at the forum to provide calculations to residents based on their usage. Mayor Towers stated that there is no problem and directed Village Manager Turner to confirm the rates with Village Engineer Czarnik.

Trustee Williams suggested that letters be sent to the local businesses inviting them to the forum. They can take advantage of the water bill estimator and see how the increase may impact them. Mayor Towers directed Village Manager Turner to put something in writing for the businesses.

Trustee Chavez asked if the information about the water forum can be placed on the water bills. It is too late for the water bills because they have already cycled for the month.

Village Clerk Williams stated that an invitation to the February 11th water forum states that all of the wells are contaminated and suggested that it is stated that all of the wells are contaminated to some

degree. Trustee Hanks stated that traces of contamination were detected at ground level. The drinking water is at acceptable limits. The water is treated to remove contaminants making it safe to drink according to the IEPA. Lake Michigan water is treated and is often contaminated to the point of closing the beaches. Well #3 was removed from the system per the IEPA. Trustee Hanks stated that the voters need to get the factual information and they will decide the outcome of the referendum.

Trustee Myers asked the Village Manager to contact the IEPA to verify if there is any contamination in the wells.

Trustee Benson stated that Lake Michigan water is safe and healthy to drink. Trustee Benson stated that the Village does not know that the costs provided by Robinson Engineering are correct.

Trustee Williams stated that the water is safe to drink. The water calculator is less confusing than the numbers provided by the Village Engineer. The estimator does the work for you. The estimator will be placed on the web site and the marquee after final review of VE Jim Czarnik.

19. Public Comment

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

Bernice Houston addressed the water issues.

Ron Mitchell addressed the water issues.

James Harvey questioned the figures provided by the engineers.

Francine Anderson- 216th Place- questioned the budget amendment on a previous agenda and the budget summary of November 14, 2011. Francine addressed the Police Department overtime.

Judy Cast- was unable to ask her question due to outbursts in the chambers.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to have Trustee Benson removed from the floor. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Towers did not recognize the motion.

After further disruption, Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn without comments from the Trustees or executive session.

All ayes

20. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees-None

21. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

22. Executive Session- Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS 120/2(C) (1) (2012)- None

23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2012.

1. Call to Order

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

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Benson is not present due to the fact that the meeting notice was not posted 48 hours in advance. Mayor Towers voiced the same concern. Village Clerk Williams stated that the meeting notice was posted on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 5 pm in the Village Hall and 8 pm at the McConathy Public Library. Emails were also sent to the Mayor, Village Manager and all of the Trustees to alert them of the time and place of the meeting as well as notices placed in all boxes on Friday at 5 pm. The Special Meeting notice was also reviewed by the Village Attorneys before posted.

2. Motion to Rescind Layoff of Two Police Officers

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to rescind the layoff of two Police Officers.

The motion to rescind the layoff of two Police Officers was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

3. Motion to Dismiss Village Manager Pursuant to Paragraph 7 of Contract

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to dismiss the Village Manager pursuant to Paragraph 7 of the contract.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to dismiss the Village Manager with no cause pursuant to Paragraph 7 of the contract due strictly to financial reasons. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Hanks stated that the reason for the layoff of the Police Officers was to supplement the salary of Chief Fox. The court has ruled that Chief Fox must get paid. The motion to dismiss the Village Manager is strictly for financial reasons as an alternative to the layoff of Police Officers.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board hired a Village Manager to move the Village in the right direction and now are terminating her for financial reasons. The Board did not take into consideration the alternatives that the Village Manager provided to pay Chief Fox's salary. Mayor Towers stated that it is bad judgment on behalf of the Board to layoff Police Officers or the Village Manager.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Burgess and Trustee Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carries

Mayor Towers read an Executive Order exercising his statutory authority to appoint Village Manager Henrietta Turner to the office of Village Manager. The executive order is effective immediately and will supersede any previous order or directive in conflict and shall remain in effect until which time the Mayor rescinds it.

Trustee Hanks stated that pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Village Manager's agreement Ms. Turner will remain employed for the next thirty days. Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor does not have executive power order over this. According to Village ordinance, the only individuals who can hire for the Village Manager is the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Hanks read paragraph 7 of the agreement that states that "either the Village or the Village Manager may terminate this agreement for any reason by giving a thirty day written notice to the other party prior to termination with no separation compensation". Trustee Hanks directed the Village Attorney to move forward with the termination letter.

Mayor Towers stated that his executive order stands; he will appoint Ms. Turner every thirty days.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath for clarification of the Mayor's executive order powers.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that executive orders of the Mayor can happen in certain circumstances but the authority must be given to the Mayor by the Corporate Authorities through the passage of an ordinance. VA McGrath stated that he has reviewed the ordinances and is not aware that any such ordinance exists.

Mayor Towers stated the Village will be back in court. Mayor Towers will ask a judge to rule in this.

Trustee Hanks stated that the actions taken by the Board were strictly by the contract and for financial reasons. Discussion was held on the merits and the cost to the residents due to litigation between the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. Trustee Hanks asked VA McGrath if the motion was made according to the contract. VA McGrath stated that it was a proper motion. Trustee Hanks stated that there was no salary allocation for a Chief of Police hired from outside the department in the budget. Discussions of how to pay for the addition to personnel should have done before bringing in an individual.

Trustee Myers asked if Mayor Towers has come up with an alternative.

Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager provided alternatives at the last meeting that included reducing the Police Department overtime budget and possibly receiving more than the 3% levied. Board members stated that overtime is already over budget and there is no guarantee to the amount of the tax levy. Overtime has always been a factor. The overtime budget was reduced from \$300,000.00 to \$180,000.00. The alternative calls for a reduction of an additional \$70,000.00 leaving \$110,000.00. The overtime for the past three months alone was \$67,000.00.

Chief Fox stated that there will be a grant payment made to the Village to reimburse the Police Department for a State funded roadside check performed during that time. Chief Fox discussed working with minimum staffing according to the contract, abuses of overtime that need to be addressed and the uniform allowances due to the officers; the contract needs to be adhered to.

4. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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, **FEBRUARY 14, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Hanks and Benson (Benson enters at 7:03 pm)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. January 3, 2012 - Special Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012 - Special Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

B. January 3, 2012 – Committee Meeting

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012 – Committee Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

C. January 10, 2012- Board Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

D. January 17, 2012 – Committee Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012 – Committee Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

E. January 19, 2012- Special Meeting

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

Trustee Chavez made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012 – Special Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

F. February 14, 2012- CDBG Public Hearing

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

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2012 – CDBG Public Hearing.

Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that AARP is offering free tax preparation to seniors at the Mc Conathy Public Library. Call 708/757-4771 for an appointment. Appointments are limited.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner- No report

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- Absent (Arrives at 7:05 pm)

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Treasurer's report has been submitted for publication and will be submitted to Will and Cook County after the certification of publication is returned.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the 217th and Clyde reconstruction project is ahead of schedule and will go out for bid after authorization is received from Cook County in March or April.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that a veto to the Board's motion to layoff Police Officers is no longer necessary because the Board has rescinded their motion. Mayor Towers read and submitted his written objection and veto to the Board's motion to dismiss the Village Manager pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- Absent

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

February 15, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7pm. AT&T alarms and Chief Fox will be on hand to provide residents with information. Trustee Myers thanked everyone who is participating in the Neighborhood Watch program; break ins have been reduced.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Burgess is following up with the TIF attorneys to discuss the improvements to TIF #1.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the Four Winds Casino trip is scheduled for February 20, 2012. The bus will leave at 9:30 am. Student Government Day essays will be picked up February 24, 2012. Essay judging will take place on February 29, 2012. Student Government Day is March 27, 2012. Trustee Williams asked that public comment is not placed on the agenda for the meeting of March 27th. The Board will be available for questions and comments after the meeting. Trustee Williams thanked Village Engineer Czarnik for the Student Government Day donation from Robinson Engineering.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox- Absent – (Report read by Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner reported that since January 27, 2012 there have been 1,260 calls for service, five burglaries, six thefts and seventy one arrests; burglaries are down significantly. The Sauk Village Police Department has towed three hundred and fifty cars at a minimum cost of \$500.00 since the Tow Ordinance went in to effect in August of 2011 and has collected \$56,200.00 in revenue. Village Manager Turner reported that the revenue may be used for Police Department purchases approved by the board but may not be used for salaries. Mayor Towers commended the Police Department, the Neighborhood Watch Program, Trustee Myers and Lynda Washington.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 21 calls between the period of January 24 and February 13, 2012.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- Absent

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the January, 2012 Collector's Report will be available next week. The audit remains incomplete due to the fact that the Pension Board has still not submitted their audit. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Pension Board is aware that they are impacting the completion of the Village audit. The Pension Board is still in the process of choosing an auditor. No time frame is available. Trustee Burgess stated that our bond rating is suspended due to the incomplete audit which will impact the Village's ability to obtain a bond if needed. VT Carmichael stated that the Pension Board is aware of the impact on the bond rating. Village Manager Turner stated that the situation has occurred because the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards did not change their fiscal year when the Village changed theirs. A special meeting of the Pension Boards may need to be called to move this forward. Mayor Towers suggested that it may be necessary to get the attorneys involved.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that the ESDA department assisted the Fire Department and Police Department in seventeen different incidences during the period of January 24 and February 13, 2012.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston reported that the Senior Committee met last Thursday. The book exchange is being utilized. Rose thanked everyone for their donations. The Chili Cook off is March 24th, participants are needed to prepare chili. Crafters are invited to set up at the Senior Craft Fair scheduled for June 12, 2012 from 9 am – 1pm. There is no charge for seniors to set up. Senior surveys are at a standstill. The next Monday movie “Quiet Man” will be held March 12th at 1 pm. A speaker will be on hand at 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided by the library. Call 708/757-4771 for reservations. Blood pressure screenings are available at the Monday movie and Wednesdays.

The next Bloom Township senior luncheon will take place at Serbian Hall at 186th and Stony on February 15th- Chocolate Lovers Delight. Another luncheon is scheduled for March 2nd at Glenwoodie Golf Club located at 19301 State Street in Glenwood. Joe Vega will provide the entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at Bloom Township 425 South Halsted. Bloom Township will sponsor a legal seminar to discuss power of attorney, living wills and healthcare for seniors on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 10:00 am presented by the Center for Disability and Elder Law. Bloom Township is taking appointments for free income tax preparation for seniors.

The Jones Community Center luncheon is Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00 am at 220 Center Street in Chicago Heights. CEDA is providing relief assistance for seniors and the disabled. Call 708/754-4575 Extension 3817 for information. First installments of Cook County taxes are due March 1st.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt reported that applications will be available for residents to have their separate plots or to become part of the community plot of the Community Garden. The committee has engaged the assistance of the Illinois University Extension Service to assist with the logistics and layout of the plan. The Beautification Committee will also be sponsoring a Village Wide garage sale on June 16th. The site on Sauk Trail will be announced at a later date. Vendors and residents will be invited to participate. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for a 10’ X 10’ spot.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt reported that HRC Commissioners are available to register voters or change their voter information at tonight’s meeting until 8:00 pm. The HRC is planning a rib cook on Father’s Day, June 16th. The winner will compete with the Village of Lynwood winner at a later date.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent – Report read by Bernadine Hopkins

Police Alliance Committee Member Bernadine Hopkins reported that the next Police Alliance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the Community Center.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Motion to Approve an Ordinance ZBA Board Recommendation for Text Amendment which Establishes Electric Fences as a Special Use in Industrial Districts and Establishes Regulations

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance. Trustee Myers made a motion to approve. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Mayor to Serve as, or to Appoint, the Official Representative of the Village of Sauk Village to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Benson will be appointed to serve on the Housing Collaborative. Trustee Benson made a motion to approve. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Chavez asked if there was a cost. Mayor Towers stated that there is no cost.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve a Resolution for 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program Application

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification on the location and start date. VE Czarnik stated that the 215th Place project will start during the Spring of 2013.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for January 25, 2012 through February 14, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for January 25, 2012 through February 14, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve an Agreement for National League of Cities/ Service Line Warranty Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the National League of Cities agreement. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson stated that he could not find his paperwork and will abstain from voting.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve Recommendation for Facilitated Mediation Amongst Elected Officials

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve facilitated mediation.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification. The program will be conducted by The Human Relations Commission, is not mandatory and will be posted as a Special Meeting.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

D. A Motion to Approve Installation of a new Outdoor Warning Siren in TIF #3 Area

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the installation of a new outdoor siren in TIF #3 area.

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

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

E. A Motion to Approve the Illinois Department of Transportation MFT Agreements

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation MFT Agreements. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

F. A Motion to Approve the Agreement Retaining the Services of an Accounting Firm

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the agreement retaining the services of an Accounting firm- Theobald & Associates. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that the firm was chosen by the Board along with the recommendation of the Village Manager.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

G. A Motion to Approve Municode Corporation Agreement for codification process

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Municode Corporation agreement for the codification process. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Village Clerk Williams stated that the update will include all ordinances from 2003 through 2011. Trustee Benson asked that the motion be rescinded and tabled until it is verified that any invalid ordinances are removed. Trustee Myers stated that all ordinances will be checked for State compliance by a legal department and will be reviewed by the Village Attorney and Ordinance Review Committee. Trustee Myers asked that the Board move forward with this motion due to the fact that the Codebook has not been updated since 2003. The ordinances are outdated and need to be codified.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

9. PUBLIC COMMENT- All questions must be directed to Mayor Towers. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. (As a rule, the Regular Board agenda has comments for agenda items only. This agenda incorrectly states comment on the topic(s) of their choice. There will be discussion on all topics.)

Bernice Houston- questioned the Police budget, excessive overtime, water fund, water contamination, litigation and the salary of the Village Manager. Mayor Towers agreed that money is in the budget for the Village Manager's salary and that additional litigation will follow with the dismissal of the Village Manager. Further discussion included the details of the Village Manager's contract and termination and the lack of a budget allocation for a Police Chief from the outside. Mayor Towers stated that a Village Manager is needed to keep the Village moving forward. Next week's agenda will include a detail of the Village Manager's duties that will need to be divided between other individuals.

Trustee Burgess stated that Trustees should only be able to speak two times on the same topic. Trustee Benson commented on posting legal notices.

Larry Stewart commented on the lack of cohesiveness on the Board and the Mayor's vetoes and executive orders against the majority of the Board.

Ernest Walker commented on board behavior, the need for good water and the need to close the gas station for selling tobacco products to minors.

Frank Harvey- 223rd Place- commented that the Board needs to work with the Mayor and pay the Village Manager.

Judy Cast commented on the Police budget, the reasons for overtime and a petition turned in earlier to appoint Tim Holevis. Mayor Towers stated that he did not appoint Interim Chief Holevis because he was not capable and discussed his excessive overtime.

Mayor Towers gave an executive order that there will be no more overtime unless the Police Chief approves it.

Corey Moore told the Board to listen to the Mayor.

Pat Couch- stated that Tim Holevis was in the position for 18 months and worked according to his contract.

Francine Anderson-questioned the posting of notices on the weekend and the costs of Special Meetings.

Village Clerk Williams stated that agendas are posted late Friday at the Village Hall and when the library personnel receives them. They are visible from the outside at both locations. The agendas are also on the website within 48 hours. Special meeting notices are also sent to various newspapers. VC Williams offered to email residents meeting notices if they request to be notified.

Lynda Washington-225th Place- stated that the Board should find a way to pay the Village Manager and to work together.

James Harvey- Brookwood- discussed the Police Department settlements.

Steve Shymkus stated that the Board represents the citizens with a majority vote that is overturned by the Mayor.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- discussed the hiring and firing practices of employees and the Mayor's appointments.

John Hinko- 216th Place- stated that the Mayor should control the outbursts in the meeting and reported on contaminants in Lake Michigan water.

Rose Langston asked for an itemized list of overtime paid to Interim Chief Holevis while sitting in lengthy Board meetings. Rose also stated that the Village Attorney is paid to sit through lengthy meetings and asked where the water fund will go when the wells get capped.

Ron Mitchell stated that the Board should know the difference between legislature, judicial and executive.

Bernadine Hopkins asked for the reason of the dismissal of the Village Manager and asked if another individual would need to be trained. Mayor Towers stated that the Board is stating financial reasons. When the finances are available the process will have to start again. Trustee Burgess discussed budget allocations and overtime. It's about the money. Overtime and an alternative appointment from within should have been scrutinized before now. Mayor Towers stated that an alternative was suggested and refused by the Board.

Sid Harris-217th Place- asked why Trustee Burgess and Trustee Williams supported hiring the Village Manager and now they are firing her. Trustee Burgess stated that he voted no to firing her. The Board made the decision for financial reasons.

Jan Clark- asked if Trustee Williams or any Trustees received a copy of the Police Chief's credentials and if a background check has been done. No credentials or background check has been received. Mayor Towers directed Village Manager Turner to get a background check on Chief Fox.

Trustee Benson stated that a resume was received by all trustees; nothing else is needed. The Police Chief goes through a State Police check that includes fingerprints. The Board can contact the State Police. Mayor Towers stated that the background check will be provided.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees-

Trustee Myers asked Mayor Towers to also sign off on the Police Department overtime. Mayor Towers stated that he is giving the executive order to the Police Chief to do his job; he trusts that he will do his job.

Trustee Myers asked for copies of the overtime sheets. Trustee Myers stated that the Board has not received the information from Chief Fox that included his background check and allegations made against him that he stated he would provide to the Board. Trustee Myers stated that if the Village Manager and Chief Fox can bring in a program for the Police Chief's salary he would rescind the order to dismiss the Village Manager.

Trustee Williams asked if Trustee Benson's Chicago Southland report will be added to the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that it will be part of his report.

Trustee Williams asked Village Manager Turner if she will be receiving the paperwork she requested last week. Village Manager Turner stated that the Village Attorney is still working on the Police Chief's salary.

Trustee Chavez stated that a plan may be pulled together before the thirty days to get the salary for the Village Manager. The previous plan was not feasible.

11. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (SILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

12. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 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, FEBRUARY 14, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson, Hanks and Myers

2012 Community Development Block Grant Program- Application Review Public Hearing- Robinson Engineering- Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that this Application Review Hearing is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of Cook County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In order to receive funding, Cook County requires public participation in developing the scope of the improvements for which CDBG funding is being pursued. The public was notified about this meeting by posting a public notice in the Daily Southtown newspaper and in the Sauk Village municipal buildings.

In determining the scope of this year's application, the Village Manager and the Public Works Director were consulted, the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2014 previously submitted to Cook County was reviewed, and public feedback was solicited. Subsequently, Priority #3 of the Consolidated Plan was selected for this year's application.

- This priority is redevelopment of 215th Pl. from Peterson Ave. to Jeffrey Ave. This street is approximately 50 years old and in poor condition, with cracking, settling, and potholes. Redevelopment will consist of curb and gutter repairs, complete street reconstruction, and construction of wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps.
- This capital improvement project falls under the category of an Area Benefit Activity that benefits all residents in a particular area, where at least 49.2% of the people are low- and moderate-income in a primarily residential area.
- Sauk Village is applying for the maximum funding amount for this project, which is \$200,000. Any cost in excess of the available CDBG funding would be paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding.
- The draft application has been prepared and was made available for public review and comments.
- The next step in the process will be for the Board to approve a resolution to submit the finalized application to Cook County and to approve the meeting minutes from both the Needs Assessment and Application Review Hearings. Then, the Mayor will need to sign the application.

2. Audience Participation

Mayor Towers asked if any of the Board Members or the public have any questions or comments to offer concerning the proposed application.

There was no comment from the Board.

Larry Stewart asked how many areas would be covered and the timeframe. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that only the one area would be covered and the project will start next year.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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 21, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Trustee Myers (enters the meeting at 7:36 pm)

2. Presentation of Christ Apostolic Temple Holiness Church Project -Sherry Jasinski

Pastor Charlotte made a presentation that included the request for a Special Use permit for Christ Apostolic Temple Church. The Special Use permit issued in 2004 has expired. Building and Zoning Director Jasinski stated that the two lots are currently classified as a C-2. Pastor Charlotte stated that a May 2012 ground breaking is anticipated. The Board reviewed the plans and held discussion. Pastor Charlotte will appear before the Zoning Board in the near future.

3. Presentation by George Panos Business Proposal- Mayor Towers

Business owner George Panos is looking for Board support for a new Cash for Gold business that is considering moving to a vacant 1,200 square ft. building in the plaza. George was open to questions and concerns from the Board. George stated that the business is not a pawn shop and will be a buyer only business. Building and Zoning Director Jasinski cannot find that business as an allowable use in that area. This may involve appearing before the Zoning Board for a text amendment and Special Use permit. Concerns were raised about placing restrictions on the business that may be addressed by ordinance. DH Jasinski will contact the Village Attorneys for direction.

4. GNP Energy Presentation on Street Lighting Program - Mayor Towers

GNP Representative Price Sowers returned with a tighter proposal after reviewing the Village with Public Works Director Kevin Weller. Price stated that the Village can save \$14,000.00 per month/ \$170,904.00 per year. The projected cost for the project is \$455,000.00. Immediate incentives of approximately \$198,000.00 are available. This includes a DCEO grant that is paid out within thirty days and an ICE grant for \$14,000.00. The payment can be made immediately upon receipt of the DCEO grant or can be financed over a 3 year period with no interest. There are no upfront costs to the project. The first year's payment will be deferred. Price stated that mock up lights can be installed for Board consideration on Torrence Avenue and another area of their choice. Price also mentioned that wireless functionality will roll out soon. The Board agreed to move forward with the installation of the mock up lights. The project will proceed within three weeks upon approval of the board.

5. Twin Supplies/ Lighting System Grant Program – Kevin Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that Twin Supplies will apply for the grants to install a lighting system within the Municipal buildings. The majority of the labor can be provided by the Public Works Department. DH Weller stated that Twin Supplies would also present a cost savings compared to the maintenance of the current lights.

6. Municipal Collections of America Presentation by Vince Schavone

Municipal Collections of America representative Vince Schavone discussed providing collection assistance for past due tickets as well as possible amendments to the current tow ordinance.

A. Amendment to Collections Services Agreement (Fee Collections)

The amendment includes a 65/35 split on ticket collections; currently it is 50/50. Vince stated that towns can capture 100% per the current State law. The cost to the Village can be added on to the cost of the violator.

B. Amendment to Tow Ordinance (3-5 tickets and boot lock program)

This amendment would include a boot program for vehicles with 3-5 tickets. The boot will be provided. Vince suggested the tow as opposed to the boot. Vince suggested sending notification letters advising offenders to consider paying their fines after 3 tickets rather than 5. New language would have to be added to the current ordinance to include the boot program.

C. State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Intergovernmental Agreement

Vince stated that the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Intergovernmental Agreement allows for the State to pay any State tax refund money due to taxpayers to the municipality first for past due tickets. Municipal Collections of America will send the information to the State electronically in order to capture the funds. Village Attorney Matt Byrne had no issue with this intergovernmental agreement. This is time sensitive; the first municipality that applies for the refund will capture it.

Vince stated that DUI's will still be handled in Markham. Municipal Collections can also assist with past due water bills. New contracts will affect old citations at the new rate of 35/65. MCA has collected the data and is ready to proceed upon the passing of the ordinance. Tickets going back to 2009 are not currently being actively collected. A mock up agreement with the proposed amendments will be provided to Village Manager Turner on Monday. Village Manager Turner will place item 6C on the next Board agenda for approval.

7. Budget Amendment Recommendations for Village Manager Salary – Village Manager

Finance Director Rao provided budget amendment recommendations that would allow for the Village Manager's salary. The recommendations included foregoing gas reimbursement and charging them to other contractual services, proposed energy savings presented by various companies, a 3% tax levy, a 15% cut to overtime in the Police Dispatch and \$1,000.00 cut from Professional Development. Discussion included that the Theobald expense has not been accounted for in the budget under other contractual services. The amount already included under other contractual services was meant for board up services in absence of a Code Department line item. The proposed energy savings plans have not been approved yet, gas prices are rising, tax money is slow coming in from Cook County and not guaranteed on timely basis. The overtime is needed in Dispatch due to the lack of personnel. Professional Development is contingent on union contracts; training must be provided. Other costs that need to be addressed and are not budgeted for that should be paid by the 3% tax levy include Police Department uniform reimbursement, current and future litigation and past due invoices. Discussion continued regarding the termination of the Village Manager and the division of the Village Manager's

duties due to the fact that the budget includes a salary for the Village Manager but does not include a salary for a Police Chief from outside the ranks. Trustee Burgess asked for a detail of costs for the uniforms, litigation and Theobald. Trustee Hanks stated that Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that the Village is in a significant deficit position with hundreds of thousands of dollars of unpaid invoices pending and strongly suggested that the Village should encourage reducing expenses and increasing revenue in the upcoming year. Borrowing from the Water Fund is already anticipated until tax revenue comes in.

Many of these cuts have already been proposed to the Board and the Board has already said they cannot touch these funds. Something more tangible is needed. Three budget hearings were held where cuts were made. Money was put in certain places to pay certain things. Trustee Williams stated that Theobald was not budgeted for and the cuts are not realistic. More litigation is expected over last year's figure.

8. Distribution of Village Manager Duties- Village Manager

Village Manager Turner presented a list of the Village Manager's duties. VM Turner reported that she visited the Department Heads along with the HUB International representative and will be working on policies that need to be addressed and adopted by the Board. An update of the Personnel Handbook is required. VM Turner stated that Theobald is in place to work with the new Payroll Clerk and that the Finance Director has been in place for one year.

9. Chief Fox Credentials and Qualifications- Village Manager

Village Manager Turner provided copies of Chief Fox's resume, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board verification that fingerprints are on file and a copy of his Board certification. Trustee Williams clarified that Mayor Towers is attesting to the completion of a background investigation, fingerprints and the good character of Chief Fox in requesting a waiver from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Last week Mayor Towers stated that a background check and fingerprints were not done. Mayor Towers stated that he forgot he signed this. Trustee Williams stated that the Board requested that a background check and fingerprints should be on file in Sauk Village. Village Manager Turner stated that may be waived for an experienced officer. Trustee Williams stated that the waiver must be approved by the Board and it was not. Mayor Towers stated on November 22, 2011 that a background check was done but there is still no document on file in Sauk Village. Chief Fox stated that paperwork has been received stating that he is a State certified officer and for Trustees to refer any further concerns to his attorney. If the Illinois Standards and Training Board saw anything out of compliance they would notify the Village. Mayor Towers stated that he is satisfied with the information received; Trustees can contact Illinois Law Enforcement Training for additional information. Trustee Hanks asked the Village Attorney to investigate if Mayor Towers falsified records when signing the document without having the information he attested to. Trustee Burgess asked for information to be provided if Chief Fox is involved in any outside pending litigation. Trustee Williams stated that was requested when he first came before the Board. Chief Fox claimed he was cleared of all of that. Copies of background checks should be made available to the Board. Trustee Williams questioned the last time he qualified for the Annual Firearms Training. A resident is claiming that Chief Fox last qualified on June 6, 2008 according to information received by a February 9, 2012 FOIA. Trustee Williams was concerned that Chief Fox is carrying a weapon without a recent qualification. Trustee Williams requested a copy of the report from a recent crime scene where Chief Fox was seen pulling out his weapon and affidavits from the officers present.

Trustee Hanks stated that it is Sauk Village policy to require a physical examination including substance abuse testing, psychological testing and fingerprinting by the Sauk Village Police Department. Trustee Hanks stated that the Sauk Village Policy should be followed. Mayor Towers stated that the process will be started in a couple of weeks. Chief Fox will remain in that position with a firearm. Trustee Hanks asked if the Village Attorney could present this information to the judge who placed Chief Fox in the position without Board approval and consent and possible falsified records. Trustee Burgess mentioned that it is inappropriate to have the Chief blurt out during the meeting and to stand over the Board and refuse to have a seat. Board members agreed that this is not the first time Chief Fox has caused a disturbance; he should be written up for official misconduct. Documentation should be placed in his personnel file and disciplinary action should be taken.

10. Discussion of 2012 Village Ordinance to Authorize Waiver of Competitive Bid Process for Pre Audit Accounting Services- Theobald & Associates

Village Manager Turner addressed the concern of a housekeeping issue regarding the previous Theobald agreement that was passed as an ordinance in 2011 but mistakenly prepared as a resolution by the prior attorney. Attorney Matt Byrne stated that the corrected ordinance will be prepared. Trustee Benson asked to see the old and new documents to verify the correct verbiage. Discussion continued regarding the 2012 Village ordinance to authorize waiver of competitive bid process for pre-accounting services for Theobald & Associates to assist the new employee in the Payroll Department. Village Clerk Williams stated that the revised Ordinance 11-003 will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

11. Announcement of Town Hall / Open Forum Public Meeting on Water Referendum Question February 25, 2012- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that a Town Hall/ Open Forum Public meeting on the water referendum will be held on February 25, 2012 from 10 am – 12 noon. Public Works Director Kevin Weller and Village Engineer Czarnik will be in attendance. The IEPA has been invited to attend but has not confirmed. Trustee Hanks stated that he was concerned that the last forum was one sided and included political candidates. Mayor Towers stated that the forum is open to the public and representatives from both sides of the issue will be allowed to give a presentation. Trustee Williams asked if the letter notifying the businesses of the water referendum has been sent. Trustee Williams stated that the referendum will affect business owners and landlords who pay for their water. It may cause increases to services or rents. Mayor Towers stated that it has not gone out and directed Trustee Williams to handle that. Trustee Burgess stated that rates will go up either way and bonds may need to be purchased. Residents should be informed exactly when the water rates will go up and approximately how much the increase will be so residents can budget properly. Trustee Burgess expects that rates could go up as early as May or June.

12. Public Comment

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

Marva Campbell- Pruitt requested that four of the mock up lights be placed at Sauk Trail and Torrence Avenue. That will need to be investigated; it may be a County road.

Marva stated that the referendum lacks an impact for the Lincoln Meadows subdivision. Marva will pose a question to the Village Engineer on how to rectify the situation in Lincoln Meadows.

Bernice Houston stated that flyers were presented to all Sauk Village residents regarding the last Town Hall meeting personally by the SVCPA. Bernice stated that rates will go up either way. Bernice continued discussion of the water.

Kathy Boettcher asked the ratio of homeowners versus residents and asked if the Village considered new wells. Mayor Tower stated that new wells were not a chosen option.

A resident asked if ballots can be sent to the homes; her landlord lives out of town.

Elizabeth Platta discussed waiting for better economic times to consider Lake Michigan water.

Janice Clark asked for an update of the audit. The Pension Board information has not been received. The audit is still incomplete.

Judy Cast commented on the audit and asked if the homes west of 394 belong to Sauk Village residents. Judy stated that residents are not getting a clear picture of the costs of the water referendum. Residents should bring their water bill. Judy commended Chief Fox and VM Turner for introducing themselves. Residents knew Tim Holevis.

Bernadine Hopkins inquired about the temporary hook up from South Chicago Heights and asked if the flat rate will also increase.

John Hinko commented on the petition for Interim Chief Holevis, questioned Chief Fox's qualifications and 2007 test score and commented on the wells.

Larry Stewart agreed that the water will go up either way and was concerned about the cost per household.

Wanda Grant- Clyde Avenue- addressed Board decorum and stated that Chief Fox and Village Manager Turner visited Village residents to discuss the crime issue.

Kim Clark stated that Sauk Village needs to live within their means.

Frank Williams stated that the water referendum is an individual choice. There is no proof of fecal matter in the water. Frank commented on the need for a background check for the Chief.

Lynda Washington commended Chief Fox and VM Turner for going out in the community and their professionalism. Lynda stated the need for a Village Manager.

Rose Langston was appalled by the report on WGN News. The resident making the allegation is not an expert. Fecal matter is due to sewage back up. Rose commented on the need for presenters for both sides at the forum and the levels of Chromium in Chicago water.

Robert Farrow addressed the need to test the water and stated that bottled water is treated. Robert addressed the well that is shut down and the contamination in the two other wells.

Charles Pondexter addressed contamination of Chicago beaches due to heavy rains. Lake Michigan water also needs to be treated.

13. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government essays have been picked up and distributed. The casino trip had 48 people in attendance and \$440.00 was raised. The next trip is in the planning process. Trustee Williams stated that she has not received the documentation that was requested two weeks ago. Trustee Williams requested a moderator be present at the forum and that time and decorum be kept. Trustee Williams asked that a motion to override the Mayor's veto be placed on the next agenda. Trustee Williams stated that the fecal matter issue should be investigated and asked for a report on the findings. Trustee Hanks stated that the veto is incorrect. The veto was not received according to State Statutes. The date should state January 13th not January 3rd. The motion is incorrectly stated as a layoff; should state terminate.

Trustee Myers commended Chief Fox and VM Turner for visiting residents.

14. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 10:52 pm.

15. Executive Session- Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Present: Trustee Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 11:50 pm.

16. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 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, **FEBRUARY 28, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers

***9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Trustee Burgess made a motion to suspend the rules and move item #9 to follow item 1B. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session for the matter of personnel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:04 pm.

***10. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the regular Board meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. January 17, 2012- Special Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012 – Special Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. January 24, 2012 - Special Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012 - Special Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

C. January 24, 2012- Board Meeting

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012 Board Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

D. February 6, 2012- Special Meeting

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

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012 – Special Meeting.

Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

E. February 7, 2012 – Committee Meeting

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

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2012 – Committee Meeting.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that Early Voting has begun in Cook County and will continue until March 15th. The closest Early Voting location is Chicago Heights City Hall located at 1601 S. Chicago Road Monday through Saturday from 9 am – 5 pm. The Primary Election will take place on March 20th. The Voter's registration deadline has expired. You can still register to vote at the Cook County Clerk's office downtown but you must place your ballot at the same time. Voter's registration will reopen after the March 20th election. VC Williams stated that copies of the minutes are on the back table and available on line. If additional copies are need please call the Village Clerk at 708/753-5121.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that the staff is working on pending litigation and preparing to negotiate the Police and TCO contracts. VM Turner stated that she is assisting the Village Clerk with the Municode project, reviewing the 2011/2012 budget, working with new staff and Theobald and Associates and with Baxter and Woodman on the completion of the Winpak project. The ESDA job is being prepared for posting. The Parks and Recreation part time position was posted. VM Turner will be working with Janice Morrissey, Director of Housing Initiatives on Housing Action Plans and training opportunities for the Housing Commission through SSMMA. VM Turner is facilitating a meeting for the review of the Tow ordinance to be updated and revised. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 1 pm.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that she has received the publication back of the Treasurer's report. They will be mailed along with the signed affidavit from the Clerk's office. Trustee Burgess asked if the Pension Board has completed their audit. VT Carmichael stated that the audit is outstanding. Trustee Burgess stated that the Pension Board is holding up our audit which is keeping our bond rating suspended.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Matt Byrne- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that Cook County property bills are due March 1st. The penalty is 1½ % of the balance if paid late. Senior Exemption and Senior Freeze applications should have been received by seniors at this time. Seniors that did not get their application should call 708/232-4100. Mayor Towers stated that Community Consolidated School District 168 is celebrating Black History Month with a "Legacy" program on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 6 pm at Rickover Junior High School. Tickets cost \$3.00. Tickets are available at all three schools. Special guests are Shirley Walsh and Tommy Ford from the "Martin Show. Call 708/758-1610 for more information.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that Line Dancing is continuing. The Community Center is open Sunday through Friday. Applications for the part time positions will be reviewed with the Village Manager and interviews will take place soon. Trustee Chavez will meet with Jim to work on the baseball fields. Trustee Chavez asked if the Public Works Department and Beautification are available on Thursday. Baseball registrations will begin in April. Boxing continues on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Two boxers will be competing in the Golden Gloves at Gordon Tech in the near future. The fight times will be posted on March 1st. The boxers are David Lindstrom and Martez Beamon. Trustee Chavez invited the elected officials to come and support the boxers.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the next Housing Authority Commission meeting will be held at 6 pm March 12 at the Village Hall.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- Absent

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee met last Thursday. The Economic Development Committee is working on upgrades and improvements to TIF #1. Trustee Burgess reported that the Lincoln Highway murals is near completion and will be displayed on the Fairway building. Trustee Burgess reported that the owners of the 7-11 property have sent in payment for the clean up efforts on behalf of the Beautification Committee.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is March 27, 2012. Essay packets will be distributed to the judges on February 29th at 5 pm in the Village Hall. Essay judging will take place on March 7th at 6 pm. Student Government Day reports are due by March 16th for all elected officials, committee chairs, department heads and vendors. Please keep reports short and simple. A memo will be distributed to all department heads and the Village Manager asking for assistance on transporting kids on Student Government Day.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox stated that since February 14th there have 892 calls for service, 5 burglaries, 3 thefts and 42 arrests. The SWAT program provided by Sheriff Tom Dart has been out twice this month and will return two times a month for the rest of the year to assist with clean up in the area. Trustee Chavez asked for additional police presence near the 216th and Clyde area due to the abandoned homes and break ins in that area.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 15 calls between the period of February 14, 2012 – February 27, 2012. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Prevention Bureau is looking at the plans for the Wayne Steel expansion. Chief Stoffregen will report to the Village Manager once the figures and facts are in.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the fault on 216th Place is a Com Ed repair. Com Ed will be out March 7th to repair that fault. DH Weller reported 4 water main break so far this year. The warm weather has kept the number of breaks low and has kept the salt supply up. DH Weller is asking for direction to move forward with Twin Supplies. Twin Supplies will facilitate the DECO and ICE grants at no charge to the Village. The ICE grant expires February 29, 2012. The work will be performed at a low cost with the assistance of the Public Works Department. This item is included later in the agenda. Trustee Chavez asked for assistance with the scoreboard at the baseball field. DH Weller asked if the address where the problem was mentioned at the last water referendum meeting has been received in order to pass it on to the Health Department. Mayor Towers stated that he will direct Bernice Houston to get with Kevin to identify the streets. The prototype lights will be installed by GNP outside of the Village Hall (2) and 217th Street (2).

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Zoning and Building Administrator Jasinski stated that the Key Market license is on hold awaiting an MWRD permit and the manhole and sanitary sewer lines inspection. DH Jasinski asked for direction from the Board after they review the attorney's comments on the Cash for Gold business. The hearing for the electric fence will be held on April 2, 2012 in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Winpak has been granted a temporary certificate of occupancy for the warehouse only for 30 days. Winpak has until April to complete the landscaping. Trustee Burgess asked that stipulations and guidelines for the Cash for Gold be discussed among the Board and the Village Manager. DH Jasinski stated that that the business is currently an allowable use; any stipulations would require a text amendment for a Special Use category. This item will be placed on the next Committee agenda. Trustee Burgess also asked Chief Fox to keep a close eye on ABC Urban Wear due to the problems at that location with the previous owner. ABC may have ties to the Hook Up. Chief Fox will do a background check and monitor the business.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the General Fund Balance is \$587,958.44. . The Midwest Bank Corporate account has a balance of \$250,754.27.00. The January, 2012 Collector's Report will be available in two days. The DECO and Cop's grant reporting has been completed.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of February 14th and February 27th the department assisted the Fire Department and school patrols in 14 different situations and will be on hand to assist with the Black History Celebration at Rickover Junior High. DH Johnson stated parking will also be available at the church across the street from Rickover.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee thanked the McConathy Public Library for their donation of a paperback book rack. The book exchange program is a huge success, thanks to continuous book donors Nancy Baker, Barb Dorman and Nadine Morgan. FREE Blood pressure screening continues on Monday movie days (next March 12th) and on Wednesdays (next March 7th and 21st). The basic computer project is progressing slowly. Computer, monitors and printer equipment not needed the program were donated to the Goodwill/Dell electronic recycling center in Lansing. The Senior Chili Cook-off is still need of chili volunteers (Mar. 24th). Crafters are needed for the May 12th Senior Craft Show (no table charge). A Senior Health Fair is planned for the future. The committee's Senior Survey is at a standstill. The free Senior movie Monday movie 'Quite Man' will be held on March 12th at 1:00 pm. following an 11 a.m. speaker Bloom Twp Senior Director Sheryl Ford and a 12 p.m. luncheon at the library. Call 757-4771 for reservations for lunch. Free blood pressure screening will be provided prior to the 11:00 a.m. speaker. Bloom Twp Community Luncheon is on Friday, March 2nd at Glenwoodie Golf Club, 19301 State St., Glenwood, IL featuring entertainer Joe Vega. Call Bloom Township for AARP 2011 tax preparation assistance.

Leap year day celebration with refreshments and treats on February 29th 7-9 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 2500 223rd St. Zumba classes with certified instructor Bev Sterrett every Wednesday evening - cost \$5.00 per class. McConathy Library has a limited number of openings for the AARP 2011 tax preparation -call 757-4771 for an appointment. CEDA provides relief assistance for seniors and disabled - call 754-4575 x3817 Stephanie Johnig. Reminder: 1st installments on property taxes are due Mar. 1st before 1.5% monthly penalty. Senior citizens tax deferral program for qualified persons must be completed and filed by Mar. 1st. Rose stated that many residents have been questioning the legality of unauthorized signs posted on their properties and vacant homes. Former School District 168 board member Beverly Chmielewski passed away - visitation Friday., March 2nd 9:30-11 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church followed by a funeral mass. Former School District 168 board member and Village Trustee Pat Hasse is at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital, Dyer facing gall bladder surgery.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt reported that the Illinois Highway Commission has completed the mural. The mural will be installed on Thursday from 11:30 – 1:30 pm. The Illinois Highway Commission will plan their own press release. A formal dedication will take place at a later date. BC Chair Pruitt will be speaking with local garden centers to Adopt a Spot. Signs recognizing their efforts will be placed at 394 and Sauk Trail, Torrence Avenue and Route 30, Sauk Trail and McDonalds and at the marquee. The committee needs to know if there are regulations regarding the signs. The businesses that adopt a spot will be asked to review the spot, make plans for the improvements and maintain the site after the improvements are made.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt stated that the next Human Relations Commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th. Public participation is encouraged.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

As part of Black History Month, Police Alliance Committee Chair Lenarge Booker presented Clarence Johns (Retired) a plaque of recognition for being the first African American Police Officer and read a biography of the history of his service in Sauk Village. Friends and family were on hand, including his sister, Julia Johns Marshall from Memphis, Tennessee. Elected officials and others thanked Clarence for his service. Mayor Towers thanked Ms. Booker for arranging the presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for February 15, 2012 through February 28, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for February 15, 2012 through February 28, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification of the expenses for Deputy Fire Chief Atwood's training expense and the Parks and Recreation expense for bag stands for the Sauk Village Boxing Fitness World program. Trustee Burgess questioned if the charges for the Chief's badges were redundant. They were separate charges.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental agreement. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Village Manager Turner stated that this agreement refers to the collection of outstanding tickets with the help of Judy Barr Topinka's office. The City of Chicago is still tweaking the implementation of the program. Village Attorney Matt Byrne stated that the agreement has been approved by a substantial number of municipalities. The agreement is time sensitive; ticket enforcement priority will be given to the municipality that first reports an individual.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve Twin Lighting Supplies/ Lighting System Grant Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve facilitated mediation.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

D. Mayoral Written Objection Regarding Veto of February 13, 2012 Motion of Village Board to Layoff of the Village Manager, Henrietta Turner

Mayor Towers stated that the Board has received his written objection regarding a veto of the February 13, 2012 motion of the Village Board to layoff the Village Manager, Henrietta Turner.

E. A Motion to Overturn the Mayor's Veto of February 13, 2012 Motion of Village Board to Layoff of the Village Manager, Henrietta Turner

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to overturn the Mayor's Veto of February 13, 2012 motion of Village Board to layoff of the Village Manager, Henrietta Turner. Trustee Hanks made a motion to table the motion to overturn the Mayor's Veto of the Board's motion of February 13, 2012. Trustee Hanks requested that this item be placed on the March 13, 2012 Board agenda due to the absence of Trustee Myers. The motion to table was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

7. PUBLIC COMMENT- All questions must be directed to Mayor Towers. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Carl Rylander was concerned with the construction of the new LED lights and whether they will be sensitive to power surges. DH Weller stated that the bulbs are retrofitted to the existing fixture and that they take a pretty good hit and reset themselves.

John Hinko- 216th Place- stated that the Board should have executive session before the start time of the meeting. John asked the warranty on the lights. DH Weller stated that the warranty is 10 years. Mayor Towers stated that executive sessions are not always planned in advance and sometimes are held at the end of the meeting.

Ed Shankel is concerned that the address with the "fecal matter" has not been provided by Ms. Houston yet. Mayor Towers stated that Ms. Houston has been directed to provide that address to Kevin Weller.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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 was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Altered agenda order

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 6, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: None

2. Discussion of Amendment to Tow Ordinance (3- 5 tickets and boot lock program)- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers met with Chief Fox to discuss amendments to the Tow Ordinance. Chief Fox is requesting to remove item 11D regarding registration. Trustee Myers worked with Village Adjudicator Giannopoulos and the Ordinance Review Committee before presenting this to the Board for approval. The Board did pass this ordinance. Trustee Myers recommended keeping this as part of the ordinance; officers need to have the right to tow for improper registration. Trustee Myers will resubmit the ordinance to the Ordinance Review Committee if the Board agrees to the revisions requested by Chief Fox.

The second recommendation made by Chief Fox refers to Page 14- Excessive noise- loud radio. Chief Fox recommends adding a fine of up to \$750.00 instead of the option of towing the vehicle. Village Adjudicator Giannopoulos agrees to removing this item from impound and placing a fine instead.

Lastly, Trustee Myers agreed that using the boot for 3-5 tickets should be a fine and not an impound. The boot is being used in other towns. The Collection Agency will be responsible for placing the boot on the vehicle.

Trustee Myers also mentioned that the word felony should be used in place of misdemeanor on page 15.

Trustee Myers stated that these items will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

Chief Fox mentioned that without a decibel gun it is hard to determine the sound. The decibel gun reading would be needed in order to enforce the impound in court. The \$750.00 fine should discourage the loud music. The adjudicator has the power to reduce the maximum fine of \$750.00. Discussion continued stating that the car may still be impounded if the tickets are not paid promptly, false registrations can mean illegal vehicles no registration sets up a red flag and tows are more of a deterrent than a fine. Chief Fox stated that the Secretary of State is 30-60 days behind in registrations. The officers have discretion whether or not to write tickets for no license, insurance or registration. The courts are giving people their money back. No decibel gun will be used to determine the sound. Currently the local ordinance uses 75 feet as a measure to determine loud music.

This matter will be researched further and will be sent for attorney review.

3. Discussion of the Special Use -Cash for Gold -Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess recommended placing certain restrictions on this type of business. Stipulations such as ID and pictures required at the time someone turns items in should be required. Building and Zoning Director Jasinski stated that the gold is for purchase only; no sales will be made. This is an allowable use in C-2 as a retail business but if the Board approves that restrictions need to be put in place it would require a text amendment and special use. A Zoning Board notice would need to be posted 15 – 30 days prior to the text amendment hearing and

Special use. The process could take 2 – 2 ½ months for approval and the business would incur the costs of the text amendment and the legal notice. Mayor Towers stated that surrounding areas keep records by issuing checks when people turn in the gold and do not issue cash. Chief Fox stated that this business would have to work with State Law. Village Manager Turner suggested crafting a version of an ordinance similar to one in use by Chicago Heights. A guideline should be submitted to the building owner and the attorneys for review. Trustee Myers agreed that pictures or video should be required. ID's can be phony. Chief Fox stated that most pawn shops have surveillance systems and great record systems to protect themselves.

Research will be done to check if other towns have had problems with this type of business. The board agreed to direct DH Jasinski to move forward with the text amendment and to come back to the Board after review by the Village Manager Turner, Chief Fox, Trustee Myers, the Ordinance Review Committee and the attorneys.

4. Update on Student Government Day March 27, 2012 -Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is March 27th. Reports are due March 16th. Assistance will be needed from personnel on that day to transport the children from the various facilities. A schedule of events will be provided. All elected officials, department heads and vendors are asked to come early at 6 pm for pictures. There will be no questions and comments from the audience on the night. Trustee Williams asked for the cooperation of the Board and asked that no hot button issues are placed on that night's agenda.

5. Public Comment

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

Larry Stewart agreed that fines are better than towing cars. Towing cars does not allow people to get back and forth to work.

Thomas Vogel asked who paid for the water signs in the yards and asked if notices were sent out that water bills will triple. Mayor Towers stated that the signs were paid for by the Sauk Village Public Awareness Committee; they are an individual committee that has nothing to do with the Village. Mayor Towers also mentioned that three meetings were held to discuss the issue, the information was placed in the Sauk Talk and a special mailing was done to all homes.

Francine Anderson asked if all military personnel will be honored by the Fire Department. Chief Stoffregen will accommodate if notified. Francine was glad to see the EPA summary about the current water conditions and asked Trustee Burgess to explain his water estimator to her.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood- stated that a resident is repairing cars in the driveway at 217th and Carol Avenue.

Bernice Brewer Houston read the IEPA fact sheet and found it to be very accurate, asked where it came from and stated that some information is missing. Village Clerk Williams stated that she contacted the IEPA a couple of months ago and requested that they compile a fact sheet for the residents. The fact sheet includes a number of resources and will be placed on the internet and made available to all residents. The fact sheet is relating to the IEPA facts and does not mention other issues relating to Sauk Village. Bernice addressed other issues relating to the water issue.

John Hinko- 216th Place- asked if the audit has been completed, if Chief Fox's background check has been done and who took the Sauk Talks, where they are and how much did they cost. Village Manager Turner stated that Village Treasurer Carmichael contacted the Police and Fire Pension Boards. The audit should be available within 2-3 weeks without the Pension Board's audits. Mayor Towers stated that there will not be any background check; he is satisfied with the information from the Illinois Law Enforcement Board at this point. Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talks were removed from the building by Chief Fox and placed in Ms. Houston's car at the Mayor's request. Trustee Williams does not presently know the whereabouts of the Sauk Talks; the cost was approximately \$900.00. Additional copies were produced in house and mailed to the residents.

Ed Shankel asked who will pay for the Sauk Talks and commented on how the court system releases the kids who are repeatedly breaking into the houses. Mayor Towers stated that the Sauk Talk has been mailed.

Sharon Nowak asked for the address of the house with the fecal matter reported by Ms. Houston.

Judy Cast referred to the Police Chief's presence, demeanor and input at the meetings. Ordinances have been reviewed by the Ordinance Review Committee and attorneys before they are approved. Officers on the street need assistance even if it requires overtime. Officers are not needed at the meetings if the Police Chief is present. Mayor Towers stated that department heads are asked to give input on items that involve their department.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- stated that guidelines are in place to give the Police Chief a background check. Frank stated that the water will be a burden on the people if the bills double and stated that Sherry and the Trustees should be allowed to do their job.

Rose Langston also liked the IEPA fact sheet and stated that additional information should have been included. Rose questioned the sign ordinance and mentioned signs that are placed in people's yards without their permission and vacant homes. Blood Pressure testing will occur Wednesday, March 7th from 1 pm to 2 pm. The Senior Committee will meet Thursday, March 8th at 5 pm in the Senior Center. Volunteers are needed for the Chili Cook Off. Crafters are needed for the May 12th Senior Craft Show. The next Senior Movie will be held on Monday, March 12th. A speaker will be on hand and lunch will be served. Call the library for reservations. The United Church of Christ is hosting a Trivia Night on March 17th at 6 pm. Income Tax preparation is still being conducted at Bloom Township.

Mayor Towers stated that he has not received any calls with complaints regarding where signs are placed. Residents can call him.

Lynda Washington- 225th Place- said if you don't want a sign in your yard- take it out. Landlords of vacant homes can give permission for signs to be placed in the yards. Lynda stated that if the Mayor said not to mail the Sauk Talks they should not have gone out. Everyone is entitled to accurate information about the water.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess announced the dedication for the Lincoln Highway mural that was installed last week and the celebration of the Village's 55th Anniversary will be held on March 12, 2012 at 4 pm outside o

Fairway Foods to be followed by refreshments in the Senior Center. Beautification Committee Chairman Marva Pruitt is handling inviting all local churches, citizens, past elected officials, etc... The dedications are open to the public Trustee Burgess is asking for \$400.00- \$500.00 on behalf of the Beautification Committee in order to help defray the cost of the refreshments. The Board agreed by consensus to provide up to \$500.00.

Trustee Williams asked for a consensus of the Board to have copies of the IEPA fact sheet mailed to all of the homes. The fact sheet is already on the website. Trustee Williams asked for an update on the address of the home with the fecal matter. Public Works Director Weller stated that Bernice Houston stated that she would deal with the Mayor on that matter. Trustee Williams asked to be kept updated. Student Government Day judging will take place Wednesday, March 7th at 6 pm. The essays written by the children are filled with incorrect information about the water which has scared the children. Trustee Williams stated that the fact sheet and other factual information should be sent to the students. Trustee Williams stated that Ms. Houston brought up information that was discussed in executive session and so that the other residents are not confused she explained that there are concerns that the emergency plan to hook up to South Chicago Heights water at a cost of \$400,000.00 may only be sufficient for the Deer Creek Subdivision based on the water pressure and amount of water. Trustee Williams stated that the sign ordinance needs to be reviewed and reviewed the missing Sauk Talk process again which Mayor Towers disputed.

Trustee Chavez reported that the Easter Egg Celebration will be co-sponsored with the PLAN Organization and he will speak with the Police Department, Fire Department and ESDA. An Easter Parade is also being considered. Trustee Chavez also reported that two Sauk Village boxers will compete in the Golden Gloves. Martez Beamon will compete on March 9th and David Lindstrom will compete on March 21st.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Human Relations Commission and the Beautification Committee are planning a Father's Day Barbeque Contest on June 16, 2012. A Village Wide Garage Sale is planned for the same day at the same location on the corner of Prairie and Sauk Trail. The committees will need a letter of support from the Village. Village Clerk Williams stated that the resolution is completed after the committee secures the location. Trustee Hanks asked for notices to be placed on future water bills. Trustee Hanks suggested that the Student Government Day essay winners attend the mural opening. Trustee Williams asked for a flyer to place in the SGD students' packets; the event is after school. Trustee Hanks reported that the next Housing Authority Commission meeting will take place on Monday, March 12th at 6 pm.

Trustee Benson asked if the Southland Housing Collaborative Committee will be included as part of Student Government Day. Trustee Williams stated that it will be included if a report is turned in.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall on March 21st. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd at 6 pm.

Village Manager Turner stated that the model street lights provided by GNP Energy have been installed on Torrence Avenue for the Board members to inspect. VM Turner asked for a consensus of the Board to outsource the printing and mailing of the IEPA fact sheet. The board consented to move forward with the mailing.

7. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

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

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 9:29 pm.

8. Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2012)

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

Trustee Williams stated for the record that she called the executive session meeting to address the Village Manager; the Village Manager did not answer any of her questions. Trustee Benson took it upon himself to call in the Police Chief (which was not what the consensus of the Board wanted). Mayor Towers dismissed the Police Chief; that was why the meeting was terminated. Trustee Williams is requesting that the answers to her questions be placed in her packet by Friday.

Trustee Benson stated for the record that Trustee Williams was asked if she needed to say anything about the Police Chief. She stated no. That was why the Chief was dismissed. Discussion then continued about the Police Chief.

Present: Trustee Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 9:54 pm.

9. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 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, **MARCH 13, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustees Chavez (Chavez enters at 7:04 pm)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. February 13, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. February 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the February 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

C. February 21, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the February 21, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. February 28, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that polling places will be open from 6 am - 7 pm for the Primary Election taking place on March 20th. Precinct 16 will no longer vote at the Candlelight Clubhouse. A list of polling places will be available at all of the polling places and at the Village Hall. VC Williams commended the Beautification Committee and the McConathy Public Library for their efforts in bringing the Lincoln Highway Mural to Sauk Village and for the dedication of the mural and the celebration of the 55th Anniversary of Sauk Village afterwards. The mural and Sauk Village's 55th anniversary will be depicted on the 2012 Village sticker. VC Williams read a notice of the passing of Former Trustee Pat Hasse which listed her accomplishments and dedication to Sauk Village and asked for a moment of silence.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that labor negotiations are scheduled for March 13th. The uniform allowances have been settled. VM Turner stated that she is assisting the Village Clerk with the Municode project and working with Kane, McKenna on the tax abatements that will be presented to the Board on March 20th. VM Turner is also working with staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Easter event. The IEPA report has been mailed and should be in the homes by mid week. VM Turner and FD Rao will meet with the auditors on Friday to finalize the audit issues. VM Turner is working with HUD regarding Risk Management and bonding of all elected officials, with the new payroll staff and Theobald & Associates and Baxter & Woodman regarding the petitions for the Winpak project that will be presented next week. VM Turner will meet with DH Jasinski and Fire Chief Stoffregen on finalizing the third expansion of Wayne Steel. VM Turner also met with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Housing Authority and is working with Janice Morrissey, the Director of Housing Initiatives. The Tow Ordinance is still under the attorney's review. The Parks and Recreation position has been posted and is still vacant.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the email the Board received will be discussed in executive session.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that if the Lake Michigan water referendum passes he will send the pre-application for the low interest loan to the IEPA the following day for their consideration. If the referendum is voted down the pre-application will be sent for the air stripping. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering will be doing a 75th Anniversary service project that will include assisting Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Committee with clean up of the baseball fields at a date not yet determined.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that two Sauk Village boxers are in the semi-finals. Martez Beamon is fighting on March 22nd and David Lindstrom is fighting on March 23rd. Trustee Chavez is proud of their hard work and dedication and hopes that they will bring a medal home.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Authority Commission meeting of March 12th was cancelled due to visiting his son before deployment

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on March 14th at 7pm to review the Tow Ordinance. Trustee Myers stated that he will ask for a motion that item 6B be tabled due to an email received from the attorneys. Further review is necessary. This item will be presented at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Myers stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on March 21st at 6:30 pm. Trustee Myers has signed up with the Cook County Sheriff's Department in order to receive information for the Neighborhood Watch program.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess thanked the Mural Committee and the Beautification Committee for a job well done on the dedication at Fairway Foods. Trustee Burgess suggested that lights should be added to highlight the mural. The Lincoln Highway mural was placed on the Fairway Foods building because that is the area that is depicted on the mural. Ex- officials were on hand for the dedication.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is March 27, 2012. Student Government Day reports are due by March 16th for all elected officials, committee chairs, department heads and vendors. Everyone needs to be on hand by 6:15 pm for pictures on March 27th. There will be no questions and comments from the audience on that day. A reception will be held in the Senior Center immediately following the meeting.

Mayor Towers recognized Trustee Benson to give a report on the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.

Trustee Benson reported that the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative is made up of 26 municipalities located in the Southern Cook and Northern rail counties. Trustee Benson they will be working in conjunction with the SSMMA and the Metropolitan Planning Council on south suburban housing issues regarding the current foreclosure crisis, land banking, property maintenance, etc... Trustee Benson will work with Building and Zoning Director Jasinski and Village Manager Turner to create Village enhancement and jobs. A steering committee made up of one or two individuals of each municipality will be developed and will meet the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2012 at 9 am at 1904 174th Street, East Hazel Crest, Illinois. (This committee will be added to future agendas)

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox stated that the SWAP program will assist in the cleanup of the baseball fields. Chief Fox will provide the dates they are available.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 9 calls between the periods of February 28, 2012 – March 12, 2012. Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department and the ESDA department are working together on a donation drive to aid the citizens involved in the Harrisburg, Illinois tornadoes. Chief Stoffregen reported that approximately 300 homes were destroyed. Donations will be accepted through March 21st. Chief Stoffregen is requesting the use of Village personnel and a Village vehicle to transport donated items to Harrisburg on March 22, 2012. The Board consented to the use of the personnel and vehicle.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that work is continuing on the 216th Place streetlights. They should be up and running in a couple of days. Stop and Yield signs are being replaced with bigger, multi – colored signs. DH Weller asked for any comments on the mock streetlights that were installed on Torrence Avenue while the representative is present. Spring clean up for the parks and buildings will be addressed as weather permits. The storm sewer cleanup will begin soon. Residents are advised not to dump anything in the storm sewers; this may end up in the water table. Summer landscaping projects will also begin soon. DH Weller thanked Rich Atwood for his assistance with the mural installation. There is no date available on when the sidewalk repairs will start up again this season. Trustee Burgess inquired about the 50/50 sidewalk program for areas that do not fit into the CDBG program. DH Weller stated that is under discussion; start up money is needed.

Trustee Benson asked DH Weller about the integrity of wells 1 and 2 and when they were last tested. DH Weller stated that the wells were tested in February and the readings are at safe levels. The water is tested periodically and treated if levels need to be lowered. Trustee Chavez asked for an update on the branch pickup and assistance with the ball fields; the Parks and Recreation Committee will help install the drywall in the center. DH Weller stated that a notice will be posted soon. Mayor Towers asked if the debris pickup along the highway is charged back to the highway. DH Weller stated that they turn around before that point.

Trustee Hanks stated that the fire hydrant on 223rd and Jeffrey is laying down and asked if the address of the house that reported they had fecal matter in water has been given to Public Works. DH Weller stated that the address has not been revealed. Trustee Benson stated that the person wished that their address not be known for fear of retaliation. It is not for the Board to seek out that information. Trustee Hanks stated that the Public Works Department needs that address to check if the water is hooked up incorrectly because it could get into our water system. The Board does not need to know the address. The address should be turned over for the safety and well being of the residents. Trustee Myers urged the resident to contact the Health Department. Trustee Benson stated that testing should be increased; if fecal matter is detected it needs to be acted on. Trustees Myers and Williams inquired if the Village could be held liable for not investigating the fecal matter. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the information was on brochures but there has been no data to back it up. Trustee Williams stated for the record that several Trustees have voiced concerns and have asked for the address. Mayor Towers stated that he would investigate. No information has been received as of today. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Engineer and Public Works Department is testing the water; there is no fecal matter in the water at this time. There is nothing to be concerned about.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Zoning and Building Administrator Jasinski stated that the public notice has been posted for the hearing for the electric fence to be held on April 2, 2012 in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Cash for Gold will require a text amendment and Special Use.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the General Fund Balance is \$216,916.29 and \$1,001,418.00 in Illinois Funds. A \$90,000.00 reimbursement to General Funds was received from Amalgamated Bank regarding the Piscoran legal matter. The DCEO grant reporting will be completed on March 14th.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of February 28th and March 12th the department assisted the Fire Department and school patrols in 14 different incidences. Tammy Souza will emcee an emergency response class on Tuesday, March 27th at Crete Monee High School on West Exchange Street. The class provides information on recognizing and identifying severe storms and reporting severe weather to appropriate agencies. The class is free for all emergency personnel and all residents. Call 815/723-1255 for reservations. Sauk Village Emergency services are teaming up with Operation Harrisburg Relief to help hundreds left homeless after the February 29th tornado. Donations of cleaning supplies, toiletries, diapers, towels, blankets, car seats, wash cloths, gloves, socks and underwear will be collected between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday at the Fire Station or the Sauk Village Police Department after hours. Monetary Donations can be made to the Harrisburg Ministerial Association, 20 S. Webster Street, Harrisburg, IL 62946 and should be marked "Disaster Aid". The last day to donate is March 20th at 5 pm. Call 708/758-2225 for more information. Mayor Towers will direct Finance Director Rao to email the Board with an amount the Village will be donating in order to get a consensus from the Board. Chief Stoffregen asked if he could be reimbursed for the gas and volunteer expenses upon their return. The Board consented to the reimbursement and the donation.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Chili Cook-off is still need of chili volunteers (Mar. 24th 12pm-3 pm). The May 12th Senior Craft Show has been cancelled until fall. Bloom Twp Senior Director Sheryl Ford reported on various senior services prior to the Free Blood Pressure screenings, luncheon and Senior Movie at the library on March 12th. FREE Blood pressure screening continues on Wednesdays March 21st.

United Church of Christ, 2500 223rd St. offers Zumba classes with certified instructor Bev Sterrett every Wed. evening - cost \$5.00 per class. Trivia night will be held on Saturday, March 17th at 6 pm; the cost is \$5.00. Refreshments are included. Rose thanked Marva and the Beautification Committee for their work on the mural and the 55th Anniversary program. Rose also thanked Joe Wiszowaty for compiling a CD of Sauk Village History and Public Works for their efforts helping to put this all together.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt thanked everyone for their assistance with the mural installation and the 55th Anniversary; especially the Public Works Department and the elected officials for their cooperation and the \$500.00 donation for the festivities. Marva thanked Rose for the use of the Senior Center. Copies of the Sauk Village historical DVD will be available at a cost of \$10.00 thanks to Joe Wiszowaty and Gary Holcomb. The \$10.00 donation will be split between the Beautification Committee and the McConathy Public Library. The mural dedication is available on You Tube.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt reported that the HRC is developing a revised New Resident Handbook. Local businesses will be solicited to place ads in the book to defray the costs. The handbook will be updated every two years.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for February 28, 2012 through March 13, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for February 28, 2012 through March 13, 2012.

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

Trustees asked for clarification on invoices for the Del Galdo Law Group, Stuttley Group and Odelson and Sterk, LLC. The Stuttley Group recently submitted a November invoice for research the FOP contract and review of the Federal Code. A typo was included on the Accounts Payables for the Odelson & Sterk invoices. Village Manager Turner verified that the typo does not affect the payment amount; the figures correctly reflect payments due on all invoices submitted. VM Turner will submit copies of any invoices still outstanding to the Trustees. Charges on the Odelson & Sterk bills relating to calls from the Clerk and Trustees were questioned by Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers and will be discussed in executive session. The role of the Village Clerk is to keep the records, review ordinances, resolutions and other responsibilities that do not fall under the Village Manager or the Mayor that involve the Village Clerk working with the Village Attorneys. Trustee Myers was asked to investigate any ordinances specific to the roles and duties of the Village Clerk. Clarification on recent tow impound refunds are due to the decision of the Markham Court judges overturning the decision of the Village. Chief Fox stated that the judge can order return of all fees, including tow and storage fees.

Village Clerk Williams asked to respond to allegations stated above. Mayor Towers refused to recognize VC Williams.

Trustee Benson asked that the Odelson & Sterk bill be tabled for further research. Finance Director Rao verified the validity of the invoices.

Mayor Towers called for roll call on the motion to approve the Accounts Payable without tabling any items after clarification of items of concern.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve and Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois Ordinance 11-011

Trustee Myers made a motion to table this item for further discussion at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Myers received information from both law firms late in the day that requires further review. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Overturn the Mayor's Veto of the Board's February 13, 2012 Motion to Dismiss Village Manager Henrietta Turner, without cause pursuant to Paragraph 7 of her contract and strictly for financial reasons.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to overturn the Mayor's Veto as stated above.

The motion to overturn the Mayor's veto was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Discussion involved a proposal that was submitted previously that allowed for the salary of Village Manager Turner and Chief Fox that Finance Director Rao states is no longer applicable due to the costs of Professional Development skyrocketing. Further research will be conducted on the impact of the approximate 15% decrease in Police Department overtime and the approximate 50- 60% increase in Professional Services. Warmer weather bringing an increase in overtime was a concern. The General Fund balance of \$216,000.00 will not be sufficient to make payroll in the next few months which will involve borrowing additional money from the Water Fund. FD Rao stated that there is a balance due to the Water Fund in the amount of \$335,000.00. Mayor Towers stated that tax revenue should start coming in August or September.

Further discussion included the approval of the Village budget that included the salary of the Village Manager but did not include a salary for the Police Chief. The Mayor's appointment of a Police Chief without the Board's approval and no allocation in the budget for the Police Chief's position leaves the Board with no choice in order to move the Village forward. The overtime of the past Interim Chief who served for 18 months was questioned. It was stated that there would have been a cost savings to the Village if the Interim Chief would have been appointed; he would not have been entitled to overtime in that position. Litigation has also stemmed from the actions of the Mayor and the Board. The dismissal is pursuant to the terms of the contract and strictly for financial reasons. The 30 day notice has been served. Friday, March 16th is the last day of employment for Village Manager Turner. Mayor Towers stated that the Village cannot move forward without a Village Manager taking care of day to day operations. Mayor Towers stated that he will be in court tomorrow over this matter and will appoint Village Manager Turner every thirty days. Trustee Hanks stated that according to Ordinance 11-023 the Mayor does not have the power to appoint the administrative position of the Village Manager. The Board of Trustees hires this position by ordinance. Trustee Benson disagreed stating that Sauk Village is not Home Rule which leaves the Mayor the power to appoint. Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath for clarification on the thirty day appointment power of the Mayor with regards to this position. Mayor Towers would not recognize VA McGrath.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

No Response: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

This meeting was recessed in disruption at 9:25 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

The meeting was reconvened at the Special Meeting of March 19, 2012. See the minutes of March 19th for items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

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, MARCH 19, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

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

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

2. Motion to Recess Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess the Special Meeting.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

Motion carried

3. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the regular Board meeting of March 13, 2012.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

Motion carried

Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2012- Continued

7. Public Comment

Pat Couch asked why the Police Chief had no report last week. Mayor Towers stated that reports are not always given by everyone.

Judy Cast stated that cutting the Police Officer's overtime puts other officers in jeopardy and commented on past remarks regarding vehicle usage in the Police Department.

Larry Stewart stated that the Board is saying we don't have money; don't spend money we don't have.

Frank Williams commented on lawsuits during this administration and asked if Mayor Towers found the money to pay the Village Manager and Police Chief even though the Village owes money to the Water Fund and elsewhere. Mayor Towers stated that these employees are needed for the Village and that the money is available to pay their salaries.

8. Miscellaneous Business

Trustee Williams stated that she still has not received the information that she requested Village Manager Turner to provide on Chief Fox's qualifications, particularly his qualification to carry a gun, and whether a background check has been done. Village Manager Turner stated that the qualification information was given to Mayor Towers; no background check has been done. Mayor Towers stated that it is not appropriate for the

Police Chief to have a background check done within the department. Trustee Williams stated that the Board previously suggested that the background check be done outside the municipality and it still has not been done.

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:18 pm.

10. Motion to Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the regular Board meeting.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 7:31 pm.

Trustee Hanks stated that the items that would have been discussed in executive session will be discussed in open session due to Mayor Towers not removing civilians from the executive session room.

Trustee Williams questioned why Ms. Turner has been working all day. Ms. Turner was dismissed according to the contract that was signed by Ms. Turner. Trustee Williams asked the Board to direct the Village Attorney to do whatever is necessary which may be in the form of a subsequent letter asking for the return of all Village property and a restraining order if necessary to prohibit entry onto any property that is not for public access. Trustee Williams stated that she did not receive an email referencing an agreement between Chief Fox and the Board of Trustees. Trustee Williams stated that the Police Chief's contract, which includes the terms the Board agreed on, has been outstanding for over 2 ½ months and needs to be resubmitted to Chief Fox with a time limit of 48 hours for him to accept. Trustee Williams stated that it is inappropriate for Chief Fox to dictate to the Board or the Village what he should get paid. If for some reason the contract is not signed and agreed to by both parties, Trustee Williams requested that a Special called meeting be set for Thursday for further discussion. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the email Trustee Williams did not receive was a counter offer from Chief Fox's attorneys which is still pending litigation. The language in the counter offer contains a dollar amount and other figures that will resolve the issue, including the attorney's fees, all tied together. Trustee Williams again asked for the Special meeting for Thursday to get an update on the status and the direction of steps that are needed to finalize the contract. Mayor Towers stated that a Special meeting is not necessary due to the fact that the Village Attorney will continue to pass on any information while it is still in litigation. Trustee Hanks stated that an offer has been made. Village Attorney McGrath

restated that Chief Fox's attorney is countering the Board's initial offer along with paying their fees in whole or in part. Trustee Hanks stated that the original offer still stands and that the attorney's fees should not be paid by the Village because the Board stated from the beginning that the Chief would not get paid. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will be responsible for paying Chief Fox's attorney's fees. Mayor Towers suggested settling the matter and getting it over with. Trustee Hanks stated that it was stated on numerous occasions that the salary for the Police Chief was not appropriated for in this year's budget. The Village is now being sued due to an appointment by Mayor Towers. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board has submitted their offer and is not in favor of paying attorney fees.

Discussion continued whether the Village Manager is an "Administrative" or "Official" position and whether or not Mayor Towers or the Board has the authority to appoint a Village Manager. Mayor Towers stated that he has the authority to appoint a Village Manager due to the vacancy. Mayor Towers will appoint the Village Manager every thirty days. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village Manager is not an officer. The Village Manager position was eliminated in 2009 and asked the Village Attorneys to move forward with the dismissal.

Further discussion included:

- 1.) The request to place a reprimand regarding insubordination in Chief Fox's file over one month ago that still has not taken place. Chief Fox stated that nothing can be put in his file.
- 2.) The need to bring back the Code Enforcement Officers. Mayor Towers asked how the Board can bring back Code when they are laying off the Village Manager. The Village Manager is needed for day to day operations. The Board stated that Mayor Towers brought in a Police Chief instead of Code. The Code Department needs to be brought back to move the Village forward.
- 3.) The cost of increased litigation that was not budgeted for, a possible tax levy and other debts the Village is incurring that will cause the Village to go into the red before the end of the year.
- 4.) Other possible positions that could be eliminated other than the Village Manager.
- 5.) The Mayor not vetoing the ordinance that allows the Board to hire and/ or remove the Village Manager in the administrative position.
- 6.) The Mayor has been working with the Village Manager under the contract that was reviewed by the Mayor, the Board, the legal department and Ms. Turner that stipulates that either party can terminate the contract with 30 days written notice with or without cause pursuant to paragraph 7 of that contract. Not abiding by the contract sends the wrong message.
- 7.) Mayor Towers stated that the Board was instructed by the Village Attorney at the time that the ordinance would not be valid because Sauk Village was not Home Rule. Mayor Towers appointed Ms. Turner as Temporary Village Manager for the next thirty days.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. There was no motion to adjourn. Mayor Towers left the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks Mayor Pro Tem in order to continue the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Myers

Mayor Towers returned at 8:18 pm claiming that the meeting was over. (There was no motion or second to adjourn the meeting.) Mayor Towers left the meeting again.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath to respond to the Mayor's power to appoint this position. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the ordinances on the books are presumed valid and must be followed but can be challenged in a court of law. VA McGrath explained that an ordinance creating the position of

Chief of Staff eliminated the Village Manager position. The Chief of Staff position was eliminated last year and left vacant until the Board approved an ordinance last June giving the Village Board sole authority to appoint, terminate and set the terms of appointment for the Village Manager position. VA McGrath stated that they were not the Village Attorney at that time. The ordinance is valid. A contract was given to Ms. Turner after the ordinance was in place that includes a provision for thirty written notice for cause or no cause to terminate the agreement. The Board motioned for the dismissal on February 13th and thirty day written notice was given to Ms. Turner on February 15th. Mayor Towers vetoed the dismissal and the Board overrode the dismissal properly. VA McGrath stated that it is the opinion of the Village Attorney that the ordinance is valid, proper notice was given and Ms. Turner's last day of employment was Friday, March 16th. VA McGrath stated that Sauk Village is not a Manager's form of government. Sauk Village is set up as a Trustee/Mayor form of government. Mayor Towers has the power to appoint certain positions, the Police Chief being one of them; the Village Manager is not one of those positions.

(Trustee Myers enters the meeting at 8:23 pm.)

Trustee Chavez asked how the staff should handle the situation the following day if Ms. Turner shows up for work with or without the cooperation of the Police Chief. VA McGrath stated that he would hope that there is no confrontation. The matter should be taken up in a court of law. The Board could seek an injunction based on the validity of the contract. The terms of the contract were followed and notice was given. Ms. Turner is no longer employed as the Village Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked VA McGrath to move forward on the injunction. VA McGrath stated that the process involves an emergency or temporary restraining order that may take place within 24-48 hours which is followed by a preliminary ruling and concluded by a declaratory judgment that could take weeks or months. A consensus of the Board is needed to move forward with the injunction.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of March 13, 2012. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

5. Motion to Reconvene the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene the Special Board meeting of March 19, 2012. Trustee Williams made a motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 8:26 pm

6. Executive Session regarding Personnel and Pending and Threatening Litigation- None

7. Formal action to be taken

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to take appropriate legal action to move forward with the litigation involving Ms. Turner. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8. Adjournment

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

The Board agreed that there will be no confrontation. The matter will be decided by the court.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND THE MARCH 20, 2012 RECONVENED 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 26, 2012.

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

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

1. Motion to Reconvene Regular Board meeting of March 20, 2012

(Clerk's Note- March 20, 2012 was a Committee of the Whole meeting)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Committee meeting of March 20, 2012 in its entirety. Discussion was held on the need for reconvening the meeting of March 20, 2012 and Special meetings in general.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

Per the agenda of the March 20, 2012 Committee meeting:

2. Discussion of Approval for Winpak Project -Logistcenter at Sauk Village pending final Village Engineering approval. (Attorney at D&B Law Office)

- A. Plat of Resubdivision
- B. Plat of Easement (10Ft P.U.E. Drainage and Easement)
- C. Plat of Easement (10Ft P.U.E. Easement)
- D. Plat of Dedication
- E. Letter regarding Sidewalk waiver

Attorney Steven Shuster appeared on behalf of DP Partners stating that the Winpak project is nearing completion and that the required documents need to be approved by the Board. Winpak will be in full operation within on month. Discussion was held on possible future expansion, the necessary inspections, elected officials conducting a walk through of the facilities and jobs for Sauk Village residents. This item will appear on the next Board agenda for approval.

3. Discussion of the GNP Energy Street Lighting Project (Price Sowers)

GNP Representative Price Sowers reported on the retrofitted lights installed on Torrence and Orion Avenues. Price suggested modifications to increase the amount of light provided by the bulbs on the Torrence Avenue fixtures due to fewer light poles being available. The Orion Avenue lights are fine. The modifications would cost \$350.00 per light. The Village would still net \$350,000.00 worth of savings the first year with the new lighting program. Price reviewed the program, financing scenarios and grants available for the Board's consideration. Price was asked to verify the figures before the item is brought before the Board on the next Board agenda for approval.

4. Discussion of Sauk Village 2011 Tax Year Bond Abatement for specific Bond Series (Mary Thompson, Kane, McKenna, and Associates, Inc.)

A. 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

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

C. 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

D. 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

E. 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

F. 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

Kane, McKenna representative Mary Thompson presented the annual abatement ordinances prepared in conjunction with the Del Galdo Law Group. The ordinances must be adopted and filed with Cook and Will Counties no later than April 2, 2012. The Series 2002 A&B, Series 2008 and Series 2009 bonds will be fully abated by TIF funds. A review of the Series 2007A, 2007B and 2007C Bonds indicates that only a partial abatement can be done at this time as there are not adequate funds to abate these bonds in full. This will cause a \$677,053.21 tax levy to occur for the amounts insufficient to abate. Failure to pass the required abatement ordinances will cause a levy on the taxpayers of Sauk Village in the full amount of the bonds.

Discussion was held to review the purpose and the repayment structure of the 2007 bonds. The Board was concerned that they received this information on March 19th when the memo was dated March 4th and that there is no information of how this will impact the taxpayers. It was further stated that a tax levy may also be needed next year if the Village does not receive impact fees this year. The Board directed Mary Thompson to provide the detailed information on the amount that would be levied per household.

5. Discussion of Amendment to Tow Ordinance (Trustee Myers)

Trustee Myers stated that Chief Fox has recommended changes to the current tow ordinance. Trustee Myers spoke with the Village Attorney, the Village's prosecuting attorney and the Ordinance Review Committee regarding the recommended changes. The majority of the committee is more agreeable to leaving the ordinance as it stands which gives the officer the discretion to place a fine or tow the vehicle. Further discussion included amending the ordinance to include booting a vehicle with three or more tickets and correcting a typo (removing "misdemeanor" in section 90.05(11)(1)). Chief Fox stated that the ordinance should be changed because the judges are overturning the decision made by the Sauk Village adjudicator in court and returning all fees including storage fees. Trustee Myers directed Village Manager Turner to provide the statistics that substantiate the returning of fees. Additional research will be conducted on towing versus fining the vehicle owners. This item will be readdressed at the April 3, 2012 Committee meeting.

6. Update on Skyline Disposal Rates (Village Manager)

Village Manager Turner stated that Skyline Disposal is raising their rates \$.50 per household per month which will result in a \$1.00 increase in the water bill. The rate will increase from \$15.75 to \$16.25 per home per month. The cost of the totes will remain at \$1.00 per month. Additional discussion included comparing their rates with their competitors, past increases imposed and requesting dumpsters for neighborhood clean up projects. Skyline Disposal has worked with the Village for many years and has always been the most affordable. Village Manager Turner stated that the Skyline Disposal increase will tie into the ordinance raising the water rates that was tabled until after the water referendum.

7. Update on Student Government Day March 27, 2012 (Trustee Williams)

Due to the absence of Trustee Williams, Village Clerk Williams reported that Student Government Day will take place on April 26, 2012 at 7 pm.

8. Public Comment

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

Charles Dueringer discussed the IEPA flyer and taxing for the drainage district.

Pat Couch – 221st Street- asked for an update on the water and sewer line insurance. Village Manager Turner stated that Safeguard Properties is moving forward with a direct mailing to the residents.

Bernice Houston addressed the ordinance and the lawsuit involving the Village Manager and other frivolous lawsuits.

Elizabeth Platte addressed the lawsuits among the Board and crime on the street.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- addressed pending lawsuits.

Ed Shankel addressed the use of the microphones.

John Hinko addressed the lack of control over the meeting and water issues.

Nathan Griffin- Brookwood- addressed the Village Manager dismissal.

Judy Cast questioned the tax levy that allows for two extra officers on the street and the crime rate on the street. Mayor Towers and Chief Fox stated that there is adequate police staffing. Judy addressed the Village Manager lawsuit and the additional levy and increase in the water bill.

Rose Langston stated that the Senior Committee made a donation to the PLAN Group for the Easter Egg Hunt and another youth group. Rose addressed the bonds and stated that the Parks and Recreation and Fire Department grants should be investigated. Rose reported that the Senior Committee will not meet in April. The Senior Craft Show has been postponed.

Trustee Benson stated that Ms. Booker requested the use of the Senior Center and Rose refused to allow her to use it. Mayor Towers refused to allow Rose to respond.

9. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers reported that he met with Ms. Washington regarding the Neighborhood Watch program. Trustee Myers reminded residents to get an adequate clothing description before calling a report in to the Police Department. The Neighborhood Watch program will be inviting guest speakers to the meetings. Trustee Myers requested that Sauk Village join the International Cook County Sheriff’s Association. This organization provides valuable literature for the Neighborhood Watch program. Trustee Myers will pay the cost of \$20.00.

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-None

11. Executive Session-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2012)

12. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The reconvened Committee meeting of March 20, 2012 was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mayor Towers proceeded with the Special meeting agenda at 9:50 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

Trustee Benson questioned the posting of the notice for the Special meeting.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the notice was approved by three trustees and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

2. Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 11-023 titled “Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager” and abolishing the position of Village Manager

Trustee Hanks requested that this item be placed on the agenda because it was stated by Ms. Turner’s attorney during the court proceedings that Mayor Towers was requesting rescinding Ordinance # 11-023. The Board agreed to table this item until after the next court date in two weeks. The judge stated at the last court appearance that Ms. Turner should remain in the position to perform day to day operations until further notice. Trustee Myers questioned why employee contracts that are reviewed by the Board and the employee can still get thrown out in court.

3. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 11-035 titled “An Ordinance Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village”

An ordinance amendment would be required if funds need to be moved and appropriated for Chief Fox’s salary. This item was also tabled due to pending litigation.

4. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 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, MARCH 27, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez and Myers (Myers enters the meeting at 7:38 pm)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- None

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported the unofficial report of the votes cast in the March 20, 2012 election for the Lake Michigan Water Referendum; 52.53% = 738 Yes / 47.47% = 667 No. The official report will be available on April 10th. VC Williams reported that the Committee meeting of March 20, 2012 was recessed due to lack of decorum and the Special meeting of March 22, 2012 to reconvene the March 20, 2012 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The meeting of March 20, 2012 was held in its' entirety during a Special meeting held on March 26, 2012. VC Williams stated that the Board members' meeting stipend was questioned at a previous meeting. For the record: Board members will be paid once for the meeting of March 20, 2012. Further discussion took place regarding who controls the use of the Municipal buildings. This item will be placed on the next Committee meeting for discussion.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that she is working on the plan for the emergency hook up that is the first step after the passing of the water referendum. VM Turner is also working on finalizing the National League of Cities water and sewer line warranty program.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. VT Carmichael stated that she is not involved with the audit. Village Manager Turner stated that the audit will be in place by the meeting of April 17th. That audit will not include the Police or Fire Pension Board audits. The audit needs to move forward in order to apply for emergency and CDBG funding. The delay has caused issues with the bond rating and the TIF's moving forward.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Matt Byrne- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- Absent- No report

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that he toured the Winpak facility along with Village Manager Turner and Chief Fox. Winpak is expected to be open for business possibly in May. Mayor Towers encouraged the Board members to arrange a tour of the gorgeous facility. Mayor Towers also reported that Subway is still on schedule and that the owners of Who's Next Beauty Salon and Spa will be on the next Committee agenda to introduce themselves. Another beauty salon may be opening in another location in the near future. A sports bar is interested in opening in the Keg Liquor space.

Mayor Towers also read a letter from John Daly, President of Bud's Ambulance, stating that they were proud to work with the Sauk Village Fire Department on a recent emergency. Mr. Daly referred to the teamwork and high quality of care provided by the Sauk Village Fire Department.

The availability of open liquor licenses was held discussed. Building and Zoning Director Sherry Jasinski stated that there are 3- B and some A licenses available.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez- Absent- Report read by Village Clerk Williams

VC Williams reported that an Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by the PLAN Organization and the Sauk Village Church of God will take place Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Church of God located at 23001 S. Torrence Avenue. The event will also include games, prizes and refreshments.

VC Williams reported that an Easter party co-sponsored by the PLAN Organization and the Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee will take place immediately afterwards at the Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Committee and the PLAN Organization will meet at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 29, 2012 to finalize the plans for the event.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that Prairie State College is sponsoring a free electronic recycling event on Saturday, April 14th from 10 am – 2 pm.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- Absent

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess commented on the reports made by Mayor Towers on the local businesses. Trustee Burgess inquired about the progress on the old Behr Paint roof project, the Fire Department inspections and permits necessary for the new businesses and commented on the grocery store. The grocery store will be open 24 hours a day and has received 230 employment applications.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day was scheduled for today, March 27, 2012. Sadly, Student Government Day is temporarily cancelled, partly due to the lack of cooperation from certain elected officials, committees and department heads that did not turn in their reports and the lack of decorum at Board meetings. Plans are being considered to make changes to Student Government Day that would take the event out of the setting it has been in for over 37 years and hold it away from the official Board meeting which may include spectators by invitation only. Trustee Williams thanked everyone who did support Student Government Day and stated that the best interests of the children will be the utmost concern of the Public Relations Committee.

Mayor Towers recognized Trustee Benson to report on the South Suburban Housing Collaborative that is not listed on the agenda.

Trustee Benson stated that he met with Village Manager Turner to discuss foreclosures, how to implement the housing crime free project and how to secure Government funding to purchase foreclosures to assist Village residents to purchase or use in case of an emergency.

Trustee Hanks stated that a motion should have been made to suspend the rules in order to add an item to the agenda. Secondly, Trustee Hanks invited Trustee Benson to attend the Housing Authority Commission meeting where the same issues are being discussed and work together rather than have two trustees working on the same issues.

Mayor Towers asked that this committee be placed on the Board agendas. Discussion continued whether or not this is a standing committee that would require approval by the Village Board or a report from a Trustee representing Sauk Village in a meeting held by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. Mayor Towers responded that Trustee Benson will continue to give this report.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox stated that the warm weather has caused an increase in the number of break-ins, burglaries, battery and gunfire reports. The State Police and Sheriff's Police will be conducting programs in the Village starting Wednesday through April 16th. Chief Fox asked that all information that is videotaped at the Board meetings regarding Police Department reports and activities be redacted before being released to the public (referring to You Tube). Chief Fox is working on the National Lights Out event and working with Trustee Myers on gathering the requested information on Crime Free Housing and with the Block Club.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 15 calls between the period of March 13, 2012 – March 26, 2012. Chief Stoffregen warned of brush fires due to the warm weather. The Fire Department and ESDA thanked everyone who donated to the Harrisburg tornado victims. A sixteen foot Fire Department trailer was filled with supplies and personal items and transported to Harrisburg on Thursday, March 22nd. Chief Stoffregen thanked the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for their donation and the opportunity to participate in this humbling experience.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- No report**D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski**

Zoning and Building Administrator Jasinski reported that the Zoning Board will meet on April 2, 2012 in the Village Hall at 7 pm to discuss the text amendments/ Special Use for Cash for Gold and the electric fence. The MWRD has approved the paperwork for Key Market. A business license will be issued after the Health Department and Fire Department inspections are completed.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent- (Report read by Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner reported that the General Fund Balance is \$1,366,246.69. Please email Finance Director Rao with any concerns regarding Accounts Payable.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of March 13th and March 26th the ESDA department assisted the Fire Department and Police Department with 24 calls and accompanied the Fire Department to Harrisburg. DH Johnson remarked on how everyone was working together in Harrisburg to help each other.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee's recent 4th Senior Chili Cook-off" last Saturday was a huge success. Thank to the ten excellent chili chefs Nadine Morgan, Bill Morgan, Shirley Rowley, Jean Long, Peggy Nick, Lanny Toomes, Heidi Parker, Jesse Boswell, Gigi Austin and Jim Olesky. Congratulations to our chili chef winners - 1st place Jesse Boswell, 2nd place Shirley Rowley and 3rd place Peggy Nick and to the winners of the many door prizes, 50/50 raffle and the twelve winners of Rosebud frozen chicken breasts. Many thanks to the entertainers The Morgan Family - Floyd, and Nadine, Bill, Dennis and Les, line dance instructor Flora Haynes, judges George Carter, Barb Dorman, Lauren Seeley, Yvonne Stewart and Pat Weatherford plus several volunteers Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Lanell Cox, Tasha Bell and Dolores Carvajac. Donors of cash-Angie Cox and Linda Mudra, doorprizes- Rose Langston, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall and to James Embry for the twelve packages of Rosebud frozen chicken breasts. Rose thanked the committee members especially Gary Holcomb. The May 12th 'Senior Craft Show' has been postponed and will be rescheduled. The 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012. The Senior Committee is also planning a 'Health Fair' and working on securing informative speakers. FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsored with the PLAN continues to be provided for all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees. Screenings are scheduled for Monday movie day, April 9th at the library and April 11th at the Senior Center. FREE movies continue monthly on the second Monday; refreshments are provided by co-sponsor McConathy Public Library. Thanks to recent book donors Nancy Baker, Bob Barnes, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall.

See the rental application for Senior Center use (existing senior organizations) and rental policy for village seniors only.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt provided an update on the Community Garden. Smits Farm will provide all of the compost and soil. The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in Matteson will assist with funding and labor as part of their poverty initiative. Adopt a Spot is moving forward.

Letters have been sent to local nurseries and gardens to adopt a spot in the Village where they will provide the materials and labor or finance the committee to maintain the spot in various points in the Village. Signs will be posted to recognize their efforts. BC Chair Pruitt stated that donations from cans located throughout the Village and concessions have reached \$500.00 since January. The Clean, Green and Preen week is scheduled for June 4th through June 9th; volunteers are needed on June 9th. Contact the Beautification Committee at svbeautification@yahoo.com.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- No report

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- No report

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance abating a tax for the Series 2007A bonds as stated above. After hearing no motion on the floor, Village Attorney Byrne stated for clarification that he spoke with Kane, McKenna representative Mary Thompson who confirmed that partial abatements in the amount of \$86,000.00 are available for the 2007 Series A, B, and C bonds; there is not sufficient money available to abate the tax in full. If the bond abatements are not approved, the full amount of \$677,000.00 will be levied on the resident. VA Byrne recommended approving the abatements in order to decrease the amount of taxes that will be levied on the taxpayers. The remaining items B, E and F are related to the TIF's and will be fully abated. Discussion continued on the bonds

Trustee Hanks stated that the information that \$677,000.00 in taxes cannot be fully abated was just received on March 19th and does not include the impact of the tax levy on the residents. Village Manager Turner stated that Mary Thompson presented the bond information but did not include the breakdown which is based on the assessed value of the homes.

Trustee Burgess clarified that this is a result of the lack of impact fees and made a motion to table items A, C & D until further information is provided that would include the amount of tax levy to be imposed on the residents. The levy information needs to be presented at a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 29th in order to file these abatements by Monday, April 2, 2012. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion to Table Items A, C & D carried

Trustee Hanks suggested recessing, rather than adjourning, this meeting until Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 pm to discuss items A, C & D only followed by adjournment.

C. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois- Tabled

D. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois- Tabled

B. An Ordinance Abating Taxes for General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding Bonds Series 2002A, and General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois
Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2002A and 2002B Series). The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Motion carried

E. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2008 Series). The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Motion carried

F. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2009 Series). The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

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

Motion carried

G. An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 11-023 titled “Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager and abolishing the position of Village Manager

Trustee Myers asked for a motion to table this item due to pending litigation. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers
Nays: Trustee Williams
Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion to table carried

H. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 11-035 titled “An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Corporate Purposes of Sauk Village

Trustee Myers asked for a motion to table this item also due to pending litigation. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion to table carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for March 14, 2012 through March 27, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for March 14, 2012 through March 28, 2012.

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

Trustee Burgess questioned Parks and Recreations expenses that were invoiced in December 2010. Village Manager Turner stated that the outstanding charges were investigated and are in fact due at this time.

Trustee Hanks suggested repaying the Water Fund at this time as well as taking portions from the General Fund to pay the taxes in order to decrease the amount to be levied. Village Manager Turner stated that debts tied to the General Fund include payroll and outstanding invoices. Payments from the Water Fund include working with the emergency water plan and payments to attorneys and the engineers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve Financing Proposal- GNP Energy

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the financing proposal for GNP Energy. Village Manager Turner stated that there was a three year and a five year plan proposed and that Trustee Hanks questioned the breakdown of the costs at the previous meeting. Trustee Hanks stated that the breakdown was verified and is accurate. Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the five year financing agreement with GNP Energy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess clarified that if there is any deviation from the original quote after the credit review the matter will be brought back to the Board for further review.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to suspend the rules to add a motion to approve the project proposal for GNP Energy. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve Plat of Resubdivision, Plat of Easement (10 ft. P.U.E. Drainage & Easement (10 ft. P.U.E. Easement), Plat of Dedication and Waive Sidewalk Requirements-Winpak

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Plats listed above and the sidewalk requirement waiver.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Village Manager Turner asked for a five minute recess in order to execute the Winpak documents.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

All ayes.

The meeting recessed at 8:50 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. Trustee Benson made the motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting was reconvened at 9:02 pm.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Janice Clark asked Chief Fox for the number of calls for service and an overtime report. Chief Fox responded that there were approximately 897 calls for service and 17 hours of overtime for the last pay period.

Janice asked if Police and Fire Pension Board members are appointed. Chief Fox stated that the Police and Fire Pension Boards are independent of the Village Board and the members are voted on by members of the departments.

Judy Cast remarked on the economic development reports given by Mayor Towers.

Pat Couch asked for an update on the water and sewer line warranty program. Village Manager Turner stated that the program will begin soon. Residents will contact the company directly; the information will be linked to our website.

Elizabeth Platta- 225th Place- asked for clarification on the cost of the new lighting program. Mayor Towers stated that there actually is a cost savings to the project.

Carl Rylander- agreed that the lighting program will cost money and stated that the bonds should be refinanced or paid off. Mayor Towers stated that it was a requirement when the bonds were taken out that they cannot be refinanced.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- asked if the lighting will be another bill for the Village.

Bernice Houston asked how the residents will be informed about the tax increase. Bernice also asked for clarification on the Skyline Disposal increase. Mayor Towers stated that there is a \$.50 increase that will increase the garbage bill by \$1.00. Trustee Burgess stated that the garbage bill will be \$34.50 plus the \$1.00 tote fee.

Kim Clark questioned why the water referendum option was missing on several ballots during the March 20th election and asked how the vote is valid. Mayor Towers stated that he did not know the water referendum question was left off of any ballots. Mayor Towers stated that the election is over and suggested Kim call the Board of Elections. Kim asked how long the Board knew the due date for the tax payments. Mayor Towers stated that the financial advisors brought this to the Board's attention 2-3 days ago. Kim asked if the IEPA information is correct and asked what the cost will be for Lake Michigan water. Mayor Towers stated that the information provided by Robinson Engineering states a cost of \$19.7 million.

Rose Langston questioned a \$645.00 charge on the Accounts Payable for a Police Chief's convention; no report was given to the residents. Chief Fox stated that the South Suburban Police Chief's conference will take place May 3-6, 2012 at Eagle Ridge in Galena, Illinois and a report will be given at that time.

Bernadine Hopkins also inquired about the Skyline increase and asked who signed the Special Meeting notice.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- was disappointed that Student Government Day was cancelled for the second year in row. Frank stated that in the past the Community Center use was left up to Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers' approval. Committee members should be able to run their committee. Mayor Towers stated that he always advocated for citizens to have use of the buildings.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street-remarked about disappointing the children who wrote the essays for Student Government Day and stated that levying taxes is the Board's responsibility. Francine commented that the judge said the Village Manager's position is status quo.

Trustee Williams stated that a huge effort is made by herself, the Public Relations Committee and the department heads to make Student Government Day a success. Trustee Williams stated that long after the Student Government Day budget was removed the committee has continued to fundraise in order to keep this event going. Trustee Williams stated that she asked for the Board's cooperation last year to maintain decorum during Student Government Day but a disruption caused the children to be moved to the Senior Center where a mock version of Student Government Day was conducted which robbed the children of the experience they were entitled to. Trustee Williams decided to postpone this year's Student Government Day when it became evident that it could be a repeat of last year as the lack of decorum displayed by the Board members and the audience continues.

E. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Benson remarked that the cause of the disruption of last year's Student Government Day was the Board trying to add a Resolution to bring a water referendum to the residents against the Mayor's wishes.

Trustee Hanks clarified that the current cost of street lights for the Village is \$168,744.00 per year. The new LED lighting will present a \$58,728.00 savings per year for Sauk Village. The lights are brighter and energy efficient which will save 68%- 74% on the electric bill and decrease the monthly maintenance cost.

Trustee Myers stated that Block Captains are still needed for the Neighborhood Watch. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on April 26th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

F. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

G. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess until 6 pm Thursday, March 29, 2012 to discuss 2007 A, B and C General Obligation Bonds only. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting was recessed at 10:02 pm.

The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 6:00 pm.



MINUTES OF THE RECONVENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2012 OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, MARCH 29, 2012.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the March 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All ayes

The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Towers stated that the meeting of March 27, 2012 was recessed in order to research more information needed to address the 2007 A,B and C General Obligation Bonds.

Kane, McKenna Representative Mary Thompson submitted preliminary estimates of the property tax levy predicated on the information currently available; the equalized rate may change.

The tax levy will range from between \$161.57- \$210.94 based on the assessed value of the home.

Mayor Towers also presented a memo from the Del Galdo Law Group referencing the 2007 A, B, AND C Series.

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- Continued

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

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2007A Series)- partial abatement and tax levy. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks and Myers

Motion carried

Trustee Chavez asked for clarification that if the tax abatement was not approved the full amount of the tax would be levied on the residents. Mary Thompson stated that was correct and the Village would also be in violation of the Bond Ordinance; if the money is available it must be used to abate the taxes.

C. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2007B Series)- partial abatement and tax levy. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks and Myers

Motion carried

D. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance as stated above (2007 C Series)- partial abatement and tax levy. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks and Myers

Motion carried

H. ADJOURNMENT

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

All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 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, MARCH 27, 2012.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was delayed due to lack of quorum.

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers (Hanks enters at 6:36 pm)

2. Executive Session for the Purpose of Pending and Threatening Litigation

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Williams stated that the discussion could be held in open session. Village Manager Turner stated that the Village Attorney wants to discuss what happened in court. Trustee Williams stated that what happens in executive session gets out anyway and is a privilege; not something the Board has to do.

Village Attorney Matt Byrne stated that the matter will be public record.

Trustee Benson made a motion to recess to executive session to discuss the matter of the People of the State of Illinois, Lisa Madigan v. the Village of Sauk Village. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Benson refused to participate further and exited the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Trustee Hanks entered the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Village Attorney Matt Byrne reported that the case with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Village wells has continued. An Interim Agreed Order was sent that sets the compliance terms to be implemented before a Final Consent Order is entered. For safety and precautionary reasons, testing schedules and actions that will be taken if the wells reach maximum contamination levels or if the wells are damaged for any reason must be in place. The order must be drafted within the next thirty days. The Interim Order is in place until the Final Order is agreed to. Any questions must be directed to Village Manager Turner or VA Byrne as soon as possible. The Board will need to approve the Interim Agreed Order at the next Board meeting or a Special Meeting prior to next week's Committee meeting.

Trustee Burgess asked if the EPA is willing to wait until the Village secures Lake Michigan water or will the Fire Department be required to maintain an emergency hook up and provide bottled water to residents. Trustee Burgess asked if the EPA is also requiring air stripping at this time.

VA Byrne stated that the water is currently safe. The EPA is willing to wait as long as the wells do not reach the maximum contamination level. Their interest is to provide adequate water supply while waiting for the Lake Michigan water. An emergency action plan must be in place.

Village Manager Turner stated that the EPA is insisting on a short schedule for the emergency connection to Bloom Trail High School which should take place by the spring of 2013 at a cost of \$400,000.00. VM Turner has met with the Fire Department, Public Works and Water Department to discuss an emergency plan if either well goes down. VM Turner will also speak with Village Engineer Jim Czarnik. Village Manager Turner has contacted the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to secure emergency funding for the project which was not part of the referendum. The plan will be presented within the next two weeks.

Further discussion involved whether the water provided by the emergency connection will be sufficient to supply water to Sauk Village and if the water can be mixed with well water. Public Works Director stated that the wells would need to be shut down. It is uncertain whether the water pressure will be sufficient. The emergency connection is considered a temporary, alternate source to provide water to the residents. The water usage will be metered.

Village Attorney Byrne stated that the emergency connection to South Chicago Heights is mandatory and requires immediate action.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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 3, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a moment of silence for the Dolton Police Chief's wife who passed away suddenly.

2. Presentation of Who's Next Beauty Salon and Spa- Owners Ms. G. Cosey and Troy Bly

Troy stated that the Who's Next Beauty Salon and Spa will be relocating from Calumet City and should be open within the next week. They will be located at 1707 Sauk Trail. Normal business hours will be Tuesday- Saturday from 9 am – 7 pm. Barber, hairdresser, nail tech and massage therapy services will be available. Trustee Myers asked Sherry Jasinski to verify that all inspections are up to date prior to the opening.

3. Discussion of the Tow Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers asked Chief Fox for an update on the Towing Ordinance. Trustee Myers requested that this item be addressed in executive session due to possible litigation. Village Manager Turner presented two litigation cases that support the recommendation to amend the tow ordinance. The Board consented to table this item in order to review and research the cases before discussion is held. This item will be discussed in executive session at the beginning of the next Board meeting with action to be taken.

4. Discussion of Review of Sign Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the sign ordinance needs amendments stating that political signs are allowed on private property but not on public property and an update on garage sales notices. Trustee Myers recommended adopting the State Statute in the sign ordinance. Chief Fox stated that he will be presenting information on muzzling vicious dogs to Trustee Myers and the Ordinance Review Committee. Trustee Myers stated that Cook County has an ordinance in effect that the Board could review. Trustee Myers will provide additional information to the Board in the near future. Trustee Burgess asked if the sign ordinance will address the signs along I-394. Trustee Myers stated that the signs must be maintained and fees and limits can be imposed. Trustee Chavez asked if the Parental Responsibility Ordinance is being enforced. Trustee Myers and Chief Fox could not provide factual data at that time. Trustee Benson asked if an ordinance was in affect, or if one needs to be enacted, that deals with people who are attacked by dogs in their homes. Chief Fox stated that the issue should be directed to the Village Attorney. Chief Fox also stated that the Homeowner's Insurance would handle that matter. In his opinion, the Village does not have any grounds when a person is bit in someone's home. Trustee Benson stated that he will investigate that matter on his own. Trustee Myers stated that a vicious dog ordinance is not currently in place in Sauk Village. Trustee Myers will provide the Cook County Ordinance relating to vicious dogs and the sign ordinance to the Board at a later date.

5. Discussion of Crime Free Housing Ordinance-Trustee Myers

Trustee Benson stated that he invited Deputy Chief McNamara to the meeting to discuss Crime Free Housing. Trustee Myers stated that Park Forest was one of the first communities to participate in the program in the South Suburban area. The Crime Free Ordinance and other literature were distributed. Deputy Chief McNamara stated that Park Forest is a Home Rule community that implemented the program about four years ago. The rules are now more liberal for Non Home Rule communities. DC McNamara described the highlights of the Crime Free Housing Ordinance that includes business licenses being required for rental property owners and that tenants are responsible for their actions and those that visit them. Business owners would have to attend Crime Free seminars and would be instructed on how to do background checks. Evicting tenants due to a series of minor crimes or if drug dealing, crimes on persons or weapons are included in the Crime Free Housing Ordinance. The landlord's license can be revoked if they do not act on evicting the tenant. The landlord will then receive tickets of up to \$1,500.00 per day while the tenant is still occupying the property. Tenants cannot move within the same community once evicted.

Chief Fox stated that the Crime Free Housing Ordinance has been tried and tested in several communities and will help keep the community safe. Deputy Chief McNamara stated that there were 6,000 fewer calls for service in the past four years. Trustee Hanks stated that the Sauk Village Housing Authority Commission brought this ordinance to the Board on two occasions but had roadblocks due to the Village's Non Home Rule status. Trustee Hanks asked who provides the training and how a Non Home Rule Community can enforce the ordinance. DC McNamara stated that Naperville was the first community in Illinois to use the program. Park Forest hired Naperville to conduct the training. Park Forest also sent four individuals to the Safety Design seminar in Minneapolis. Quarterly seminars are held for the landlords. Landlords can use licenses for more than one community. Chief McNamara stated that it will take at least one year for staffing and getting all of the landlords into compliance. Chief Fox stated that staffing, landlord compliance and education are key parts of the ordinance.

Trustee Benson asked if it is important to enact a Housing Code Enforcement Department. Chief McNamara stated that the Park Forest Building Department works closely with the Police Department. Currently the Building Department performs code inspections and the Police Department performs the safety inspections before tenant occupancy. Park Forest is considering an amendment to the ordinance to allow the Building Department to perform both inspections. Staffing in Park Forest includes Deputy Chief McNamara and part time positions of a coordinator, a training officer and an inspection officer. Chief Fox stated that he would like to hire part time police officers to work with the Crime Free Housing Ordinance, the Neighborhood Watch program, the Community Service Department and a Police Explorer program. Trustee Benson will work with the Village Manager to find funding for this project.

Further discussion involving how the tenant could still be held to the ordinance if an issue occurs outside of the community Trustee Burgess restated the need to bring back the Code Department; they will help with this program. Chief Fox stated that laid off Code Officers can be brought back on a part time basis to work with program.

Trustee Myers recommended instituting the Crime Free Ordinance in Sauk Village. Trustee Myers presented Crime Free Housing ordinances from three neighboring towns. Chief Fox stated the ordinances are all very similar. Chief Fox will present the final draft of the ordinance at the next Committee meeting for the Board to review. Chief Fox thanked the Illinois State Police and the Cook County Sheriff's Police for their assistance in Sauk Village this past week in the high crime areas and Sheriff Tom Dart for twenty six radios that will be

provided free of charge to the Village. Chief Fox stated that operations will continue with the Illinois State Police and the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

6. Update on Village Projects (Village Manager)

A. Lake Michigan Water Project

Village Manager Turner asked Board members to address any concerns regarding the IEPA court order to Village Attorney Matt Byrne or her as soon as possible. VM Turner met with Public Works Director Kevin Weller and Jim Czarnik (Robinson Engineering) regarding the required emergency hook up. VM Turner will meet with the Mayors of Chicago Heights and South Chicago Heights on April 4th to discuss negotiations and discussions regarding the emergency hook up. VM Turner has also met with Chief Stoffregen, Deputy Chief Atwood, Jim Czarnik and Kevin Weller to discuss the emergency action plan that will be in place if either of the other wells go down. The preliminary emergency action plan required by the IEPA will be presented to the Village Attorneys for review and the Board for approval. The emergency hook up will cost between \$400,000.00 and \$500,000.00; this cost was not included in the original Lake Michigan water estimate of \$19.7 million. Trustee Benson challenged the expertise of Robinson Engineering in going forward with this plan. Trustee Benson stated that they are not environmental engineering experts.

VM Turner and Finance Director Rao have been communicating with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to help secure a low interest loan for the emergency hook up. Additional financial concerns cannot be addressed until the final audit is approved by the Board. Village Manager Turner stated that the audit should be finalized by April 17th.

Trustee Hanks stated that previous discussions included installing a portable air stripping device in well #3 that would allow all three wells to be opened during the Lake Michigan water process. VM Turner stated that prices for the portable air stripping device and portable water for emergencies will be forthcoming. Water restrictions may be put in place in the event either well 1 or well 2 goes down.

Trustee Hanks asked when the ordinance will be in place to raise the water rates. VM Turner stated that they are waiting until all final costs can be established and financing is in place. The Robinson Engineering plan was a broad plan at the time. Negotiations with communities that may supply the Lake Michigan water to Sauk Village are ongoing. Trustee Hanks stated that costs associated with the Lake Michigan water project that was not budgeted for include meetings with attorneys, engineers, etc. VM Turner stated that these costs will be paid through the \$500,000.00 loan until final costs are assessed and financing is secured. These costs should be available by the end of the month. Trustee Benson asked if grants are being explored and if VM Turner is reaching out to politicians who came to Sauk Village stating that they would help find funding for these projects. VM Turner stated that Mayor Towers met with a representative from Senator Kirk's office last week regarding funding. The representative stated that earmarked funding is gone but they will continue to look for available options. VM Turner provided copies of the Robinson Engineering plan to Senator Kirk's office. VM Turner stated that Congressman Jackson's office has also followed up with her; no earmarked grants are available at this time. Congressman Jackson and Representative Trotter will be continuing to provide information on financing opportunities that may become available during the four year Lake Michigan water project.

Trustee Burgess asked if contingency plans were in place. Trustee Burgess is concerned with the size of the piping that will bring water in from South Chicago Heights. Trustee Burgess stated that Robinson Engineering is one of the largest engineering firms in the state and they do have water experts in their organization.

Mayor Towers stated that a plan needs to be put together due to a mandate by the IEPA and the residents. Mayor Towers commended Village Manager Turner for her assistance on putting the plan together. All stages of the project will be presented to the Board as they unfold during the lengthy process. VM Turner thanked the staff for their valuable assistance and insight.

B. Energy & Electrical Suppliers Options (Presenters)

Village Manager Turner stated that several communities presented an energy option referendum on the last election ballot. Several companies have approached Village Manager Turner and Village Clerk Williams to set up presentations. The Board agreed to meet with the energy supplies throughout the summer and to consider a referendum on the April ballot. Trustee Hanks asked VM Turner to investigate what companies were chosen by the other communities.

C. Responsible Bidders Ordinance

Village Manager Turner presented a Responsible Bidders Ordinance. Representatives would like to come and speak on behalf of the ordinance. The board has reviewed this ordinance in the past but has not approved it as of this date. The Board will review the ordinance again and place this item on a future Committee agenda for discussion.

7. Discussion of a Resolution to Authorize Financing Distribution for TIF #3 Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, LLP (Finance Director)

Finance Director Rao stated that bills are pending from 2009-2011 for Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon in the amount of \$46, 257.66 for work in TIF 2 and TIF 3. Copies of the invoices were submitted. Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon acted as the Village Attorney as well as TIF attorneys during a portion of 2009. The Board stated that charges for items that were not related to the TIF's should be extracted from the TIF payment and the bill should be paid in full. The \$46,257.66 payment will pay the law firm's balance in full.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the balance due to Del Galdo Law Group as General Counsel. Finance Director Rao estimated their balance due to be \$18,000.00. VM Turner stated that Lou Vitullo is still questioning a retainer in the amount of \$10,000.00. No information is available addressing the retainer. A settlement agreement between Lou Vitullo and Del Galdo Law Group was approved in the past that resolved all past due TIF payments for Vitullo and Del Galdo as TIF consultants.

8. Public Comment

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

Marva Pruitt- Human Relations Commission- reported that the Diversity, Inc. dinners will take place at the end of April. Tickets must be purchased by April 15th at a cost of \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The dinners will take place at Rich South High School.

Bernice Houston addressed the 26 radios, the Crime Free Housing ordinance and the water contamination. Bernice also addressed the IEPA lawsuit, the emergency hook up and questioned the amount of money in the water fund and why it could not be used for the hook up instead of borrowing

money. The Board discussed the options of air stripping versus the emergency hook up for the emergency plan.

Sid Harris- 217th Street- asked the Police Department to step up patrol on Carol Ave and 217th Street regarding speeders and cars running the STOP sign. Sid stated that a major accident took place on his block but was not reported to the media.

James Harvey questioned the closing of well #3 and Robinson Engineering. Trustee Burgess stated that the water is tested by the Public Works Department, Robinson Engineering is reputable and does have the resources needed. Trustee Benson disagreed with the assessment of Robinson Engineering.

Janice Clark addressed the water issue, the sign ordinance (For Sale signs) and the amount of broken hydrants. Janice stated that there is no money available to hire staff for the Crime Free Housing; the Code Department should be brought back first.

Elizabeth Platte addressed the water issue and a vacant house on her block that keeps getting broken into. Mayor Towers asked Elizabeth to give the address of the vacant home to Village Manager Turner. Trustee Chavez asked if a plan is in place addressing a terrorist attack on Lake Michigan water. VM Turner stated that whoever is supplying the water will have a plan in place.

Lynda Washington- Neighborhood Watch- asked all residents to keep their outside lights on to prevent break ins. Lynda stated that two new gangs are starting up and Block Club Captains are being recruited. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on April 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

John Hinko addressed the need for the aerial fire truck and stated that the \$400,000.00 grant needs to be investigated. John also addressed the water issue.

Rose Langston stated that Robinson Engineering does an excellent job. Rose congratulated the Parks and Recreation and the PLAN group for the great Easter Egg Hunt. Rose reported that the Senior Chili Cook Off went well. The three winners were Jesse Boswell, Shirley Rawley and Reggie Nick. Rose thanked Gary Holcomb for taping the event.

Kenneth Williams referred to the TIF payment and separating the TIF expenses from general expenses.

Judy Cast thanked everyone who attended the Easter Egg Hunt and all of the volunteers including the Fire Department. The attendance was doubled from last year. Judy thanked the Mc Conathy Public Library for the donations of books. A picture will be sent to the Library of Congress detailing the event. Judy questioned the \$98,000.00 Parks and Rec grant.

Kathy Beicher questioned the vicious dog ordinance and stated that most insurance companies do not cover vicious dog attacks. Trustee Myers stated that he will check the County ordinance and verify the insurance issue.

Bernadine Hopkins was concerned that muzzling dogs and charging landlords could be expensive.

Richard Wooten stated that the Board should together.

Ed Shankel asked for an update on the home with the fecal matter and commented on the Markham Court system turning the criminals back on the street and the need to record Police reports as a part of public record.

9. Miscellaneous Business

Trustee Burgess stated that the Illinois Tollway has a job opening for a building maintenance manager and other positions. Apply online at getipass.com. Trustee Burgess stated that most companies at the Logisticenter hire through temp agencies.

Trustee Chavez thanked the Fire Department, the PLAN Group and the Church of God for their assistance with the Easter Egg Hunt. The event was attended by 339 people (267 kids). Prizes consisted of 5,500 eggs, 50 baskets, 86 bags of books, 1,800 trinkets, 100 Mc Donald gift cards, 40 stuffed animals and 4 professional photo gift packages. Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee and Rickover Junior High will be sponsoring a Father's Night Out to be held on Thursday, April 19th at 6 pm at Rickover Junior High School gym. Activities include basketball, bean bag toss, card games, etc... Trustee Chavez stated that the baseball cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Volunteers are needed and other committees are asked to participate. Robinson Engineering will be providing eleven volunteers from their company. Trustee Chavez asked the Fire Department to check with Behr Paint for a donation of paint for the cleanup. A cook out is planned for Baseball's opening day.

Trustee Benson stated that previous referendums failed because residents were told that their bills would skyrocket.

Trustee Myers stated that he will provide copies of the ordinances that were discussed for the residents and Board to review. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

A. Comments from the Trustees

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-None

11. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 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, **APRIL 10, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustees Hanks

2. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Regular Board meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustees Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. March 6, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 6, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. March 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

C. March 19, 2012 Special Meeting (Reconvene March 13, 2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

D. March 27, 2012 Special Meeting (IEPA)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 27, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

E. March 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustees Chavez and Myers

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked that the issue of appointing someone to lock down the building after Board meetings be added to the next Committee agenda for discussion.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that she will review the policy for closing the building. VM Turner is assisting the Village Clerk with the Municode project. VM Turner is also working with staff and outside partners on the Lake Michigan water project and will be scheduling interviews for the Parks and Recreation part time position. VM Turner and FD Rao are working to finalize the audit issues. VM Turner is working with HUD regarding Risk Management, working on providing numbers to the Board for the July 1st health insurance renewal and working with Baxter & Woodman regarding a new proposal for TIF 3. Energy companies will be invited to make presentations in June.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards will meet on April 26, 2012.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath reminded all elected officials and certain department heads that they need to be bonded according to Village ordinance.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that a bid opening will be placed on the next Board agenda for construction work to be completed on 217th Street, 223rd Street and Clyde Avenue. The project should be completed by fall. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering will be doing a 75th Anniversary service project that will include twelve volunteers assisting Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Committee with clean up of

the baseball fields on May 5th from 8 am – 12 pm. VE Czarnik thanked Chief Stoffregen for obtaining the donation of paint for the buildings at the ball field. Additional volunteers are welcomed. The pre-application for the low interest IEPA loan is on schedule and should be completed by the end of May. Discussions continue among VE Czarnik, VM Turner, South Chicago Heights, Chicago Heights and District 206 regarding the water project. The IDNR application was mailed last week. The IDNR approval process could take about one year. A Quiet Zone site meeting was held to discuss the proposed improvements which include the installation of plastic delineators some time this summer which will help drown out some of the noise. Trustee Burgess stated that fines can be issued for drivers who go around the delineators. Trustee Burgess also stated that the second railroad crossing on Cottage Grove is inoperable.

Trustee Benson questioned Robinson Engineering's environmental engineering qualifications and performance. Mayor Towers stated Robinson Engineering has been spearheading the project and has been involved from the beginning; they have attended the meetings and have provided the information to the public. Trustee Chavez asked VE Czarnik if it is a possibility that the Village can be denied the IDNR allocation and if Robinson Engineering is qualified to perform the work. VE Czarnik stated that it is a possibility that the Village can be denied but that there is backing to prove that it is more cost effective to obtain Lake Michigan water than it is to treat the wells. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering has been qualified in both environmental and civil engineering since 1930 and has been the Village Engineer since 1959.

VE Czarnik stated that the Robinson Engineering staff includes several environmental engineers including him. Trustee Williams thanked Robinson Engineering for their work with the Village and for work on the water project and for donating their time to work on the ball fields. Further discussion was held on the history of well treatments, the ultimate closing of well number three and moving forward with a Lake Michigan water plan.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that he is concerned about the high legal fees surrounding the litigation involving Chief Fox and Village Manager Turner that is a burden to the residents. The Board should stop the litigation and move on. Village Attorney McGrath stated that they have always advised the Board to keep litigation costs down. Mayor Towers stated he and other individuals will be filing a lawsuit in court against the trustees and to force the senior Trustees (Hanks, Burgess and Williams) to pay that money back. Mayor Towers stated that they did not have the best interest of the taxpayers when a bond was taken out in the past for the Municipal Building that is causing a tax levy now. Mayor Towers asked and demanded that Trustees Hanks, Burgess Myers, Chavez and Williams step down immediately as trustees due to their gross incompetence and mismanagement of funds. Mayor Towers continued on about financial concerns due to the prior administration and current administration.

Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers began the litigation process and is the reason there are court costs. Trustee Williams also stated that six trustees are needed for a quorum; if the entire board were to resign there could be no meeting. Trustee Williams stated that the people appointed by the Mayor did not do their jobs and have cost the Village money and continue to cost the Village money with litigation; everyone needs to take responsibility for what is going on. Trustee Burgess was appalled that the Mayor is trying to pass the blame and not trying to move the Village forward. Trustee Burgess stated that litigation started when the Mayor insisted on hiring the Police Chief when the majority of the Board stated that there was no money budgeted for this position. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor has divided the Village and continues to threaten to sue the trustees; any suit filed by the Mayor or any other individual against the Board costs the taxpayers money.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated Parks and Recreation is working with District 168 to sponsor a Men's Night Out at Rickover Junior High on April 19th at Rickover at 6pm. Trustee Chavez thanked Robinson Engineering for coming out to help with the baseball field clean up on May 5th and encouraged other volunteers to participate. Weeding, painting and other repairs to the ball field, garage and the concession

stand are necessary to prepare for the upcoming baseball season. Trustee Chavez requested a dumpster to be in place by April 21st in order to start the clean up prior to May 5th.

Trustee Chavez is working with Chicago Southland's Youth Football League/ Bob Murphy (CSYFL) on football and cheerleading programs for 5-14 years (no High School students). CSYFL is coming to several south suburban areas. Registration will start on April 21st. Equipment will be provided by CSYFL. Trustee Chavez also reported that some tile repair is needed before the floor polishing takes place in the Community Center; dropped ceiling tiles, light repairs and paint for the walls are also needed. Four or five boxers will be participating in the travelling boxing team's trip to Iowa on April 21st. Trustee Chavez asked for an update on the two part time Parks and Recreation employees he suggested hiring.

Mayor Towers directed Trustee Chavez to return all resumes back to the Village Manager to interview the candidates.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks-Absent

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that he spoke with Roger Wood- MCI Collection, Village Attorney Byrne and Village Adjudicator Giannopoulos to discuss the Tow Ordinance. The Sign Ordinance is also still under review.

Trustee Myers reported that major construction work will be done on Torrence Avenue, Glenwood Dyer Road and Route 30 very soon that will affect the traffic in Sauk Village.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee is soliciting information from the department heads and working with the Parks and Recreation Committee, Housing Commission, Public Relations Committee and the Beautification Committee to keep Sauk Village moving forward despite tough economic times. Trustee Burgess stated that the relocation of Hometown Gyros has proven to be a great success. Trustee Burgess applauded Hometown for bringing new life to an old building and for increasing the Village sales tax by increasing their revenues. Key Food Market is now open and has signed a long term year lease. Winpak is in the final stages of construction. Winpak received \$1.6 million dollars in incentive funding due to the cooperation of Governor Pat Quinn. The Economic Development Committee continues to work on a new proposed Community Economic Development Plan which will be the first comprehensive economic development strategy and long range plan for the community. The Economic Development Committee will work to find funding for this future venture. Trustee Burgess submitted a survey for all department heads to complete for the comprehensive plan. Trustee Burgess stated that economic development and bringing back Code Enforcement are both vital to moving Sauk Village forward.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day will be held on April 26, 2012. The school and the parents have also been notified. All department heads will be sent a memo asking for the availability of staff and vehicles necessary to take the students around on Student Government Day. Student Government Day will be by invitation only and will not be open to the public. Elected officials are asked not to attend due to the last year's incident.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative will meet Thursday, April 12th at 9:00 am at 1904 174th Street in East Hazel Crest. The meeting is open to the public. Trustee Myers asked if that committee has discussed a new ordinance that will help to stop foreclosures. Trustee Benson will research that ordinance.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox-Absent- On detail

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 21 calls between the periods of March 27, 2012 – April 9, 2012. Chief Stoffregen reported that the lack of rain has caused very dry conditions. A heat advisory is in effect.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that the first street sweeping of the year will take place on April

16th. Hydrant flushing will begin on the south side on April 17th at 11 pm. DH Weller reminded residents not to park on the street on garbage day. The first branch pick up of the season will start the first week of May. All braches must be put out by the last week of April. Mayor Towers asked that outsourcing the grass cutting of the vacant lots to be added to the next Committee agenda.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Zoning and Building Administrator Jasinski reported that the outcome of the Zoning Board meeting will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. DH Jasinski stated that the bar has pulled a permit for miscellaneous repairs. The new hair salon has not requested any permits as of today. Mayor Towers stated that they are waiting for the Fire Department inspection. All business and contractors licenses are currently up for renewal.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the General Fund Balance is \$864,903.43 and the US Bank balance is \$100,000.00. The third quarter of the DCEO grant and the first quarter of the Cop's grant have been reported. A payment of \$19, 000.00 has been received for the first quarter of the Cops' grant. A one year extension of the Cop's grant has been requested in order to spend the remaining amount available in the Cop's grant. February financial will be available in one week. The audit will be completed by the end of the month. Trustee Myers asked for an update of figures for Code Enforcement employees and revenue before next Tuesday's meeting. FD Rao stated that the cost to bring back two employees is approximately \$62,000.00 Trustee Burgess verified that the payment to Del Galdo pays them in full in full for all invoices except TIF related expenses.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of March 27th to April 9th the department responded to 25 different calls. DH Johnson reported that the Torrence Avenue intersection will be closed starting April 16th, Joe Orr Road is closed now and the Route 30 railroad tracks will be closed soon.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The May 12th Senior Craft Show has been cancelled until fall. The Senior Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 13th. The Health Fair is a work in progress. The Senior Committee will not meet on Thursday, April 12th. FREE Blood pressure screening for all Village employees and senior residents, co sponsored with the PLAN Group, continues on Wednesday, April 11th from 1 pm – 2 pm in the Senior Center offices. The next Free Monday Senior movie will be on May 14th. Refreshments are sponsored by the McConathy Public Library. Seniors can also bring a bag lunch. Rose thanked all of the people who continue to donate books for the paperback book exchange program. The Bloom Township Crazy Hat luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 19th at the Serbian Center at 186th and Stoney Island in Lansing. Senior Cookbooks will be on sale for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit the Township food pantry. The Annual Township Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 2nd. Tickets will go on sale July 7th.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt stated that the Community Garden is moving according to schedule. The irrigation system is being identified. Public Works will assist by installing fencing. Plots will be available for \$25.00. An informational meeting is scheduled for April 28th. The Community garden is anticipated to be open by Mid May.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- No report

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Ms. Booker stated that the Police Alliance Committee is working on an event. More details will follow after the event is discussed with Village Manager Turner.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for March 28, 2012 through April 10, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for March 28, 2012 through April 10, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Benson questioned invoices for police vehicles. FD Rao stated that Police Chief Fox signed off on all of the invoices.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve an Interim Agreed Order- People of the State of Illinois, ex, rel. Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois v. the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Interim Agreed order-People of the State of Illinois, ex, rel. Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois v. the Village of Sauk Village

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

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

Trustee Williams stated that she referred an ordinance referencing synthetic drugs to Trustee Myers for the Ordinance Committee to consider.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Larry Stewart commented on programs promoted by Trustee Chavez and spoke about the litigation, the audit and the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.

Bernice Brewer Houston asked about the water fund balance, litigation and water issues.

Frank Harvey discussed litigation.

Lynda Washington-225th Place- had concerns with a conflicting meeting date for the use of the Municipal Building.

James Harvey questioned the expense of salt on the Accounts Payable.

Francine Anderson- 216th Place- discussed Student Government Day, the repairs to the Community Center, the Comprehensive Plan, the IDNR application and litigation.

Rose Langston stated that cost to the taxpayers should include reimbursing the cost of the missing Sauk Talks and discussed water issues, the Mayor and the Board's duties, Robinson's qualification and duties and Student Government Day.

Judy Cast discussed litigation, code enforcement and Police Department overtime and Police Chief's salary and performance.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 10:22 pm.

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Regular Board meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustees Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 11:23 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 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 17, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez (Trustee Chavez enters the meeting at 7:06 pm)

Trustee Myers asked that items 5 A, B and C be tabled until further notice. Additional research is required.

2. Presentation of the Elite Treatment Center, 395 West Lincoln Highway in Chicago Heights

Elite Treatment Center representatives Dr. Robyn Jackson and CEO Mr. Albert Wells presented information regarding their services that provide inpatient and outpatient treatment as well as DUI services, risk education and anger management. They are partnered with Elite House for Sober Living for recovering drug and alcohol abusers. Elite Treatment Center is licensed and accredited and does receive Government subsidies to treat hundreds of patients per year. Housing is provided for homeless people, substance abusers and those that need to re-enter society after a criminal activity. Housing, clothing, job training and referrals are provided to the clientele. A mental health component will be added soon.

An Open House is planned for Monday, June 18, 2012 from 11 am – 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Ms. Jennifer Artis, CEO and Founder of the Southland Healthcare Forum. The Elite Treatment Center would open a facility in Sauk Village if the house was donated to the center. They would be responsible for any labor and materials necessary to open the home.

3. Presentation by Horton Group Insurance Brokers for Blue Cross Blue Shield – (Michael E. Wojcik and Bonnie A. Cochrane)

Horton Group Insurance representatives Michael Wojcik and Bonnie Cochran presented a proposal for the Board's consideration for health insurance, human resources and other services. Horton Group Insurance is one of six Blue Diamond agencies and is endorsed by South Suburban Mayor and Managers Association. The four areas of concentration were education, advocacy, value and sustainability. The Horton Group would act as a liaison between the Village and the benefit carriers and vendors. A customized website is available for the employees.

Village Manager Turner stated that the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal is due July 1st. The current broker, Lambent Insurance will make a presentation on May 1st. Another broker will make a presentation in the near future. A broker is necessary to shop for the best rate.

Mr. Wojcik stated that the broker's fee is standardized regardless of which broker is chosen; it is the services that are offered that make a broker stand out. Mr. Wojcik stated that Horton Group offers a deep array of services.

4. TIF project Invoices for Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP - (Finance Director)

Finance Director Rao reviewed invoices in the amount of \$46, 257.66 that will appear on the next Board agenda for Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon, LLP. Invoices date back to 2009 for General Fund expenses in the

amount of \$37,602.66 and TIF 1, 2 and 3 expenses in the amount of \$8,655.00. Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon served as the Village Attorney during the early part of 2009 and continued to work on the TIF's. The \$46,257.66 payment will cover all past due payments due to Wildman, Harrold. Wildman, Harrold is no longer involved with the TIF's. This item will be included on the next Board agenda.

5. Ordinance Review Committee – (Trustee Myers)- Tabled per Trustee Myers

A. Animal Control

B. Tow Ordinance

C. Sign Ordinance

6. Special Use & Text Amendment- (Administrative Services Director)

A. Low Voltage Electric Fence

B. Precious Metal & Gem Brokers as a Special Use

Administrative Services Director Jasinski stated that the Zoning Board met and recommended a text amendment for the electric fence and a special use for the Cash for Gold. Any amendments should be made in Section 4 of the draft ordinance for the special use. Ordinance 12-1 stipulates the restrictions for the electric fence. Warning signs will be posted around the fence. Both items will be included on the next Board agenda for approval.

7. Discussion of the appointment of a new authorized agent to IMRF - Resolution - (Village Manager)

Village Manager Turner stated that a resolution is required to appoint Payroll Clerk, Mike Bartnicki, as the new authorized agent to IMRF in order to replace Sandy Baker Dieterich who recently retired from the position. This resolution must be in place before June in order to do quarterly reports. Online training and assistance of Finance Director Rao will be provided to Mr. Bartnicki. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. Discussion of the Code Enforcement Department Staffing- (Trustee Burgess)

Trustee Burgess reviewed the information provided that indicates the cost to bring two code employees back. Trustee Burgess suggested bringing two code officers back full time or at least for the summer depending on discussions with the union. Trustee Benson agreed that there is a need for code enforcement but stated that there is no money in the budget for these positions. Trustee Williams also stated that it is necessary to bring code back; other positions have been brought on without being included in the budget. Bringing in part time police officers was also discussed previously. Trustee Williams stated that it needs to be researched whether the money is there for these positions. Administrative Services Director Jasinski stated that the code officers will bring revenue into the Village. Safeguard Properties has also been brought on to work with the code officers. The current collection agency is more aggressive in collecting ticket revenue. Further discussion included compliance and options to deal with non compliance.

Additional research is needed on this matter. The matter will be readdressed on the May 1st Committee agenda for approval on May 8th.

9. Village Projects (Village Manager)

A. Implementing Lien Procedures

i. Outstanding Water Bills

ii. Outstanding Grass/ Tickets

Village Manager Turner stated that there is over \$300,000.00 in outstanding water bills and grass cutting fines that can have liens placed on them. There is a cost of \$21.90 to record a lien; research will need to be done to identify the property and make certain that the owner of the property is still the same. Any costs incurred can be added to the lien. Trustee Hanks stated that Safeguard Properties is in place to help identify the homeowner and property information. Village Manager Turner stated that municipalities receive payments from property liens first according to a new law.

B. Discussion of Advertising for Contractors for Lawn Maintenance for Vacant Lots / Vacant Houses (Village Manager)

Village Manager Turner stated that contractors were solicited in the past to perform lawn maintenance on vacant lots. Village Manager Turner is looking for Board direction to start the process for this season. Trustee Hanks suggested Chief Fox's SWAP program. Chief Fox stated that the SWAP participants cannot operate motorized equipment. Other alternatives were discussed. Issues regarding insurance, cutting vacant properties and the cost of disposing yard waste were discussed. The cost of cutting the grass can be added to a lien on the property. A bid notice will be prepared for Board approval.

C. Discussion of Sauk Village Building Usage and Security policies

Village Manager Turner presented a policy already in place for building security. VM Turner will present recommendations at a later date. VM Turner is working with staff and Village Clerk Williams to create a master calendar that can be used to keep track of who is using the facilities at a given time. VC Williams currently maintains a calendar of events on the website.

D. Miscellaneous updates

Village Manager Turner stated that she met with Mayor Towers, Village Attorney Byrne, Village Clerk Williams and Jim Czarnik- Robinson Engineering, Fire Chief Stoffregen and Deputy Chief Atwood regarding the emergency water plan. A draft of the emergency plan should be in place by May 1st.

Trustee Chavez asked how many water shut offs occurred in the last monthly cycle. DH Jasinski stated that approximately 178 shut offs were issued. Trustee Benson asked how the shut off is determined. DH Jasinski stated that the residents are placed on the shut off list after two weeks passed the grace period. Village staff may work with residents that have extenuating circumstances. Further discussion involved the amount of broken buffalo boxes and water service turn ons and shut offs.

10. Public Comment

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

Larry Stewart addressed the water fund and billing and the need for code enforcement.

Wayne Patterson read a letter from the youth in his neighborhood asking Mayor Towers to install a basketball court in Carol Avenue Park to give the youth something to do and to help cut down on the negative activity. Trustee Benson stated that the youth need a court closer to their neighborhood. Trustee Williams agreed that the youth should make their presentation to the Board but additional research should also be done for the reasons that the courts were removed previously from different areas.

Trustee Myers asked Chief Fox to research the matter. Trustee Chavez stated that the children using the new hoops like the new location. They feel safe with the hoops being located behind the Police Station. Trustee Chavez stated that the parks improvements to Carol Avenue and Arrowhead Parks should be assessed now in order to be ready when the \$136,000.00 grant comes in. Many factors need to be considered including an assessment of the criminal activity in that neighborhood and the need to repair or replace existing park equipment within the amount of the grant.

Mayor Towers agreed that an assessment of the proposed location, costs and input from the citizens is needed and that information should be presented to the Board for further consideration.

Bernice Brewer Houston addressed the money available for the parks, the amount available in the water fund and the Skyline Disposal contract and increase. Finance Director Rao stated that there is \$624,000.00 in the water fund. Trustee Burgess addressed the \$.50 per month Skyline increase.

Kim Clark addressed how the water increase will affect people who have life threatening issues and may need special consideration.

Angel Delgado addressed the concerns of the basketball hoops and the need for supervision due to the criminal activity in that area. Angel also addressed the need for baseball and other supervised sports.

Sandra Childress addressed speeding and drag racing on 221st Street and requested speed bumps and more police presence. Mayor Towers asked Sandra to meet with the Chief after the meeting.

Sid Harris- 217th Place- reported a bush laying on the sidewalk and trash in the area that needs to be removed.

James Harvey asked about summer jobs for the youth. Mayor Towers stated that summer jobs have been provided in the past. There has been no notice from Bloom Township as of this date. Summer jobs are available to the youth at no cost to the Village. Department Heads are consulted to determine the need and the availability of adult supervision in their department. Further discussion included problems in the past with some of the youth in these programs.

Bernadine Hopkins also read a letter from the youth regarding job programs. Summer jobs would give the youth something to do other than breaking into homes. Mayor Towers will be looking for agencies that will provide jobs for the youth. Last year an intern was hired to help supervise the children.

Nathan Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- reported on garbage and tall grass at 218th and Carol Avenue. Nathan also commented on the condition of the park equipment. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager will check on the debris.

Frank Williams stated that he met with residents in the Carol Avenue park area about the STOP sign and the park repairs and has worked with Trustees Burgess and Chavez. The residents need to help move the Village forward.

John Hinko asked when the water bill increase will take place and who will pay for water leaks and fire calls. Mayor Towers stated that the tax payers will pay for that. John asked for an updated budget sheet that shows where the Village stands within the budget. Village Manager Turner stated that it will be provided at the next meeting.

Pat Couch asked for an update on the water and sewer line warranty program. Village Manager Turner stated that the direct mailing from the company for the sewer line program will be in the mail within the

next 30-45 days. Pat also asked for police presence on 221st Street. Trash should be picked up by the residents.

Francine Anderson- 216th Place- asked about water fund expenses. Francine asked where the funding for the code enforcement employees will come from. Francine asked what Parks and Recreation programs are available for young adults 16- 24 years old. Trustee Chavez invited Ms. Anderson to the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and to submit a FOIA request for additional information.

Jeff Morden addressed the volunteer registration of Crime Free Housing, the need to adopt the Crime Free Housing ordinance and code enforcement personnel certification and contracts.

Judy Cast discussed police department grievances, overtime due to poor management and the lack of police staffing.

Ed Shankel stated that additional taxes are paid for more police staff. Ed asked for an update on the Brookwood murders. Mayor Towers stated that there is no update.

11. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams asked for an update on the water rate increase. Village Manager Turner stated that further research is needed from Robinson Engineering before those figures can be determined. Trustee Williams asked for the Board to receive regular updates and asked for this issue to be placed on the next Committee meeting. The matter was already addressed by Robinson Engineering; the Village should be ready to hit the ground running. The Lake Michigan water rates have already been provided. The annual May water increase also needs to be addressed. Trustee Williams asked for information on the police raids and Chief Fox's gun qualifications. Village Manager Turner stated that Mayor Towers has that information. Trustee Williams has not received any updates from the department heads regarding Student Government Day transportation. A detailed police department overtime report from last weekend was requested from Village Manager Turner to be presented today and has not been received. Trustee Williams asked for an update on the Cop's grant. An email was sent to Village Manager Turner on January 26th requesting information on the events that took place in January 18th concerning Chief Fox and the removal of the Sauk Talk; no report has been received. On February 28th, additional information was requested concerning a police department tow release; this information has not been received. Trustee Williams requested that biweekly or monthly written reports from all department heads detailing what is going on in their departments be added to the next Committee agenda. These reports should show how the department head has spent their time and money within their departments.

Trustee Burgess reported that he will be presenting an update from the Economic Development Committee at the next meeting. Trustee Burgess asked for monthly odometer readings from all Village vehicles.

Trustee Hanks asked for an update on the budget process for this year. Village Manager Turner and Finance Director Rao will start the budget process soon after the audit is completed; possibly August and September.

Trustee Benson referred to Trustee Williams' memo requesting department heads to escort the kids around for Student Government Day. Trustee Benson did not think it was appropriate to take the department heads away from their job in order to transport the kids and to allow Trustee Williams to have Student Government Day without the elected officials. There are other issues the Public Works

Department has to deal with like garbage needs to be picked up on the streets, fire hydrants are out of service, underground piping issues need to be addressed by the staff. They should be doing what they are being paid to do and not transporting the kids. Mayor Towers stated that it is up to the Committee to decide how to conduct Student Government Day and for the Board to approve that direction.

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is a 37 year tradition. Department heads have always been on hand to transport the students due to liability issues. Trustee Williams asked that she is notified in writing by 5 pm Thursday if the department heads or vehicles will not be available so that other arrangements can be made or that Student Government Day will be cancelled again.. Trustee Williams stated that the public officials are not included this year due to the shenanigans of the Board at the last Student Government Day. Trustee Williams is prepared to continue with Student Government day but if it is the decision of the Village Manager or the Board to cancel Student Government Day she will need to notify the school and the children.

Trustee Myers agreed to continue with Student Government Day and not to subject the kids to the actions that take place at a Village Board meeting. Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Hanks stated that Student Government Day is a 37 year tradition and to move forward allowing the staff to work with kids for the couple of hours that are needed to transport them.

Trustee Burgess agreed that Trustee Williams should work with the department heads that are willing to work with her; there is no problem for using the staff for one day out of the year. Trustee Chavez agreed.

Mayor Towers stated that the dental office in the Village is closing their doors and they are looking for another dentist to rent that space.

12. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

13. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 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, **APRIL 24, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson (called in)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. March 20, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. March 26, 2012 Special and Reconvening of Committee Meeting of March 20

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the March 26, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. April 3, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the April 3, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams read a letter to Mayor Towers addressing her concerns of informing Board members of upcoming Lake Michigan water meetings, the signing of Village checks and the need to repair the broken cameras in the hallways.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that labor negotiations are scheduled to continue. VM Turner is working with the Village Clerk, Department Heads., consultants and the various committees on various tasks. The tentative

mailing date for the National League of Cities warranty program is May 15, 2012 after the final proof has been approved. Presentations will be made in May regarding the renewal of the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Village insurance. A final presentation by the energy companies will be held in June. VM Turner continues to work with staff and consultants regarding the Lake Michigan Water Project, finalizing the audit and with HUB regarding the recent renewal and risk management issues.

Trustee Chavez requested an update on the painting and other repairs for the Community Center.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards will be meeting on April 26, 2012. The bi-annual election of Board members will take place and will be finalized May 2, 2012. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the Pension Board audits; an incomplete audit continues to affect the Village's bond rating. VT Carmichael stated that the Pension Board has not selected a firm to perform the audit; negotiations are pending. Further discussion included having the Sauk Village auditors to do the audit and then bill the pension boards. The Village audit will be incomplete due to the lack of the Pension Board audits. Village Attorney McGrath recommended drafting a letter stating that the Pension Boards have 14 days to complete their audit or identify who the auditor will be or the Village may appoint an auditor. Mayor Towers directed Village Manager Turner to draft the letter by Thursday, April 26, 2012.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath recommended that the Board vote in favor of the two ordinances and the two settlement agreements that will be presented later in the agenda.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that the bid opening for the 2012 resurfacing project will take place later in the agenda. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering will be doing a 75th Anniversary service project that will include assisting Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Committee with clean up of the baseball fields on May 5, 2012 from 8 am – noon. Additional volunteers are encouraged to participate.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that Sauk Village will partner with Illinois Department of Employment Security by providing a Job Fair on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 10 am until noon. Contact Ron Yarborough at 708/709-3070 for more information. Workshops will take place on Thursday, April 26th and Thursday, May 3rd to assist with resume and job interview preparation. Twenty to twenty five businesses have committed to attend. Mayor Towers stated that the Who's Next Beauty Supply is up and running and Subway is on schedule. A Sports Bar is also under consideration for the old library space. The necessary permits will include checking the distance from the Daycare Center to the Sports Bar.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the April 19th Men's Night was a great success. Mayor Towers was in attendance. Area churches will be opening their doors at 7 pm on the last Thursday of the month to pray for the community. The Sauk Village Church of God will be open this Thursday.

The baseball cleanup is scheduled for May 5th starting at 8 am. Lunch will be provided at noon. Volunteers are needed. Parks and Recreation events include Line Dancing (18 and over) on Mondays at 7:30 pm and Boxing – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5-8 pm. Zumba may be added in the near future. The Community Center is open from 5 pm- 7:30pm for ages 8-18 and from 7:30 pm to 10 pm for ages 18 and over.

An Independence Day parade that will include floats, vendors and possibly fireworks is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. Trustee Chavez stated that he will be taking a group of boxers to a title competition in Memphis, TN June 13th- June 16th.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks thanked Housing Commissioners Holcomb and Stewart for attending meetings at the SSMMA, HUD and other workshops in order to bring information back to the commission.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is continuing to review information from Dr. Alexander and the State Statute regarding the Vicious Dog Ordinance. Village Attorney Byrne is in the

process of finalizing the Tow Ordinance. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26th.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee is working with the TIF consultants and TIF attorney regarding the December 2012 expiration of TIF 1 and possibly trying to enhance the TIF before the TIF expiration. Trustee Burgess also met with the Subway owners. Subway will be opening soon at the new location. The rib place is still in the planning stages. Key Markets is open for business. Trustee Burgess is working with Village Manager Turner to compile information from the department heads for the Comprehensive Plan and the Beautification Committee for ideas for TIF 1 before bringing the information to the Board for approval. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the requirements for the Sports Bar. Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported that there needs to be 100 feet between the sports bar and the daycare center. This matter will be researched further placed on a future agenda. Further discussion included necessary repairs to the parking lot at Surreybrook Plaza and another business that is considering opening at the old TUI's location.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day will be held on Thursday, April 26th. Student Government Day will be open to chaperones and the children and their guests only. Trustee Williams thanked the department heads in advance for their help on Thursday.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson- Absent- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox stated that there have been 748 calls of service since April 10th, including 31 arrests. Chief Fox contacted the SWAP program for help with the May 5th cleanup.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 18 calls between the periods of April 10th and April 23rd. Chief Stoffregen reminded residents that burning branches is not allowed in Cook County. Chief Stoffregen asked for clarification on Student Government Day. Chief Stoffregen stated that he will have two units available to transport the students.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that Com Ed has been contacted to reconnect the wiring in order to address the 216th Place street light issue. A Torrence Avenue in ground fault and water main breaks at Peach Tree and near Pacesetter Steel are being addressed. Grass cutting, hydrant flushing and building maintenance are ongoing projects. A newer list of hydrants that need to be serviced is in process. DH Weller reminded residents not to put cut grass in the street; this will clog the sewers. Landscaping, curb and concrete projects are done sparingly due to the lack of finances and manpower.

The Public Works Department continues to perform work on the other department's vehicles. Branches must be out for pick up by May 6th. Storm cleanup may take longer than usual due to the lack of manpower.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported that the Zoning Board will meet on May 7 th with Pastor Charlotte to discuss the Carol Avenue church.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that \$538,672.19 is available in Illinois Funds and \$150,000.00 is available in First Midwest Bank. Trustee Myers asked for clarification on the audit. FD Rao stated that the auditors will be presenting on May 1st.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of April 10th and April 23rd the department assisted in 16 different incidences. The nero banding siren upgrades have been completed. DH Johnson stated that we are waiting for the Industrial Park's Site Manager to identify a location for the new siren.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston reported that the May 12th Senior Craft Show has been cancelled until fall. FREE Blood pressure screenings co-sponsored with the PLAN will take place on Wednesday, April 25th from 1pm – 2 pm for Village residents and employees.

Rich Township and the Village of Park Forest is extending an invitation to seniors for a showing of the movie "Titanic" on Monday, April 30th at 11:30 am at the Holiday Star Theater in Park Forest. The cost is \$2.50. Refreshments will be served. Contact Rose Langston to RSVP. Village President Ostenburg will be the guest speaker. The next Free Monday Senior Movie will be held on Monday, May 14th. The book drive is ongoing. The Bloom Township Senior cookbook is available at the Bloom Township offices at a cost of \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Township Food Pantry. The Annual Township picnic will be held on Thursday, August 2nd. Tickets go on sale in July. Free bus transportation is provided for Sauk Village seniors.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reported that the committee met with the Economic Development regarding plans for certain local business. Smits Farms adopted three spots and Bultima's Farms adopted one spot for the ongoing Adopt a Spot program. Signs will be posted at these locations. An information meeting for the Community Garden will be held at the library and the committee will also assist with cleanup at the ball field on May 5th. The committee weeded out the atrium and will continue to clear out the areas surrounding other municipal buildings. The committee also contacted storeowners asking if they can purchase planters for their storefront or to reimburse the committee if they make the purchase. Sauk Village flags are on order for the corner of 394 and Sauk Trail and various locations.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Pruitt stated that research is still ongoing to find a mediator. The process is complicated by the excessive charges that mediators are asking and the lack of funding.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Police Alliance Committee Chair Booker stated that she is working with Village Manager Turner on a new project and will provide updates at a later time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for April 11, 2012 through April 24, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for April 11, 2012 through April 24, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess inquired about an expense for Police and Fire Commission training that was expended from the General Fund- Elected Officials budget rather than the Police and Fire fund. This item will be removed for further investigation as to the allocation of the expense.

Additional inquiries included if other members will be attending this training in the future and a petty cash expense for contractual services.

Mayor Towers asked for an amended motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for April 11, 2012 through April 24, 2012. Trustee Chavez amended the motion to approve the Accounts Payable minus the Police and Fire Commission expense- item #2382 in the amount of \$423.42 on page two. Trustee Myers seconded the amended motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Bid Opening for the 2012 Sauk Village MFT / CDBG Resurfacing Program 217th Street from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue Clyde Avenue from 218th Street to 215th Place

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Bid Opening for the 2012 Sauk Village MFT / CDBG Resurfacing Program 217th Street from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue Clyde Avenue from 218th Street to 215th Place. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers opened the following bids:

Alpha Construction \$248,641.35

Gallagher Asphalt \$214,206.50

Iroquois Paving \$233,206.50

The bids packets were given to Jim Czarnik for further review.

C. A Motion to approve a Resolution Appointing Michael W. Bartnicki as the Village's Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a Resolution appointing Michael W. Bartnicki as the Village's Authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. A Motion to approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use for the Property Commonly Located at 2000 Lincoln Highway, Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance granting A Special Use for the property commonly located at 2000 Lincoln Highway, Village of Sauk Village, Illinois. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. A Motion to approve an Ordinance amending certain section of the Unified Development Code of the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance amending certain section of the Unified Development Code of the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. A Motion to approve a settlement agreement for Village of Sauk Village v. Henrietta Turner Court 12 CH 09989

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a settlement agreement for Village of Sauk Village v. Henrietta Turner Court 12 CH 09989

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

G. A Motion to approve a settlement agreement for Fox v. Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village Case no. 2012 Ch 01579 (consolidated with Towers v. Benson, et al Case no. 2011 CH 43215)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a settlement agreement for Fox v. Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village Case no. 2012 Ch 01579 (consolidated with Towers v. Benson, et al Case no. 2011 CH 43215).

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion failed

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Sid Harris- 217th Place- inquired about obtaining police reports and information.

Bernice Brewer Houston inquired about the water, MFT and CDBG fund balances. Bernice

continued to ask additional questions. Village Attorney McGrath instructed the Board and staff not to answer these questions due to pending litigation filed by Ms. Houston and Ms. Anderson against Sauk Village, Mayor Towers and all trustees except Trustee Benson. Bernice confirmed that there has been a Class Action lawsuit filed. Bernice asked how much the legal fees and settlements for item F&G have cost the Village. Bernice was instructed to FOIA this information.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- questioned an expense for professional services listed on Accounts Payable. Francine asked how many people are registered at the Community Center and specifically 16-18 year olds. Francine addressed the settlement agreements and ongoing litigation for Chief Fox and Village Manager Turner. Francine also questioned a manhole in Carlisle Estates. Kevin Weller addressed the issue. Francine was directed to submit a FOIA request for additional information.

Bernadine Hopkins inquired about Student Government Day, street repairs, the disposal of old flags and the electric fence.

Administrative Services Director Jasinski stated that the electric fence was a special use for a business. Public Works Director Weller stated that street repairs are evaluated and repaired according to the age and condition of the streets. Flags are donated to the Boy Scouts for a flag burning ceremony.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the odometer readings for all Village vehicles and the hiring of Code Enforcement. Village Manager Turner stated that the readings will begin next month. Code Enforcement is on the agenda for May 1, 2012. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th.

Trustee Williams questioned the memo regarding the Firearm's Training for Chief Fox dated March 2012. Trustee Williams previously asked for documentation from 2009-2011. Village Manager Turner will research this. Chief Fox stated that annual reports are maintained by the Illinois Standards and Training Board. Chief Fox also stated that Sauk Village has not certified in the last sixteen months; none of the police officers have requalified but they can still do their job. The requalification is in process.

Trustee Williams requested that Department Head accountability and the new water rates be placed on the next Committee agenda. Village Manager Turner stated that questions regarding the water should be directed to the Village attorney and stated that the item will not be on the agenda.

Trustee Williams distributed a packet to Village Manager Turner and the Board that pertained to an email trail of several questions that remain unanswered by Village Manager Turner; some items date back to January. Trustee Williams questioned Ms. Turner's job performance and asked that a disciplinary letter be written and placed in her personnel file. It has previously been stated that some documentation does exist; it is inappropriate that the Board still has not received this information.

Trustee Hanks left the meeting at 9:20 pm and returned at 9:24 pm.

Trustee Burgess asked when Chief Fox found out the officers were not certified and asked if the department has a Training Officer. Chief Fox stated that he just found out that there was no training in 2011; many things can prevent training from taking place. The training will take place soon.

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers has deviated from the agenda without Board approval and allowed a lack of decorum to take place. Mayor Towers did not ask to suspend the rules before deviating from the agenda.

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Clerk's Note: Any items discussed during public comment that are not agenda items will not be reflected in the minutes.

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 1, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Trustee Benson referred to the outcome of the Special Meeting that was held prior to the Committee Meeting. (Trustee Williams stated that there was no motion to deviate from the agenda- all other comments should be included under Miscellaneous Business)

2. Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness – (Mayor Towers)

Mayor Towers presented the Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness and asked that the item be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

3. Presentation of Employment Benefit Broker for Blue Cross Blue Shield- (Mike Lindemulder)

Affiliated Benefit Consultants (parent company -Northwest Mutual) representatives Mike Lindemulder and John Araujo presented an employment benefit plan that provides onsite review and consultation once every thirty days and provides an online benefits portal free of charge that provides a breakdown of total compensation – salary and benefits. The commission of \$42,000.00 per year is the same regardless of what broker handles the benefit program. Affiliated Benefit Consultants invests a large portion of that back into the group through meetings, employee education, wellness strategies, benefit websites, etc...

4. Presentation by HUB International Midwest Limited- update in Insurance – Thomas J. Kelly)

HUB Representative Thomas Kelly stated that HUB International is a full service Risk Management firm. HUB International put together a program for Sauk Village after the non renewal of the IML coverage on 12/31/10. That program was terminated March 27, 2011 due to the review and auditing of Sauk Village procedures. HUB International put a program together to replace the terminated program. The Property and Casualty program now needs to be renewed. The renewal cost is the same. Mr. Kelly presented the marketing strategy and the results of the insurance companies HUB, International went to on behalf of Sauk Village. Tom reviewed the options with the Board that may be offset by three EEOC claims that came in within the past three weeks. HUB put a report together that may require training in some cases and will help with renewal costs next year. HUB welcomes the opportunity to work with Sauk Village on an Employee Benefits program. Combining the programs will reduce what the Village is paying by 25%.

Village Manager Turner stated that Lambent Insurance will also make a presentation for Employee Benefits in the near future. The renewal date is July 1, 2012. VM Turner stated that a Public Official Application and Indemnity Agreement must be completed by all Public Officials.

5. Update on Financial Audit for the Village of Sauk Village (McGladrey & Pullen- John George, CPA Auditor Managing Director (Mike Zagar)

McGladrey and Pullen representatives John George and Mike Zagar reported that the Sauk Village Audit started in June 2011. Significant time was spent working with management on issues that were identified. Audit testing was finished in April; a report will be issued within four weeks. Issues included the fact that bank reconciliations were not completed for a 16 month period and that the cash was not tying into the General Ledger. Trustee Myers questioned the impact of the lack of the Police and Firemen's Pension Board audits. It was stated that they are a fund and not a component and they are audited internally. The Pension Board does not perform an 18 month audit and will not be included in the Village audit. The Village contributes to the fund annually. The net pension obligation cannot be determined. Eventually, they will be on the same cycle. Sauk Village does not have a May-April fiscal year. It was suggested that the Village conduct a twelve month and a six month budget.

Trustee Burgess referred to the additional time that was needed and the extra costs that have occurred due to the need to hire outside consultants to help reconcile the bank accounts. The Village Bond rating is suspended until the audit is completed. McGladrey stated that they have done the Village budget for many years. The lack of financial preparedness has caused the need to work with management to resolve several issues in order to finalize the audits.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification. McGladrey stated that the budget year is May 1, 2009 through October 2010 (18 months). Finance Director Rao called McGladrey in during March of 2010. At that time, the bank reconciliations were 19 months behind. Cash was also posted in the wrong places; the General Ledger did not tie into the bank reconciliations; some of which was caused by the voiding and reissuing of several checks. McGladrey needed to keep testing because they were not comfortable with the data. That was never a problem in the past. Trustee Williams stated that employees and management who were in place apparently were not doing their jobs during the period of May 2009 and when Finance Director Rao came on. Trustee Williams stated that the Board was advised to perform an 18 month budget and asked if that was the right thing to do. McGladrey stated that other than the problem with the Pension Funds not being in line with the 18 month time frame it could be a good idea if it is done properly. Many municipalities are going with 18 month budgets as a cost savings. McGladrey stated that the lawyer who handled this process showed a lack of inexperience.

Trustee Benson asked when the last audit was completed. McGladrey stated that the last audit was reconciled through April 30, 2009 and was completed in July 2009 but was submitted to the Village in February 2010 due to nonpayment. There were no bank reconciliations done after the April 30, 2009 audit until the problems subsided when Finance Director Rao came on. Trustee Myers asked McGladrey and Pullen to come back and explain all of the issues when they are prepared to present the final audit. Trustee Benson asked for copies of the 2008-09 audits.

Further discussion included that the lack of Police and Firemen's Pension Board audits does not affect the audit but may affect the bond rating due to issues with the accounting practices and control structures that are in place. The Board requested that the next audit begin immediately following the final draft of the current audit. McGladrey's proposal includes the 2010-2011 audit. McGladrey stated that the next audit could be available by late July if started immediately. Finance Director Rao stated that he could be ready within two weeks after the current audit is completed. Village Manager Turner updated the Board on the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards need to complete their own audit and the fact that another issue that delayed the completion of the audit was a possible property tax overpayment that was resolved.

6. Discussion of Code Enforcement Department Staffing- (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner stated that the salary and costs for the Code Department personnel would be \$60,544.00 per person. The revenue from tickets and fines from 2009/2010 was \$21,825.00. Additional revenue of

approximately \$50,000.00 could be contributed by the new collection agency which is more aggressive and the Local Recovery program. The options include bringing one or two employees back from layoff in conjunction with the payroll of May 18th or May 28th and assess the situation. This position will be posted in compliance with union guidelines. An additional source of income could be the proposed cell tower buyout that may provide funding in the amount of \$250,000.00. The cell tower buyout will be included on the May 15th Committee agenda. Further discussion included finding funding for the Code Enforcement Department, the moratorium on hiring, the cell tower buyout and the need for compliance through increased adjudication. Mayor Towers stated that the cell tower buyout is a good deal for the Village. The issue of rehiring two Code Enforcement employees will be placed on the next Board agenda.

7. Village Projects- (Village Manager)

A. Discussion of Advertising for Contractors for Lawn Maintenance for Vacant Lots/ Vacant Houses

Village Manager Turner asked for direction to submit bid proposals for lawn maintenance contractors for vacant homes and lots. The Board agreed to begin the bid process; the bids will be open during the first Board meeting in June.

B. Discussion of Sauk Village Building Usage and Security policies

VM Turner suggested that Mayor Towers and the Board provide suggestions for the building usage and security policies for the May 15th Committee agenda. Policies are already in place for the Community Center and the Senior Center. VM Turner stated that she will need to review the Parks and Recreation policy and all other policies for consistency per Risk Management. Trustee Williams asked for the list of issues provided by Risk Management. Trustee Chavez stated that there is a policy, an ordinance and a Parks and Recreation Chair in place. Trustee Chavez stated that he is aware of who is using the buildings. Trustee Chavez also stated that the Village Manager should not be allowed to override the elected officials who have been placed in the position to chair a committee. Mayor Towers disagreed.

C. Park Equipment

VM Turner stated that she will provide the report for the park equipment replacement and installation pricing and scheduling next week after meeting with Public Works Director Weller.

D. Vehicle Odometer Report

VM Manager Turner stated that monitoring vehicle odometer readings is cumbersome but it can be done. Further discussion included the reasons why this can be a benefit. Benefits include Department Head accountability, keeping track of vehicle maintenance needs, monitoring spending and may also help with insurance. Trustee Benson stated that having to keep track of odometer readings will keep the employees from doing their job. Board members stated that it is too hard to get information on what is going on in the Village. Bi-weekly reports have been requested in the past. Trustee Myers stated that other departments and other municipalities keep these readings for various readings.

E. Public Official Application and Indemnity Agreement- (Discussed in Item 4)

F. Village Manager Report

VM Turner provided additional reporting stating that the final presentation for the renewal of the Village insurance will be made on May 15th. VM Turner provided the water and sewer fund balances and stated that

she is working with energy companies to make presentations in June, working with Gerald Pyke on the camera system, meeting with CDBG regarding the Fair Housing Action Plan and Robinson Engineering on street projects and MFT. VM Turner is working on tentative dates regarding a TIF Joint Review Board meeting and required notices regarding the conclusion of TIF 1 in December 2012. Meetings are being scheduled to hire part time staff for the Community Center. A dumpster has been ordered for the May 5th ball field cleanup. VM Turner stated that the Public Works Department has completed the painting in the Community Center and will continue with projects such as the flooring project, completion of the striping of the basketball area, building maintenance and grass cutting. The Twin lighting program is underway.

Village Manager Turner stated that vehicle stickers are now on sale. The first installment payment was issued for the TCO's per union negotiations on May 1, 2012. The final payment is set for January 2013.

8. Public Comment

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

John Hinko questioned the hiring process of the Code Department employees, the misuse of gas for Village vehicles, Village litigation and an update on where we stand on the water. Mayor Towers stated that the Village is in the process of working on an emergency plan.

Bernice Brewer Houston asked for costs of various litigation cases and settlements and asked for an update of the water revenue fund and the increase in the garbage bill. Bernice was told that this information is not readily available at Board meetings and is sometimes repetitive. Bernice was told to file a FOIA request to get the information in writing.

Elizabeth Platta stated that Student Government Day was a good day and commented on the need to track mileage for gas and oil changes and shootings in the neighborhood where nothing is getting done.

Francine Anderson asked if the reimbursement for Mr. Galloway that was withheld from last week's Accounts Payable will be released and commented on the activity in the water fund, litigation costs for Chief Fox and the cost of funding Code Department employees.

Rose Langston agreed with the odometer readings, bringing Code back, tall grass, shootings and not being able to get reports from Chief Fox on shootings and other criminal activity. Rose is concerned with the amount of residents moving.

Larry Stewart stated that the Beautification Committee's Community Garden and Student Government Day are both fantastic events and encouraged participation in the ball field cleanup. Personal attacks on people and their families should be stopped.

Judy Cast spoke of problems with Chief Fox, excessive overtime (268 hours in one week), police certification (in the past there was no ammo available for training), police uniforms and recordings of odometer readings and stated that a checklist of vehicle maintenance for police department vehicles was done in the past. Judy asked about the Parks and Recreation grant disbursement. A FOIA may have been requested in the past. This item will need additional research. VM Turner stated that training is scheduled for June and Chief Fox will report on the uniforms in a report next week.

James Harvey asked if Chief Fox is a temporary Chief and referred to Chief Holevis being temporary. Mayor Towers stated that Chief Fox is the Chief in place for a temporary time.

Trustee Williams clarified that Temporary Chief Fox was appointed to the position without Board approval and without the benefit of a contract. Acting Chief Holevis was sworn in, appointed and approved by the Board.

Ed Shankel asked if all of the property was returned from former Chief Martin. Mayor Towers stated that all Village property was returned and that Ed should submit a FOIA for any additional information.

Bernadine Hopkins referred to Board etiquette.

9. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day was well attended and thanked all of the chaperones and volunteers, Joe Wiszowaty, Gary Holcomb, Village Clerk Williams, Juanita Burgess, Jim Vela, Sherry Jasinski, Kevin Weller, Gary Bell, Paul Myers, etc... Gary Holcolm provided videos to the students and Joe Wiszowaty provided photos of the event. Trustee Williams stated that the information Village Manager Turner provided is still incomplete. The report from the tow fund is still not available; Chief Fox previously stated that the documentation was readily available. The Police Department overtime report from 4-2 through 4-14 does not answer the questions relating to a police detail from that time frame (rank and file used in the detail, was mutual aid called in, were there any open shifts, who was mandated to cover the shifts, etc...). Village Manager Turner stated that it is not necessary to provide that information due to sharing with other forces. It is not necessary to provide information to the public in reference to that mission. VM Turner stated that the information is proprietary. If a memo is prepared it is FOIAable. Sheriff Tom Dart is doing a statement. VM Turner will provide a copy of the press release. Trustee Williams asked for a memo stating that this information cannot be answered.

Trustee Myers inquired about the 50 plus grievance filed by the Police Department; quite a few are in the first stage and unanswered by Chief Fox. Village Manager Turner stated that the grievances are under investigation; some are left over from Former Chief Martin. VM Turner stated that new management and adhering to contracts will cause new grievances. VM Turner stated that the next union negotiations will take place in May. Trustee Myers asked for final answers on the grievances or to pass them on to the union representative.

Trustee Chavez asked who is involved with the meetings pertaining to the water issue and stated that he wants to be involved with the meetings. Village Manager Turner stated that no meetings have been held; just phone calls and conversations.

Trustee Chavez asked for an update on the camera system and the safe for the Community Center. VM Turner stated that Gerald Pyke is working on integrating the camera system and she is working on the safe.

Trustee Chavez reminded everyone of the ball field cleanup on May 5th. Volunteers will be given lunch as a thank you for their participation.

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

11. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 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, **MAY 1, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

2. Re-address the vote taken on April 24, 2012 regarding:

A. A Motion to approve a settlement agreement for Fox v. Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village Case No. 2012 Ch 01579 (consolidated with Towers v. Benson, et al Case no. 2011 CH 43215) Mayor Towers stated that the Special Meeting was called to readdress the vote taken on April 24, 2012 regarding the settlement agreement for Chief Fox. The vote on April 24, 2012 was 2 ayes/ 2 nays/ 1 abstain. Village Attorney McGrath advised Mayor Towers that he could not vote. VA McGrath advised the Board to revote. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the settlement agreement for Fox v. Board of Trustees of Sauk Village Case No. 2012 Ch 01579 (consolidated with Towers v. Benson, et al Case No. 2011 CH 43215)

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Board members clarified that the settlement agreement stipulates to wages but not a contract for Chief Fox. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board offered Chief Fox a salary and he refused to accept the salary they named and continued to sue the Village. Chief Fox is requesting more than the Board is offering at this time.

Mayor Towers stated that the settlement agreement includes a negotiated fee for Chief Fox and his attorneys. The Board is costing the taxpayers more money in litigation instead of just giving Chief Fox what he is asking for. The courts will end up deciding Chief Fox's salary and it will be higher than what he is asking for and probably will end up paying all of his attorney fees.

Trustee Williams clarified that the court order stated that Chief Fox will remain in the position indefinitely but the court did not state the rate of pay. The Board approved a set salary of \$75,000.00. Chief Fox agreed to the rate of pay by cashing the checks with that salary. The Board has still not received reference and background checks and other information requested of Chief Fox and he is expecting the Board to pay him what he wants and to pay his lawyers and court costs, too. The Board is trying to be fiscally responsible.

Trustee Myers stated that the legal fees continue to rise. The Board needs to get Chief Fox on Board. The Village Attorney feels the offer is reasonable.

Trustee Benson stated that the Board is trying to micromanage the Police Department. The judge will give him more than what his contract states. Trustee Benson stated that the checks Chief Fox received were for back pay; he is still working without a contract.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson and Myers

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion fails

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 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, **MAY 8, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Trustee Hanks lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Mayor Towers

A motion to appoint Trustee Hanks Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Towers' absence was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. April 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the April 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. April 17, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the April 17, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported Village stickers are on sale and must be displayed by midnight June 30th to avoid additional fees and fines. VC Williams commented on the event hosted by Consolidated Community District 168 where members from the community and teachers were invited to participate in a special program. Mayor Towers and VC Williams were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the program.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner reported she is researching options to address the current issues with the contamination in the wells and the emergency connection to Chicago Heights. The final presentation for the Sauk Village Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal will be held May 15th. Village Stickers are on sale. Energy companies will be presenting in June. VM Turner is working with Public Works Director Weller and Robinson Engineering's Jim Czarnik on the MFT and Streets projects and Gerald Pyke on the camera system.

The Fair Housing Ordinance and Fair Housing Action Plan are being reviewed for compliance following a mandatory CDBG meeting of April 25th. Staff will be preparing the fleet maintenance and odometer report for the June meeting. VM Turner attended the Management and Finance Committee monthly meeting and met with Cook County Board Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy regarding the high speed rail initiatives at SSMMA. VM Turner is working to set up a TIF Joint Review Board meeting and required notices of the conclusion of TIF 1 after the FY 2010 audit. The Parks and Recreation interviewing process is ongoing. Public Works' ongoing projects include the Twin Lighting program, painting and flooring in the Community Center, reviewing replacement and installation of park equipment and other park improvements, striping of the basketball area. various building, grass cutting and miscellaneous Village improvements.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- Absent- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Matt Byrne- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik thanked Board members and residents for helping with the ball park clean up last Saturday. Robinson Engineering provided 15 volunteers to assist in the clean up. VE Czarnik stated the project plan for the low interest IEPA loan has been completed. VE Czarnik recommended moving forward with the water project. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a consensus from the Board to allow Robinson Engineering to move forward with the water project. Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams voted in favor and Trustee Benson voted no to allowing Robinson Engineering to move forward with the Lake Michigan water project.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- Absent

In the Mayor's absence, Village Manager Turner reminded residents of the upcoming Job Fair.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that four out of five boxers won their matches last week. Sauk Village Boxer Donald Briggs has been named the Junior Olympics Novice Champion. Trustee Chavez will be accompanying the boxers to a title championship in Tennessee during the month of June. The boxers will be competing for a leather belt. The Parks and Recreation Committee is extending an invitation for all emergency services, community service organizations, churches, veterans, elected officials, businesses, etc... to participate in the upcoming June 30th Independence Day Parade and to pass out candy. Entrance forms are available at the Village Hall; there is no fee to participate. Line-up will take place at 11:30 am behind Popeye's Chicken. Parade kick-off is at 1:00 pm. Trustee Chavez reported that Jeff Morden is the main event coordinator.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the May Housing Authority Commission meeting was cancelled due to commissioners on vacation. Trustee Hanks thanked residents Gary Holcomb and Larry Stewart for attending the Housing Authority meetings and staying up to date with current programs that are available and for bringing the information back to the commission.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Myers stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Fire Station. Trustee Myers asked for an update on the Talandis Avenue property; it is a major hazard. Village Attorney Byrne stated that he will review the matter. Zoning and Administrative Services Director Jasinski stated that the Cook County permit is in process for the demolition of the property.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee is working with the Del Galdo Group Law Group and the TIF 1 owner and businesses to upgrade before the TIF expires. The Economic Development committee has presented ideas for the facades. Trustee Burgess asked for an update of the next TIF meeting. Village Manager Turner stated that the audit must be completed before the next TIF meeting

can be held. The Economic Development Committee will meet Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day went very well. The students will be treated to bowling and lunch on Wednesday, May 9th. Trustee Williams thanked the chaperones, Joe Wiszowaty for taking the pictures, Gary Holcomb taking for the videos all day and Nancy Baker for donating the Student Government Day binders. Trustee Williams would like to add the acknowledgement of corporate sponsors to the next Board agenda.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox- Absent

Village Manager Turner stated that Chief Fox was called out before the meeting.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen - Absent

ESDA Director Johnson stated that the department responded to 20 calls between the periods of April 24, 2012 – May 7, 2012.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that the 216th Place street light repair is still waiting for Com Ed. Branch pick up and hydrant flushing has been delayed due to water main breaks and weather; both should start tomorrow. Branches should have been out by May 6th. Grass and weed control and storm sewer cleanup is continuing. DH Weller reminded residents not to throw debris in the sewer; this causes clogging. Community Center repairs continue during the inclement weather. Twin Supplies Lighting program will supply lights for the Community Center, Police Department, Public Works and the Fire Department. Landscaping is also on the schedule. The second round of street sweeping will begin on May 14th.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported that the Zoning Board met on May 7th and recommended a Special Use for the Carol Avenue church. The minutes from the Zoning Board meeting have been distributed to the Board. The Special Use will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the General Fund Balance is \$468,163.87 and \$140,000.00 in First Midwest Bank, \$670,255.52 Water and Sewer and \$90,797.07 in MFT funds.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of April 24th and May 7th the department responded to 25 calls.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Langston reported that the FREE Blood pressure screening co-sponsored by the PLAN Group continues on Wednesday, May 9th from 1-2 pm. The Senior Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 5 pm in the Senior Center. The next Senior Movie at the library will take place on May 14th; refreshments are sponsored by the Mc Conathy Public Library. Seniors can bring a brown bag lunch; blood pressure screenings will also be available. The paperback book exchange is very successful. Rose thanked Nancy Baker who continues to donate books. Bloom Township Senior cookbooks are available at the Township offices. Proceeds will go to the Township food pantry. Recipes are still being collected. The Township Senior Picnic will be Thursday, August 2nd; tickets will go on sale July 2nd for \$3.00 or \$4.00 the day of the picnic. Free bus transportation is provided by Bloom Township the day of the picnic.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent- No report

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

Trustee Hanks reported that a joint effort between the Human Relations Commission and the Beautification committee will take place on June 16th. The Father's Day Barbeque Cook Off and Community Yard Sale will take place at Sauk Trail and Cornell Avenue.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for April 24, 2012 through May 8, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for April 24, 2012 through May 8, 2012.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned a hand check item for a per diem that was not dedicated to a line item. Finance Director Rao stated that it will appear on the next Accounts Payable. Trustee Burgess questioned a duplicate entry for invoice #25511. FD Rao stated that this invoice is split between two departments.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification of the per diem expense. Trustee Williams stated that per diem is a contracted item; there is no contract for the Police Chief. The per diem was not approved by the Board. FD Rao stated the per diem was for Professional Development/ Training approved by Village Manager Turner. Trustee Williams stated there was no memo relating to how long he would be gone or who was in charge in his absence as is past practice. VM Turner stated that the per diem is the normal per diem allowed. VM Turner will review the procedure for the future.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification on TIF 1 and TIF 3 expenses. FD Rao explained the payment process for TIF expenses.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve the Bid for the 2012 Sauk Village MFT / CDBG Resurfacing Program 217th Street from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue Clyde Avenue from 218th Street to 215th Place

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Bid Opening for the 2012 Sauk Village MFT / CDBG Resurfacing Program 217th Street from Peterson Avenue to Jeffrey Avenue Clyde Avenue from 218th Street to 215th Place. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve to Amend the Sauk Village Budget to hire two (2) Code Enforcement Employees

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve to amend the Sauk Village Budget to hire two (2) Code Enforcement employees. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Chavez. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification. VA Byrne stated the positions will be filled per union agreement allowing for laid off employees to be recalled first.

Trustee Benson asked VM Turner if solid funding is available for funding the two positions. VM Turner stated that next week's agenda includes a presentation for the cell tower buyout and recommended using the proceeds from the buyout. The positions will be posted and the most senior person will be asked to return to the position. Trustee Williams asked for an update of Ms. Jasinski's role to be placed on the next Committee meeting. DH Jasinski clarified that the supervision of Code Enforcement employees is still included in her job description. VM Turner stated she will meet with the Village Adjudicator and the collection agency in reference to the return of the Code Enforcement Department.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. A Motion to approve a Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month in Sauk Village

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve a proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month in Sauk Village. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Janice Clark-Talandis Avenue- asked for clarification of the rehiring of Code Department employees that were laid off.

Rose Langston asked for clarification of a payment made to Ms. Turner's attorney on the Accounts Payable.

Judy Cast stated that motorcycle riders must still obey the speed limit. Judy asked for an Accounts Receivable report similar to the Accounts Payable report. Mayor ProTem Hanks stated that this item will be placed on the next agenda. Finance Director Rao will provide this report monthly.

John Dennis reported that the Memorial Service will take place on Memorial Day at 11:00 am on Monday, May 28, 2012 at St. James Cemetery. Raffles tickets for a 50/50 drawing will be available.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess thanked the Board for bringing back the Code Department.

Trustee Chavez thanked School District 168 for taking Rickover Junior High students to Washington, DC. The Parks and Recreation Committee sponsored refreshments for the trip. Trustee Chavez thanked Jim Czarnik and the Robinson Engineering crew for their help and bringing materials to work with, Mayor Towers, Frank Williams, the Beautification Committee, Rosie Williams, Debbie Williams, Jeff Morden, Larry Stewart, Kevin Weller and everyone who turned out on May 5th for the ball field cleanup. Trustee Chavez asked for volunteers to lay out the bases and additional improvements. Trustee Chavez suggested a game between the elected officials and the department heads.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks acknowledged the May birthdays.

Trustee Myers remarked about the trustees having an outstanding meeting. Trustee Myers reported that he will be assisting Trustee Chavez and Jeff Morden on the Independence Day parade for Saturday, June 30th. Parade kick off is 1 pm. Trustee Myers asked for ESDA's participation. Volunteers are needed.

Trustee Williams asked that the Board receive a memo in their packets regarding the emergency water connection. Trustee Williams stated that the park clean up was a great day.

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **MAY 15, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks (Trustee Benson entered the meeting at 7:35 pm)

2. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:08 pm.

3. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Committee Meeting. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

The Committee Meeting was reconvened at 7:25 pm.

4. Presentation of PODS Enterprises, Inc location (Timothy Kelly, General Manager)

Village Manager Turner stated that PODS Enterprises, Inc. is unable to present at this time and will be placed on a future agenda.

5. Presentation of Unison Cell Tower Agreement (David Walker Vice President – Site Development)

Mr. Walker proposed a \$146,572.00 buyout for the US Cellular cell tower. The rental fees will be reduced from \$2,700.00 per month to \$1,000.00 per month. Sauk Village will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the tower. Acts of God are covered under insurance.

Trustees requested a financial analysis to determine how much the Village will gain or lose over the 40 year term. All rents will be paid to the Village after the 40 year term. Mr. Walker stated US Cellular has the option to cancel within 90 days and may terminate their lease for any reason including possible future mergers. Unison will continue to market the cell towers to other carriers. There is room for two additional tenants. Revenue from any additional sites will be paid at 50/50. Village Manager Turner stated additional research will be conducted by Finance Director Rao, Public Works Director Weller and Village Engineer Jim Czarnik.

6. Discussion of Easement Agreement SBA Cell Tower Agreement (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner stated SBA is proposing an offer of \$110,500.00 and 50% of the current monthly rent for a secondary cell tower for a 50 year term with no additional tenants. VM Turner stated a financial analysis will also be done on this agreement. A total buyout was proposed and rejected by Mayor Towers and VM Turner.

Both proposals will be included on the next Board meeting for approval.

7. Presentation by Lambent update on Insurance Renewal (Keanya Phelps)

Village Manager Turner stated Lambent is not prepared to present at this time and may be added to a future agenda.

8. Discussion of the Zoning Board Recommendation for Special Use to allow for a church to be built in a commercial area (C-2).

Village Manager Turner reported the Zoning Board held a hearing on May 7th and is recommending a Special Use for the church proposed by Pastor Charlotte. Pastor Charlotte will comply with all current codes, permits and licenses. Restrictions or other recommendations can be included in the Special Use at this time. A draft ordinance was provided to the Board for review and will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

9. Discussion of the Village Collector's Report Distribution (Finance Director Mohan Rao)

Finance Director Rao reported the February and March Collector's Report has been completed. FD Rao is researching a format that was used in the past that can be distributed to the public which is similar to the Accounts Payable report per a resident's request.

10. Discussion of the Village Code 30.28; Voting required; effect of failure to vote (abstention vote)-(Village Clerk Williams)

Village Manager Turner stated Village Clerk Williams is seeking clarification of abstention voting. Village Clerk Williams stated she spoke with several Clerks, Parliamentarians and attorneys due to recent misunderstandings of how abstentions affect the outcome of the voting process. Village Attorney McGrath stated an abstention goes with the prevailing side in most municipalities. Many interpret an abstention differently. The current Sauk Village code 30.28 is vague and does state an abstention goes with the affirmative. Village Manager Turner referred to

Robert's Rules of Order and stated other options are that abstentions could go with the majority or could be considered no vote at all. Village Manager Turner will direct the Village Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Village code that will state abstentions will go with the prevailing side per the Board's direction and readdress this issue at the next committee meeting.

Village Clerk Williams requested information on the Prevailing Wage Ordinance that is due in June.

11. Discussion of the Code Enforcement Program and Supervision and Staffing- (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner stated Sherry Jasinski's job description includes the supervision of Code Enforcement employees. VM Turner anticipates a current employee bidding for one position and bringing back one employee for the other position. The current employee's position may be filled by bringing a second employee back. Vehicles, additional adjudication, Village Sticker compliance and tickets for tall grass were discussed. Warning tickets may be issued for other violations. Trustees suggested warning residents that Code is back by placing the information on water bills and the marquee.

12. Village Projects- (Village Manager)

A. Discussion of Sauk Village Building Usage and Security policies

Village Manager Turner reported she is working with Trustee Chavez and Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston regarding policies and scheduling for various buildings. VM Turner reported the Parks and Recreation staff will start on May 21, 2012 if all background checks are complete.

B. Miscellaneous street repair projects

Village Manager Turner reported on current miscellaneous street repair projects and showed pictures of various streets in need of repair and included the cost of under \$10,000.00 to repair these areas. The information was provided to Robinson Engineering for permanent repairs. VM Turner will move forward per the consensus of the Board.

C. Park Equipment

Village Manager Turner reported an estimate of \$1,083.00 for two slides for Carol Avenue Park; money is in the budget. VM Turner will move forward per the consensus of the Board.

D. Public Official Application and Indemnity Agreement

Village Manager Turner reminded all elected officials the Public Official Application and Indemnity Agreement and a general form for the staff must be completed per the request of the current Village insurance company. Trustee Burgess commented that this was not past practice. Mayor Towers commented on the content regarding to the personal information requested in the agreement.

13. Public Comment

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

Judy Cast questioned Chief Fox's qualifications and other Police Department issues.

Marva Pruitt reported on the Beautification Committee's Community Garden project. Marva is looking for volunteers and wheelbarrows on Saturday, May 19th at 9:00 am behind the library to work with the soil and compost.

Rose Langston commented on the difficulty of the front office personnel to work with the loud noise in the hallways and the poor condition of the Senior Center and the bathrooms after recent the Job Fair. Anyone using the building should clean up themselves. Rose also stated she is waiting for repairs to the Senior Center including the sewer back up. Village Manager Turner stated the Job Fair was a great success with 36 employers and over 200 potential employees. VM Turner stated the cleaning service kicked right in to clean the Senior Center and asked for a list of necessary repairs. Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village partners with IDES on the annual Job Fair. Mayor Towers stated that the Job Fair showcased the newer building and he detected no problems.

Trustee Williams stated that the building clean up process should be reviewed. People using the buildings should clean up before they leave. There have been problems in the past with damages to the Community Center.

Sid Harris- 217th Place- agreed that grass cutting tickets should be written without warnings for front and back grass.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- stated a grass cutting ordinance should be in place and referred to a hole in the street in Carlisle Estates. Mayor Towers stated the ordinance is already in place and the repairs were discussed earlier in the meeting.

John- Orion resident- commented on fights taking place after school three times this week and asked for more police presence when the kids get off the bus. Mayor Towers stated that the Village partners with the school and ESDA assists the Police Department with after school patrol and will continue to bring attention to the issue.

14. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers reported the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held May 21st at 7 pm in the Fire Station. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet May 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Chavez reported Jeff Morden is speaking with local business regarding the parade. Work will continue on the ball fields. Line Dancing continues on Monday. Zumba is being considered for Tuesdays nights.

The gym is open Monday- Friday; boxing is Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trustee Chavez asked residents to call 708/932-9900 for programming suggestions.

Trustee Burgess requested that the IML conference be placed on the next Committee agenda.

Trustee Williams asked for sponsor recognition to be placed on the next Board agenda.

Mayor Towers commended Village Manager Turner for the work she has done notifying people and keeping the deadlines that move the Village forward.

15. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

16. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

17. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Mayor 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, **MAY 22, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks (entered the meeting at 7:06 pm)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. April 24, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. May 1, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the May 1, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Debbie Williams reported that Village stickers are on sale and must be displayed by midnight June 30th. Sticker prices will double and tickets will be issued after June 30th. Sticker prices are \$30.00 for automobiles, motorcycles and trucks start at \$43.00. This year's stickers will feature the 55th Anniversary of Sauk Village and the Lincoln Highway mural.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner is working with staff in reinstating the Code Enforcement Department, the Lake Michigan water project and Emergency Plan, meeting with energy companies for future presentations, MFT and street projects, the Village camera system and the fleet odometer report. VM Turner stated that Finance Director Rao will report on the Cook County Treasurer's overpayment and other financial updates. The interviewing process for Parks and Rec's staff is continuing. Also underway is the Twin Lighting program and various Public Works projects in the Community Center, park improvements and equipment replacement, grass cutting, building maintenance and striping of the basketball area.

Trustee Williams asked when the emergency plan will be completed. A plan was supposed to be ready immediately after the election. VM Turner stated that the emergency plan is in the third draft and has been reviewed by the Village Attorney, Village Engineer and Fire Chief.

Trustee Williams requested that the Board receive weekly updates and asked if any other consultants are involved. VM Turner stated that two other firms, including Baxter and Woodman, are working on a proposal

relating to air stripping as a part of the emergency plan in case the contamination levels reach an unsafe level prior to obtaining Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board was unaware of Baxter and Woodman's involvement when the Village Engineer has been working on the project since the beginning. Trustee Myers asked if Baxter and Woodman is working along with the Village Engineer - Robinson Engineering. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that he was unaware of their involvement. VE Czarnik reviewed the steps that have been taken throughout the process and stated that they are moving full steam ahead after the Board instructed them to proceed. A letter of agreement detailing the scope and costs of services was submitted to the Mayor and Village Manager. VM Turner suggested that air stripping could be part of the emergency plan. Mayor Towers stated that outside engineers have approached the Village asking for the opportunity to present proposals. Trustee Benson also agreed that seeking proposals from other engineering firms is appropriate. VE Czarnik stated that he was unaware of any other firm's involvement and stands by his recommendation that air stripping would be a waste of money at this time. The emergency hook up could be in place just as quickly as the air stripping and could be used as a part of the permanent connection. Air stripping equipment would no longer be of any use. Trustee Chavez asked for clarification on a correspondence received from the IEPA. VM Turner stated that the IEPA loan application was denied. There is no funding available to Sauk Village this year. Sauk Village may reapply next year. VE Czarnik stated that the project plan was recently submitted. Funding will probably be received for fiscal year 2013 when construction begins.

Trustee Burgess stated that Robinson Engineering is already on board and fully briefed on the project. There is no time in an emergency situation to bring in someone unfamiliar with the project.

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the Cook County Treasurer's overpayment. VM Turner reported that it has been verified that the funds were received by the Village and a repayment plan will be requested. VM Turner stated that would be addressed in Finance Director Rao's report. Trustee Burgess asked what the plan is for funding the emergency plan. VM Turner stated SSMMA and First Midwest Bank are prepared to consider funding once the audit is completed. Finance Director Rao stated that US Bank may also consider funding for the project. Trustee Burgess stated that a concrete plan must be in place before the Village can move forward. Trustee Burgess stated that Robinson Engineering is already prepared to follow up on the emergency plan. Outside engineers can be considered for the Lake Michigan project.

Trustee Hanks' concern was that Village Manager Turner asked for an RFP without advising the Board. RFP's should be reviewed by the Board at a Committee meeting. Trustee Hanks asked for information on who developed the proposal, what are they proposing to do and if it is identical to what the Village Engineer is doing. Trustee Hanks stated that bank loans will require collateral and asked what the Village is prepared to use as collateral. Trustee Benson questioned how long Robinson Engineering has been the Village Engineer. VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering has been the Village Engineer for 57 years. Trustee Benson stated that Robinson Engineering is not qualified to do the job due based on the condition of the infrastructure and the current water system.

Trustees Williams and Burgess disagreed with Trustee Benson's evaluation of Robinson Engineering and their capabilities and disapproved of the badgering by Trustee Benson. Trustee Williams stated that the Village, not Robinson Engineering, treats the wells and maintains the infrastructure. Research has been conducted and the source of the contamination is still unknown. Trustee Williams stated that a Special Meeting should be set up to discuss the water plan in depth and a financial update which should include information on the next budget.

Trustee Benson stated that the Board should allow the Village Manager to do her job and don't question her. Trustee Myers asked to get back to the agenda and to continue discussing the matter in executive session if needed.

Mayor Towers stated that he is on board with what the Robinson Engineering is doing for Sauk Village. Nothing has changed; but if another proposal comes in the Village should be able to review it and share it with the Board.

A Special Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th per the consensus of the Board of Trustees. A Special Meeting notice will be posted.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that both the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards are in the process of completing their audits. VT Carmichael will continue to update the Board with their progress.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported the preconstruction meeting for the 2012 road reconstruction program is scheduled for May 23rd. Construction is scheduled for next month for Clyde Avenue and 217th Street. The annual storm water report will be sent to the IEPA. VE Czarnik met with Public Works Director Weller and IDOT to discuss proposed improvements to the intersection of 394 and Sauk Trail which include an addition of a turning lane on the north side of the intersection and deepening of the existing turning lanes on 394. The Village would need to reinstall an emergency vehicle preemption at a cost of approximately \$6,900.00 and to maintain that. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on IDOT coming down Torrence Avenue; this is causing a hold up in the delineators. Mayor Towers stated IDOT will start with Route 30 to Steger Road by mid June.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that PODS is still committed to bringing their entire operation from Crete to Sauk Village. Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner are meeting with Tom Kelly and hoping to have the PODS operation up and running by August or September. The old Behr Paint building renovations are almost complete. A tenant may be in place by August or September. Subway is still on schedule to open within a couple of months. A small t-shirt business is also interested in opening soon at 1715 Sauk Trail. Mayor Towers reported on an Expungement Summit taking place Saturday, June 2nd at the Apostolic Church of God located at 6320 S. Dorchester from 8:30 am – 6 pm. Free legal advice will be available for child support services, child ID, job training, etc... This program is available for children and adults.

Trustee Burgess asked why Mayor Towers is giving reports for Economic Development when there is an Economic Development Committee. In the past, the Village Manager would inform the Economic Development Committee to follow up on potential businesses. Mayor Towers stated that he is following up with interested parties and will continue to report to the Board.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported the Parks and Recreation Committee is moving forward with the parade for Saturday, June 30th. The parade will start behind Popeye's and wind up behind the Village Hall. Trustee Chavez asked Village Manager Turner to alert the department heads of the event. Trustee Myers and Jeff Morden will co-chair the parade committee. Judging will take place in five categories. Trustee Myers will donate the trophies. A parade committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 25th at 7pm. Line dancing classes take place on Mondays and Zumba classes will be starting on Tuesdays next week. Trustee Chavez asked for an update on the floor repairs for the Community Center and the new employees hire date. The new hires will assist with the baseball program. VM Turner stated that the new hires will start as soon as the background checks are received. The field also needs to be lined. Trustee Chavez commented that Jim Czarnik and Robinson Engineering did great job on the ball fields. Community Center membership is \$10.00 for the year for ages under 18 and \$20.00 for ages 18 and over. Trustee Chavez thanked Coretz Stewart for volunteering for so long with all of the programming which includes volleyball, dodge ball, bean bag toss, basketball, etc... Trustee Chavez will be introducing members of the Sauk Village boxing team at a June meeting.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated there was no Housing Authority Commission meeting due to vacations and lack of quorum.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Myers stated the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station. Trustee Myers asked for an update on the return of Code Department employees and asked VM Turner to check on the old 7-Eleven due to the fact that the plywood has been removed from the doors. VM Turner stated the Code Department employees are scheduled to start on May 29th.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess- No report

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the new Sauk Talks have been released.

Student Government Day Recognition

Trustee Williams recognized Village Attorney Mike McGrath and Village Engineer Jim Czarnik for their Student Government Day sponsorships. Odelson and Sterk, LTD. sponsored the bowling event and luncheon. Robinson Engineering has consistently supported the Public Relations Committee and other committees. Trustee Williams presented a token of appreciation to each service provider. Other sponsors recognized for their donations included Deputy Clerk Colleen Baughman for her diligent efforts on the Sauk Talk every month, Joe Wiszowaty for providing pictures of the event, Gary Holcomb for videotaping the event, Mike Paulous from Comcast and Superintendent Al Traveligni. Trustee Williams stated the donations have continued to grow every year since the budget for Student Government Day was cut.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported the collaborative has created new electronic tools to help create housing projects in their community. Trustee Benson will meet with Village Manager Turner after he has a profound understanding on how to utilize these tools to help improve the housing situation. Trustee Benson and Village Manager Turner are working on how to fund these projects. This information will be shared with Mayor Towers and the Board when it is available.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported there were 846 calls for service from May 8 to present which include 13 burglaries, 13 criminal damage to property and 46 arrests.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported the department responded to 21 calls for service during the period of May 8 – May 21st. Chief Stoffregen warned of more bad weather for the upcoming weekend. Check on your neighbors and the elderly.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated Com Ed has assured the 216th Place street light repair will be completed by the end of the week. Hydrant flushing is completed on the North side and will continue east of Torrence Avenue. Grass and weed control and storm sewer cleanup is continuing. DH Weller reminded residents not to throw debris in the sewer; this causes clogging. Landscaping is also on the schedule. Branch pick up is completed except the North side which will start May 23rd. Public Works continues to work on shut offs, well projects and roadway work continues. DH Weller stated that projects are being completed according to the available manpower on hand and asked for the return of a few employees in order to tackle to these projects.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated that a report has been provided that includes reporting on the General Fund Balance of \$249,722.75, \$675,163.49 Water and Sewer and \$84,412.92 MFT funds. Additional information included a cell tower analysis and a grant status report. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. FD Rao stated the audit should be completed by May 31st.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of May 8th and May 21st the department responded to 21 calls for service. ESDA Director Johnson reminded residents that traffic on Torrence Avenue will be affected by the Rickover graduation on May 31st from 6pm – 9 pm.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Langston reported that the FREE Blood pressure screening co-sponsored by the PLAN Group continues on Wednesday, May 23rd from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center. The Senior Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 5 pm in the Senior Center. Rose thanked Public Works for repairing the sewer back up in the Senior Center. The Veteran's Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 28th at 11:00 am at St James Cemetery. The Sauk Village VFW is

selling 50/50 raffle tickets,. The drawing will follow the service. The next Senior Movie at the library will be "The Man who shot Liberty Valance" on June 11th at 12:30 pm; refreshments are sponsored by the Mc Conathy Public Library. Seniors can bring a brown bag lunch; blood pressure screenings will also be available. The paperback book exchange is very successful. Rose thanked all who continue to donate books. Bloom Township Senior cookbooks are available at the Township offices. Proceeds will go to the Township food pantry. Recipes are still being collected. The Township Senior Picnic will be Thursday, August 2nd; tickets will go on sale July 2nd for \$3.00 or \$4.00 the day of the picnic. Free bus transportation is provided by Bloom Township the day of the picnic.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reported on upcoming events including Clean, Green and Preen the week of June 4th through June 9th. Residents should clean their own lot and work with their neighbors. June 9th is the Village wide clean up. Volunteers are needed at 8:30 am to go throughout the Village for the clean up. Volunteers are asked to bring their lawnmowers and other tools to work with. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda will be provided afterwards. The committee will clean up the area surrounding the Veteran's Memorial on Thursday, May 24th at 10:00 am. Volunteers are invited. The Community Yard Sale will take place on June 16th from 9 am – 5 pm. Vendors can contact Linda Todd for more information. Mayor Towers asked for clarification of the clean up. BC Chair Pruitt reported residents may dispose of extra items on garbage day during this week and may also dispose of yard waste without stickers.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Pruitt reported that a person was located who could provide training for the elected officials free of charge. Marva recommended a date of June 22nd. A number of Board members were unavailable in that date. Other seminars available from this organization include a series on race relations and diversity issues. The Human Relations Commission is sponsoring a Barbeque Cook Off on June 16th. No one has registered for this event as of this date.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- No report

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for May 9, 2012 through May 22, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for May 9, 2012 through May 27, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for May 9, 2012 through May 22, 2012 was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Burgess questioned item #838- Invoice #2068 on page 2. This item referred to a third set of uniforms for Chief Fox. Village Manager Turner stated this was a dress uniform that is required by all police department personnel. VM Turner stated that the Police Chief does not receive a uniform allowance and is issued a check. VM Turner asked Fire Chief Stoffregen if he is issued a check. Chief Stoffregen stated he buys his own uniform. Trustee Burgess stated that past Police Chief's received \$1,000.00 per their contract. Chief Fox does not have a contract and already exceeded the \$1,000.00 for uniforms.

Trustee Williams stated that any future uniform expenses for Chief Fox should be denied. Trustee Williams questioned item #305- Mayor's Picture Framing. Mayor Towers confirmed the charge was for framing the pictures of the past and current Mayors. DH Weller will be placing these pictures in the hallway in the near future. Trustee Williams questioned the seminar expense for Finance Director Rao and asked for a memo pertaining to the dates FD Rao will not be available. FD Rao stated the Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Association seminar will take place on June 22nd and June 23rd. Trustee Williams questioned travel reimbursements for FD Rao and VM Turner. FD Rao stated the reimbursements are for trips to the bank and VM Turner attending meetings.

Trustee Myers questioned a car wash expense. Mayor Towers stated the car wash is a Police Department expense.

Trustee Burgess questioned item #453- Invoice #62167- VM Turner will research the item and stated it may be for a faded decal on a police car.

Trustee Hanks questioned when the last time the Village Attorneys were paid and the current balance due. FD Rao stated they were last paid in March and the balance is approximately \$40,000.00. Trustee Hanks questioned the amount due to Skyline Disposal. FD Rao stated Skyline was last paid in April and will likely receive a payment next month.

Trustee Hanks questioned the payment for the Del Galdo Group and the lack of payment for the current Village Attorneys. FD Rao stated the invoices for Del Galdo are past due from 2009 through 2010 and payment will be made to Odelson & Sterk on the next Accounts Payable.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to rescind the previous motion to approve the Accounts Payable and that item #838 in the amount of \$292.90 be removed for further discussion. Trustee Hanks asked for a full detailed report on Chief Fox's clothing expenses.

Trustee Burgess questioned expenses for TIF 3 for Baxter and Woodman. VM Turner stated Baxter and Woodman is working with Winpak and Wayne Steel.

The motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for May 9, 2012 through May 27, 2012 was rescinded by Trustees Chavez and Williams

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for May 9, 2012 through May 27, 2012 with item #838 removed. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Bernice Brewer Houston questioned the water fund, other Village expenses and the water contamination level.

Frank Harvey questioned the air stripping research when the Village Attorney does not recommend it.

John Hinko questioned items sent to the Village Attorney for review.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams asked for an update on the question of abstention votes. VM Turner stated it will be placed on the June 5th Committee meeting agenda. Trustee Williams stated that she continues to request information from the Village Manager and does not receive it. Trustee Williams will file a FOIA request if it is not received.

Village Manager Turner stated she has answered Trustee Williams' emails and feels that she is being harassed. VM Turner has turned the email over to her attorney. Trustee Williams stated it is not harassment to ask questions of the Village Manager; that is her job. The information was available five months ago and still has not been provided to Trustee Williams. The responses VM Turner is providing are incomplete. Trustee Williams stated the Village Attorney is copied on each email. Trustee Williams asked Village Attorney McGrath to alert her if the emails are harassing. Village Attorney McGrath stated that they were not harassing.

Trustee Burgess asked for the IML Conference to be placed on the next Committee agenda.

Trustee Chavez asked for monetary details regarding the parade.

Mayor Towers reported there is no meeting next Tuesday. (The fifth Tuesday of the month.)

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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, **MAY 30, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Trustee Benson called in /Trustee Chavez entered the meeting at 7:12 pm)

2. Cook County Property Tax Overpayment

Finance Director Rao stated it has been verified that Sauk Village did receive several 2010 tax year payments in small increments throughout 2011 from the Cook County Treasurer’s office that Sauk Village was not entitled to. These payments total \$499,936.90. Cook County is demanding repayment.

The following information was provided by the Cook County Treasurer’s office:

Below is the breakdown of the funds that the Village received on a first installment that is now due back to the Treasurer. First installment distributions are always based on the prior tax year’s tax extension and distribution percentages. Agency 03-1140-090, a Village fund, received TY2010 first installment tax collections, but based on the final tax extension information we received from the Cook County Clerk’s Office, this Village fund did not have a final tax year 2010 tax levy and therefore shouldn’t have received any funds for tax year 2010 during the first installment. The Treasurer processes an adjustment distribution annually that calculates, based on final extensions and what has been already distributed to each agency, how much each agency got overpaid or if they are due funds. At that adjustment distribution, agency 03-1140-090, the Village fund, was charged back and the Village would have received those funds as part of their adjustment on the same day.

Taxing agency # 03-1140-090	
<u>Payout Date</u>	<u>TY 2010 Collections</u>
02/18/11	349.97
02/24/11	4,402.21
03/01/11	2,197.89
03/08/11	309.77
03/15/11	31,889.84
03/22/11	75,638.17
03/24/11	13,338.94
03/31/11	92,120.55
04/05/11	31,702.14
04/08/11	16,757.24
04/15/11	117,089.17
04/26/11	84,116.63
05/26/11	15,244.12
06/10/11	1,564.24
06/28/11	5,113.97
07/26/11	5,151.43
08/25/11	2,950.62
Totals collections	499,936.90

Finance Director Rao stated the Village Attorneys are drafting a letter to Cook County requesting payment arrangements of \$25,000.00 per quarter until the balance is repaid in full. Board concerns included whether or not interest would be charged, if Cook County can withhold future tax payments, how this influx of money was not noticed as it came in and what the money was used for. Finance Director Rao stated that no interest should be charged due to the fact that it was a Cook County error and future tax payments should not be affected. FD Rao also explained a lump sum payment would have raised a red flag but smaller payments were just placed in the General Fund as usual. Bills paid from the General Fund included several past due invoices Sauk Village had been holding for payment. The matter will continue to be reviewed by Village Manager Turner and the Village Attorneys.

3. Sauk Village Water System

Village Manager Turner presented the third draft of the Emergency Action Plan. The plan has been reviewed by the department heads and is ready to be submitted to the Board, Village Engineer and Village Attorneys for review.

IEPA was in Sauk Village on May 22, 2012 to take a water sample from the wells but was not allowed to take a sampling until a sample demand letter was provided. A letter received today provided a deadline of June 30th for the sampling. Village Engineer Czarnik stated the IEPA is willing to split samples with Sauk Village. A sample was taken last month. Vinyl chloride levels have been varied, but are generally trending upward.

Village Manager Turner asked what the Plan B is in case the wells need to be shut down. Village Engineer Czarnik stated the wells are tested often and the Village should be ready to hook up to Lake Michigan water before that may happen. VE Czarnik stated the application has been sent to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. VE Czarnik stated the process of designing the survey and permitting for the water main down Sauk Trail should be completed by late August with construction starting next spring.

Trustee Hanks inquired about the funding for the construction. VM Turner stated Finance Director Rao is working with SSMMA and various banks to secure funding. This cannot move forward until the audit is completed. The Board agreed that a Plan B is also needed for funding. VM Turner stated a proposal for increased water rates will be presented in June with the increase possibly taking place in July. The water billing may go monthly rather than bimonthly.

Further discussion included placing the difference between the new rate and the amount the Village normally receives to be placed into a separate fund earmarked for repayment and scheduling a Town Hall meeting in July to discuss the increased water rates. The Board agreed to move forward with Robinson Engineering. The agreement between Robinson Engineering and Sauk Village will be placed on a June 5th Special Meeting agenda for approval. The Special Meeting may also involve an executive session regarding a litigation matter unrelated to the water issue.

4. Cell phone tower buyout

Mayor Towers reported the terms of the Unisom agreement have been revised to a \$171,000.00 payment, 75% of the rent and 40 year term instead of 50 years. Finance Director Rao recommended accepting the terms of the new agreement due to the uncertainty of the future of the telecommunication industry. Board concerns included the loss income over time and how the future of the telecommunications industry could work in their favor. Further review of the Unisom and T Mobile cell tower buy out is required. This item will be included on future agenda for approval.

5. Village Audit Update

Finance Director Rao reported the audit is in the final stages. The audit was due to be completed by May 30th but there are some internal issues. Trustee Myers referred to the completion of the Police and Firemen's Pension Board's audits. FD Rao stated that they have not been completed to his knowledge. FD Rao will follow up with Village Treasurer Carmichael. The board requested the auditors to be present at the next Committee Meeting if the audit is not completed by Monday, June 4th.

6. Current budget standing

Finance Director Rao stated that budget amendments are required for the cell tower lease and Code Enforcement employee's wages and revenue. The Office and Technical Employee Union will meet on June 16th to discuss combining with Public Works.

Other budget concerns consisted of the need for board up services. The Code Enforcement Department is working with Safeguard Properties; several houses need board up services. Village Manager Turner stated the past dues invoices for Rich Construction have been cleared up. Proposals will also be requested from other services for future board ups. Rich Construction will be used for emergencies only until further notice. Budget hearings should begin in August. FD Rao recommended an 18 month budget with a 12 month levy and a 12 month budget after that. A six month budget was also considered.

7. Miscellaneous financial, litigation and personnel issues

The insurance renewal date is July 1st. Three companies have provided proposals. Lambent has not provided a proposal. The Board agreed that the current broker, HUB International, has been very helpful and easy to work with.

Chief Fox's expenses for a seminar and uniforms were discussed. Trustee Hanks stated Chief Fox is working without a contract. All expenses should be reviewed by the Board first.

Trustee Burgess also questioned an invoice submitted on March 19, 2012 okayed by "Chief Morris". There is no Chief Morris in Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated Chief Fox refused the offer made by the Board. If the Board does not agree to his counteroffer the litigation will continue and this will cost taxpayers even more. Mayor Towers stated Chief Fox is entitled to negotiate his salary and is entitled to any benefits that position offers. Trustee Hanks stated that negotiations take place before a person is hired. Chief Fox has accepted the \$75,000.00 salary and could have walked away from the Board's offer.

Trustee Williams agreed the Chief's salary was based on the Board's determination. Chief Fox could have refused the position. The court ruling stated Chief Fox will remain in that position during Mayor Towers' term in office but did not stipulate a salary. Chief Fox is accepting payment according to the salary determined by the Board. Chief Fox's expenses should come before the Board. It was also stated that Chief Fox's hours are unknown. It was suggested that Chief Fox punch a time clock.

Further discussion included a moratorium on spending for Chief Fox until contract negotiations take place. Seminars, uniform allowances, etc... are all part of contract negotiations. Until the contract is completed the expenses should come before the Board first. Trustee Hanks recommended alerting vendors that bills approved by Chief Fox will not be paid.

Trustee Hanks referred to the hiring freeze that is in place. No hiring is to take place without board approval. Mayor Towers stated Chief Fox's attorneys will bring the contract back to the table for discussion.

Village Clerk Williams stated the Prevailing Wage Ordinance should be prepared for Board review in the near future.

8. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 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, JUNE 5, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

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

2. Presentation of Street Lighting Program American Green Technology (Jalil Muhammad)

American Green Technology Representative Jalil Muhammad gave a presentation on energy saving induction street lighting. The bulbs carry a 10 year guarantee but could last up to 20 years. The average cost to install one light is \$300.00. There are 460 lights in Sauk Village. Grants may be available. The lights are also shock and weather resistant. Mr. Muhammad asked if sample lights could be installed in order to compare to the sample LED lights already installed by a competitor. These lights do not require purchasing or maintaining any ballast, provides broader light and will save the Village 50-60% on the electric bill. Mr. Muhammad claims that LED lighting carries health problems such as migraines and autism. The Board agreed to allow the sample lights to be installed. Public Works Director Weller will determine the location.

3. Discussion of the Engineering Agreement between Sauk Village and Robinson Engineering, LTD for Professional Services

Village Manager Turner advised the Board that the Robinson Engineering agreement has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and the Board may take action at the Special Meeting that will be taking place following the Committee Meeting. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that this is a standard agreement and it is associated with the interest loan agreement. VE Czarnik spoke with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding the water allocation. A pre-hearing with an IDNR hearing officer is required and may be scheduled for August. The pre-hearing requires public notice and a mailing to the IEPA, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and all residents. Residents may testify at the hearing. The IDNR may then schedule a final hearing to proceed. The IEPA has required a well sample for June 12th.

4. Discussion of the Amendment to the Village of Sauk Village's Exterritorial Service Agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner presented an ordinance amendment as required by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The amendment has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and Village Engineer and will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

5. Discussion of the Independence Day Parade and Celebration on June 30, 2012 (Trustee Chavez)

Trustee Chavez introduced the Sauk Village Parks and Recreation boxers who will be competing out of town the following week. The Board took a picture with the boxers and wished them well. Trustee Chavez introduced Trustee Myers and Jeff Morden as Parade Committee Co-Chairs and Village Clerk Williams as the vendor coordinator. There will be no fireworks this year due to the cost. The parade will kick off at 1 pm behind Popeye's and continue to the Village Hall where the festivities will continue. Trustee Chavez asked VM Turner to send a letter to department heads regarding their involvement. VM Turner will meet with the department heads on June 16th at 1 pm to discuss the parade. VM Turner is working with the owners of Surreybrook Plaza to have the parking lot and adjacent lot cleaned up before the parade.

Jeff Morden reported that Skyline Disposal will donate the trash receptacles and the portapotties will be provided at a great discount. State Farm Representative Alan Bartel also donated \$25.00.

Trustee Myers stated that Key Market will donate bottled water and will provide hot dogs at a great discount. All monetary donations should be made out to the Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Myers stated the Cook County application has been signed by Mayor Towers. Debris will be picked up along the highway and the fields by Cook County Community Service workers. Twenty four parade entries have been received to date. The Illinois Patriot Guard will be on hand to honor all vets including Shane Penley. Shane Penley is a Sauk Village serviceman who was killed in the line of duty. Trustee Myers will donate the trophies for the five levels of parade competition.

6. Discussion of the attendance to the Illinois Municipal League Conference

Village Manager Turner stated the attendance to the Illinois Municipal League Conference will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval per the request of Trustee Burgess. The IML Conference is scheduled for October 18-20th. Trustee Burgess stated that a lot of important information is shared at the conference. Trustee Williams stated that contacts at the IML brought in Safeguard Properties to work with the Code Department, the water and sewer line warranty program being offered to residents and a presentation on microphones for the Board room.

7. Update on Ordinance Review (Trustee Myers)

A. Tow Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated the Tow Ordinance is under attorney review.

B. Sign Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated the Sign Ordinance is also under attorney review. The attorneys are checking for compliance with the new law regarding political signs. Garage sale and highways signs are also being reviewed.

C. Animal Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated this ordinance is also under review. The Cook County ordinance may be used as a model.

8. Discussion of Unison Cell Tower Agreement and SBA Cell Tower Agreement (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner asked for direction on moving forward with the cell tower buyout. Trustee Hanks was concerned with the loss of revenue of 1 million dollars over time. The wireless industry is moving fast and no one knows what the future holds. Mayor Towers suggested moving forward. Village Manager Turner has stated the upfront money can be used to pay for the Code Department. The agreement can be cancelled by either party within 30 days. This item will be included on the next Board agenda.

9. Update of the Code Enforcement Program (Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski)

Administrative Services Director Jasinski provided a 5 day report on the return of the Code Enforcement Department. Sixty homes have been reported to Safeguard Properties, including the porch on Peterson Avenue. Amanda is training in the front office. DH Jasinski met with VM Turner, Chief Fox and the Village Adjudicator regarding information on property liens. Amanda can do the liens. Trustee Benson asked who write tickets for the basketball rims on properties. DH Jasinski stated the Police Department writes those tickets. Trustee Hanks inquired about grass cutting on vacant properties. DH Weller stated that he does not have the manpower to keep up with the demand. Trustee Hanks suggested bringing back an employee to cut the grass and then lien the properties. Bid opening for lawn cutting proposals is included on the next Board agenda. Mayor Towers asked for the cost to have 4 employees working for 8 hours on a Saturday to cut the grass.

10. Discussion of Bidding for Board up Services

Village Manager Turner met with Rich Construction to review the invoices they are claiming are still past due. DH Jasinski stated Rich Construction has a problem with their invoicing internally and they should not bill the Village for private home board ups. Trustee Myers reported that a previous agreement between Rich Construction and the Village should have cleared everything up. Rich Construction has been used for emergencies only since that time. There currently is no contract with Rich Construction. DH Jasinski stated that Rich Construction does offer the Village a 35% discount. Mayor Towers directed DH Jasinski to continue to use Rich Construction for emergencies and to begin the bid process.

11. Update on the Sauk Village Fleet Maintenance and Odometer Report (Director of Public Works Kevin Weller)

An update of the Sauk Village Fleet Maintenance and Odometer report was provided for all of the operable vehicles in the Village fleet. Trustee Burgess requested the mileage be included in the report for all vehicles.

12. Discussion of the Memorial Brick Program at the Village Hall (Marva Campbell- Pruitt)

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Campbell- Pruitt stated the Beautification Committee would like to reinstate the Memorial Brick Program with the proceeds benefiting the Beautification Committee. Interested residents can pay for the bricks and Public Works will install them. The Board agreed to allow the Beautification Committee to move forward.

13. Public Comment

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

Bernice Brewer Houston referred to her Class Action lawsuit against the Village. Mayor Towers stated due to litigation Ms. Houston should refer her questions in writing to the Village Attorney.

Sid Harris- 217th Place referred to a tree limb in front of his house that hit his daughter in the head and needs to be cut down. Village Manager Turner stated she referred the matter to the insurance company and to Public Works Director Weller to address the issue. The tree will be removed as soon as possible.

Marva Campbell- Pruitt gave an update for the Beautification Committee. There will be no extra charge to dispose of items during Clean, Green and Preen week on the regularly scheduled garbage pickup day. Fifty volunteers are needed to help with the Village wide cleanup on June 9th starting at 8:30 am behind the Village Hall. Lunch will be served afterwards. The Community Wide Yard Sale will take place on Sunday, June 16th from 9:00 am- 5 pm on Sauk Trail and Cornell Avenue. The cost to rent a 10' X 10' Space is \$15.00.

Mr. Moorehead referred to a sinking sidewalk and requested a STOP sign at 222nd and Jeffrey. This is a dangerous intersection. Mayor Towers stated the Police Department will be allowed to do a study on that corner. Trustee Hanks asked Mr. Moorehead to turn in the address; sidewalks are completed on a worst case first basis. In the past there was a 50/50 program with the homeowners depending on funding available.

Rose Langston stated that by Village ordinance the name of the park is Veteran's Memorial/ Welch Park. The sign should be changed. The Senior Monday movie will take place on June 11th at 12:30 at the McConathy Public Library. Seniors may bring a brown bag lunch. Ceramics classes take place in the Senior Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 8 am -11 am and at 3pm – 5 pm on the 5th Wednesday. Rose is concerned with the \$499,000.00 overpayment from Cook County and the loss of water fund revenue when the Village gets Lake Michigan water.

Lynda Washington –Neighborhood Watch/ Block Club Chair referred to the status of renters in the Village and if there can be a cap on Section 8 renters. Lynda stated the next Block Club meeting will take place June 21st at the Fire Station. Trustee Burgess stated that since Sauk Village is not a Home Rule Community they cannot ask renters if there are section 8 and cannot place a ceiling on Section 8.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- asked for the projected cost of the Independence Day parade. Francine addressed the funding for the Code Department, the IEPA application and a petty cash reimbursement for the Village Clerk.

Trustee Chavez stated that costs to date include portapotties (50 % discount) \$425.00 and there may be a cost for entertainment. There is no cost to the parade; trophies will be donated by Trustee Myers. Donations are being received and food will be sold to offset the costs. Skyline Disposal is donating trash receptacles. Vendors will rent spaces for the event. There will be no fireworks. Trustee Chavez projected costs of approximately \$1,000.00 but cannot be certain until after the event. It was stated that some departments, including the Fire Department, may volunteer their time. Bud's Ambulance will be on hand.

Ron Mitchell- referred to the Quiet Zone allocation and asked if Peterson Avenue could qualify for some of the \$270,000.00. Mayor Towers stated Peterson is not in the immediate area of the railroad like Candlelight Village.

Nathan Griffin referred to calling back people on layoff to perform board up services.

John Hinko referred to the status of the current fiscal year budget. Mayor Towers referred to the last Collector's Report.

Judy Cast stated the Police department reports are too short. There were incidents with a pit bull, a domestic dispute, burglaries, etc... that were not reported.

Pat Couch commended the Code Department and referred to the vacant house across the street, the need for a speed trap on 221st and Shirley and a broken hydrant that needs to be repaired after the accident in front of her house.

David Rhein- 222nd Place- stated it is against the Village ordinances to allow Section 8 housing and claims the State Constitution overrides what Trustee Burgess referred to. State Statute rules over local ordinances. Trustee Myers will research the matter further.

14. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers reported the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on June 21st at the Fire Station at 7 pm. Trustee Myers inquired about a Sauk Village police officer in the hospital following an accident. VM Turner stated the officer suffered a minor injury. Mayor Towers stated the police car was totaled. VM Turner sent pictures to the insurance company.

Trustee Chavez reported the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Friday, June 8th at 7 pm.

Trustee Burgess thanked Village Manager Turner for providing the information from the department heads for the Economic Development Committee.

Mayor Towers suggested that Sauk Village support the July 20th South Suburban Mayors and Manager's golf outing. The Board received information regarding the contribution levels up to \$300.00.

15. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

16. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

17. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 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, **JUNE 5, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 10:07 pm.

On roll call:

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

2. A Motion to Approve the Engineering Agreement between Sauk Village and Robinson Engineering, LTD. For Professional Services

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the engineering agreement between Sauk Village and Robinson Engineering, LTD. for professional services.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 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, **JUNE 18, 2012.**

1. Call to order

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez and Myers (Trustee Chavez called in, Trustee Myers entered the meeting at 7:05 pm)

2. Motion to Approve Grass Cutting Bid Opening

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the grass cutting bid opening. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Hanks asked for clarification on the bid requirements. Village Manager Turner stated that sealed bids were to be received at the Village Hall by 5pm on June 12, 2012.

The following bids were presented:

- A) Robert T. Brown, Jr.- unsealed
- B) American Lawn Corp- sealed
- C) Beverly Environmental-sealed
- D) Torres Construction-unsealed (Received after 5 pm)

	Standard lot / 60' X 110' vacant	Standard lot/ w home	Larger lot- vacant	Larger lot w/ home
A)	\$170.00	\$125.00	\$260.00	\$215.00
B)	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$95.00	\$85.00
C)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

D) The bid of \$75.00 per lot was not accepted due to the fact the bid was received after the 5pm deadline on June 12, 2012.

The above bids include cutting and removing grass. The bids were presented to Village Manager Turner for further evaluation.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

3. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2012 in its' entirety- See attached June 12, 2012 agenda

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the Regular Board meeting of June 12, 2012 in its' entirety. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Mayor Towers read a statement that detailed the events of June 12, 2012 that caused recessing the meeting while he was in the middle of his report. The Village Board chose to evacuate the Village Hall after the Police Department received threats of a violent nature. Mayor Towers stated that threats of violence are taken very seriously and he is confident the Police Department takes appropriate measures to ensure a safe environment for the residents and Board.

Trustee Benson stated the threat was not handled appropriately. The threat was made in person at the Police Department. Trustee Benson stated the Sergeant involved should have apprehended the individual. Trustee Benson stated the Sergeant may have been derelict in their duties and performed an act of cowardice. Trustee Benson suggested the Sergeant should be disciplined or reeducated. Trustee Benson asked if and when a report will be filed against this officer.

Police Chief Fox would not respond to this matter in an open meeting. Trustee Benson stated that he will work with Chief Fox on this matter.

Trustee Myers suggested that a game plan be developed. No one knew what was going on around them. Mayor Towers should have been informed first.

Trustee Williams suggested that Chief Fox notifying the Village Attorney first rather than the Village Manager was inappropriate.

Village Manager Turner stated she is working with staff to develop an evacuation plan and will include this situation in the revised safety plan.

Chief Fox stated that people should not be sent out in harm's way. The officers are trained in this situation to secure the building unless the perpetrator is inside the building. Chief Fox stated the evacuation plan should be completed by the Fire Chief. There is no violation of the Open Meetings Act as long as one door is open.

Trustee Hanks agreed there is nothing in place to address this situation. The Board needs to review security procedures. Trustee Hanks suggested the Board should have been notified immediately and the remaining agenda should have tabled. The Board should have gone into a separate area to discuss the situation. The residents were still in the building while the Board discussed how to handle the situation. Chief Fox asked the Village Attorney to ask the Board to recess to executive session. Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner were engaged in conversation at the time. Trustee Hanks stated the commotion going on around the meeting was not addressed until the Executive Board noticed doors were locked and officers were stationed at the doors.

Fire Chief Stoffregen suggested addressing this matter at the Department Head meeting of June 19, 2012.

Trustee Benson stated the need for Police presence at Board meetings. Trustee Williams stated the Police Department is at minimum staffing. There is no need for an officer at Board meetings due to Chief Fox being present to report. An officer should be present during Committee meetings; this may require pulling officers off of the street and could cause overtime due to the length of the meetings. Trustee Burgess agreed that no officer is needed for Board meetings due to the Police Chief's presence but may be necessary for Committee meetings.

Mayor Towers recommended that suggestions for a security plan be given to Village Manager Turner. Chief Fox referred to the standard operating plan that is used by emergency services everywhere.

Mayor Towers concluded his report announcing the discount days for Six Flags Great America that is being offered by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers for July 4, 5,6 ,7 and 8. The discount price is \$29.50 (savings of \$32.29). Order tickets at www.sixflaggreatamerica using code SSMMA2012.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez-absent

Village Clerk Williams reported vendors, including food vendors will be on hand after the parade from 2pm- 8pm behind the Village Hall. Jeff Morden reported that lots of applications for parade participants have been received. Jeff is working with Trustee Myers to invite Police, Fire and other outside agencies to participate. A Memorial Service will be conducted at the Veteran's Memorial on the south side of the building.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that during the month of May alone there were 12 foreclosures/ 23 new filings and 62 properties returned to the lender. NACA workshops help residents in danger of losing their homes or are interested in purchasing a home. The Housing Authority Commission has hosted two NACA events. NACA workshops will be held in Richton Park July 14th from 9 am -12pm (Home Purchase) and 1pm-3 pm (Home Save) and August 11th from 9 am -12 pm (Home Purchase) and 1 pm-3 pm (Home Save). Contact www.naca.com for more information.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported a Golden Star Celebration recently took place to honor Sauk Village fallen soldier Shane Penley. Fifty – sixty motorcycles were involved in the celebration. The motorcycles may be back for the parade. Trustee Myers is working with the Village Attorneys on a draft of the Sign Ordinance that will address political signs, garage sale signs and the signs along the 394 corridor. The current Dog Ordinance is also under review. Changes are under consideration to model the Sauk Village ordinance according to the Cook County ordinance. Trustee Myers researched a comment made by a resident regarding a State Statute that he claimed stated that Sauk Village can refuse to rent to Section 8 renters. The nuisance law is the closest thing to what he referred to. Sauk Village cannot refuse Section 8 renters. Trustee Myers has approximately 60 entries registered for the parade. The parade committee is looking for local veterans to participate. Cook County is in the process of approving the parade permit. Robinson Engineering donated approximately 40 cases of bottled water. The committee is looking for three judges. Mayor Towers will be the Grand Marshal of the parade. Bottled water and a hot dog will be provided to all parade participants.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported the Economic Committee met last Thursday. Discussion included the incomplete 2009-2010 audit and whether there is a back up plan. Work should have already begun on the 2010- 2011 audit. The status of the audits is holding up progress on a lot of matters.

Mayor Towers stated the audit update is placed on next week's Committee agenda. Village Manager Turner stated the auditors are not ready to present to the Board until sometime in July. Mayor Towers suggested looking for another firm for the next audit due to the length of time it has taken to complete the 2010- 2011 audit.

Trustee Williams stated that McGladrey and Pullen have been the Village auditors for many years but this year faced many challenges. Theobald & Associates had to be called in to work with Finance Director Rao and Village Treasurer Carmichael to complete 18 months of bank reconciliations that were never completed. The auditors are still having problems because of the mess left behind from previous staff. Mayor Towers stated that is why it is important to have a Village Manager. Trustee Hanks stated that there was someone in that position for one year during the time when nothing was getting done. Chief of Staff Corley was in that position through May 2010.

Trustee Burgess stated a back up plan is needed to move forward. Trustee Burgess stated the Lake Michigan water process is on hold because of this. The funding for Lake Michigan water has been denied and the Village cannot borrow money without an audit. The auditors keep delaying the final audit.

Mayor Towers, Village Manager Turner and Finance Director Rao are working with South Suburban Mayors and Managers and various banks to secure funding. Village Manager Turner stated the audit needs to be completed before funding can be arranged. VM Turner stated the advantage of staying with this firm is their familiarity with Sauk Village and mentioned that FD Rao has only been in place for one year.

Mayor Towers stated everyone agrees that the audit needs to get done.

Trustee Burgess discussed the disposal of televisions and other electronic devices. Skyline Disposal is no longer allowed to pick up TV's, computers, etc...according to a new law. One drop off location Computer Buyers located at 22173 Glenwood Lansing Road; phone number 708/825-4218. They may pick up items for a fee. Information is available at www.skylinedisposal.com for disposal locations.

Trustee Burgess reported that during his quarterly check on the businesses he discovered over 300 PODS left in the open near Jacobsen Trucking in the Logisticenter which is in violation of Village ordinance. Sauk Village is also included on the PODS website as a distribution center. Trustee Burgess asked who gave the okay to place the pods there. PODS was set to present to the Village but never came before the Board. Trustee Burgess stated that Village Manager Turner did send a letter asking that the pods be removed.

Mayor Towers stated that a deal was in process between DP Partners and the PODS Corporation. There must have been a miscommunication on their end. Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner were not involved or aware of the pods existence on DP's property. Chief Fox stated that area is private property. Village Manager Turner spoke with the parties involved; the deal is still in process. Village Manager Turner will continue to follow up on this matter; tickets will be issued for each of the 325 pods if the pods are not removed.

Trustee Burgess is working with the owner of TIF 1 and the TIF attorneys to move forward with improvements to TIF 1 before the TIF expires in December 2012. A new TIF may be created.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported Sauk Talk articles are due June 28th. The Public Relations Committee is working on updating the recognition of elected officials. The pictures of all of the Mayors will be hung in the Village Hall and the plaque that mentions the terms of elected officials will be updated. The policy relating to honoring past elected officials with street signs, buildings, etc... will either be located or redrafted by the Public Relations Committee for Board review.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated he has met with the collaborative on three occasions and has come to a full understanding of how to utilize the tools available. Trustee Benson would like to start a committee of himself and six other members to be named later to move the Village forward.

Trustee Hanks stated that Sauk Village already has a Housing Authority Commission in place. The Sauk Village Housing Authority has worked with SSMMA in the past and the present. The Housing Authority has already brought this information to the Village and explained there are costs are involved. The Housing Authority is investigating grants to help defray those costs. Trustee Benson should share the information with the Housing Authority.

Trustee Burgess asked why there are two housing committees. The Sauk Village Housing Commission includes members that were sworn in as commissioners. Mayor Towers stated Trustee Benson was appointed by the Board as the representative for the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.

Trustee Hanks clarified Trustee Benson was approved as a liaison to attend the meetings and report to the Board and the Housing Commission. The collaborative is not a committee.

Trustee Burgess thanked Village Manager Turner for compiling the information necessary from the department heads for the Economic Development Committee.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSION

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported a letter was received from the Tinley Park Chief of Police regarding Sauk Village's involvement on an incident stemming from the recent NATO Summit. Chief Fox stated a report has been ordered that will provide the license plate information for all vehicles registered to Sauk Village. This report will be matched with Sauk Village sticker purchasers to determine who did not purchase a sticker. Letters will be sent to the vehicle owners informing them to purchase their stickers at twice the normal cost.

Chief Fox reported that non- police personnel background checks have a four to six week turnaround.

Chief Fox reported 1384 calls for service since the last report which includes 8 burglaries, 11 criminal damage to property and 52 arrests.

Trustee Burgess asked who gave the order to patrol in Ford Heights. Chief Fox stated that Sauk Village does not patrol in Ford Heights. Trustee Burgess referred to a letter from the Ford Heights Mayor stating that Sauk Village police were patrolling in Ford Heights. Chief Fox stated that he is not aware of this happening and no evidence exists. Trustee Burgess asked about scale patrol for the truck traffic on Route 30. Trustee Burgess stated that a weigh scale already exists. Sauk Village is trying to expand their trucking industry and we should not harass the truckers on a regular basis. Arrests at the terminals are great but a plan of action for the scales should be discussed with the Board.

Chief Fox stated arrests are not made on truck details unless the driver is intoxicated or driving on a suspended license. Overweight trucks cause damage to the infrastructure. Overweight trucks with bad tires could cause accidents. Driver's logs are also checked to make sure they are not driving over the maximum hours. The truck stops are a safety measure.

Trustee Hanks noticed a Sauk Village police officer writing a ticket in Dyer, Indiana and near I-80. Trustee Hanks asked why officers are leaving Sauk Village without backup and leaving Sauk Village short an officer. Chief Fox stated a traffic incident could occur in Sauk Village and the ticket could be written in another jurisdiction. The next jurisdiction could receive a radio call to hold a car but they cannot write the ticket.

Mayor Towers asked Chief Fox to address the issue with the patrolmen.

Trustee Myers asked for a report on a recent accident involving a police car. Village Manager Turner stated that the insurance company came out to review the damage. A report is not yet available.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported the department responded to 33 calls for service during the period of May 22 – June 11th. Chief Stoffregen reported that firefighters removed bushes from in front of the Fire Station. The firefighters built a flower bed which was filled with dirt from Public Works and flowers that were planted by the Sauk Village Beautification Committee. Chief Stoffregen thanked everyone for their hard work. Chief Stofreggen announced that two recruits graduated from the Prairie State Fire Academy on May 17th. Chief Stoffregen congratulated firefighters Clara Anderson and Cameron Luther. The June 3rd pancake breakfast was a huge success.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- No report- Absent- No report

Trustee Hanks asked for a report on how much Sauk Village will lose from water revenue now that Bloom Trail High School will receive water from South Chicago Heights. The loss of revenue will need to be factored into the future water budget. Village Manager Turner stated Bloom Trail High School will get their drinking water from South Chicago Heights and the water for the football fields and other outside sources from Sauk Village.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported that Surreybrook Plaza owners asked for a one week extension on parking lot repairs. DH Jasinski stated the parking lot will be striped, patched and sealed on or before June 22nd or tickets will be given. George Panos has been warned about not applying for permits for work being completed on his property. Daily tickets will be given starting tomorrow. DH Jasinski stated 77 tickets and 29 warnings have been written during the period of June 4 through June 8th for various reasons. A report will be provided every two weeks. Trustee Myers asked for an update on the Wise Guys bar. DH Jasinski reported that background checks are completed and the liquor licenses application is outstanding. Trustee Burgess stated that the fascia repairs being completed by Panos includes closing up sections where work was completed that should have been inspected. Trustee Burgess also reported that Panos is asking Sauk Village to do the landscaping around the railroad ties on the parkway of his property. Mayor Towers stated that the parkway is the Village's responsibility. DH Jasinski stated that the railroad ties and trees were put in place by Panos and he should maintain it. Trustee Burgess suggested the property should be part of the TIF; Panos refused. Trustee Hanks stated that it is Panos' responsibility to take care of the property up to the curb. Trustee Myers stated it was his understanding that the property in question was TIF property. Trustee Burgess will follow up with the TIF attorneys.

DH Jasinski stated there are rumors that Mayor Towers, Village Manager Turner and Trustees are asking for tickets to be voided. DH Jasinski stated no one has asked for a ticket to be voided. There have been 170 tickets written in less than one month. There is a no void policy. The only alternative is to take it up with the adjudicator.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported a General Fund Balance of \$291,068.00 and \$177,846.06 in Illinois Funds. The resurfacing project has been completed per the available grant. The COPS grant reporting will be completed as of June 30, 2012. FD Rao stated that an estimated \$320,000.00 in Cook County property taxes will not be received this year due to the EAV reduction to \$84 million compared to \$110 million from last year. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village will be close to one million dollars in the hole between the EAV reduction and the \$500,000.00 overpayment to Cook County. Village Manager Turner stated the Village Attorneys have contacted the County regarding the overpayment. FD Rao has suggested a repayment plan of \$25,000.00 per quarter for the next three to four years.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of May 22nd and June 12th the department responded to 33 calls for service.

(Mayor Towers directed that all department heads may leave the meeting at this time.)

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Langston reported that FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. for all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees continues two Wednesdays a month and on the monthly senior movie days.

The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. They will be expanding their meetings every odd week on Wednesdays from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. The Senior Committee met last Thursday and continues to meet every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. The schedule for the FREE senior movie days are also posted for the year with an optional 'brown bag' lunch. Light refreshments are provided by co-sponsor, McConathy Public Library. FREE Blood Pressure Screening precedes the movie. Watch for information on FREE 'Zumba Gold' classes (geared for seniors) beginning in August. Bloom Township's current senior's cookbook are available for \$5 at the township office, call to place your order. Proceeds will benefit the Township food pantry. Recipes are being collected for another cookbook edition to be printed at the end of the year. Flyers for several Township programs are available in the lobby literature rack.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- No report- absent

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- No report- absent

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- No report-absent

Resident Bernice Houston reported in Ms. Booker's absence that the Police Alliance Committee is sponsoring a Six Flags Great America trip on Saturday, July 14th. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased on Mondays June 11th, June 25th and July 2nd. Contact Ms. Booker at 708/466-7408 for more information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for May 22, 2012 through June 12, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for May 22, 2012 through June 12, 2012. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Hanks questioned a disbursement to the Del Galdo Law Group in the amount of \$19,000. Trustee Hanks suggested making \$5,000.00 payments on this past due bill rather than paying one lump sum due to the loss of revenue the Village will be facing with the \$300,000.00 EAV reduction and the loss of water revenue. Mayor Towers suggested paying half of the Odelson & Sterk \$41,000.00 bill that is included on the Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks stated Odelson & Sterk is the current law firm involved with current litigation. The bills should remain current. Mayor Towers stated older bills should be paid first. Del Galdo still works with the TIF. Trustee Williams suggested asking for a consensus on whether to cut both firms. Trustee Benson stated the Board should withdraw from voting on Accounts Payable because of the absence of Finance Director Rao. Trustee Burgess and Trustee Myers agreed to cut both firms.

The motion to approve was rescinded by Trustees Burgess and Williams. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable with paying the Del Galdo Law Group bill in four payments and cutting the Odelson & Sterk bill in half to \$20,000.00. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve funds for West Bend Insurance Company for Parade Event June 30, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve funds for West Bend Insurance Company for the Parade event of June 30, 2012. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson questioned the expense for insurance for the parade. Village Manager Turner stated that Cook County requires event insurance to use Sauk Trail for the parade. Sauk Trail is a County road.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. Approval of the Amendment to the Village of Sauk Village's Exterritorial Service Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the Village of Sauk Village's Exterritorial Service Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

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

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. Approval to expend funds for the Village of Sauk Village Board to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference in October 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve to expend funds for the Village of Sauk Village Board to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference in October 2012.

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

Trustee Benson stated that Board members attended last year, including hotel and meals when the money was not available.

Trustee Williams stated last year's conference was paid with WINPAK funds not taxpayer's money. Chief Fox and Finance Director Rao both just recently attended conferences with per diem. The conference is for education and networking. Trustee Williams stated multiple programs were brought back to the Village due to networking at the conference. Networking also allows Board members to discuss situations with other boards facing the same problems. Mayor Towers and Trustees Myers and Benson stated that they did not attend last year.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E. Approval of Unison Cell Tower Agreement pending legal final review

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Unison Cell Tower Agreement pending legal final review. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson and Burgess

Nays: Trustees Hanks and Williams

Abstain Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Village Clerk Williams stated that according to the current Village Code the abstention goes with the affirmative. Trustee Williams stated that abstention voting needs to be addressed at a future meeting.

Trustee Myers rescinded his abstention vote and voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried

F. Approval of Easement Agreement SBA Cell Tower Agreement pending legal final review

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Unison Cell Tower Agreement pending legal final review. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Myers

Nays: Trustees Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez

G. Approval of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use for the Property Commonly located at 21853-21849 Carol Avenue and 21811-21817 Carol Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use for the Property Commonly located at 21853-21849 Carol Avenue and 21811-21817 Carol Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Trustee Hanks left the meeting at 9:15 pm.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Bernice Houston stated the Board should review the auditor's contract. Bernice addressed the safety of the residents. Discussion of resident's safety and last week's issue was readdressed. The Board has agreed that a policy needs to be in place to address this issue.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-None

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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, **JUNE 19, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Hanks

2. Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program Presentation on Lake Michigan Water Project (Bud Mason and Matt Gleason)

Village Manager Turner reported that Congressman Jackson referred Illinois Rural Assistance Program (RCAP) to Sauk Village to assist with research funding options and guidance on how to proceed with the Lake Michigan water project. RCAP is sanctioned by the IEPA.

Bud Mason reported that RCAP is funded through USDA Rural Development, Health and Human Services and USEPA. RCAP is administrated by the Illinois Association of Community Action agencies to provide technical assistance and consulting services to help rural communities address their drinking water and wastewater needs. RCAP services will be provided at no cost if Sauk Village fits all grant requirements. The majority of RCAP services are provided at no cost to communities or community projects that serve a population of 10,000 or less. Bud suggested hiring a project manager and setting up a team of 3-4 people to work with the project manager along with RCAP's assistance.

RCAP provides training on managing your water system, financial management, how to formulate great rates, project development and Board training. Bud reported that Sauk Village faces deadlines with regulators regarding water quality and water quantity. RCAP can assist with project planning, developing costs and budgeting. The funding factors include if there are any health issues with the current water system, whether the Village's finances are in order and the ability to repay any loans and grants. Billing and collection policies will be examined. The entire project is anticipated to take between 3-5 years.

3. Presentation of Street Lighting Program-American Green Technology (Jalil Muhammad)

American Green Technology Representative Jalil Muhammad gave a presentation on energy saving induction street lighting. The bulbs carry a 10 year guarantee but could last up to 20 years compared to the competitor's guarantee of five years. The price of the lights varies by the wattage of the bulbs. The average cost to install one light is \$300.00. The total cost to install the induction lighting is \$47,000.00. There are 460 lights in Sauk Village. These lights do not require purchasing or maintaining any ballast, provides broader light and will provide an annual savings of \$140,000.00 on the Village's electric bill. Grants may be available. The lights are also shock

and weather resistant. Mr. Muhammad asked if sample lights could be installed in order to compare to the sample LED lights already installed by a competitor. Mr. Muhammad claims that LED lighting carries health problems such as migraines and autism. Village Manager Turner stated that Public Works Director Weller conducted research that claims that the induction street lighting has a better rating than LED lighting. The Board agreed to allow the sample lights to be installed. Public Works Director Weller will determine the location. Board members requested additional information on costs and financing options.

4. Presentation of Residential Electrical Program- North American Power (Percy Scott and Marian Edwards)

North American Power representative Percy Scott presented a residential electrical program that allows residents to save money on their electric bill, offers a referral program and gives back to the community. North American's residential rate for the supply portion of the electric bill is currently \$5.99 compared to Com Ed's rate of \$7.73. The referral program offers residents the opportunity to receive a stipend for each referral that also includes monthly residual payments.

Village Manager Turner reported that several communities have presented and passed energy saving referendums for the resident's consideration. Several companies will be presented to the Board in upcoming months.

5. Discussion of the Independence Day Parade and Celebration on June 30, 2012 (Trustee Chavez)

Village Manager Turner provided a recap for the Independence Day Parade that will take place on Saturday, June 30, 2012. The insurance has been applied for and the permit has been approved by Cook County. Trustee Chavez stated that the Village float is available and a movie in the park is also being considered. Village Clerk Williams stated that food and other vendors will be setting up at 11:00 am behind the Village Hall. The parade will kick off at 1:00 pm behind Popeye's Chicken.

6. Discussion of the Status of the Audit from McGladrey (Finance Director Rao)

Finance Director Rao stated that the delay of the audit is beyond his control; additional information is needed due to incorrect postings. The auditors state that the audit may be done by the first week of July with the help of Theobald & Associates. FD Rao requested McGladrey's presence on July 17, 2012 to review the audit with the Board. FD Rao stated that since most of the errors occurred prior to 10/31/10 there should be no problems moving forward with the 2010 – 2011 audit. Trustee Burgess addressed concerns of further delays, the fact that the Village is in violation and the possible need to replace McLadrey and Pullen for the next audit. Trustee Williams stated that it was not McGladrey's fault but rather the fact that no bank reconciliations were completed during the 18 month period on 47 accounts which caused a significant delay and was also the reason Theobald & Associates needed to be brought in to help prepare for the audit. Village Manager Turner and Finance Director Rao were not Sauk Village employees during that 18 month period. It was a concern that previous Finance Directors were responsible for completing the bank recs and now incorrect postings have caused a delay in completing the 2009-2010- 18 month audit.

7. Update on Ordinance Review Committee (Trustee Myers)

A. Tow Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated that the Tow Ordinance is under attorney review. The Tow Ordinance has been pulled due to pending litigation elsewhere.

B. Sign Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated the Sign Ordinance is under attorney review. The attorneys are working on an amendment to bring the Village into compliance with the new law regarding political signs and that addresses the garage sale sign.

C. Animal Ordinance

Trustee Myers stated this ordinance is under review. The Cook County ordinance may be used as a model.

These amendments will be addressed at the next Committee meeting.

8. Discussion of Bidding for Board up Service

Village Manager Turner has prepared bid documents for board up service and met with Rich Construction. Billing issues were reviewed. Rich Construction has provided the board up services in the past and gives the Village a discounted rate. Rich Construction would like to continue providing this service and start fresh. Issues regarding who is responsible for the board up costs and placing liens on properties were discussed. The Board agreed to begin a sealed bid process that would be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

9. Village Manager Report (Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner asked for the Board to consider a donation to the SSMMA Golf Outing. Sauk Village has not participated in the past three years. The donation will be placed on the next Board agenda for consideration. Village Manager Turner stated that gathering vehicle information and repairing the cameras are a work in progress; additional reports will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

The Parks and Recreation part time employees will be trained immediately once the background checks are received. Trustee Chavez was concerned that the background checks are taking longer than 3 months. Programs, such as baseball, are being held up while waiting for the employees. Trustee Chavez stated that he has not met one employee and asked if the employee he is aware of can be trained prior to receiving the background checks and discharged if the background checks are not proper. Village Manager Turner explained the problem with obtaining the background checks and stated that anyone working with children must have the background check prior to working with the children. Trustee Benson inquired about the qualifications of the part time employees and asked if all Parks and Recreation boxing equipment is marked as SVPR property. Village Manager Turner stated that a job description was made available and that she interviewed all candidates. The new employees will work on marking equipment and creating an inventory list.

VM Turner asked the Board to consider whether or not to cancel the July 3rd Committee meeting due to the holiday.

Trustee Chavez left the meeting at 10:40 pm.

10. Public Comment

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

Marva Campbell Pruitt commented on the rust on the streets from flushed hydrants and stated that she is not the source of fecal matter. Marva thanked all volunteers who participated in the recent Beautification Committee events. Trustee Burgess commented on the efforts of the volunteers and thanked the Beautification Committee.

Corey Moore commented on the need to replace the broken fire hydrants and suggested a fire drill. Trustee Myers stated that Board members have requested this before and suggested moving \$40,000.00 from the water fund to start repairing or replacing hydrants; if Public Works does not have the staff to do this it should go out for bid. Village Manager Turner stated that the hydrant repairs will be included in the SSMMA loan.

Resident inquired about a hole in street on Rush Street. Village Manager Turner stated that proposals have gone out and should be fixed within 45-60 days.

Nate Griffin presented a petition regarding bus stop safety.

Pat Couch inquired about the fire hydrant that has not been replaced after an accident; the hydrant is covered by insurance. Village Manager Turner stated that the Public Works Department is understaffed.

Sid Harris commented on Board decorum.

Larry Stewart commented on Parks and Recreation volunteers.

Lynda Washington commented on Parks and Recreation volunteers.

Judy Cast referred to a prior police incident and police presence outside of Sauk Village including an accident in Chicago Heights involving a police car.

Rose referred to the benefits of conferences and the length of time the background checks are taking.

Ron stated police officers could be conducting an out of town pursuit.

Francine Anderson referred to borrowing money from the water department, alternative revenue sources and increased police presence in her area.

Bernadine Hopkins referred to debris left behind after street sweeping, an issue with her driveway and the time length of time for background checks.

Frank Williams referred to people doing the job they are supposed to do and move forward from the past. The meetings take too long with all their arguing.

11. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers reported that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday June 20, 2012 at 7pm and the Neighborhood Watch will meet Thursday, June 21, 2012.

(12 & 13 redundant on the agenda)

14. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

15. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

16. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 pm.

Mayor 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, **JUNE 26, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. May 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the May 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. May 30, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the May 30, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. June 5, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 5, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

D. June 5, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 5, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Debbie Williams reported that Village stickers are on sale and must be displayed by midnight Friday, June 30th. Sticker prices will double and tickets will be issued after June 30th. VC Williams asked everyone to use the microphones. A memo listing seldom used codes that should be enforced at Board meetings was distributed to residents and Board members. The Village Hall will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Several vendors will be setting up behind the Village Hall after the parade including food vendors selling Mexican food, elephant ears, shaved ice, etc... Other vendors will be selling non food items. Parks and Recreation will also be selling food. VC Williams commented on the continued lack of decorum, the fighting, swearing and politicking by both Board members and the audience that interferes with taking care of the business at hand.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner is working with IT Consultant Gerald Pyke on replacing the cameras at an estimated amount of \$2,000.00 plus installation. Additional cameras for the meeting room and Community Center will be considered in the next budget. The camera warranty has expired. A plan of action for the emergency fire hydrant program has been developed with the help of Public Works Director Weller and Fire Chief Stoffregen. The fire hydrant replacement plan calls for 25 to be replaced (north side) this fiscal year and 25 (south side) next fiscal year. The equipment cost is \$62,500.00 for the north side plus labor (both regular and overtime) and miscellaneous costs totaling \$81,500.00 which will be paid from the fire fund and water fund accounts. Trustee Burgess asked if grant money is available; three years ago a grant was possible but not properly executed. VM Turner is investigating possible grants. The fleet list was submitted. The police Department will submit their information once the inventory is complete.

The Parks and Recreation employees are in the process of training and will assist with the parade. Department heads have met to review the June 30th parade preparations. Equipment will be delivered on Friday, June 29, 2012. Some park equipment has been received and will be installed by the Public Works Department when scheduling permits. Discussion was held regarding the need for passwords for the copy machine. VM Turner stated that both the Administration Office and Police Department copiers need to be updated. VM Turner will suggest replacing the copiers in the next fiscal year and would prefer leasing over owning.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported the next Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting will be held July 19th.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Matt Byrne- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported the resurfacing project has started. The design for 223rd Street construction is almost done for next year and will be reviewed by DH Weller before being submitted to IDOT for approval. The water main design is complete.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers invited everyone to attend the June 30th parade.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez invited everyone to come out for the parade on Saturday, June 30th. Trustee Chavez reported that the boxing team brought four titles home from the Title Boxing Championship in Nashville, Tennessee. Seven boxers participated; four wins and three second place finishes. The boxers, Donald Briggs, Joe Briggs, Gabby Mejia, Robert Chavez, Katherine Chavez, Jackie Schutt, Rachel Schutt were presented to the Board and took a picture with their belts. Sauk Village provided transportation and hotel accommodations for the event. Trustee Chavez stated that Odelson & Sterk donated \$250.00 for the parade which will be used to feed participants after the parade. Robinson Engineering donated bottled water. Emmanuel Church donated hot dog buns. Trustee Chavez reported that Zumba now takes place on Tuesday nights. There is a problem with the AC unit that may require the gym to be closed until it is repaired. Trustee Chavez thanked Village Manager Turner, Trustee Myers, Village Clerk Williams, Jeff Morden, the Fire Department and all staff

helping out with the parade. There will be a dunk tank and a movie in the park at dusk. Parade applications will be accepted until Thursday.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported the nearest NACA workshop is coming up August 11th at the Richton Park Village Hall. The Home Purchase workshop will take place from 9 am –noon. The Home Save workshop will take place from 1pm – 3 pm. Check out www.naca.com for more information. Pass this information on to individuals in jeopardy of losing their home.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers-Absent- No report

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that there is movement on the Beauty Shop and Sports Bar. Permits have been provided. Permits have been applied for to change the facades at Panos' location. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the PODS and asked if they are being sited. Village Manager Turner spoke with Mr. Quigley and stated they are sorry for the miscommunication and will be moving them as soon as possible. They want to propose a new facility to the Board; there may be a variance issue. Discussion was held regarding moving fertilizer from one location to another location. The Torrence Avenue resurfacing project has started and will be coming this way. The delineators will be installed after the resurfacing work is completed. The Economic Development Committee is waiting for information from various department heads before placing their plan statewide. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday at 7 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be rescheduled to July 11th due to the holiday. The Public Relations Committee is working on updating the recognition of employees. The old policy has not been found and will be recreated by the committee. The updated policy will be submitted to the Board for review.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported there were 1,236 calls for service since the last report.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported the department responded to 24 calls for service during the period of June 12th and June 25th. Chief Stoffregen warned of more hot weather. Check on your neighbors and the elderly. Mayor Towers asked if personnel are on Board for the holiday weekend and July 4th. Chief Stoffregen stated that the department is staffed Monday through Friday from 6 am – 6pm and volunteers will be called in if needed. Cooling centers will be established during the hot weather. Chief Fox stated the Police Department is open 24 hours a day. All municipal buildings may be used as a cooling center during normal business hours. The Community Center may be an after hours option if needed.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated Com Ed continues to work on the 216th Place street light repair, light poles needs to be replaced at Laura Lane and Jeffrey Avenue. Additional poles will be ordered for Clyde Avenue and 221st Street. Hydrant flushing starts July 10th, weed and grass cutting and storm sewer clean up is in progress. Do not sweep debris in the street. Building maintenance occurs on rainy days. Work has been completed on the Community Center floor. Street sweeping starts July 16th. The Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report) will be in the mail on July 1st per the IEPA requirement. Park equipment will be installed in Carol Park after the remainder of the equipment is received. DH Weller reported on a recent water main break at Navaho and Apache and warned that residents turning the hydrant on or off too fast could damage the water main which would place that hydrant out of order in case of fire. Please call the Fire Department or Police Department and report hydrants being turned on by residents.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported that the sports bar has passed all inspections and has been assigned a liquor license. The bar plans on opening on July 1st. Mr. Panos applied for a permit for fascia and lighting repairs and is in compliance after receiving one violation. The Surreybrook parking lot was improperly resurfaced. They have been instructed to repair this or face fines. DH Jasinski will be in vacation from July 6th- July 17th and will return on July 18th. Cindy Wagner will handle FOIA requests during that time. During the period of June 11th through June 22nd the Code Enforcement Department issued 103 tickets for a total of approximately 250 tickets in less than a month. DH Jasinski stated that issues with vacant homes are being reported to Code Compliance to determine the property owners. Liens will be placed on homes that are not in compliance. DH Jasinski suggested moving on landscaping bids to help with grass cutting. Village Manager Turner stated that the lawn cutting bids are under review pending insurance verification. All business licenses are up to date except Iuccio's. Iuccio's also needs a fire inspection and health inspection in order to continue to operate and to stop receiving tickets. Tom Gorski is selling the plaza. Mayor Towers suggested a final notice for Iuccio's for compliance in 5 days. Mayor Towers reported that Round the Clock has not renewed their liquor license.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent- No report

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of June 12th and June 25th the department responded to 18 calls for service. ESDA Director Johnson reported that Sauk Trail will shut down at 12:50 pm for the parade.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. (People Looking For Answers Now) for all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees continues tomorrow, Wednesday, June 27^h from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Senior Center office. Flyers are posted and available for future Blood Pressure screening schedule through September. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. They will be expanding their meetings every odd week on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm until 5:00 p.m. The SV Blue Grass will not meet July 1st and July 8th. The book exchange now includes some large print books. The Senior Committee will meet this Thursday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m., and every second Thursday. Coming soon will be basic line dancing and Zumba Gold classes for seniors. The schedule for the FREE senior movie days are also posted for the year with an optional 'brown bag' lunch at 12:30 p.m. July 9th movie will be 'Yankee Doodle Dandy.' Light refreshments are provided by our co-sponsor, McConathy Public Library. FREE Blood Pressure Screening precedes the movie. Bloom Township's annual senior picnic advanced tickets for Thursday, August 2nd will be available July 2nd for \$3.00. Tickets will cost \$4.00 the day of the picnic.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reported that the 2012 Clean, Green and Preen event was very successful. The information that electronic equipment could not be picked up in this process was not received until after the event. According to a new law, as of January 1st, electronic equipment cannot be picked up by Skyline Disposal but must be disposed of by alternate means. The Best Buy in Lansing is the closest drop off center. Marva thanked the 28 volunteers who participated including Village Clerk Williams. Special thanks to Sharon Nowak for spearheading the 394 and Fire Department effort. Several areas around the Village were cleaned up throughout the day. Marva thanked Fairway Foods, T&J Meats, Walt's Market, Skyline Disposal, the Sauk Village Public Works Department, Smits Farm, Bud's Ambulance and Tom's Tap for their contributions and assistance. A financial report will be made in order to receive reimbursement over the allotted \$300.00 budgeted amount. Marva thanked Smits Farms for donating plants for three spots which were planted by herself and Rose and Bob Ketcham.

Marva reported the Community Yard Sale was also a success with 20 vendors and food sales bringing in over \$600.00. A financial report will be made to determine the profit made by the event. The portapottie was an expense that may be eliminated at the next event. Marva thanked Public Works for their assistance.

Marva reported that 9 out of 11 vegetable beds are completed in the Community Garden. Marva thanked the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Cars Landscaping for their donations. The Beautification Committee is sponsoring a group of students from the day care center to work the community garden on Mondays now through August. The library is also used for research on planting. Cook County and IDOT have been contacted regarding clean up that is needed on Sauk Tail and Torrence Avenues. Marva questioned whether or not the donation boxes in the parking lot and throughout the Village or sanctioned by the Village. They are unsightly when the over filled. DH Jasinski will research this. Marva asked that residents not blow grass into the streets; it is unsightly and clogs up the sewers. The Hootsie Award applications will be accepted until August 3rd. Rating will take place he third week of August. Awards will be given at the last Board meeting of September. Trustee Burgess and Mayor Towers commented on the great job by the committee.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Pruitt reported the commission is working on a new Community Handbook and needs a "Welcome to Sauk Village" from the Mayor to be included in the handbook. An additional \$3,000.00 in funding is needed to finalize the handbook. Mr. Traveligni is on board with the Youth Council which should be starting up in September. The Rib Cook Off was cancelled due to the lack of participants. The commission met with the Department of Justice regarding a train the trainer session for the commissioners and elected officials to take place on July 19th; the location has not been determined. The commission is also working on a unity ordinance and may place the mediation workshop on hold until 2013.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent -Resident Bernice Houston reported

The Police Alliance Committee is planning a trip to Great America on July 14th. Volunteers are needed. More information will be made available in Saturday.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for June 12, 2012 through June 26, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for June 12, 2012 through June 26, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification on the gun buy back program and an expense for embroidered shirts from Quartermaster- item #1686. Chief Fox stated that all departments within the state participate in the gun buy back program to buy guns off the street and destroy them.

Chief Fox stated that the Quartermaster invoice relates to three polo shirts ordered for the Chief of Police in April but the wrong size was received. The invoice is dated June but the order was placed in April. Trustee Williams requested a copy of the invoice and asked that the matter be researched to verify if this is a duplicate invoice.

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the expense for weigh scale certification, if the Village owns or has access to scales and what criteria is used to determine if the truck is overweight.

Chief Fox stated this involves training for the weigh scales. The Village does not own scales but does have access to weigh scales. Chief Fox stated that the weigh scales have produced revenue in the amount of \$37,000.00 so far. Trustee Burgess stated that amount is not documented in any records he has seen. The scales may be purchased at a cost of \$18,500.00. The current procedure is to stop the truck and take them to the state weigh scale on Route 30. The Police Department has access to the weigh scale.

Trustees Chavez and Trustee Williams rescinded the previous motion to approve.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable and Disbursements for with item #1686 removed in the amount of \$164.90. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Rates of Wages to be paid to Laborers, Mechanics and other Workers employed in any Public Works projects in the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County and Will County, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Rates of Wages to be paid to Laborers, Mechanics and other Workers employed in any Public Works projects in the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County and Will County. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Village Manager Turner stated that this ordinance must be adopted in order to receive financial assistance.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Bernice Brewer Houston questioned a postal expense, a Robinson Engineering expense and a Quiet Zone expense. Mayor Towers stated a FOIA request is required to obtain this information.

Lynda Washington asked for clarification of the practice of answering questions only pertaining to the agenda items. Mayor Towers stated that it is the policy of Sauk Village to address comments pertaining only to items being voted on during the Regular Board meeting. Comments and questions pertaining to any issue may be addressed at Committee of the Whole meetings twice a month.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked if the Board will meet on July 3rd. Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner will not be available. The majority of the Trustees were in favor meeting if there are agenda items that need to be addressed. Trustee Williams would like the agenda to include an update in the water bills, including the number of shut offs, extensions and waivers in the past 6 months, determining a date for budget talks, building security (the building was left open again last week) and a Lake Michigan water update including water rate increases and other sources to fund the water project. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday at midnight. Trustee Burgess addressed the need to secure the building at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Hanks addressed the fact that emails sent to Trustees should not be responded to by replying all.

Trustee Hanks also stated that he has requested that one Trustee in particular stop emailing him all together.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the matter has been turned over to the legal department.

Trustee Chavez announced there will be a final parade planning meeting with all department heads on Friday at 3:00 pm. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in the parade.

A consensus of the Board was taken to meet on July 3rd:

Yes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

No: Trustee Benson

There will be a meeting on July 3rd.

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded made by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Hanks asked the reason for the executive session. Trustee Burgess stated that he requires clarification on a litigation matter. Trustee Hanks suggested that Trustee Burgess speak to the Village Attorney separately rather than risk the lack of confidentiality involved in executive session or the fact that misinformation is being relayed to the public pertaining to litigation.

Trustee Burgess agreed to amend his motion to state the reason for executive session is to review executive session minutes only. Trustee Chavez seconded the amended motion

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 9:25 pm.

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded made by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Myers

The meeting was reconvened at 10:02 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 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 3, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Lake Michigan Water Project (Robinson Engineering)

RCAP Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program Technical Assistance Work Plan

Project Update

Water Rates

Village Engineer Jim Czarnik and RCAP representative Bud Mason provided information on the Lake Michigan water project. Bud Mason stated that Sauk Village was deemed eligible for free assistance in the development of this project. A signed work plan agreed to by all parties detailing the expectations is required in order to receive funding. The plan includes working to improve the community and environmental health, work with water and waste water utilities and bring them to sustainability, improve capacity, find decision makers to address current and future needs and to insure that water and waste water utilities are working within Federal standards. RCAP will provide project development assistance; perform a needs assessment and a rate assessment. Funding is provided by Health and Human Service; there is no cost to the Village. Bud suggested that a project team be put together to work with RCAP.

Trustee Myers asked who will be included on the project team other than the Village Engineer, the Village Attorney, two trustees, Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner. Bud suggested the committee should include 5-7 people plus the Village Manager, Village Engineer, himself and a few members from the community. The focus of the committee will be to prioritize the needs of the community and the engineering needs. Several hurdles need to be addressed such as repay ability of the project. Trustee Burgess volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Trustee Williams asked if RCAP's involvement works with the IEPA's suggestion of moving forward with air stripping. VE Czarnik stated that he was not aware of RCAP's involvement; all of that will have to be decided. This is a team effort. Bud stated that the entire plan, including Lake Michigan water, needs to be fine tuned. RCAP will work on the project management side while Robinson Engineering works on the engineering side. RCAP can save the Village in some engineering costs along the way without interfering with the engineer. RCAP can also assist with economic development and housing. The RCAP agreement will be included on the next Board agenda for consideration.

Village Engineer Czarnik followed up with the IEPA representative Roger Volbrecht regarding the last correspondence addressing Lake Michigan water. Mr. Volbrecht is the Project Manager for the infrastructure and financial assurance section. Sauk Village has to assure that the low interest IEPA loan can be paid back. Based on the IEPA guidelines, they are concerned that the costs will be too high and the residents will refuse to pay their water bill which will jeopardize repayment of the loan. The IEPA suggests raising the water rates now to start funding anticipated improvements. VE Czarnik informed Mr. Volbrecht of the binding referendum that the residents passed after several public meetings and mailings. Mr. Volbrecht requested copies of the meeting minutes, literature, the exact wording of the referendum question and final vote results, etc... to be sent in support of the Village's position to move forward with Lake Michigan water. Once a project plan is submitted and approved along with a repayment plan the Village will receive a ranking in order to disperse funding to the Village. The IEPA does believe that funding will be made available due to the compliance status with the Attorney General. The IEPA is requesting a written response to their project plan review letter that includes the ability and willingness of Sauk Village residents to assume the necessary water rates and provide a time table of a new rate structure. Sauk Village also needs to reevaluate the treatment alternatives providing reasonable discussion regarding the affordability issue and the financial impact of the various alternatives on the residents who will ultimately be responsible for paying the necessary water rate. The IEPA believes that the air stripping option is within the Village's affordability and has concerns with disbursing funding for the Lake Michigan option due to the dramatic necessary rate increase. It is urgent that the responses are sent to the IEPA as soon as possible. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) hearing officer would like to set up the water allocation pre-hearing for Wednesday, August 22nd.

Additional Board discussion:

- The current plans include 2011 costs not 2015 costs. The projected costs may be significantly higher than what was proposed on the referendum. The total cost was discussed for various options.
- The Village will be billed for more water than what they will be billing. The Village must agree on a capital improvement plan to repair the infrastructure before the IDNR will provide an allocation.
- The IEPA needs realistic data to see if the residents can afford the increase. Rates need to be increased and the water shut off rate needs to be evaluated. The increase needs to be used towards infrastructure improvements.
- Well three needs to be brought back on line in order to provide an adequate safe water supply.
- IEPA suggests air stripping needs to be implemented as soon as possible with the next step being the emergency connection. Lake Michigan water is still a long term goal.
- The wells may be kept in operation once the emergency hook up is in place until the Lake Michigan connection is permanent.
- The design for the water main coming from Chicago Heights for the emergency connection is in process.
- The concern that residents were misled to believe the actual cost of Lake Michigan water was less than what it really will end up being even though meetings were held and mailings were sent.

- Whether to raise the rate to \$10.37 as proposed on the referendum immediately or wait until the construction begins on the Lake Michigan water project.
- Whether to implement the \$10.37 rate for a full cycle to compare current repay ability.
- If funding is not available due to the resident's inability to pay will the Village still move forward? The Village is mandated by the referendum to move forward with the Lake Michigan water plan and continue to seek funding.
- VE Czarnik stated that if a water allocation is received and the emergency connection is in place the air strippers are not needed. The Attorney General is threatening to shut down the wells if the contamination level exceeds ½ of the maximum contamination. Air strippers could be installed to alleviate the vinyl chloride problem and provide safe drinking water. Whether to go with air stripping or wait for the emergency connection is a Board decision. The IEPA is willing to provide funding for air stripping. At question is the IEPA willing to provide funding for Lake Michigan water. Additional financial information needs to be provided to the IEPA including a rate increase schedule. The compliance issue may spur on funding.
- Mayor Towers will direct Mohan to prepare water rate information. Finance Director Rao gathered information from other municipalities that charge \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons with 15,000 gallon usage; the bills are approximately \$90.00 per month for water only.
- The figure quoted by FD Rao does not include the repayment of the loan, the replacement of 15-20% of the Village's infrastructure and the sewer and garbage portion of the bill.

Mayor Towers stated that he will continue to follow the recommendations presented by Robinson Engineering. Mayor Towers suggested not going with air stripping at this time but to move forward with the Lake Michigan water plan and work with RCAP to research grants and other funding options.

Trustee Hanks stated the situation has been discussed back and forth for three years; it is time to move forward and follow the IEPA's recommendation to do air stripping and apply for the low interest loan they are willing to provide. The air stripping will provide the residents safe drinking water while the Village continues to seek funding for the Lake Michigan project as a long term plan. A long term plan includes fixing the infrastructure now and builds a bank to follow through with the Lake Michigan program.

Trustee Hanks requested two motions to be placed in the next Board agenda for consideration:

- A motion to approve a new water rate of \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons according to Robinson Engineering's recommendation to start immediately.
- A motion to follow through with air stripping per the IEPA's recommendation and to apply for the loan they are willing to provide.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering was asked to do a study on improving the water quality of Sauk Village water back in 2009. A complete study was done which included water treatments of the

ground water wells and Lake Michigan water. Lake Michigan water was more cost effective. The IEPA later requested a comprehensive study which included water treatments, Lake Michigan water and vinyl chloride removal. The Mayor and the Board decided to allow this to go to a referendum. The voters chose Lake Michigan water. The Board directed Robinson to follow through with Lake Michigan water. The rates that were included in the study were estimated. A full rate study should be done to determine what the rate increase needs to be.

Trustee Burgess stated that these studies should have been done a long time ago and the increase should have happened after the referendum passed. Now it is time to move forward with an increase in order to move forward with the Lake Michigan water plan that the people voted for. This is a voter mandate not a Board decision. Trustee Burgess stated that the rate increase will be ratified by ordinance according to the referendum. The priority is to provide safe water in the meantime. Trustee Burgess questioned whether the Village will still receive an allocation if the water is safe to drink.

Trustee Williams suggested sending a copy of recent FOIA's to the IEPA that states that in December 2011 66 residents were shut off and 12 had extensions, January 2012- 41 shut offs- 5 extensions, February 2012-33 shut offs- 3 extensions, March 2012- 52 shut offs – 5 extension, April 2012- 33 shut offs and 4 extensions and May 2012 51 shutoffs and 3 extensions. There are approximately 3,300 homes in Sauk Village with a foreclosure rate of 300-400 homes or approximately 3,000 homes. The current number of people that are 1 month behind= 810, 2 months behind= 33 and 3 or more months behind= 97. Approximately one third of Sauk Village homes are having a problem paying now without a water rate increase. This information came directly from the water billing clerk in response to a FOIA. The rate increase should be added to the agenda according to information provided in the referendum which is what the voters voted on. The rate should be in place for three months to compare the shut off numbers at that time. Residents will have to be notified of the rate increase and shut offs will have to be tracked in order to see if the residents can actually afford the cost of Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Myers stated the IEPA will have the FOIA information and the results of the Board's vote on the rate increase as a response on Wednesday. VE Czarnik will communicate the information to the IEPA whether the Board approves a rate increase, the effective date of the increase and that the Village is going to wait to see what the effect of those rates is.

3. Discussion of Amending Section 30.28 of Chapter 30, Title III of the Village Code (Voting Required: Effect of Failure to Vote)- Village Clerk

Village Clerk Williams stated that the amendment of Section 30.28 of Chapter 30, title III of the Village Code which stipulates that an abstention vote will be considered a concurrence with the majority but shall not be considered an affirmative vote and therefore shall not be counted when there is a tie will be presented for consideration on the next Board agenda. Currently, the Village code states abstentions go with the affirmative. This recommendation was made by the Village Attorney and agreed to by the Board previously.

4. Discussion of the Open Meetings Act and Emails (see attached)

Village Clerk Williams stated that a trustee recently violated the Open Meetings Act. Village Clerk Williams provided a memo from the Village Attorney stating that the Board needs to be reminded that discussion of public business by a majority of a quorum by email is a violation of the Open Meetings Act. The State's Attorney may bring a criminal action for a violation of the Open Meetings Act which is a Class C misdemeanor which is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.00. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Village Manager, Village Clerk and Mayor can continue to communicate through emails but that two Trustees may not reply all to this message but must respond individually. Reply all constitutes continuing a meeting by email. The Trustee was warned and continued to do so. Trustee Hanks stated that he has requested the certain Trustee not to email him in the future. Village Clerk Williams has also requested that this certain Trustee stop emailing her.

5. Discussion of Water Billing System (see attached)

Shut off notices, Extension notices, Water bills waived

These items were discussed in item #2.

6. Discussion of Current Financial Standing and future Financial Disbursements

Finance Director Rao stated that the auditors will present the draft audit on July 17th. The Village has collected 63% of the projected revenues and is at 72% of disbursements. There will be no need to borrow from any fund until after August. Trustee Hanks asked for an update on how much the Village will lose in water revenue due to Bloom Trail disconnecting from the water supply. Finance Director Rao reported that the Village Attorneys are working on an installment agreement for the Cook County overpayment. There will be a loss of tax revenue in the amount of \$330,000.00 due to a shortage in Police and Fire protection funds. Legal fees have been excessive. The budget deficit is approximately one million dollars. Trustee Hanks suggested bringing back the motion to abolish the Village Manager ordinance and a motion to place the revenue from the cell tower sale in a separate account until the Village has an opportunity to review options. Mayor Towers stated that the revenue from the cell tower sale was originally brought in to pay for the Code Department. Trustee Benson stated that the revenue should go into the General Fund; the Code Department gets paid from the General Fund. Trustee Williams stated that discussion about paying the Code Department was held but it was not part of the motion to agree to the sale of the tower. FD Rao stated that it has cost \$55,000.00 for the Code Department in the last 4 months. The Code Department has brought in \$3,000.00 in revenue. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager ordinance should not be abolished. The Village Manager brought in the cell tower buyout to pay for her salary and the Code Department salaries. Trustee Hanks stated that there is a one million dollar deficit; the \$400,000 from the cell tower sale does not even cover half of that. The Village cannot afford to pay the back payment to Cook County. Abolishing the position would save the cost of the salary and the benefits for the Village Manager. Trustee Hanks stated that there was litigation against the ordinance brought on by Mayor Towers. This is saving money and moving forward in the direction Mayor Towers requested. Trustee Hanks stated that the Temporary Police Chief

was appointed by the court, not the Board. Trustee Hanks asked for a motion that there will be no clothing allowance, travel or seminars until the Temporary Police Chief signs a contract. Temporary Police Chief Fox does not show up for work and continually rubs it in the Trustees noses that the judge has said he will stay in his job. Mayor Towers stated that a Village Manager is needed take care of day to day operations such as bringing money in like the cell tower sale. Things fell through the crack last time. Mayor Towers stated that he cannot run the ship after 5 pm. Trustee Williams stated that the previous Chief of Staff was in place during the first year of the administration. During that time the Village lost out on \$590,000 in funding, the Board received no information, there was no transparency, the amount of grievances and lawsuits shot through the roof just like they are now. The year there was no one in that office the amount of grievances and lawsuits went down and now they have shot back up. Information is being withheld again and more funding is going by the wayside. The department heads stepped up their game rather than being told not to talk to the trustees by both administrators. If there was someone in the office who worked with the Board of Trustees and not for the Mayor that would make a difference. The person in that office needs to be transparent.

Trustee Hanks stated that the decision is financial. There is a deficit in the budget. The water increase will be used solely for water program. There will be a loss of water revenue when Lake Michigan comes to the Village.

7. Discussion of Budget Hearing dates for FY 2012/2013 (Finance Director)

Finance Director Rao tentatively scheduled August 18th, August 21st and August 25th for budget review. FD Rao is looking for direction whether the Board would like to proceed with a six month budget or twelve month budget. There current budget is a twelve month budget which followed an eighteen month budget. Moving forward the Village can return to a twelve month budget. A draft of the budget will be available July 17th.

8. Discussion of Building Security Update

The most recent building security plan has not been located. The Board has to decide who will lock the building after the meetings. The trustees should be responsible for locking up one month at a time. A schedule should be posted. There are some trustees that have faulty key cards that need to be repaired. The last time this was done a certain trustee refused to participate. Trustee Benson refused to participate this time stating that is the job of the Village Manager. Trustee Benson agreed per the request of Mayor Towers.

9. Public Comment

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

Gary Holcomb stated that the Board should not answer public comment until after all public comments are done. Gary addressed the cost of water leaks being passed on to the residents. Mayor Towers stated that the problem areas will be addressed.

Judy Cast referred to the water rates, the lack of an audit and the condition of the police cars.

Steve Shymkus stated that the calls for service should be itemized on the police report and commented on water quality report.

Ed Shankel stated that the bathroom should be open to the public and asked for an update on the cameras. Use the microphones.

Rose Langston referred to the bathrooms, the incorrect literature passed out about the water and building safety.

Frank Williams thanked Trustee Chavez for the parade and commented on a derogatory comment made to a resident by the Chief of Police. Mayor Towers stated that is not acceptable and he will speak to the Chief of Police.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held next Thursday at the Village Hall at 7pm. Trustee Burgess commended Trustees Chavez and Myers and Jeff Morden on the success of the parade. The Memorial Service was great. The plaques were beautiful.

Trustee Williams stated that the parade was a lot of fun and was surprised by the amount of parade participants and spectators; seemed like the Sauk Village of the past.

Trustee Myers stated that the parade consisted of 678 people and 57 vehicles. Trustee Myers thanked the residents for coming out. The float judging will be announced next week.

Trustee Hanks stated he had a great time at the parade. The Memorial Service was one of the best he ever attended. Trustee Hanks was glad to see the Penley family being honored. Trustee Hanks asked for Trustee Myers to discuss an issue with Popeye's.

Trustee Chavez reported that the boxing team participated in Romeoville recently and had 5 wins and one loss. Trustee Chavez thanked everyone for participating in the parade. The events afterward were well attended. The parade had received great reviews. Trustee Chavez thanked Trustee Myers, Jeff Morden, the Beautification Committee and Debbie Williams for their help.

Mayor Towers stated that he was surprised by the number of entries and stated that everyone did a fantastic job.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)- None

12. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm.

Mayor 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, **JULY 3, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

On roll call:

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

2. Discussion of Pending Litigation with action to follow

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers has appointed attorneys other than the Village Attorney to handle pending litigation including the Houston/Anderson V. Sauk Village matter. Trustee Hanks made a motion to appoint Odelson & Sterk, LTD to all future litigation including the Houston/ Anderson V. Sauk Village matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Williams stated that the Houston/ Anderson V. Sauk Village case was denied by the insurance carrier. Odelson & Sterk sent an email stating that they were prepared to take over the case and would appear in court for the status call. Odeslon & Sterk was told by Village Manager Turner that Mayor Towers had already appointed another law firm. Trustee Williams stated she emailed Village Manager Turner on three occasions asking who would be representing the Village on this case and when and where the case was being heard. Trustee Williams also suggested a Special Meeting may need to be called prior to the status call in order to discuss legal counsel. Village Manager Turner did not respond to Trustee Williams' emails.

Trustee Williams stated that appointment of Special Counsel needs to come before the Board for discussion. The status call was Monday, July 2, 2012. Trustee Williams inquired as to how the firm of O'Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook, LLC got involved.

Mayor Towers stated he directed Village Manager Turner to notify Board members that he made the decision to hire another firm based on the fact the Village Attorneys have too much on their plate, including the huge Lake Michigan water project. Mayor Towers stated it is not uncommon for Sauk Village to use another firm to handle litigation matters.

Trustee Williams stated Mayor Towers should have presented his concerns to the Board. The Mayor may appoint the Village Attorney but Special Counsel must be approved by the Board. Trustee Williams mentioned the conflict presented by former Trustee Francine Anderson and a family member of a current trustee being included in the Class Action lawsuit and asked that the firm appointed by Mayor Towers be removed immediately.

Mayor Towers refused to remove the firm of O'Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook, LLC stating that the individual trustees can hire their own attorneys. Mayor Towers will move forward regardless to the outcome of the vote of the Board and deal with it afterwards.

Trustee Myers addressed a concern that this firm is the same firm that Village Manager Turner used to sue the Village. Trustee Benson stated that Odelson & Sterk has also represented the trustees in past litigation. Trustee Hanks clarified that the O'Halloran firm sued the Village and Odelson & Sterk was defending the Village against suits brought on by Mayor Towers and Henrietta Turner.

Trustee Hanks stated that he would like to amend his motion to include removing the firm appointed by Mayor Towers stating Mayor Towers can get his own attorney. Trustee Hanks stated the Village Board approves all expenses on the Accounts Payable and they did not approve this appointment.

Trustee Chavez asked what the firm is charging for representation. Mayor Towers stated the fee is the same as the Village Attorney.

Mayor Towers stated the insurance company would have appointed counsel other than the Village Attorney if they had not refused to take the case. Trustee Williams stated normal procedure when the insurance company refuses a case is to proceed with the Village Attorney unless the Board goes in a different direction. Mayor Towers did not bring the matter to the Board and Village Manager Turner did not respond to inquiries on who and when the case would be heard. A letter from the O'Halloran firm dated May 16th and addressed to Village Manager Turner that discussed their involvement was not shared with the Board or Odelson & Sterk. Trustee Williams stated there is too much familiarity between family members, the Village Manager and the Village Manager's attorney in this lawsuit.

Mayor Towers asked why Odelson & Sterk appeared in court without his approval. Trustee Hanks stated the Village Board approved Odelson & Sterk to handle all litigation, except TIF related matters, upon the Mayoral appointment. All expenses must be approved by the Village Board including appointing outside counsel.

Trustee Burgess stated Odelson & Sterk was appointed by the Mayor when the previous Village Attorneys bowed out and they remain neutral. Trustee Burgess stated the Board should have been informed as soon as Mayor Towers decided Odelson and Sterk was unavailable to take the case. A Special Meeting could have been called. The Mayor and the Board are being sued. There was no Board input to appoint new counsel. Mayor Towers circumvented the Board. Trustee Burgess also stated a conflict with individuals involved being related to the Board and the attorneys past involvement in suing the Village and asked that Odelson & Sterk move forward with the litigation.

Mayor Towers stated that Odelson & Sterk is qualified to handle the case but is already handling a number of litigation cases, including Lake Michigan water. Odelson & Sterk did not contact him about the case. The other firm informed him of the outcome of the June 30th status call and stated that they will be present on July 20th for the next call.

Trustee Hanks discussed additional conflicts including Mayor Towers' association with the parties involved who helped him campaign for Lake Michigan water. Trustee Hanks asked Mayor Towers to withdraw from appointing any lawyers for this case because 1) the lawyers he appointed are the same lawyers who previously sued the Village 2) he appointed the individuals involved to a committee 3) residents were encouraged to sign on to this lawsuit in a campaign office that supported Lake Michigan water 4) openly supported Houston and Anderson during water hearing meetings and took responsibility for petitions that were signed as a result of a campaign promise.

Mayor Towers stated that he does support the water but never encouraged anyone to be part of any lawsuit.

Trustee Hanks restated the motion to appoint all new litigation including the Houston/Anderson V. Sauk Village matter to the law firm of Odelson and Sterk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers, Williams

Nays: None

No vote cast: Benson

Mayor Towers stated for the record that he will veto the motion made by the Board.

Trustee Benson stated that if Odelson & Sterk takes the case they should be fired immediately.

Trustee Chavez stated if the attorney hired by Mayor Towers gets paid without Board approval the people involved should be arrested immediately for misappropriations of funds.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to remove the attorneys (O'Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook, LLC) appointed by Mayor Towers to handle this case. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams stated Mayor Towers should direct Village Manager Turner to draft a letter to the firm instructing them not to report to the next hearing. The letter should be sent certified with return receipt and copies should be given to the Board. Trustee Williams stated the Mayor cannot veto for five business days. Trustee Williams directed Village Clerk Williams to place the Mayor's veto and a motion to overturn the Mayor's veto on the next Board agenda.

Trustee Burgess asked that the motion be amended to include paying the firm for services up until today's date and just for this case.

Trustee Williams disagreed stating that the firm was not brought before the Board for approval. Payment should come from Mayor Towers or Village Manager Turner. Trustee Williams discussed other litigation and unapproved expenses that have cost the Village money.

Trustee Hanks asked to leave the motion as stated. The Board will make a decision on payment when the bills are presented for review. A decision can be made at that time. Trustee Hanks stated that he will not amend the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers, Williams

Nays: None

No vote: Benson

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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, JULY 10, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (Trustee Benson absent - was available by phone for the voting portion of the meeting)

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Debbie Williams reported the December ordinance and the IEPA letter from June 22, 2012 that refer to water issues were placed on the back table. A letter from the Attorney Generals' office and the Village Attorney regarding incomplete FOIA's were placed on the back table. The Attorney General's office has received numerous complaints from a particular resident claiming that responses to FOIA's were incorrect. After review by both the Village Attorney and the Attorney General's office the Village has not been found in any violation.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner reported in Administrative Service Director Jasinski's absence that Iuccio's Pizza remains closed pending further inspections. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the water issue. VM Turner stated that results have been received by the IEPA and may be addressed by Village Engineer Czarnik and Public Works Director Weller.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Boards will meet on July 19, 2012.

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported the 217th and Clyde Avenue road reconstruction project is 75% complete. The Lake Michigan water allocation hearing is set for August 22, 2012 at 11 am. The public is invited. The Lake Michigan emergency connection plan is on schedule and is 35% complete. VE Czarnik stated that test results from the June split sampling were received. The split sampling includes tests from Sauk Village and the IEPA. Village Attorney McGrath stated there was an increase of vinyl chloride in the June sampling of the Village water system. A conference call with the Attorney General and the IEPA is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 1 pm due to the current level of increased contamination. Village staff, including Village Manager Turner and Public Works Director Weller, RCAP representative Bud Mason and the Village Engineers will be included on the conference call. In answer to the Trustees inquiries, Village Attorney McGrath stated that the test results and the meeting were confirmed on Monday, July 9th with Village Manager Turner. Trustees Burgess and Williams were concerned that they did not receive any notification of the increased vinyl chloride levels or the conference call. Village Clerk Williams asked to be included in the conference call for the purpose of recording by either audio or handwritten minutes. A Special Meeting notice will be necessary if more than two trustees plan on attending the meeting either in person or by phone. Trustee Burgess stated he plans on attending.

Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village has been working diligently with the IEPA since 2009. Necessary steps have been taken to insure that the drinking water requirements have been met. Sauk Village is also working with the Attorney General's office to move forward on a plan to connect to Lake Michigan water.

The Village was notified yesterday that wells 1&2 may have reached the maximum contamination level. Mayor Towers will establish a committee to work with the IEPA and the Attorney General to make sure the data is brought back to the residents. The Water Committee will be presented to the Board next week and will consist of a diverse mix of trustees and residents.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

a) Mayoral Veto of the July 3, 2012 Motion to Appoint Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk to the Class Action Lawsuit filed by Bernice Houston and Francine Anderson and all Future Litigation

Mayor Towers submitted a veto of the July 3, 2012 motion to appoint Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk to the Class Action Lawsuit filed by Bernice Houston and Francine Anderson and all future Litigation.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez requested an executive session for the discussion of personnel.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated the next NACA home save/ home purchase workshop will be held at the Village of Richton Park on July 14, 2012. The home save workshop is from 9am -12 pm and the home purchase workshop is from 1pm -3pm. Find out more information on how to get assistance on saving your home from foreclosure or purchasing a new home at www.naca.com. Another workshop is scheduled for July 28th at Progressive Community Center in Chicago.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers asked residents to watch suspicious activity in and around vacant houses to help prevent fires and other problems. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall to review the recent proposed ordinances. Trustee Myers stated the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station. Trustee Myers thanked the parade judges and announced the winners:

Special Award - Bloom Trail ROTC (for leading the parade)

Marching Units- 1st Place -Bloom Trail Cheerleaders
2nd Place- First Baptist Church
3rd Place - Boy Scout/ Cub Scout Troop 152
4th Place- Room to Move

Vehicles- 1st Place- VFW Post #2690
2nd Place- Batmobile
3rd Place- J. Fink

Floats- 1st Place- Sauk Village Bible Church
2nd Place- Oak Grove Day Camp
3rd Place- Lynwood Roller Rink

Fire Trucks- 1st Place-Crete Township
2nd Place- South Chicago Heights
3rd Place- Steger

Other- 1st Place- Sauk Village Church of God
2nd Place- TIKI Pony Cart
3rd Place- TMV Towing

Trustee Benson enters the meeting at 7:25 via Village Manager Turner's cell phone.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Wise Guys Sports Bar is now open and reported that the bar is not ADA compliant. Trustee Burgess also informed Chief Fox that there was smoking taking place inside the establishment; no smoking is allowed in Illinois. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on when PODS would be removed. Village Manager Turner stated that she will be addressing the PODS tomorrow with Mr. Quigley.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on TIF #1. TIF #1 expires in five months. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Thursday, July 12th at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11th at 7pm. The committee will be discussing the recognition of past elected officials. A plan will be submitted to the Board for consideration.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson-Absent- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported there were 783 calls for service which include 7 burglaries with 3 arrests, 10 criminal damage to property and a total of 30 arrests. Trustee Burgess asked for information on a recent break in to Tony's Grocery. Trustee Hanks asked for clarification if there was a murder in town last week. Chief Fox stated the murder is a rumor.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported the department responded to 26 calls for service during the period of June 26- July 9th. There were five major fires; one in town and four out of town. Chief Stoffregen commended the fire department for a great job working in the heat and the residents for looking out for their neighbors. Trustee Chavez donated a vehicle for the department to use for training.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller stated that the department is understaffed. DH Weller reported three water main breaks in June and three so far in July. Water main breaks can occur when residents open fire hydrants. There were two reports of open hydrants. Please call the police to report tampering. Tampering with fire apparatus is a Class B felony. There are at least 10 street lights out. Street light repairs and grass cutting is dependent on staff being available. Hydrant flushing has been pushed off until July 17th. Building maintenance, electrical issues and landscaping continues. Street sweeping is scheduled for July 16th. Do not sweep grass into the street. The Code Department will write tickets for debris in the street. Torrence Avenue has buckled due the extreme heat. IDOT will be out to resolve the issue.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski- Absent- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent

Finance Director Rao stated that DECO grant quarterly report has been completed. The COPS grant has been billed for the second quarter. The Corporate Fund balance is \$195,000.00. The balance of Illinois Funds is \$289,400.13. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. FD Rao stated the auditors will attend next week's meeting to discuss the status if the audit. Trustee Burgess mentioned the urgency to complete the audit and move forward with the next audit.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported that during the period of July 26th and July 9th the department responded to 26 calls for service.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. (People Looking For Answers Now) for all Village residents (not just seniors) and Village employees

continues. The next blood pressure screening is Wednesday, July 11th from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Senior Center office. Flyers are posted and available for future Blood Pressure screenings dates. Blue Grass will resume their meeting this Sunday July 15th from 6-10 p.m. St. James Church's blood drive will be held Sunday, July 15th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Didier Hall. The book exchange is growing, thanks to Nancy Baker for the 7-8 boxes of books. Thanks to Trustee Chavez, Parks & Rec Chair, for the extra bookcase. The Senior Committee will meet Thursday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. and every second Thursday. Sunday, July 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The SV Fun Club members will begin their FREE basic line dancing classes. Watch for an August Saturday date for the FREE Zumba Gold class

for seniors. Many thanks to Kevin Weller, Public Works for completing some of the long awaited work at the Senior Center. 2011 Second installment property taxes are due August 1st - be sure to check for your appropriate exemptions. Farmers Market coupons will soon be distributed from some nutrition sites this month for qualified seniors. Bloom Township's annual senior picnic advanced tickets for Thursday, August 2nd are available for \$3.00. Rose Langston has advanced tickets for sale. Tickets will cost \$4.00 the day of the picnic. Mayor Towers clarified that property taxes are due August 6th.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reminded residents that the nomination deadline for the Hootsie Awards is August 3, 2012.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Pruitt reported that the Train the Trainer session has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report per B. Houston.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for June 26, 2012 through July 10, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for June 26, 2012 through July 10, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Finance Director Rao stated that the Accounts Payable total distributions of \$342,198.25 need to be amended to \$340,799.93 due to the reimbursement payment to Trustee Chavez being removed.

Trustee Burgess questioned a TIF expense on page 5- item #4. The item will be tabled and the invoice will be provided for Board review. The amended Accounts Payable is in the amount of \$338,461.33.

Trustees Myers and Williams rescinded their motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve an Agreement with RCAP- Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an agreement with RCAP- Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 30.28 of Chapter 30, Title III of the Village Code- (Voting Required; Effect of Failure to Vote)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 30.28 of Chapter 30, Title III of the Village Code- (Voting Required; Effect of Failure to Vote)

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Motion to Change the Village Budget Cycle to a Six Months Budget Cycle beginning November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. The Village will subsequently proceed to a 12 month budget cycle beginning May 1, 2013.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the motion to change the Village budget cycle to a six months budget cycle beginning November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. The Village will subsequently proceed to a 12 month budget cycle beginning May 1, 2013. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated he will veto this motion to approve the six month budget due to the lack of a completed audit. Trustee Myers stated the six month budget was the recommendation of the Finance Director; the Police and Fire Pension Boards will be in sync again. The pension board's being out of sync has caused a delay in this audit. The Board will likely overturn the veto and proceed with the scheduling budget hearings.

E. Motion to Approve Placing Revenue received from Cell Tower Lease into a Separate Cell Tower Account until Further Review

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve placing revenue received from the cell tower lease into a separate cell tower account until further review. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated he will veto this motion to approve placing revenue received from cell tower lease into a separate cell tower account until further review

F. Motion to Deny funding for all Personal Expenditures including Clothing, Travel and Seminars for Temporary Police Chief Fox

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the motion to deny funding for all personal expenditures including clothing, travel and seminars for Temporary Police Chief Fox.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez. Trustee Myers clarified that Mayor Towers has discussed a contract with Chief Fox.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated he will veto this motion to deny funding for all personal expenditures including clothing, travel and seminars for Temporary Police Chief Fox.

G. Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Raise Water Rates to \$10.37 per 1,000 Gallons Starting August 1, 2012 according to the mandate of the Residents by Referendum on March 20, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance to raise water rates to \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons starting August 1, 2012 according to the mandate of the residents by referendum on March 20, 2012. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Williams stated several residents have called and voiced concern over the increase. Trustee Williams stated that air stripping was presented over one year ago as the cheaper option. Residents asked for a referendum for Lake Michigan water to be placed on the ballot to give the residents the option to choose between air stripping and Lake Michigan water. The residents voted in favor of Lake Michigan water. Water rates have to be raised to pay for Lake Michigan water. The proposed rate on the referendum was \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons. Fifty three percent of the residents voted in favor of the referendum but 100% of the residents have to pay the increased water rates. The IEPA has concerns over loaning 20 million dollars to the Village due to the perceived inability of the residents to pay the loan back. There is no data to show whether or not the residents can afford the higher rate. Trustee Williams suggested raising the rates for 90 days to see the affect on shut offs. Last month 940 residents were at least one month behind in their water bills, 800 residents were one – two months behind and 30 were more than 90 days behind. Approximately one third of the residents cannot pay their water bill now; this will be an indication of how many can pay the bill at the higher rate for Lake Michigan water. The Village needs to provide clean, safe drinking water at the most realistic rates possible.

Trustee Burgess stated that the people did vote for Lake Michigan water but the Board has not received a definite plan that describes cost projections, project description, timeline or the funding source that will be used to pay for the water. Trustee Burgess stated the plan should have been in place after the referendum passed in March. The water issue has been going on for three years. The Board needs to know what is going to be done before any money is collected. The IEPA wants something done now.

Mayor Towers stated Village Engineer Czarnik has provided a plan since day one.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that he continues to provide updates at every Board meeting.

Trustee Myers stated he is not in favor of the \$10.37 water rate. Trustee Myers has received several calls from residents, particularly seniors, who cannot afford to pay their bill now. Trustee Myers asked for copies of the referendum to be on display tonight to show that the \$10.37 water rate was included on the referendum and the Board is mandated by the people to follow through. Trustee Myers stated that the IEPA has suggested that doing the air stripping now could allow holding off a little bit right now. Trustee Myers suggested adding a 90-120 day period trial period in the motion. Trustee Myers stated that he did not believe the residents could sustain that cost. The Board needs to do what's best for the residents. Trustee Myers stated that many residents were confused by the information that was distributed before the election.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification if the time frame had to be a part of the motion or if the ordinance can stand as written and be rescinded later or continue if the residents are able to pay the increased rate. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the Board can decide either way.

Trustee Hanks also received many calls and is also not in favor of the increase. However, the information on the referendum was clear and the binding referendum was passed by the people but it does not include a timeline. Trustee Hanks stated that the final decision does not lie with the Board but lies with the IEPA and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Residents were

warned of the cost and told that it could take 5 years or more. People were misled by outside individuals that they would get the water right away. Residents were informed that 20% of the infrastructure needed to be replaced and construction, negotiations between communities and possible property purchases would need to be done. This all takes time. The five points of the IEPA letter included:

- 1) They felt that the residents could not afford Lake Michigan water. The Board often voiced that concern but the residents voted in favor of Lake Michigan water.
- 2) The Village should move forward with the emergency hook up in the event the water exceeded the maximum level of contamination. (short term goal)
- 3) Apply for a low interest loan that the residents could afford and use air stripping. (short term goal)

The long term goal is Lake Michigan water. By raising the rates the Village can start repairing the infrastructure before borrowing money from the IEPA. The emergency connection was first proposed to cost \$600,000.00 but now is estimated to cost 2 million dollars. Costs due to public hearings, additional litigation, property negotiations and engineering plans will be paid through the proposed increase. There has to be a plan that needs to spell out exactly what will be done with the increase and a timeline of what will be done and when.

Trustee Burgess stated that residents will need to learn from a mass distribution that rates will increase. Trustee Burgess asked if sewer rates will also be raised. That should be part of the plan.

Trustees Williams and Chavez rescinded the motion and amended the motion to include the raising the rates to \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons starting August 1, 2012 for a period of 90 days.

Mayor Towers stated he agreed that it is too premature to raise rates before a plan is in place.

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers stated earlier that the Village Engineer has provided a plan. The engineers are moving forward with the engineering plans but the Board is not moving forward with a way to pay for them. Mayor Towers stated that there is a plan for Lake Michigan water but there is no plan to raise the rates. Trustee Hanks referred to the referendum that was passed by the people that states there will be an increase in the water rates.

Trustee Chavez asked for clarification on the litigation between the IEPA and Sauk Village. The IEPA is expecting action or the Village could be found non compliant and face additional litigation. The money received from this increase will help work in the plan.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated he will veto this motion to raise the rates to \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons starting August 1, 2012 for a period of 90 days. The rates will not be increased until a plan is in place to raise rates less than \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons.

Trustee Hanks stated Mayor Towers has been working on Lake Michigan water for three and half years and still does not have a plan.

H. Motion to Move Forward and Approve an IEPA Loan Application for the Purpose of Acquiring Air Stripping for the Village Well System

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to move forward and approve an IEPA loan application for the purpose of acquiring air stripping for the Village well system. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Burgess asked why the Village should accept money from the IEPA for air stripping when the goal is Lake Michigan water per the voter's mandate. There is no financial plan in place to pay these loans back. Mayor Towers agreed that the Village Engineer has stated that there is no reason to go with air stripping if the Village is moving forward with Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Hanks stated that the motion is before the Board due to a recommendation from the IEPA. This action should have been taken three years ago. The Lake Michigan plan could take up to five years. The IEPA will provide a low interest loan for air stripping as a means to bring safe water to the Village residents while the infrastructure repairs and the Lake Michigan plan move forward. The engineers are working on an emergency connection to Lake Michigan water that will only be used if the drinking water levels exceed safe limits. The short term plan is to provide safe drinking water until the Village gets approval for a loan for Lake Michigan water. Lake Michigan water is the long term plan.

Trustee Chavez asked for clarification from Village Attorney McGrath on how it would affect the current litigation if the Village only proceeded with the emergency connection and Lake Michigan plan. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the Village has been in litigation with the IEPA for the past three years. The IEPA letter of June 22, 2012 refers to the feasibility of the Sauk Village plan and it may not be a coincidence that the letter came out at the time of the release of serious tests results and the scheduling of a conference call with the IEPA. The litigation has been ongoing; the Village can be fined up to \$1,000.00 each day for the past three years for non compliance. Significant measures can be taken against the Village. The IEPA wants to see a plan that the Village can afford to pay for. The IEPA does not see a water rate increase as a viable alternative; they expect other funding mechanisms to be a part of the discussion at Tuesday's conference call. The Village is facing serious consequences based on the latest test results.

Trustee Williams agreed that the Board should pay serious attention to the recommendation of the IEPA or risk continued litigation or fines. The IEPA is expecting immediate action and have based their recommendation on Sauk Village's socio- economic climate and data they have compiled. Residents are stating that air stripping is not safe. The IEPA would not suggest something that is not safe. Safe water for the residents should be the goal until the Lake Michigan water plan is in place. Trustee Williams cautioned that how the Board proceeds will be considered during next week's conference call with the IEPA.

Trustee Myers read from the June 22nd IEPA letter where it explains that the suggested treatment (air stripping) is within the loan guidelines and would be less burdensome to the Village of Sauk Village. Immediate action is needed per the IEPA. The Lake Michigan water plan will continue. The IEPA will not wait 3-5 years while the Village gets the Lake Michigan water plan in place.

Mayor Towers asked Village Engineer Czarnik for clarification on whether the air stripping should be considered. Village Engineer Czarnik stated the original emergency connection from Bloom Trail High School was estimated to cost \$400,000.00. With the increasing vinyl chloride levels it was determined to change the approach and run the emergency connection from Chicago Heights as soon as possible and for the connection to be large enough to run for the entire Village which would include 16" pipes. VE Czarnik proposed that the emergency connection would be in place as soon as fall of 2013 and will provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water for the entire Village at a cost of two million dollars. VE Czarnik stated that air stripping would be redundant. Phase one is the water main from Chicago Heights. Phase two is a permanent Lake Michigan connection that will require a pump station and reservoirs at cost of almost four million dollars down the line in order to establish the permanent connection. The IDNR will require that. Air stripping will provide the water that is needed in sufficient supply. Once the emergency connection is in place the Village can decide whether to use Lake Michigan water or well water until the permanent connection is in place.

Mayor Towers asked if it is necessary to go into air stripping and to pay the cost for air stripping now. VE Czarnik stated that he did not see the need at this time to move forward with the air stripping with the emergency connection being available by next fall. The design for the emergency connection is almost done and could be in place before air stripping.

Trustee Burgess stated that IEPA is expecting action or they may take over. Trustee Burgess asked if there was any immediate action that could be taken before the wells reach the maximum vinyl chloride level. VE Czarnik stated that there was no alternative other than shutting down the wells. Portable air strippers and the required pad and fittings could be ordered but may take months before they are in place.

Trustee Burgess reiterated that the funding sources need to be identified as part of the plan. Trustee Hanks asked where the two million dollars in funding will come from for the emergency connection and how much the infrastructure and other costs for Lake Michigan water would be. The motion to apply for the low interest loan will show that the Village is moving towards providing safe water to the residents and considering multiple options moving forward. The increased rates are due to the constant water main breaks and the need to address infrastructure repairs before Lake Michigan water is in place. The Board is prepared to move forward with Lake Michigan water once a plan is in place but an affordable option needs to be considered now. Steps need to be in place. The Village cannot repair the infrastructure with the water rates that are being charged now. The Village has been holding off for three and half years and cannot afford to hold off any longer. Trustee Hanks was interested to hear how the IEPA will feel about Mayor Towers vetoing the actions that the Board is trying to take. The Board has to make tough decisions to move forward with the mandate of the residents to move forward with Lake Michigan water with no plan in place.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the Village could also apply for an IEPA low interest loan for the two million dollar cost of the emergency connection or consider the local funding option. Trustee Williams stated that the IEPA letter agrees with the need of the emergency connection as a short term goal, recommends air stripping and the need to reevaluate the long term option of Lake Michigan water. Trustee Williams was unaware of local funding. The Village cannot privately fund this. The motion will direct the Village Engineer to proceed with the IEPA application in order to receive funding.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Burgess

Absent: Trustee Benson (Trustee Benson was no longer available to cast a vote via cell phone)

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated he will veto this motion to move forward and approve an IEPA loan application for the purpose of acquiring air stripping for the Village well system.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath to inform the IEPA that the Board is trying to work with them but they are getting roadblocks in the form of the Mayor's vetoes. Trustee Hanks will try to be in attendance on the conference call.

I. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 11-023 (An Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager) and Abolishing the Position of Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 11-023 (An Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager) and abolishing the position of Village Manager. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the ordinance would not take effect until October 31, 2012.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Myers (Trustee Benson returned via cell phone) and Mayor Towers casting the tie breaking vote

Motion failed

Trustee Williams referred to the duties and responsibilities of the position of the Village Manager, (past and present) including the need to work with the Board and to provide information to the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that this motion was brought to the Board for financial reasons including the need to pay back \$500,000.00 to Cook County, the \$330,000.00 shortage of Police and Fire anticipated tax revenue, the \$75,000.00 salary for the Acting Chief and the return of Code Officers that were not budgeted for. Tough decisions will have to be made for the upcoming year that will prevent bankruptcy. Public Works needs additional staff.

Mayor Towers stated that tough decisions will have to be made. The Village Manager was not involved in the \$500,000.00 overpayment to Cook County and was responsible for finding money to bring back the Code Officers and other bringing businesses to the Village.

Trustee Burgess referred to the ordinance of the past Chief of Staff and the Mayor's plan to veto the Village Manager ordinance. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor chose not to attend any interviews conducted with Village Manager candidates and did not veto the ordinance. Mayor Towers stated that he was prepared to veto the Village Manager ordinance when it was first approved because the Board was trying to take his power away. Mayor Towers did not veto the ordinance per the Village Attorney's recommendation. Further discussion was held regarding past and present personnel and the need for a Village Manager.

J. Override of the Mayoral Veto of the July 3, 2012 Motion to Appoint Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk to the Class Action Lawsuit filed by Bernice Houston and Francine Anderson and all Future Litigation

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Override of the Mayoral Veto of the July 3, 2012 Motion to Appoint Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk to the Class Action Lawsuit filed by Bernice Houston and Francine Anderson and all future litigation.

Village Attorney McGrath stated the Mayor's veto was presented during this meeting and recommended that the override of the veto is placed on the next Board agenda. VA McGrath stated that a motion is pending to be heard on July 12th asking to move the case to the Chancery division. Nothing will happen for the next 30-60-days. Trustee Williams stated that an email from the other attorney stated that they plan on handling the case. VA McGrath stated that the law firm was misidentified previously as the O'Halloran law firm which was originally assigned by the Village's insurance company to defend the matter. The insurance company later found that this was not covered under the insurance coverage. VA McGrath stated that they informed Village Manager Turner that they would handle the matter until instructed otherwise. VA McGrath stated that the case was turned over to Attorney Weiler from the firm of Langhenry, Gillen, Lundquist & Johnson, LLC. the attorney who defended Ms. Turner against her case with the Village. Village Clerk Williams clarified that there was no information available last week other than the email from the O'Halloran firm. Mayor Towers confirmed that O'Halloran was the name of the firm handling the case as part of the minutes from July 3, 2012. This record will serve as a correction to the minutes of July 3, 2012 that the firm handling the case is Langhenry, Gillen, Lundquist & Johnson, LLC. Village Clerk Williams asked that all correspondence regarding litigation matters be filed with her. VA McGrath stated that there is a conflict of who will be handling the matter. Mayor Towers directed Village Manager Turner to submit the paperwork to the Village Clerk.

Trustee Burgess stated that action needs to be taken so that two attorneys are not paid to handle the same case. Trustee Hanks stated that no appropriations were made by the Board to hire Langhenry, Gillen, Lundquist & Johnson, LLC. The Mayor chose to hire them without the Board's approval. VA McGrath stated that the Mayor has the authority to appoint the Village Attorney with Board consent but does not have the right to appoint separate counsel for litigation unless there is a clear conflict and a separate defense is necessary. The Mayor and the Board are being sued in their official capacities. VA McGrath contacted Village Manager Turner several months ago and stated there was no conflict and they would handle the case. VA McGrath stated that he was not aware of the other attorney's involvement until he appeared in court last week. Trustee Hanks suggested that the Village Attorney continue to defend the Village as the Village Attorney. The Mayor can hire his own attorney if he chooses to.

Mayor Towers stated that he has the power to appoint the attorney and that Langhenry, Gillen, Lundquist & Johnson, LLC. will continue to represent the Village in this case. Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor hired this attorney on his own and will be responsible for paying Langhenry, Gillen, Lundquist & Johnson, LLC. Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers appointed Odelson & Sterk as the Village Attorney with the Board's consent. Special counsel was not discussed or approved by the Board. A Special Meeting may need to be called to override the Mayor's veto to the Village Attorney handling the case. Trustee Burgess stated he

is not comfortable appointing an attorney who sued the Village before now acting to defend the Village against Bernice Houston and Francine Anderson. The override should be voted on immediately.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the motion can be voted on now and could also appear on the next Board agenda. VA McGrath stated that his firm will not appear on the July 12th. Plaintiff's motion to move the case will be granted; there is no need for them to be there.

Trustee Burgess asked if the Village is under any obligation to pay the firm that the Mayor appointed. VA McGrath stated that the Mayor does not have the authority to do what he did. Trustee Myers asked for an opinion from the Attorney General's office. Trustee Hanks asked if the Mayor could be brought up on charges if he was acting illegally. The Mayor does not have the power to appropriate funds.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. June 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. June 18, 2012 Special Meeting (Reconvene June 12th Meeting)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 18, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. July 3, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 3, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7. MOTION TO APPROVE AND RELEASE MINUTES

Village Clerk Williams stated that the following minutes were reviewed in executive session to be placed on the agenda for approval and release.

A. Executive Session August 4, 2009

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the August 4, 2009 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Executive Session August 18, 2009

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the August 18, 2009 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Executive Session September 1, 2009

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the September 1, 2009 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Executive Session September 15, 2009

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the September 15, 2009 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. Executive Session November 10, 2009 (typo on agenda – stated as November 11, 2009)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the November 10, 2009 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. Executive Session May 11, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the May 11, 2010 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

G. Executive Session July 6, 2010 Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the July 6, 2010 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Burgess and

seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

H. Executive Session July 15, 2010

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and release the July 15, 2010 Executive Session minutes. The motion to approve and release was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VFW Commander John Dennis presented checks in the amount of \$200.00 to start the Shane Penley scholarship fund and \$40.00 to the Sauk Village Beautification Committee. Mr. Dennis stated that he enjoyed the parade.

Lynda Washington referred to not being allowed to campaign in the municipal buildings, including campaign buttons, t shirts, etc... Mayor Towers stated that campaign literature is not allowed and buttons or t shirts should not be worn in the building.

Marva Campbell Pruitt referred to the executive session minutes. Village Attorney stated that the executive session minutes have been under attorney review; other matters have taken priority. Village Clerk Williams stated that due to the excessive litigation all executive session minutes are reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Eddie Kimble referred to the disrespect shown at meetings and stated that the Village should move forward with the water according to the vote of the people.

Jan Clark stated that a water committee is not needed; that is what the Board is for. Jan asked if the additional money received by the rate increase will be place in an interest bearing account.

Bernice Brewer Houston referred to the contracts and payments made to Odelson & Sterk and other litigation. Bernice stated that she and the Sauk Village Water Referendum Committee filed a Class Action lawsuit on behalf of the residents who signed the January 20, 2012 Lake Michigan water petition. Bernice referred to the water rate increase.

Corey Moore referred to getting the water in place and commented on the water increase.

Nathan Griffin referred to the Village Manager Ordinance and the powers of the Mayor.

Dorothy Robinson stated she was concerned about Sauk Village's finances, the water rate increase and the increased contamination level. Mayor Towers and Trustee Burgess clarified how the finances are spent. Trustee Burgess stated the Board is still waiting for the audit and clarified why an increase was needed.

Larry Stewart referred to the lack of a plan for the future.

John Hinko has not received the budget allocation information he requested. John referred to the water leaks and the water rates. Finance Director Rao stated he will provide the budget information.

Bernadine Hopkins commented on the quick repairs made to a recent water main and the water rate increase being charged for the same water.

Judy Cast referred to the IEPA recommendation, misinformation about the referendum and the amount of water shut offs.

Ed Shankel stated that the address of the home with the fecal matter was never disclosed.

Rose Langston stated that Village cannot afford Lake Michigan water and without an audit we can't

get a loan. Trustee Burgess stated he will estimate her bill with the rate increase included.

Mayor Towers announced the passing of Former Trustee Francine Anderson's mother; arrangements are pending. Village Clerk Williams recommended a moment of silence.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that all questions should be directed to the Mayor and discussions back and forth should not take place during public comment; respect should go both ways. The Board never received the address of the home with the fecal matter. Trustee Williams referred to the IEPA recommendations and the finances of the Village including how foreclosures affect the residents who still have to pay and how the revenue from the increased fees should be in a separate account. The rate increase should be included in the Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams stated she emailed everyone about the doors being left open last week after the meeting. No one responded; who is responsible for locking up. Mayor Towers stated that he and Trustee Benson checked the building and it was locked.

Trustee Myers stated the Board will move forward with Lake Michigan water but we need to find the twenty million dollars. The IEPA wants action now.

Trustee Hanks agreed that the Board should hold comments until after public comment and stated that Mayor Towers had the chance to stop the Village Manager ordinance but broke the tie not to abolish the ordinance. The rates are being increased in order to move forward with the mandate of the people. Goals should have been set up 3 ½ years ago. Trustee Hanks will call for a Special Meeting to move forward with the vetoes.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded made by Trustee Chavez.

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 pm.

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers was not available to reconvene the meeting. Trustee Hanks asked for roll call.

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded made by Trustee Burgess.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:06 am July 11, 2012.

All Ayes

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded made by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 am July 11, 2012.

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 17, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to call the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

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

(The Committee meeting was delayed due to a Special meeting conducted earlier.)

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table items 2,3,4,5 and 6.

The motion to table items 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

2. Presentation of the FY2009-2010 Audit Draft Statement (McGladrey & Pullen, LLP- Michael Zagar)

3. Discussion of Bud Ambulance Rate Increase

4. Update on PODS Project

5. Lake Michigan Water Project (Bud Mason)

**RCAP Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program Technical Assistance Work Plan Project Update
Water Rates and Billing Cycle Discussion**

a) Ordinance No. 08-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 52 and 53 of the Sauk Village Municipal Code

b) Ordinance No. 06-10 An Ordinance Amending the Rates Imposed for Water and Sewer Usage in the Village

c) Ordinance No. 09-04 An Ordinance Amending Provisions for the Regulation and Operation of the Village of Sauk Village's Combined Waterworks and Sewer System

d) Chapter 23 of the Village Code – Water

Skyline Fee Schedule

a) Ordinance No. 08-64 An Ordinance Approving the Renewal of a Garbage Collection Agreement with Skyline Disposal Company, Inc.

Establishment of a Water Committee

a) Members

b) Meeting Schedule

6. Village Manager's Report (Henrietta Turner)

7. Public Comment

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

Mayor Towers stated that he knows there are serious issues with the water and asked residents to be patient. Residents' questions will be answered tonight. Mayor Towers stated he will meet with School District 168 Superintendent Al Travelini about scheduling another meeting at the one of the schools. The meeting date and time will be posted in the paper and on the website.

Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village water has been a concern for a number of years. The water from two wells is currently unsafe for our residents. The IEPA and the Sauk Village Public Works Department have done their testing. Mayor Towers and others met with the IEPA and the Attorney General's office today. Testing will continue. The IEPA and Attorney General's office have provided concrete information to share with the residents. The Village will work with the IEPA and Attorney General to bring the best quality water to Sauk Village residents.

Mayor Towers stated that public comment will be limited to 2 minutes.

Resident #1- Is the water safe to drink and bathe in? Can residents with reverse osmosis in their home drink the water?

After speaking with the IEPA and the Attorney General's office today it was determined the level of contamination was much higher than expected. At this point, they did not say we could not drink or use the water. Tests are continuing. Results will be released within the next couple of days.

Resident #2- Concerned that the answer is vague. Yes or no answer?

Mayor Towers stated that he has always said that we need to move in another direction but we need to follow the direction of the IEPA or Attorney General. He will continue to say the water is safe to use until the IEPA or Attorney General state otherwise.

Resident #3- Is it safe for my kids?

The results will be in within a few days.

Resident #4- Referred to child's skin condition.

The water referendum passed and the Board has been working with the IEPA and the Public Works Department to provide better water to the residents. An emergency plan is needed now that the level of contamination is rising higher. The emergency plan will be submitted to the IEPA and the Attorney General and we will follow their direction.

Resident #5- Will bottled water be supplied to the residents?

Supplying bottled water to the residents is included in the emergency plan.

Resident #6- Was there a loan to fix the wells five years ago?

Mayor Towers stated that he was not the Mayor five years ago. Research will need to be conducted.

Resident #7- Why did we hear about it in the news? Speak on the cancer issue.

The Village reached out to the IEPA after receiving the initial letter and asked how they should inform the citizens. The IEPA stated that they would do a press release. The Village wanted to make sure they have the correct information to pass on. The Village will provide an additional press release tomorrow. The Village will share as much information as possible with the residents. There is a potential health problem with the water. There is a problem with vinyl chloride. After consuming it for a period of time it could cause cancer.

Resident #8- You can't blame the Mayor and the Board. Moved here for lower taxes and bought a water softener for his home. Has Federal water been solicited? If he continues to buy bottled water that portion of his water bill should be free until the issue is corrected. Will the Village provide the contact list of elected officials so residents can contact them?

Mayor Towers reached out to Governor Quinn today as well as other elected officials and will continue to reach out. The contact list will be provided; resident's help and support is welcomed. The issue came up so quickly that the Board has not had a chance to discuss whether or not to charge full price or no price for the water. The Board will have to work on that and decide within the next couple of days.

Resident #9- No answers today.

We are still in the planning stages and will continue to seek the right information from the IEPA. The residents will get the information the IEPA provides. Mayor Towers stated he is not telling anyone not to pay their water bill until the Board makes that decision.

Resident #10- Does the Village test separate from the IEPA? Why are we just hearing about it?

The IEPA has sent out newsletters in the past. Public Works does regular tests and provides the results to the IEPA. The high concentration of vinyl chloride was not evident in wells 1&2 until 2-3 weeks ago. The IEPA performed further testing to make sure the correct data was available.

Resident #11- Referred to the effects of the water and asked how long it will take to get water.

The referendum was placed on the ballot and the residents voted for it. A number of Town Hall meetings were held before the referendum to get information about the water. Several meetings have been held to discuss moving forward in the direction of Lake Michigan water but it will not happen overnight.

Resident #12- Stated that the IEPA said the water is usable.

Resident #13- What is the Federal level of contamination and what were the test results in the past? Have there been any fines? Referred to a letter from 2009. The Trustees tried to move forward with air stripping and Mayor Towers stated he will veto it.

There have been no fines imposed. The Federal maximum contamination level is 2 parts per billion. The prevention standard was 1 part per billion. The level is now 1.68 parts per billion in the finished water supply. Mayor Towers stated that the IEPA recommends air stripping.

Resident #14- Asked if residents should get tested for the amount of vinyl chloride in their systems. The Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry can test the residents. Residents can call 1/800-CDCINFO.

We are concerned with the wells; the IEPA has not said that the water is at a level where we need to be tested.

Resident #15- There were problems with well three in the past and it was shut down. There was a problem with well 1 in the past. Referred to money spent on fixing the wells. Air stripping is a waste of money. The residents voted for Lake Michigan water. A Class Action suit has been filed.

Mayor Towers stated that he is still not in favor of air stripping. His direction is to move forward with Lake Michigan water. After speaking with the IEPA and the Attorney General the direction is to move with air stripping now because we do not have the time to go to Lake Michigan water. We are not abandoning the project for Lake Michigan water. We need quick, safe water for the residents now and will have to go to air stripping now.

Resident #16- Stated that people need to get involved and vote. Information was available to residents.

Resident #17- The residents are getting second hand information. A representative from the IEPA and the Attorney General's office needs to speak to the residents. There is conflicting information; the media said the water was unsafe to drink.

Mayor Towers stated that he does not have anything to do with the news; he never said the water was unsafe to drink. The information was received by the IEPA.

Resident #18- Referred to his water being brown due to water main break, the issue was not addressed and health problems related to the water.

Resident #19- Spoke of accountability and the asked the Board's priority moving forward.

Mayor Towers tried to get a referendum on the ballot previously but it was removed. The last referendum passed. We are moving toward Lake Michigan water now.

Trustee Benson told residents not to drink the water regardless of what the IEPA or Attorney General says; it is contaminated. Mayor Towers has agreed to air stripping but the Village will move forward with Lake Michigan water. No citizen should pay a water bill until we can bring them safe water. No citizen should have to pay a tax increase on contaminated water or pay for Lake Michigan water. Whoever contaminated the water should pay for it.

Trustee Williams stated that two years ago the IEPA came to Sauk Village with charts and data that stated the source of the contamination may have started around well three almost thirty years ago and had then been detected in the water supply. The meeting minutes that explain this issue are available at www.saukvillage.org. The IEPA sent out a notice in 2009 to alert residents of vinyl chloride contamination in well 3. The well was shut down. Mayor Towers chose to bring on K Plus Engineering to conduct a study rather than continue with the Village Engineer and nothing was revealed. In 2010, Village Engineer Robinson Engineering suggested air stripping as an affordable option to remove the contamination. The taste and other aesthetic qualities would stay the same but the water would be healthy.

The Board voted for air stripping to bring well 3 back on line. Chief of Staff Hill-Corley did not file the IEPA loan application before the March, 2010 deadline. The Mayor chose not to proceed.

Trustee Williams left the meeting at 9:23 pm.

Trustee Myers stated the residents voted for Lake Michigan water. Due to the increased level of contamination the IEPA wants something to be done now or the Village can be fine daily. We have to do air stripping first and keep moving toward Lake Michigan water. We have to work together to get it done. The plan needs to be fine tuned and approved by the IEPA.

Trustee Hanks stated that the water referendum was placed on the ballot due to Ordinance 11-023 which was presented by Trustees Burgess and Hanks on March 22, 2011. The water referendum was placed on the ballot in order to allow the residents the make the decision whether to move forward with Lake Michigan water. Trustee Hanks stated the referendum passed and it is up the Board to move forward with the mandate. The Board has set up short term and long term goals. Lake Michigan water is still the long term goal. The earlier petition was not placed on the ballot because it was challenged due to irregularities. The Electoral Board supported the challenge. The Cook County Circuit Court agreed with the decision of the Electoral Board. These facts are documented and can be verified. The Village would not be in this position if Mayor Towers would have followed through with air stripping after the Board closed down well 3. The levels have continued to rise much faster than even the experts could have predicted.

Trustee Chavez stated the water issue is important. He has been focusing on bringing programs back for the kids and getting the Community Center up and running. Trustee Chavez supports the air stripping as an alternative to bring safe water to the residents as soon as possible. Trustee Chavez recommends not drinking the water and to use it for cooking or bathing on a limited basis. The Village is moving forward to provide safe drinking water until Lake Michigan water is a reality.

Trustee Burgess stated that the IEPA has determined that Sauk Village does not have the money or the resources to go to Lake Michigan water right now due to the number of shut offs and late bills. The IEPA recommended the Village apply for a low interest loan to begin the air stripping and then move forward with Lake Michigan water. The air stripping will provide safe drinking water. The rates will still need to be raised but just not as quick. We need a step by step plan now. The Village is a business and we need to pay our water bills.

Mayor Towers stated more information will be available by Friday. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Benson to make a statement. Trustee Benson stated that the residents should not pay their water bill until the Village can bring them healthy drinking water.

Resident #20- Looking for an audit that tells how much money the Village has to spend. Is air stripping all we can afford? Mayor Towers vetoed the water rate increase.

Mayor Towers stated the citizens knew that the binding referendum stated there would be an increase in the water rates in order to go to Lake Michigan water. Mayor Towers said he will continue to veto an increase until a plan is in place.

Resident #21- Lake Michigan water has been discussed before and it always comes down to money. Check out the IEPA website where all the contamination sites are included. It states that Sauk Village water can make you sick.

Resident #22- Wanted clarification if the water is safe to drink and asked Trustee Hanks to respond.

The issue was readdressed that many meetings have been held to discuss short term and long term goals. The Board tried to follow the IEPA's recommendation in 2010 and is trying to follow their recommendation now.

Resident #23- Rectify the water issue. Give details of what the Village is proposing to do and explain the air stripping timeline.

Mayor Towers reiterated that the IEPA suggested going to air stripping now. The Village is not abandoning Lake Michigan water.

Resident #24- Discussed how the Board needs to deal with the issue- not just the Mayor.

Trustee Hanks stated that all comments were supposed to be addressed to the Mayor. Mayor Towers was supplied with information and statements to bring to the residents. This matter is still in pending litigation. The Village Board is bound by the IEPA and the Attorney General. The news releases provide the information residents need to make a decision on what they are going to do personally.

Residents #25-Asked if Sauk Village applied for a loan through the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The cost of \$10.37 is not what the referendum said. The referendum stated a \$6.90 increase.

Mayor Towers stated the Village has applied to SSMMA for a loan for the emergency connection. Mayor Towers will not agree to raise rates until a plan is in place.

Trustee Hanks stated that the wording of the referendum that residents voted for states that the increase of \$6.90 will bring the cost to \$10.37.

Mayor Towers closed stating that the Board will do whatever is best for the residents. All information provided to the Board will be provided to the residents. A notice will be posted if a meeting is scheduled for Friday. We hope to have more answers by then.

Trustee Hanks stated that all five of the Mayor's vetoes should be placed on the next Board agenda.

8. Miscellaneous Business - None

A. Comments from the Trustees

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

10. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

11. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Mayor 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, **JULY 17, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez (entered the meeting during executive session)

2. Executive Session- A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was a recessed to executive session at 1:16 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 1:58 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess the meeting. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed at 1:59 pm

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:07 pm. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session with action to be taken. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Towers asked that everyone be patient. The executive session is needed to brief the Board of Trustees with the information the IEPA shared with them today. Mayor Towers stated that everyone's concerns will be heard and questions will be answered.

The meeting was recessed at 7:08 pm.

***3. Lake Michigan Water Update**

4. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene for the purpose of adjourning. The motion was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Item # 3 was addressed at the Committee Meeting which followed the adjournment of this Special Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE **EMERGENCY MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JULY 19, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. A Motion to Direct the Administration to Immediately order the Temporary Air Strippers to Remedy the Problem as put forth by the IEPA

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve directing the administration to immediately order the temporary air strippers to remedy the problem as put forth by the IEPA. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson stated in his opinion air stripping only reduces the amount of contamination and stated that this is should only be a temporary process until the permanent solution of Lake Michigan water is in place according to the last referendum.

Trustee Hanks stated that proposals have been presented by Village Engineer Robinson Engineering and Baxter and Woodman to address the air stripping process. Trustee Hanks also addressed the need for funding the project.

Trustee Hanks suggested amending the motion to include the direction of the engineers and the funding.

Trustees Williams and Myers rescinded their previous motion and second.

Mayor Towers directed Trustee Hanks to state an amended motion.

The amended motion to approve:

A Motion to Direct the Administration to Immediately order the Temporary Air Strippers to Remedy the Problem as put forth by the IEPA and to move forward with the Baxter and Woodman plan and to seek out the assistance of IEPA and SSMMA funding for the Air Stripping project

The amended motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson stated that the public should not be responsible to pay for the bills for the air stripping process. The source should be identified and held responsible. Trustee Benson referred to the engineering companies that are presenting their proposals and stated that this matter should go out to bid.

Mayor Towers stated that not paying the bills is not part of the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The motion carried as amended.

3. A Motion to Approve the Purchase of Bottled Water for Public Distribution according to the Sauk Village Emergency Plan

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the purchase of bottled water for public distribution according to the Sauk Village Emergency Plan.

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

Trustee Benson stated that the cost of the bottled water should be funded in some way other than falling on the backs of the citizens. Trustee Myers stated that the Village Manager and Village Clerk are working to obtain donations of bottled water that the Village has been ordered to provide.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that since last Tuesday the Village has been waiting for direction from the IEPA as to whether or not the water is safe to drink or bathe in. Mayor Towers read from a statement provided by the IEPA to the residents of Sauk Village regarding the finished water in Sauk Village wells:

1) Mayor Towers stated that given that the level of vinyl chloride contamination in Sauk Village public wells does not exceed the maximum contaminated level there are no restrictions on the use of water from those wells.

Mayor Towers repeated that there are no restrictions for the use of water from these wells; water can be used for drinking, cooking, bathing and any other normal use.

2) Mayor Towers stated that the EPA is requiring that Sauk Village make bottled water available to the residents who choose to use it for personal consumption. The EPA is not requiring the Village to shut down any of the wells.

3) The IEPA is requiring treatment of the wells as soon as the vinyl chloride levels are reduced.

4) The Illinois EPA contends that businesses that provide food or drink to the public may choose to use the water from the Sauk Village public supply.

5) The Illinois EPA will continue to take samples weekly from the Sauk Village water supply and to monitor the safety of this situation.

Mayor Towers stated that the Village is doing everything possible to make sure they are in compliance with the Illinois EPA mandates. Water distribution dates and times will be announced at a later time.

4. Adjournment

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 7:30 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, JULY 24, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7: 02 pm.
Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Chavez

Mayor Towers addressed the water issue by informing residents the Department of Health, IEPA and the Attorney General's office will conduct an open meeting at Bloom Trail High School on Wednesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm. They will be on hand to answer all resident's questions on the Sauk Village water problem. Water distribution will continue in the Community Center. A hotline has been set up for questions about receiving water.

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Debbie Williams reported that the current Sauk Talk contains news releases pertaining to the water issue. This information and any new information will be available to the public in the Village Hall and will be placed on the internet as it becomes available. The hotline will remain in operation throughout the water emergency. Leave a message after hours in order to receive a response the next day. The purpose of the hotline is to inform residents where water will be distributed and to inform residents of any new information as it becomes available on a daily basis. The hotline is also in place to inform handicapped and senior residents that volunteers will deliver their water. The Fire Department is doing a fantastic job of getting water to residents who otherwise could not pick it up themselves. The website will also be updated daily during this time- www.saukvillage.org. Comcast will post notices on Channel 19 for those who do not have internet access.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that 3 gallons of water will be distributed to each household per day out of the Ed Paesel Community Center. VM Turner thanked the water distribution volunteers and those who have donated water. Contact her office if you are interested in volunteering.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that it was brought to his attention today that a flyer is being circulated advising residents not to pay their water bill. The flyer is reportedly being put out by John Mitchell from the Rainbow Push. VA Burt Odelson reached out to Jesse Jackson and Mr. Mitchell today. Mr. Mitchell said the flyer was not authorized by Rainbow Push in any way; he had no knowledge of its contents. Mr. Mitchell also sent an email to that effect. VA McGrath urged residents and business owners not to pay attention to the flyer. Trustee Benson asked if VA McGrath is telling people to pay their water bill even though the water is not safe. VA McGrath stated that there is an ordinance on the books requiring residents to pay their water bill. Outside vendors are paid out from the water bill. Not paying the bills could bring additional litigation. VA McGrath stated according to a press release from the State of Illinois, IEPA and the Attorney General the installation of the air strippers could take place as early as next week.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported the Lake Michigan emergency water connection plan is about 40% complete. The preconference with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will take place on August 22, 2012 at 11:00 am at the Thompson Center in Chicago. The prehearing notice is available for distribution. Notices will be sent to stakeholders. The prehearing will consist of selecting a hearing date, establish ground

rules and deadlines for the hearing process. All interested parties who wish to file testimony must be present at the prehearing.

The Village needs to reduce water loss in order to be eligible for the Lake Michigan water allocation. The IDNR and the IEPA are encouraging the Village to perform a Village wide leak survey to identify leak locations and quantify water loss. Reducing water loss will save Sauk Village money and brings us closer to a Lake Michigan water allocation. VE Czarnik presented two proposals for the leak surveys along with a recommendation to the Board to be added to the next Board agenda for action. VE Czarnik stated the IEPA is waiting for a response to the project plan review letter of June 22nd. VE Czarnik needs direction on the project plan and the IEPA loan application. The Village will not be eligible for low interest loan funding until a project plan is approved by the IEPA. The project plan needs to be approved as soon as possible. The IEPA is in favor of air strippers and the Lake Michigan emergency water connection. VE Czarnik asked if the Board would like for Robinson Engineering to amend the drafted response to the IEPA to include the installation of permanent air strippers at both well sites and construction of the emergency Lake Michigan connection.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Board approved Baxter and Woodman's proposal that included both portable and permanent air strippers. The State is now installing the temporary air strippers and Baxter and Woodman will provide the permanent strippers.

Trustee Benson asked why permanent air strippers are needed if the wells will be capped once the Village connects to Lake Michigan water. VE Czarnik stated that the wells would not have to be capped for the emergency connection.

Trustee Myers asked if the IEPA process involves temporary and permanent air strippers. Trustee Myers directed VE Czarnik to get clarification from the IEPA or Baxter and Woodman. It is confusing that two different engineering companies are involved. VE Czarnik stated that the press release says that the Village also remains responsible for installing permanent air strippers that will address the contamination problem for the long term.

VA McGrath stated that a number of conferences have been held this week between the Village, the Attorney General's office, Governor Quinn's office and many other agencies, including the IEPA. The Village Board voted last Thursday to approve air stripping with Baxter and Woodman and to obtain bottled water until the air stripping would be installed and the water would be safe to drink without any hesitation. Governor Quinn's office, the IEPA and the Attorney General have been monitoring the situation for the past few years and are questioning which direction the Village is taking. They are also aware of the Village's financial condition and that the Village is seeking financing. The State of Illinois decided to step in to bring portable air strippers to the Village within a couple of weeks. The State is helping with the funding of the installation of the portable air strippers; details will be worked out later. Portable air strippers are a short term fix that will provide well water with non detectable levels of vinyl chloride until the permanent fixtures are installed in November of 2012. The term permanent just means that they are built to stay in place for a longer period of time and will remain in place while steps are taken for the emergency connection and the long range plan of Lake Michigan water is in place. Any other questions and comments should be presented to the IEPA and the Department of Public Health that will be on hand at the meeting at Bloom Trail tomorrow. Safe drinking water will be provided to the Village within the next two weeks.

Trustee Burgess stated before the State stepped in the Board agreed to follow Baxter and Woodman's plan for portable and permanent air strippers. Robinson Engineering will still work with the Lake Michigan plan and the Village will continue to seek funding for Lake Michigan water. The motion to apply for emergency funding for the air strippers was included on last week's agenda.

VA McGrath stated the State stepped in because the Baxter and Woodman stated that the portable air strippers could not be in place for 3-4 weeks when they could get them here in two weeks.

Trustee Benson stated that he does not recall a motion from last week referring to who was going to bring in the air stripping.

Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson voted in favor of the motion to bring in Baxter and Woodman and to follow their two phase plan for air stripping. All trustees received a copy of the plan in time to review it before last week's vote. There was also an amendment to the motion that included moving forward with seeking financial assistance from the IEPA and SSMMA. All trustees present, including Trustee Benson, voted in favor of that motion. Mayor Towers stated that Baxter and Woodman should appear to answer to discuss how the State providing the portable air strippers has altered their plan. Trustee Burgess stated that their price should also be altered since they are not providing the fixtures. Mayor Towers stated that they will still be overseeing the project.

VA McGrath clarified that there will be a cost to the portable air strippers provided by the State. Baxter and Woodman was taken by surprise and cautioned about double billing for the same work. Baxter and Woodman

is now working on permanent air stripping. VE Czarnik stated that can be included in the response to the IEPA.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated the Board presented several motions for approval at the last Board meeting. Mayor Towers stated at that time that he will be vetoing all of the Board's motions.

Mayor Towers' response to the Board's motions:

a) Mayoral Veto to the Board's Motion to Change the Village Budget Cycle to a Six Months Budget Cycle beginning November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. The Village will subsequently proceed to a 12 month budget cycle beginning May 1, 2013

Mayor Towers said that after speaking with the auditors and the Finance Director it was determined that the Village should remain on the 18 month cycle until this budget is completed and then go to a twelve month budget. This would also save the Village over \$50,000.00 (in auditor fees).

Mayor Towers vetoed this motion

Trustee Hanks suggested the Board should override the Mayor's veto. The Village has not had an audit since Mayor Towers was elected.

Trustee Burgess stated the last budget was a 12 month budget and now Mayor Towers is proposing adding another six months to the budget. Mayor Towers asked for an additional six months budget after the first six months. That is what has caused the trouble with the audit. The Village needs to do a six month budget to get back on cycle otherwise the next audit will be delayed again.

Trustee Benson recommended a twelve month budget.

Trustee Williams stated that the budget should be annual and should be in sync with the Police and Fire Pension Boards. When the Finance Director presented the budget he presented a six month budget. Additional discussion took place over personnel and other budget items. Trustee Williams stated that discussion should take place during Committee meetings. Trustee Williams stated that the individuals advising Mayor Towers that an 18 month budget is needed should address the entire Board at the next Committee meeting. Trustee Williams asked that the override to the Mayor's veto be placed on the next Board agenda.

Mayor Towers stated that a memo was prepared by Theobald and Associates and McGladrey and Pullen. Trustee Williams stated that there was no memo from Finance Director Rao who originally gave the Board a six months budget and now they are being told eighteen months.

Village Manager Turner stated Finance Director Rao is out on vacation and will not be available. When the Board decided to go to a six month budget the audit was still incomplete. Theobald and Associates representative Steve Sola and the auditors will be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to address the Board.

b) Mayoral Veto to the Board's Motion to Approve Placing Revenue received from Cell Tower Lease into a Separate Cell Tower Account until Further Review

Mayor Towers vetoed this motion.

c) Mayoral Veto to the Board's Motion to Deny funding for all Personal Expenditures including Clothing, Travel and Seminars for Temporary Police Chief Fox

Mayor Towers vetoed this motion.

d) Mayoral Veto to the Board's Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Raise Water Rates to \$10.37 per 1,000 Gallons Starting August 1, 2012 according to the mandate of the Residents by Referendum on March 20, 2012

Mayor Towers vetoed this motion.

e) Mayoral Veto to the Board's Motion to Move Forward and Approve an IEPA Loan Application for the Purpose of Acquiring Air Stripping for the Village Well System

Mayor Towers withdrew this veto.

Discussion continued on the items that were approved previously by the Board and vetoed by Mayor Towers.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that residents can get information on Home Save and Home Purchase workshops through the NACA website at www.naca.com. The next Home Purchase workshop will be held at the Progressive Community Center in Chicago on July 28th from 9 am – Noon. The Home Save workshop will follow from 1 pm – 3 pm. Another Home Purchase workshop will be held at the Richton Park Village Hall on August 11th from 9am – Noon. Interested individuals must register on line. Trustee Hanks provided information on funding, training and seminars for owners of multi dwellings of five or more buildings provided by the Community Investment Corporation. Free energy audits and assessments are also provided. Other opportunities are available for smaller units.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee and the Neighborhood Watch did not meet in July due to the Special Board meetings. The Ordinance Review Committee and the Neighborhood Watch will meet this month. The Neighborhood Watch will meet at the Fire Station; flyers will be passed out. Trustee Myers urged everyone to attend the meeting at Bloom Trail tomorrow night at 7pm. Ask the professional your questions. Enter from the Cottage Grove side.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated the Illinois Tollway has jobs available in several departments. You can apply on line or in person at 2700 Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove, Il. from 8:00am- 4:30pm. Trustee Burgess is looking at doing a feasibility study from 394- down Route 30. There are plenty of business opportunities. This area may be looked at with the casino being considered. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on PODS and asked if there have been any fines.

Village Manager Turner stated that Mr. Quigley met with them; they were supposed to be removed. PODS did donate PODS for the water distribution at no cost. VM Turner will follow up after the water crisis.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee continues to work on the employee recognition policy and to update the elected official's plaque. The updated information will be provided to the Board.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that the Housing Collaborative meets every second Tuesday. Trustee Benson was unable to make the last meeting. Trustee Benson and Village Manager Turner have been meeting to discuss housing programs for the Village. The meetings will continue after the water issue is over.

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox- Left the meeting prior to making report

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen – No report

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- No report

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent- Vacation

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported the new siren in the Logisticcenter is up and running in case of severe weather.

- *G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston
- *H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt
- *I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt
- *J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

*These Committee reports did not appear on this agenda per Village Manager Turner.

*The Approval of Meeting Minutes did not appear on this agenda per Village Clerk Williams.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for July 11, 2012 through July 24, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for July 11, 2012 through July 24, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson stated the Village Manager said she put the Accounts Payable report in his box Friday but he did not see it. He did receive it today but has not had a chance to review it.

Trustee Myers questioned the Parks and Recreation activities refunds. Village Manager Turner stated all Parks and Recreation activities are being placed on hold during the water crisis and refunds have been issued for deposits.

Mayor Towers stated he requested information on the Parks and Recreation reimbursement on page 2. Mayor Towers asked that the reimbursement not be approved because he has not received the information. Trustee Williams stated that would require an amendment to the motion. Trustee Williams did not rescind her motion.

Trustee Benson asked if all of the boxing equipment purchased by Trustee Chavez is marked for Parks and Recreation. Village Manager Turner clarified that the reimbursement is for travel not equipment. Trustee Benson asked why the Village should reimburse the boxers. Trustee Chavez needs to be informed that there should be insurance in place when children are taken out of town.

Mayor Towers stated the Board did not receive an itinerary or a list of participants and parent permission slips.

Trustee Williams stated this item was discussed two weeks ago. Trustee Chavez presented invoices for the reimbursement. Prior to the trip, Trustee Chavez did inform the Board in his report about the trip. Two weeks ago there was confusion and the Board thought the expense was approved. Trustee Benson stated that he did not see anything.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Police Chief Fox thanked Sheriff Tom Dart for the volunteers he is providing for the water distribution. Chief Fox will be sending a letter to Sheriff Dart from the Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mayor Towers asked that all water questions be held until tomorrow night's meeting.

Bernice Brewer Houston thanked all of the Community Center volunteers. Bernice stated voters did not vote for air stripping- they voted for Lake Michigan water.

Bette Platte thanked everyone for the bottled water.

Markeeva Reeves never heard of the contaminated water until now and will not pay water portion of her bill. The residents should not have to pay the water portion of their bill for 1-2 years.

Tiffany Jackson thanked the Police and Fire Department and Trustee Benson and wanted to know how long the Village will continue to pass out water.

Courtney Hadley stated the funds in 2b should not be separated. Air stripping is a waste of time and money. Why is the IEPA recommending it? The infrastructure needs to be repaired.

Maria Harris stated she had to redo her pipes after three years. Get Lake Michigan water not air stripping.

Ed Shankel asked why there was not a Police Report. Mayor Towers stated he did give a report.

Larry Stewart questioned how the Village will pay for the water without an audit.

Francine Anderson questioned the expenses for the law firms of Odelson & Sterk and the Del Galdo group on page 2. Francine stated the referendum did not state that the \$6.80 increase would be on top of the current rate. Mayor Towers explained the breakdown on the Accounts Payable report.

James O'Connell commented on a water filtration system that can remove vinyl chloride once it gets to the house.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked if there was a time limit or quota of residents who can speak. Mayor Towers stated that he cuts off when the line is done. People need to be in line. Trustee Burgess referred to residents who are handicapped or have health problems. Mayor Towers said they should approach the line before the last person is finished at the podium.

Trustee Williams asked anyone who still had a question to approach the podium. Village Manager Turner stated that we have passed the public comment public comment portion of the agenda. Residents will not be allowed to talk at this point.

Chief Fox stated that line was cut off at the last person at the podium.

Trustee Hanks asked to allow the residents the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Towers stated that the public comment period is closed.

Trustee Benson thanked all of the citizens who are helping with the water distribution. Trustee Benson referred to motions that he voted on last week. He said there was no vote about air stripping or engineers.

Trustee Benson referred to events that took place when he was the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee and trips that they took with the kids.

Trustee Burgess stated he will give the Illinois Tollway information to anyone who needs it after the meeting.

Trustee Burgess stated the Economic Development Committee meets the second Thursday of every month in the Village Hall.

8. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

9. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 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, AUGUST 7, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Mayor Towers thanked everyone for their hard work and patience through the water crisis, including the Village Attorney, Bud Mason- RCAP, Police Chief Fox, Fire Chief Stoffregen, Elected Officials, Village Manager Turner, Village employees and all resident volunteers, especially Bernice Houston.

2. Discussion of Sauk Village Finances

Village Manager Turner introduced Theobald & Associates Representative Steve Sola.

- **Audit for FY 2010 and FY 2011 update**
- **Fund Transfers**
- **SSMMA Loan Application update**
- **Next Budget cycle for FY 2013 Recommendations**
- **Water rate analysis**
- **Escrow Account for Water Project**
- **Financial Consultant**

After working with Sauk Village auditors, McGladrey and Pullen, on the 2010 audit, Steve recommends the following:

1. Transferring the cross charges from the Water Fund to the General Fund for allowable expenses. The amount of cross charges typically allowed is between \$280,000.00 and \$300,000.00 per year. This could result in reducing the General Fund deficit by \$450,000.00.

2. Roll the Sales Tax Utility Fund into the General Fund.

The combination of items 1 and 2 could result in cutting the deficit in half. The final reconciliation of the fiscal year 2010 audit should be completed by August. All records are in order for the fiscal year 2011 audit to begin in November.

Steve assisted with the preparation and submittal of a draft of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association loan application in order to secure funding for the water crisis. SSMMA submitted the loan application to 5/3 Bank. A conference call is scheduled for August 8th to discuss funding. Issues include the

late audits, the \$1.8 million dollar General Fund deficit and the fact that Sauk Village is a Non- Home Rule community and may be unable to generate revenue. A rate increase will need to be addressed as things progress. Steve is continuing to contact other funding sources while working with the IEPA. A bridge loan is needed for immediate needs until the low interest IEPA loan becomes available in fiscal year 2013. Steve suggested a \$1.5 million dollar construction loan that can be drawn down as needed. The bills would be submitted to the bank for payment. The bond rating will increase once the audit is complete. Steve stated that the water fund is currently running at a deficit and suggested a two step water rate increase may be required before going to the bank in order to show the ability to repay the loan and to cover the depreciation of equipment.

Village Manager Turner stated that Steve will also be involved in applying for the \$7 ½ million dollar IEPA loan. Preliminary meetings with the IEPA and AMEC with regards to air stripping are ongoing. Grant funding, interest rates, monthly air stripper rental rates and total project costs are being reviewed. According to the IEPA, Sauk Village will become financially responsible for the air strippers and engineers as of August 21st. The IEPA has not provided the cost of the air strippers. At this time, a generator is running 7 days a week for 24 hours a day and requires fuel. The IEPA may require the Village to pay some of the money back that they have spent on the air strippers.

Village Manager Turner stated that a retainer fee is needed for Theobald & Associates in order for them to continue as the financial consultant and to assist the Finance Director on these special projects. Steve stated that he previously recommended the 2011 budget cycle be extended for a total of eighteen months in order to coincide with other villages and the Police and Firemen's Pension Funds. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the fiscal year cannot be changed after the fact. Steve now recommends a six month audit in order to synchronize the April 30th year end. Another set of audited financial statements could possibly be available for IEPA consideration with the six month budget for April 2013.

3. Water Project Update

- **RCAP- Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program Technical Assistance Work Plan**
- **Temporary Rental Air stripping update**
- **Short Term Air Stripping Project**
- **IEPA Loan Application**
- **Testing of Water System**
- **Water Distribution Program**

Village Manager Turner introduced RCAP representative Bud Mason to provide the water project update. RCAP is funded by a grant that was recommended by Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.'s office.

Bud's presentation focused on project development- where we are now, where do we want to be, how are we going to get there and with what?

Now- November 1, 2011 through June 30,2012. (Estimated figures below)

Gallons pumped- 36 million gallons per month- distribution includes usage and leaks.

Gallons billed- 18 million gallons per month- could be due to leaks, improper meters, etc...

Cost average - \$96,000.00 per month

Billing average- \$65,000.00 per month

Collecting avg.- \$62,500.00 per month (96% collection rate)

Current charge- \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons

Gallons billed to dollars spent= \$5.13 per 1,000 gallons= deficit of \$1.63 per 1,000 gallons

Where are we going?

Voters voted for Lake Michigan water. Without discussing the engineering and construction of running the line from Chicago Heights the charge communities can pass on for water ranges from \$3.56 per 1,000 to \$6.49 per 1,000 gallons.

Gallons pumped- 36 million (36,000 X 1,000 gallons)

Sauk Village will be charged \$130,000 monthly and will collect \$62, 500.00.

The water rate would have to be doubled to make up the difference for the usage alone.

Where do we want to be?

Ideally, we need to be at 19 million gallons pumped per month= \$68,000,000

Water loss can never totally be eliminated due to pressurize tests with new mains and leakage.

How are we going to get there?

Three different projects:

A1- Emergency Air Strippers currently installed by the IEPA

A2- Temporary Air Strippers – Sauk Village responsibility- temporary until Lake Michigan connection is in place.

Public health issue (vinyl chloride)-Air strippers will take care of that

Water quality- discoloration and odor- caused by deep aquifers. Air strippers may also help with the smell through the aeration process. Replace the roto valve on backwash system to help with discoloration until Lake Michigan water is introduced.

Recommendation: Public Works has limited personnel. Someone with dedicated time to work the well is needed. Additional staffing needs to be factored into the water rate increase.

Quantity- Air strippers are installed on wells 1 and 2. Air stripper may need to be installed on well 3- wells 1 & 2 may not meet the need until Lake Michigan water is connected.

Water Loss- Mains, hydrants, towers and tanks- Leaks costs money- work needs to be done.

A leak detection audit is needed to detect big leaks.

Address the costs of fire hydrants.

After replacing the roto valve and flush the entire system.

Flush the service line when pulling meters for service-may need to replace some meters.

A3- Lake Michigan water connection- after tackling the water loss. If the distribution system is not ready the village will pay dearly for it.

The focus should be on resources due to the unforeseen costs of the above steps.

With what?

Recommendation: Raise water rates \$2.00 now to take care of the deficit and \$2.00 in six months to start

making upgrades to the system. Reevaluate project costs every six months in order to determine additional rate increases.

Upgrades include updating hydrants, meters and mains. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will not give Sauk Village a water allocation until 20% of the infrastructure is replaced.

Village Manager Turner stated that the funders, including the IEPA and the Attorney General's office, are looking at the Village for a 3-5 year plan. Taking care of the distribution system will help get us there without jumping to a rate that cannot be justified at this time.

Further discussion included the 5% per year increase previously imposed on residents that was met with opposition. The 5% annual increase was set by ordinance. Village Manager Turner stated the ordinance could not be renewed at the expiration because an analysis of the system needed to be completed. Village Manager Turner stated that a rate increase is recommended because the current rate does not support the system. Public Works Director Kevin Weller will work on a plan that includes the aging equipment. Additional presentations will be made at future meetings.

Village Manager Turner's Recap:

Air strippers are installed and currently being tested. Baxter & Woodman will be switching out the temporary air strippers with permanent air strippers.

The IEPA loan application is in process. The IEPA is motivated to loan the village \$7- 7 ½ million dollars. Three thousand gallons of water is being distributed per day. There is enough water on hand for 3 ½ more days. Water distribution will cease when testing is complete with two consecutive acceptable results. Additional water will be ordered if necessary.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess for five minutes. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 8:44 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:47 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers

4. Discussion of Mayoral Veto

a.) Board's motion to change the Village budget cycle to a six months budget cycle beginning November 1, 2012 through April 31, 2013. The Village will subsequently proceed to a 12 Month Budget Cycle beginning May 1, 2013 Village Budget Cycle

Mayor Towers stated that after listening to tonight's presentation this veto is withdrawn.

b) Board's motion to approve placing revenue received from cell tower lease into a separated cell tower account until further review

Mayor Towers stated this veto will stand per the recommendation of Theobald & Associates to avoid separate accounts.

c) Boards' motion to deny funding for all personal expenditures including clothing, travel and seminars for Police Chief Fox

Mayor Towers stated this veto will stand.

d) Board's motion to approve an ordinance to raise water rates to \$10.37 per 1,000.00 Gallons

Mayor Towers stated this veto will stand.

Discussion on these motions took place at the last Board meeting. These vetoes will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda. Overrides to the vetoes may also be on the next Board agenda.

5. Public Comment

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

Don Williams asked if the local businesses pay for water. Mayor Towers stated that the businesses are also metered and pay a water bill.

Bernice Brewer Houston asked for the current balance in the water fund, if loss of residents was factored in to Bud's equations and contributions of bottled water by the Village Engineer and Village Attorney. Bernice thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the water distribution. Bud stated that the facts were based on current households. Neither the Village Engineer nor the Village Attorney donated bottled water. The last available figure for the balance in the water fund was \$600,000.00.

Frank Harvey thanked Bud Mason for his presentation and stated that the people voted for Lake Michigan water and should not complain about the increase.

Eddie Kimbel thanked Bud for presenting the facts and complained about a water main that has been leaking for three weeks. That type of break will cost the Village money. Public Works Director Weller stated that the department is working on five leaks in town. Five slabs of sidewalk needed to be removed to repair the leak in question. DH Weller stated that the department is short staffed and the air strippers are the priority.

Francine Anderson referred to an incident in the audience last week. Francine thanked Bud for the presentation but disagreed with the amount of the water rate increase on the referendum. Francine thanked all water distribution volunteers.

Judy Cast also referred to the incident in the audience last week. Judy stated the auditors should be explaining why the audit is late.

Nate Griffin stated that volunteers are needed for the water distribution and thanked Bud for the presentation.

James Harvey referred to a list of people who pay a water bill in the village and claimed that one elected official does not pay a water bill.

Trustee Burgess asked how a resident obtained a list with names and other private information.

Trustee Williams asked if the list was FOIA'able and if it should have been given out without the names being redacted.

Frank Williams stated he refused water delivery and they kept attempting delivery and calling his cell phone.

Pat Couch referred to the excessive water main break, broken hydrants and the recent arson events. Village Manager Turner stated that the Fire Marshall has been contacted about the arsons.

Rose Langston stated that due to the continuation of the water distribution Thursday's Senior Meeting will be held at her house. Rose objected to her private information being passed out on the water bill list. Rose apologized to the seniors who are upset about receiving phone calls from the water distribution volunteers because they do not know the people who are delivering. They thought the Fire Department would be delivering.

Ron Mitchell also commented on the water delivery.

Trustee Burgess stated that personal and financial village information should not be shared with the public.

Lynda Washington stated that broken hydrants should be sprayed to show they are out of order. DH Weller stated that the broken hydrants have green spray paint on top. A list of broken fire hydrants is available at Public Works.

Dorothy Robinson thanked Bud for his clear and understandable explanation of the water issue. Dorothy thanked Bernice Houston for her help with the water distribution.

John Hinko stated that there was no planning for the water. The information before the referendum was totally wrong. There should have been a plan in place for the day after the referendum. John referred to a grant for the fire hydrants that was not followed up on, asked why the auditors cannot figure out the audit and referred to audience decorum.

Antoinette Randolph stated that the Board was unprofessional at the last meeting she attended. Personal feelings should be set aside.

Jackie Glaze asked if the owners of the vacant properties have been discovered; the properties look terrible. Village Manager Turner stated that a company is working with the village to identify these owners. Code Enforcement is back in place after twenty months.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Benson thanked Village Manager Turner, Bernice Houston, the Police and Fire Departments, ESDA, Public Works and all of the volunteers for their help with the water distribution. Trustee Benson stated that the water bill is not private; it is sent unsealed. All citizens should pay their water bill. No one is exempt.

Trustee Williams thanked Bud for the presentation that was clearly stated and understandable to both the Board and the residents. Trustee Williams stated that Board members and audience members all need to respect each other. Trustee Williams thanked all of the water distribution volunteers but also showed concern for the confusion regarding senior citizen deliveries that were supposed to be handled by the Fire department.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn without recognizing Trustee Burgess. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson. There was no second.

Trustee Burgess asked Village Manager Turner to provide a detailed list of all expenses incurred during the water distribution.

Mayor Towers and Trustee Benson left the meeting at 9:53 pm.

7. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

8. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum and without a second to the motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Please note all FOIA requests must be sent directly to the FOIA Clerk Jasinski

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, **AUGUST 14, 2012.**

The Regular Board Meeting was delayed due to a Special Meeting which was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7: 50 pm.
Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 17, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 17, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. 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
Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. July 19, 2012 Emergency Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2012 Emergency Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustee Benson
Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that the latest IEPA press release and minutes that were approved tonight are available on the back table. VC Williams thanked all of the volunteers and everyone that was responsible for the water distribution for the past several weeks including distribution and hotline volunteers and Village staff. This was a community effort. VC Williams stated that she and VM Turner worked very well together on a daily basis during that time in what was dubbed "the Situation Room". The few glitches that came up were due to people outside of the situation room. Village Clerk Williams attempted to address an allegation that was brought up the previous week. VC Williams stated that she and Trustee Burgess attempted to volunteer at the Community Center during the water distribution but they were told to stay away. Village Manager Turner then assigned the hotline and the distribution of water to the senior and disabled residents to VC Williams.

(Mayor Towers excessively gaveled the Village Clerk out of order as she attempted to continue her report. VC Williams stated that if residents do not get gaveled as they make false allegations then the Village Clerk

should not be gaveled during her report. Trustees and residents are allowed to speak; the Village Clerk should have the same right. Mayor Towers took the floor away from the Village Clerk.)

Mayor Towers stated that he will not allow the Village Clerk to make a negative report about the water distribution. Board members asked for clarification of Robert's Rules of Order from Village Attorney McGrath regarding yielding the floor and the Village Clerk's ability to speak at Board meetings.

Mayor Towers stated that he will not recognize the Village Attorney. Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers if he will allow other elected officials to give a negative report. Mayor Towers stated he will not allow the Village Clerk to say anything negative about the water distribution but other elected officials can.

Trustee Williams asked for a motion to amend the agenda and move from item 3A to item 6A. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

- B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner**
- C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael**
- D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath**
- E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik**
- F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers**

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez**
- B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks**
- C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers**
- D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess**
- E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams**
- F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson**

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

- A. Police Department- Chief Fox**
- B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen**
- C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller**
- D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski**
- E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao**
- F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson**
- G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston**
- H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt**
- I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt**
- J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker**

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for July 23, 2012 through August 14, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for July 23, 2012 through August 14, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned the Twin Lighting expenses and reimbursement and TIF expenses. The TIF expenses in question will be removed pending further review.

Trustee Burgess questioned a payment for Use Tax. Finance Director Rao stated that the Use Tax is related to the purchase of the Ford Expedition.

Trustee Burgess questioned the petty cash expense labeled "Business Card". VM Turner stated the expense was to reimburse the Village credit card in order to have the funds available to make several copies during the water distribution.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on costs for the water that was distributed and asked if any shipments that may have been ordered may be canceled now that the water distribution is over. VM Turner stated that 6-7 pallets of water have been distributed daily. VM Turner stated that additional water was ordered before the distribution was lifted. The last shipment was donated. The Village was charged for shipping only on this shipment. It is too late to stop the delivery. All water will be distributed to the residents. Village Attorney McGrath stated that water distribution will continue until tomorrow. The lag time could not be avoided.

Trustee Williams questioned an expense for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association dinner. This item will be removed pending further review.

Trustee Williams questioned an overpayment of a water bill. FD Rao the overpayment was the result of a refund of a portion of an estimated bill.

Trustee Myers questioned several petty cash expenses on page 2. VM Turner stated that the petty cash was for the volunteers and ice during the water emergency. VM Turner will share a FOIA submitted from Trustee Burgess with all Board members once it is completed. The FOIA asks for a detailed report of these expenses. Trustee Hanks asked who approved the petty cash expenses and asked that the items be removed pending further review. Trustee Burgess stated that the money has already been paid out. Trustee Hanks stated the items were not approved by the Board. The items should be removed pending an investigation.

Trustee Benson questioned the May payment for Odelson & Sterk and the June invoice which is not included on the Accounts payable.

Trustee Benson questioned the Illinois Municipal League conference registrations and asked if that was being charged to the taxpayers. FD Rao stated that the conference registrations will be paid from the DP Partners donation. Trustee Burgess stated the DP Partners donation was earmarked for continuing education and SSMMA dues. The IML Conference is a great resource to work with others. Several items were brought back to the Board from the last conference and were implemented. The Board approved the IML conference expenses previously.

Trustee Williams rescinded the previous motion and made a motion to amend the amount of the Accounts Payable to \$581,930.35 which does not include the SSMMA payment, the TIF expenses and the Petty Cash expenses. Trustee Myers rescinded his second to the previous motion and seconded the new motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. Override of the Mayoral Veto of the Board's motion to approve placing revenue received from cell tower lease into a separated cell tower account until further review

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to override the Mayoral veto of the Board's motion to approve placing revenue received from cell tower lease into a separate cell tower account until further review.

The motion to override the veto was made Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. Override of the Mayoral Veto of the Boards' motion to deny funding for all personal expenditures including clothing, travel and seminars for Police Chief Fox

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to override the Mayoral veto of the Boards' motion to deny funding for all personal expenditures including clothing, travel and seminars for Police Chief Fox.

The motion to override the veto was made Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Mayor Towers questioned the Board approving a conference for themselves and others but not the Chief of Police. Trustee Burgess stated that when Chief Fox signs a contract all rights and privileges will go with that contract.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. Override of the Mayoral Veto of the Board's motion to approve an ordinance to raise water rates to \$10.37per 1,000.00 gallons starting August 1, 2012 according to the mandate of the residents by referendum on March 20, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to override the Mayoral veto of the Boards' motion to approve an ordinance to raise water rates to \$10.37 per 1,000.00 gallons starting August1, 2012 according to the mandate of the residents by referendum on March 20, 2012.

Motion failed due to the lack of a motion.

E. Override of the Mayoral Veto of the Village budget cycle to a six month budget cycle beginning November 2012 through April 1, 2013 Village budget cycle (The dates listed incorrectly on the posted agenda were amended)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to override the Mayoral Veto of the Village budget cycle to a six month budget cycle beginning November 2012 through April 1, 2013 Village budget cycle.

The motion to override the veto was made Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification on the time frame and budget issues. Village Manager Turner stated that the Village has recently had an 18 month budget and a 12 month budget and a 6 month budget is now required to get back on the May- October cycle. The May- October cycle coincides with the Village business licenses, the Municipal Code Book, Police and Fire Pension Boards, etc... Village Attorney McGrath has confirmed the need for the 6 month budget. The Board will discuss the budget at a later date.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

F. Motion to approve an Ordinance to raise water rates per 1,000.00 Gallons according to the recommendation to be effective immediately

Mayor Towers asked for a motion approve an ordinance to raise the water rates from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons effective immediately and to raise the rates to \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons effective six months from today- starting February 14, 2013 in order to cover the necessary costs for maintenance, operation and treatment of the well water system. The motion to approve the ordinance was made Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

G. Motion to approve Theobald Associates to provide financial professional services to the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Theobald Associates to provide financial professional services to the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve Theobald & Associates was made Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification of services and timeframe. Village Manager Turner stated Theobald & Associates will work on securing funding, researching water rate increases, completing the 2010 Village audit and laying groundwork for the 2011 audit. VM Turner stated Theobald & Associates are familiar with the accounts. VM Turner stated that Sauk Village finances are unique and suggested bringing Theobald & Associates back with the same \$10,000.00 retainer to be drawn down as services are rendered. A detailed invoice will be provided. No specific time frame is known at this time. Theobald & Associates will be working on the financial side of the IEPA loan and other funding and will analyze whether the \$7.50 increase will be sufficient to pay back the loan. Trustee Hanks asked for a monthly report of Theobald & Associates services.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Trustee Williams stated a previous motion to amend the agenda due to the lack of decorum did not allow department heads and elected officials to report. Trustee Williams asked for a motion to adjourn stating that the excessive gaveling and lack of decorum would continue and make the rest of the meeting unproductive. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson and Burgess

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

7. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-None

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 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, **AUGUST 14, 2012.**

1. Call to order

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez and Hanks (Trustee Hanks enters the meeting at 6:13 pm)

A special meeting was called in order to discuss the update on the air stripping project and the water rate increase prior to the Regular Board meeting.

2. Update on the status of the Air stripping Project and the IEPA Loan application process

Village Manager Turner addressed Trustee Hanks' concern over press releases being released without the Board's knowledge. VM Turner stated the IEPA sends the press releases directly to the Village and the media. The Village does not get advance notice. VM Turner stated that the press releases are not sent to the Village first but are forwarded as soon she receives them. The last water distribution per the court order of Lisa Madigan's office will be Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 4pm – 8pm. Baxter & Woodman and the IEPA took several tests before calling an all clear. Mayor Towers signed a clearance letter from the IEPA. The lab results are available on the IEPA website.

VM Turner stated she is working continually to get costs for the air strippers and is forwarding all information to Kevin Weller, the Village Attorneys and Baxter & Woodman. The Village will take over the costs of the air strippers on August 21, 2012 according to the court order. A project plan for the future will be forwarded to the Attorney General's office on Friday.

VM Turner stated a memo from the water department was given to the Board regarding water rates. RCAP representative Bud Mason presented his recommendation for the new rate increases last week.

A meeting will be scheduled in Springfield to discuss the IEPA loan application. Mayor Towers, VM Turner, the Village Attorney, Baxter & Woodman and other financial consultants are invited to attend. Discussion will include whether the cost of the air stripping will be a part of the loan, bidding criteria, etc... The temporary air strippers cover wells 1 & 2 only. The permanent air strippers should be in place by November or December 2012.

The IEPA will review the application and process it quickly. In order to avoid future confusion and lack of communication, the IEPA wants to work directly with the engineer working on the air stripping project and the Village Attorney. The loan may be expedited and could be received within 3-6 months. The Village will focus on the IEPA loan regarding the air stripping with the engineer of record (Baxter & Woodman). Future loan applications will involve funding for Lake Michigan water and the emergency hook up and will involve the engineer of record (Robinson Engineering). The possible SSMMA loan is still under review awaiting the final draft of the 2010 audit. Other funding sources are being investigated.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the amount needed and what the money will be spent on is still being investigated. Air strippers and infrastructure are the main focus. Board members agreed by consensus that the Village Engineer, Robinson Engineering, should be kept in the loop because the short term and long term projects are working simultaneously. Robinson Engineering also reports at Board meetings. Baxter & Woodman does not attend Board meetings. Jim Czarnik stated that he is not currently kept in the loop. Robinson Engineering has worked on project plans in the past. These plans should be forwarded to Baxter & Woodman rather than have Baxter & Woodman repeat what has already been done. VM Turner stated Baxter & Woodman has reviewed Robinson's plans.

Trustee Benson stated that neither company should be a part of the project. Trustee Benson stated that the water project should go out to bid and stated that Baxter and Woodman was never approved as the engineer of record for the air stripping project. Mayor Tower stated that the Board did vote in favor of Baxter and Woodman. Trustee Hanks stated for clarification that the minutes from July 19, 2012 record affirmative votes from Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams. Trustee Benson accused the Village Clerk of changing the minutes and maybe the tapes because he has never voted for Robinson Engineering or Baxter and Woodman to be a part of this project.

Clerk's note: All tape recordings are available for public inspection according to the Freedom of Information act.

3. Discussion of the recommendation of the water rate increase to be effective immediately

Village Manager Turner introduced financial consultants Don Theobald and Steve Sola. Don referred to Bud Mason's recommendation of last week. Don stated the current rate is \$3.50 per 1000 gallons and is operating at a loss. Don suggested before moving forward with future projects Sauk Village needs to get their house in order. The proposed ordinance to be voted on at the Regular Board meeting states that the current rate is not sufficient to cover expenses of the Village's water system. A \$2.00 per thousand gallon increase (new rate- \$5.50 per thousand) is needed in order to cover the existing necessary expenses of the Village water system. An additional \$2.00 per thousand gallon increase is necessary in order to treat the vinyl chloride in the system and to maintain the system. The additional \$2.00 increase (new rate \$7.50) will take place February 2013.

The increased rate is for water rates only. Village Manager Turner stated the total changes to the water bills will also include an increase of \$1.00 from Skyline Disposal effective August 2012. Finance Director Rao suggested that the board consider a \$.03 increase to the current sewer rate of \$.99 per 1000. FD Rao also stated that the current amount for debt service is \$10.66 (\$21.12 for a two month bill).

VM Turner was asked what the present rate of compliance is and if the compliance rate was taken into consideration when coming up with the new rate. VM Turner stated that currently the compliance rate is 96%. VM Turner stated that customers will receive estimated bills from the past couple of weeks because staff was too busy to read the meters. VM Turner stated that the Village needs the increase before taking on additional debt. VM Turner is aggressively working with Village Attorney McGrath regarding collection and property liens on outstanding bills and meter issues.

An update of shut offs, late payments, partial payments and no payments was requested to be provided to the Board on a monthly basis. Water bill collection reports will need to be reviewed monthly to see if the compliance rate is affected by the increases.

Mayor Towers acknowledged that the Board will be voting on an increase from \$3.50 per 1000 gallons to \$5.50 per thousand gallons during the Regular Board meeting.

4. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 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, AUGUST 21, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. Presentation by Jim O'Connell (Home Water Filter System)

Trustee Benson introduced Jim O'Connell in order to make a presentation on a home water filtration system that will save the village residents money before and after Lake Michigan water. Jim stated he has been working on an in house filtration system that will remove the vinyl chloride and other chemicals once the water comes through the household plumbing. A survey would need to be completed of the current household plumbing, square footage, number of residents and the number of bathrooms per household. The total cost for approximately 3,000 Sauk Village homes at \$2,700.00 apiece would \$8,100,000.00 installed. Purchased in bulk, the total cost would be \$6,000,000.00 installed. One filter would need to be replaced by the residents every 3-5 years and another filter would need to be replaced approximately every 6 months to a year. Random testing would need to be done in order to determine if the filters need to be changed. Approximately 800 systems could be installed in homes per month. Locals plumber could be hired under a General Contractor.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Village is mandated by the IEPA to provide vinyl chloride free water to the residents. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village Board cannot mandate the residents to have these systems installed in their homes and expect them to maintain them. The system can be recommended but not mandated to the residents. The residents have already faced an increase in their water bills and infrastructure is in need of repair.

3. Discussion of Sauk Village Finances

- **Audit for FY 2010 and FY 2011 update**
- **Draft of the FY 2013 Budget**
- **Budget Hearing date- Saturday August 25, 2012 at 10:00 am.**

Village Manager Turner stated that the audit should be completed by the end of the month. Finance Director Rao stated that 2011 audit should be started by mid October and completed within three weeks.

Trustee Burgess stated that the audits need to be completed before the Village can receive a loan. A TIF meeting must also be scheduled for TIF 1 that is expiring. Village Manager Turner stated that the audit must be completed

before a status hearing can be scheduled. A notice will need to be posted within 15 days of the hearing. The TIF could be extended. A hearing date cannot be decided until the audit is done. Trustee Hanks stated that he felt that this should have been started months ago. The other taxing bodies also need to be consulted.

VM Turner stated that she and Trustee Burgess have been in contact with the Del Galdo Law Group and Kane, McKenna but information is needed from the incomplete audit in order to continue. Trustee Burgess stated that research was completed to determine if improvements to the facade could be charged to the TIF. The owners may just want to dissolve the TIF and get their money. Trustee Burgess is investigating other areas surrounding TIF 1 that could be included in the TIF.

Mayor Towers stated that Village Manager Turner could begin the groundwork until the audit is completed. VM Turner stated that a meeting between Trustee Burgess, Kane, McKenna, Del Galdo Law Group and herself can be arranged for the week of August 27th. An update can be provided to the Board at the September 4th Committee meeting.

The budget hearing was tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2012 at 8 am. FD Rao has prepared a preliminary draft.

Village Manager Turner stated that some issues are still not included in the preliminary draft.

The front desk clerk's position has not been filled since that employee resigned. All union contracts are up for final negotiations. The air stripper expenses are still uncertain.

4. Water Project Update/ Air Strippers

The Village is now fully responsible for the air strippers. Rental and other charges pertaining to the air strippers are not known yet but will need to be included in the upcoming budget. The rental costs could be as much as \$85,000.00 per month for the air strippers not including the electrical panel box or fuel to operate the air strippers. Trustee Burgess asked if the rented temporary air strippers could be purchased rather than dismantled and purchasing and installing permanent air strippers. Village Manager Turner stated that the temporary air strippers are not built for permanent use. Village Attorney McGrath is investing the permanent versus temporary scenario, winterizing the air strippers, providing a noise barrier and providing air strippers at well #3. Additional staff will also need to be included in the budget in order to maintain the air strippers. Baxter and Woodman will be asked to attend the September 4th Committee meeting to answer the Board's questions and concerns.

Trustee Benson asked if there will be a bid process for the air strippers. Village Manager Turner stated that there is a need to winterize the temporary air strippers. A comprehensive plan is in place that will require a bid process for the permanent strippers. Baxter & Woodman will handle all specifications pertaining to the air strippers.

Trustee Benson stated for the record that a motion was presented at a previous meeting to approve the air strippers and amended to include approving Baxter & Woodman. Trustee Benson stated that he mistakenly voted to approve that motion but meant only to approve the air strippers and did not intend to approve Baxter & Woodman. Trustee Benson feels that neither Baxter & Woodman or Robinson Engineering should have anything to do with the air strippers.

Trustee Hanks stated the job of the engineers is only to provide the specs for the projects, not to do the work as consultants for the Village; they follow direction from the Board. Trustee Hanks stated that well #3 was shut down in 2009. Until that time the water was safe.

Trustee Williams stated that the IEPA has explained that the contamination we are currently experiencing is a result of something that occurred over 20 years ago.

Village Manager Turner stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Water Pre-Hearing Conference will take place Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 11:00 am in the James Thompson Center located at 100 West Randolph Street in Chicago. The IDNR will consider a request from the Village of Sauk Village for a Lake Michigan water allocation.

Trustee Burgess asked if anyone has directed the staff not to shut off the resident's water due to non payment. Village Manager Turner stated that the Public Works staff is working on water distribution and training for the air strippers. The water bills have been estimated due to not having staff on hand to read meters. VM Turner will address the situation with DH Weller when the water distribution is over. Trustee Burgess asked who authorized the no shut offs and the estimated water bills. The estimated bills will be charged at a different rate and could cause problems for people who have to catch up on their bills later. The revenue from the water bills is needed to pay the costs of the water expenses. Mayor Towers stated that he and VM Turner agreed that the shut offs should stop until after the water crisis. Trustee Benson stated that the residents should not have to pay for poisoned water. Trustee Hanks stated that residents only pay for the water that they use according to the meter reading. Residents who received an estimated bill should not have to pay for their water until they get an actual bill. The Board did not know that estimated bills occurred during the time of the increase. Adjustments may need to be made for the estimated bills or the ordinance may need to be amended. The south side residents were the only ones affected.

Finance Director Rao stated that a rated average was used to charge the usage for 8-14 through 8-31 at the new rate and all bills from September forward will be charged at the rate of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Trustee Benson stated that water meters need to be checked where the bills are excessive. Trustee Benson stated that residents are also charged for water main leaks. Village Manager Turner stated that residents are not charged for water main leaks because that is not hooked up to their meter. Additional staff is needed to check water meters. There may be defective meters and buffalo boxes that need to be replaced. Trustee Hanks stated that information needs to be posted to alert residents how a leaky faucet or running toilet can affect their water bill.

Village Manager Turner stated that many issues regarding the water system and distribution are still being analyzed.

5. Public Comment

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

Rose Langston asked who authorized the petty cash used for the water distribution volunteer's food and gas and the use of the Senior Center. Rose said food has been left behind in the Senior Center and asked when the Senior

Center will be open to the Seniors. Rose also addressed the confusion with the water deliveries to the seniors. They were supposed to get their water from the Fire Department. Village Manager Turner stated the Senior Center will be open once the water distribution is officially over.

Wayne Patterson questioned what happened to the money from the rate increases for 2005 and 2006. Wayne wanted clarification about the difference between the north and the south side water bills. Wayne asked what happened to Lake Michigan water and the cost of the air strippers. Trustee Hanks stated the south side received an estimated bill during the time of the rate increase which caused some to have a higher bill. Trustee Hanks suggested new meter readings will provide the accurate usage and billing adjustments will need to be made. Mayor Towers stated that the temporary air strippers cost approximately \$85,000.00 per month to rent. VM Turner stated that the Village assumed responsibility of the air strippers on August 21st. The permanent air strippers will cost approximately \$1.2- \$1.5 million dollars.

Marva Campbell- Pruitt has asked previously if there is a plan for the Lincoln Meadows infrastructure that was improperly installed at its inception. The layout of the pipes needs to be altered. Mayor Towers stated that this is not addressed in the current plan. There are things that can be done but it is not being addressed at this time.

James Witherspoon stated that the water crisis is not over. James stated that a Federal audit, including a Federal EPA audit, should be done; the Illinois EPA results may not be accurate. The Village should take care of the problem. The residents should not have to install filters in their homes. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board is also waiting for the audit to be completed. Water bill revenues are not enough to substantiate the infrastructure; the water system is running at a deficit. Trustee Benson suggested that the current auditors be replaced.

Lynda Washington asked where Trustee Chavez is and who will continue the Parks and Receptions program. The youth have been unable to use the Community Center during the water distribution. Mayor Towers stated that the attorneys will check into the matter.

Ebony Harvey stated her concerns that the media is stating that the water is unsafe. The information residents are being given whether it is safe or not is unclear. Mayor Towers stated that the IEPA has confirmed that the water is safe.

Nathan Griffin- President of the Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness- read a letter to the residents, Mayor and the Board thanking all of the volunteers who helped during the water crisis.

Bernice Brewer Houston addressed the law firm and the engineer fees and lack of participation during the water crisis. Bernice addressed the water rate increases and the Village Manager's employment. Discussion continued regarding the water distribution and the involvement of the trustees.

Eugenia Witherspoon questioned the Post Office hours. Eugenia stated that a Sergeant of Arms is needed in the audience. Mayor Towers stated that the Village does not have anything to do with the staffing in the Post Office. Mayor Towers suggested that Eugenia contact the Postmaster General.

Frank Harvey stated that the cost of renting the air strippers is very steep. Frank stated that someone should investigate the whereabouts of Trustee Chavez. Mayor Towers stated that he has not heard from Trustee Chavez. Mayor Towers will direct the attorneys to contact Trustee Chavez.

Eunice Benson asked if the source of the contaminants has been determined, if the air strippers are removing the vinyl chloride and will well #3 be reopened. Eunice stated that residents are charged a minimum fee whether they use the water or not. Mayor Towers stated that the IEPA has not discovered the source of the contamination, the air strippers are removing the vinyl chloride and that well #3 three is not being discussed at this point.

Francine Anderson addressed Board and audience decorum. Francine questioned last week's Account Payable item regarding water distribution and asked if there is a plan to take care of the water loss.

John Hinko wanted an update of how much water was pumped, how much was billed and how much was paid last month to check if people are paying their bills. What happens if people's water gets shut off? John stated that Lake Michigan water is not safe either. Trustee Burgess states that the Public Health Department steps in if there is no water in the home. Trustee Benson stated that people do not want to pay for contaminated water.

Eddie Kimbel stated that the air strippers and the Lake Michigan water processes are both costly. The infrastructure needs to be replaced with either option. Eddie stated that he heard that Trustee Chavez was moving and has been gone for five weeks.

James Harvey asked who raised the water rates. James again brought up that one trustee does not have a water bill in his name and does not pay a water bill. Mayor Towers stated that the recommendation was made by Bud Mason. Trustee Hanks stated that the information Mr. Harvey is stating is incorrect and asked where he got his information from; the front office did not provide this information. This is a personal attack on him and his family. Trustee Hanks stated that he does pay a water bill and actually currently has a credit on his bill.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers thanked Mr. Griffin for reading a letter thanking all of the water distribution volunteers. The Neighborhood Watch meeting was cancelled for Thursday, August 24th. The next Ordinance Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd.

Trustee Benson thanked the Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness and also thanked Mr. Griffin for reading the letter of thanks. Trustee Benson referred to correspondence received from the Police Department. The Police Department subordinates must not be allowed to go outside of the chain of command and should be disciplined if they do. Trustee Hanks stated that a whistle blowing policy exists that employees have the right to contact the Board if they feel something is wrong in their department. This policy has been in place for years in order to protect the employees. Trustee Benson stated that employees should go to their department head before going to the Board. Trustee Benson directed Village Manager Turner to discipline the employee immediately. Village

Manager Turner stated that following chain of command was not done in this case. Trustee Benson continued to discuss personnel matters openly. Trustee Williams stated that the whistle blowing policy is also used within the State and Federal Government and cautioned discussing personnel in the open in order and to verify facts before threatening discipline in order to avoid additional litigation.

Trustee Burgess stated that personal feelings need to be left alone and thanked everyone who worked with the water distribution. Trustee Burgess stated that we do have a crisis. The Village is over a half million dollars in debt and we owe the State \$500,000.00. We need to move forward. Home Values are down. There has to be a plan to pay the bills. Bad press does not bring Economic Development to the village.

Trustee Williams stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will not allow Sauk Village a water allocation until 20% of the infrastructure is replaced. The cost to replace the infrastructure for the entire village is over \$60,000,000.00. Trustee Williams asked Village Manager Turner for a list of bottled water donations. Trustee Williams would like the Village Attorney to provide the Board with the policy on reappointing a trustee vacancy. Sauk Talk articles are due August 31, 2012. Trustee Williams asked if the check for the IML Conference was signed. Mayor Towers stated that the check has not been signed and has hoped that the Board has reconsidered. Mayor Towers is okay with paying for the registration but will not approve lodging or per diem. Trustee Williams stated that the check is for the IML registration and if the Board approves any future IML expenses there should not be a problem with getting the checks signed.

7. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

8. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

9. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Please note all FOIA requests must be sent directly to the FOIA Clerk Jasinski

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, **AUGUST 28, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7: 03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez and Myers (Trustee Myers entered at 7:36 pm)

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported the Village Hall will be closed on September 3, 2012 for the Labor Day holiday. VC Williams stated that Trustee Chavez sent a report and asked Mayor Towers who he would prefer to read the report, either herself, Village Manager Turner, Mayor Towers or another trustee.

Mayor Towers stated he has not heard from Trustee Chavez in five weeks or more and has directed the Village Manager to direct the Village Attorney to contact him. Village Attorney McGrath stated that he did not get that direction but he has received a couple of emails from him and a newspaper report that stated he is dealing with a family emergency in Texas and has taken a family medical leave from his employer.

Mayor Towers directed Village Attorney McGrath to research the ordinance regarding how many meetings a trustee can miss. Trustee Benson stated the report should not be read because Trustee Chavez did not send a copy to the Mayor and we can not be sure that the email came from him. Trustee Williams stated the email address is in the report and stated that the email should be read due to resident's concerns with what direction the Parks and Recreation Committee is going. Trustee Burgess agreed that Trustee Chavez is still a trustee and his report should be read. Mayor Towers stated that he has read through the report and will not allow it to be read because of the negative content regarding the Village Manager, Chief of Police and the Mayor.

Trustee Burgess asked if he made that decision without the consent of the Board.

Trustee Hanks asked for a copy of the ordinance referring to how many meetings a trustee can miss. Mayor Towers stated that he does not know for certain if an ordinance exists but that a State statute does. Trustee Hanks stated that past precedence dictates that when the chair of the Police Alliance Committee Chair is absent a resident read the report and when the Beautification Committee and Human Relations Chair is absent someone else read the report.

Village Clerk Williams reported that a resident inquired by FOIA if there is a Village ordinance on politicking in public buildings. VC Williams stated that this was brought up before without follow up. VC Williams asked the Board to direct the Village Attorney to research what type of ordinance exists in other municipalities and to place the issue on the next Committee agenda.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner reported the August 23rd Illinois Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Water Allocation hearing was successful. The follow up hearing will be held in January. Last Thursday she and Mayor Towers, Steve Larson- Baxter and Woodman and Bud Mason – RCAP met with the IEPA in Springfield to discuss the Compliance Plan and completing the loan application. Steve Sola- Theobald & Associates and Village Attorney McGrath were included by conference call. VM Turner stated she is working on completing FOIA's including the one submitted by Trustee Burgess. VM Turner stated she has received a complete notebook from the Fire Department with all of the Village action plans. Trustee Benson asked for more information on the IDNR hearing. VM Turner stated that the IDNR critiqued the application and is looking for an updated plan to be submitted in January. Issues regarding Weatherstone Lake and Candlelight Village also need to be addressed.

Trustee Burgess asked why a police office and patrol car were taken off of the Village streets to drive the Mayor and Village Manager to Springfield. There are other village vehicles available. Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner stated that they were not prepared to drive on such short notice.

Trustee Williams asked for more information regarding the IDNR hearing. The Board was not informed of any negative issues that Trustee Benson is referring to. VM Turner stated that the IDNR gave them 19-20 points that they would like to see included and updated in the water allocation application and resubmitted in

January. Trustee Williams stated the Board should consider a policy that relates to travel. Another village vehicle or rental car could have been used. Mileage is also reimbursed for use of personal vehicles.

Trustee Hanks stated that the officer was paid for several (12) hours to drive to Springfield and he was not an active participant in the meeting.

Trustee Williams asked Chief Fox if the officer was pulled off of the street leaving the Village short an officer. Chief Fox refused to answer and stated that an officer driving elected officials is not uncommon.

Trustee Burgess directed Village Attorney McGrath to provide a copy of a flow chart that shows who department heads answer to and at what point is it insubordination if employees are not willing to answer questions from the Trustees. Chief Fox stated that all questions for him should be stated to the Mayor.

Trustee Myers stated that the Village Manager may have been afraid to drive to Springfield. Please move on.

Mayor Towers stated that he does not charge the Village when conducting Village business outside of the Village. This trip was called on short notice and he was unprepared to drive.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated emails were sent to the Board regarding the air strippers. Direction from the Board is needed and will be discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Benson questioned Village Attorney McGrath's involvement with the air strippers. VA McGrath stated that the Village Manager and the Board requested that he negotiate with the contractors and report back to the Board.

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported three issues raised by the IDNR at the pre-hearing:

- 1) Significant water loss- This will significantly increase the required water rate. The IDNR wants this to be accounted for in the calculations.
- 2) The recent installation of the temporary air strippers and the conversion to permanent air strippers will significantly impact the cost because this is in addition to trying to acquire Lake Michigan water. This was not considered before the vinyl chloride contamination spiked and was not included in the application that was submitted earlier in the year. The application will need to be updated to include that.
- 3) The communities within Sauk Village (Weatherstone Estates and Candlelight Village) that wholesale water may be required to get separate water allocations.

VE Czarnik stated that leak detection surveys to pinpoint current water loss locations were submitted to the Board previously. VE Czarnik is looking for direction to move forward.

Additional discussion included the need to move forward with the leak detection surveys as part of the compliance plan and the need to update the old application with the required information in order to move forward. Air strippers have been mandated to remain in place until we qualify for and receive Lake Michigan water. VE Czarnik is not involved with the air strippers.

Village Attorney McGrath reported he met with Dale Schrader last Monday. The entire air stripper system consists of tanks, pipes, pumps, generators and an electrical panel that has all been installed with the supervision of the State. Two portable air strippers are sitting on two flat beds trucks. A lot of this equipment is being rented by Schrader. The portable air strippers will need to be used until the permanent air strippers are installed or until Lake Michigan water is connected. Schrader stated the portable air strippers could be used on a long term basis but they would need to be protected from the cold. Winterization needs to be done because the earliest the permanent air strippers could be received is January or February. Schrader is willing to sell the units to the village at a reduced cost. The units will last between 10-15 years with minimal maintenance. The manufacturer stated the units can be used on a long term basis and that they can last 20-30 years. A proposal was also submitted to the Board for brand new air strippers that are basically identical to what is already installed. Baxter and Woodman has issues with the temporary air strippers. Baxter and Woodman will be available at the next Committee meeting to discuss the Schrader proposal of temporary/permanent air strippers.

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers read a letter from District 206 thanking Sauk Village for their participation in the Summer Work program and looking forward to next year's participation. Mayor Towers stated that the kids did a fantastic job. Subway is open. Jacobson is now occupying the old Behr Paint property. Tony's Foods did close; another company is interested in that space.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Mayor Towers read a trimmed down version of Trustee Chavez's report that stated he is out of town on a family matter and that a Corn and Dog Roast is planned for September 29th with the help of the Beautification Committee. Trustee Williams asked for the report to be read in its entirety. Mayor Towers stated that the entire report will not be read. Trustee Williams stated that she will read the report under the Public Relations report.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks provided brochures for the Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network for homeowners having trouble making their mortgage payment. Free counseling, financial and legal assistance, tips to avoid fraud, scheduled events and other additional information is available at www.keepyourhomeillinois.org.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that the final drafts of the sign ordinances pertaining to outdoor advertising signs and temporary signs have been reviewed and are ready to be placed on the next Committee agenda. Trustee Myers also requested placing the Kennel Ordinance on the next agenda for additional discussion. Trustee Myers stated that there is a West Nile Virus alert and to dispose of old tires and anything that may be a breeding place for mosquitoes. DH Weller reported that Cook County is responsible for the Mosquito abatement.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that NuFarm is occupying 150,000 square feet in the Old Behr Paint building. There is still 100,000 square feet unoccupied. Trustee Burgess met with Behr Paint supervisors. Thirteen Village residents are currently employed at the facility. Employees are hired through an employment agency. Trustee Burgess also met with Warehouse Specialties and Jacobson Trucking. There is space available at the Jacobson location due to the relocation of NuFarm. DP Partners is investigating the damage to the parking lot where the PODS were stored. WINPAK is working on a Grand Opening for the Village and Elected Officials. Tony's Foods was recently robbed and has closed. Subway is open and a Grand Opening will be scheduled soon. TIF #1 lawyers will set up a meeting with Mr. Duckett to discuss improvements to the TIF before it expires at the end of the year. Trustee Burgess asked if Public Works is working on the police cars. DH Weller stated that Public Works employees still provide general maintenance such as oil changes. Mayor Towers stated that the Village was not involved with PODS. DP Partners was involved with PODS.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams attempted to read the Parks and Recreation report provided by Trustee Chavez in its entirety. Mayor Towers gaveled excessively and would not allow the report to be read.

Trustee Williams stated that she will attempt to read the report as part of item #9- Comments from the Trustees. Trustee Chavez is still a trustee and his report should be recognized. If the report cannot be read at the open meeting it will be inserted in the Sauk Talk. Trustee Burgess asked for a legal opinion from Village Attorney McGrath. Mayor Towers would not recognize Mr. McGrath.

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight, Friday, August 31st.

Mayor Towers stated the report will not be read; he already read the report. Trustee Williams stated that the report needs to be read without omissions in order to find out what is happening with the Parks and Recreation Committee and Trustee Chavez.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that he will work with the Village Manager to compile an inventory list of homes including single family housing rehabs, rentals and multi family rentals in order to create a housing project with the hopes of receiving funding from the collaborative.

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Police Chief Fox thanked Sherriff Tom Dart and Homeland Security for their support and services rendered during the water crisis. These agencies worked hand in hand with the Police and Fire Departments during that time to assist village residents. Since the last report (July 10-August 26) there were 812 calls for service that range from abandoned vehicles to armed robberies. There were two arrests for armed robberies, one arrest for possible arson and several arrests for mob action. There will be a joint venture with the State and Sherriff's

Police Departments running through November 20th. Chief Fox reported that Superintendent Traveglini is requesting assistance from the Police Department or ESDA with after school patrol. Trustee Benson stated that the school should be responsible for after school patrol. Trustee Burgess stated that the Village has always worked with the school; it is in the budget. Trustee Burgess asked if there has been a Village sticker detail and if the Code Department can write tickets for no Village sticker. Chief Fox stated that the sticker detail would involve overtime. Chief Fox stated that the Code Department cannot write tickets. DH Jasinski reported that the Code Officers have always written Village sticker tickets as Auxiliary Police Officers but they have been advised not to write tickets per the Village Manager. Village Manager Turner will submit a memo to the Board regarding the practice of writing sticker tickets.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated the Fire Department responded to 91 calls from July 10th through August 27th and assisted with the water distribution to the residents. Chief Stoffregen thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the water distribution. The Fire Department delivered 2,530 cases of gallons of bottled water during the distribution as well as assisted at the Community Center distribution site.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated the Public Works department's main focus has been assisting with the water distribution but things like water main breaks and grass cutting also need attention. DH Weller is looking for 2-3 additional employees to help with the work load. There have been 35 water main breaks to date with four small leaks pending. DH Weller is looking for direction to repair the fire hydrants. The shut off list has been prepared but the department has not been given direction to work the list. Residents are stating that they will not pay their bills. Vacations were put on hold for all departments during the water distribution. All departments have been notified the vacation hold has been lifted except Public Works. Village Manager Turner stated that the Public Works employees needed to stay in place to work with the water main leaks and training. VM Turner will meet with DH Weller tomorrow. Street lights repairs are ongoing. The demo street lights have been delivered to be installed throughout the village within the next two weeks. Hydrant flushing will continue September 4th on the south side. Drain marking for the storm sewers is ongoing. The Boy Scouts may be assisting with that project. Building maintenance is being done on an emergency basis only. The Police Department air conditioning unit is in need of \$1,700.00 worth of repairs or could be replaced. Street sweeping will continue on September 30th. Branches from recent storms must be out by September 9th. DH Weller thanked Sigma Plumbing for storing and assisting with the pallets of water, ABF Trucking for the use of the pallet jacks and the Public Works Department for transporting the water from Sigma to the distribution site and all of the other Village staff, residents and non-residents that assisted them in their work at the distribution site.

Air strippers are in place and department personnel have been trained to maintain them. The Community Center will be cleaned out now that the water distribution is over. Trustee Williams asked if the union employees were denied vacation time. Trustee Burgess asked Village Manager Turner to write a letter thanking Sigma and ABF for their assistance. Trustee Burgess asked when the shut off hold will be lifted. VM Turner stated that she has not had an opportunity to meet with the staff on that issue. Trustee Burgess asked if all water has been passed out. DH Weller stated that all water was passed out.

Trustee Williams asked for a consensus from the Board if the Police Department air conditioning unit should be repaired or replaced. The consensus of the Board was to repair the unit. Trustee Hanks stated that Village Manager Turner stated that the shut off list hold would be lifted by this Monday and asked when this will be completed. VM Turner will inform the Board by memo.

Mayor Towers recognized Bud Mason in order to give an update on the water issue. Bud stated that the Sauk Village staff and consultants met with the IEPA in Springfield. The temporary air strippers are in and will be replaced with permanent air strippers until the goal of Lake Michigan water is reached. The EPA is committed to working with Sauk Village. They liked the plan that was presented but they are concerned if the customers are committed. Rates have been raised; will the customers be willing to pay. Shut offs and disconnects need to be started in order to get people to pay their bills. Sauk Village is running at 96% collection rate with past dues on the books. Bud will work with the Village Manager to lay out steps to show that money is coming in and that the Village is working toward Lake Michigan water. Help from the IEPA hinges on the resident's commitments to pay their bills in order to generate revenue.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated that the Zoning Board will meet September 10th at 7 pm in the Board room.

Seed of Faith Ministries is looking to open a new church at 7-8 Sauk Trail. DH Jasinski submitted a detailed report of the 772 Code Enforcement tickets that have been written since May 30th; property maintenance is the focus. The owner of Bhola's Gas Station has sold the business to his son. The new license is in process. The front desk will be closed from 12pm-1 pm daily until Mike Bartnicki can be trained to fill in as needed due to the personnel shortage.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported \$250,000.00 available in the First Midwest Bank and \$988,262.69 in US Bank for the General fund. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. FD Rao stated the audit will be available August 31st. The 2011 audit will be started within 10 days later. Trustee Burgess asked for a TIF meeting to be scheduled as soon as possible.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that from July 10- August 27th ESDA responded to 106 incidents, including the water distribution and assisting the Fire Department.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. (People Looking For Answers Now) for all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees will resume on Wednesdays, Sept. 12th & 26th from 1-2 p.m. The book exchange prior to the Senior Center closing has been very successful and donations have been overwhelming. Thanks to Barb Dorman for the recent paperback book donations. All book donations are now in place filed by authors. In the future, the seniors ask for paperback and large print book donations only. The Senior Committee met at Rose's home to finalize arrangements for upcoming programs such as the Sunday 3:00 p.m. FREE basic line dancing classes for Fun Club members, FREE Zumba Gold classes at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays for all seniors, regardless of residency, FREE basic computer classes for seniors on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and Fridays at 1:00 p.m., the Health/Senior Fair that has been delayed due to the Senior Center closing is in process, the Saturday, October 13th 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner from 1-4 p.m. and the Monday, September 10th lunch at 11 am with a movie -"I Remember Mama" at 12:30 p.m. Blood pressure screening will precede the meal. Bloom Township is sponsoring a 'Cook County Medication Take-Back program this Thursday, August 30th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Wii bowling Thurs., Aug. 30th & Sept. 27th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (call 754-9400 x247), Illinois Yellow Dot Program for first responders after auto accident M-F, Rules of the Road driver course Oct. 9th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (call 754-9400 x244), and a 55 Alive AARP driver safety program Tue. & Wed., Aug. 21st & 22nd from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. registration is required. The Senior Community Lunch Program resumes at Glenwoodie Golf Club, 19301 State St., Glenwood on Wed., Oct. 17th featuring 'Country Autumn' with country music by Jerry Vernon's band. Tickets will go on sale Sept. 4th - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for non-township seniors. Rose stated she met with Village Manager Turner this past Monday, and was not please being told that the Senior Center responsibilities are being taken over (renting and scheduling) by a young adult, part-time Parks & Rec employee instead of the Senior Committee. Also upsetting is Ms. Turner asking that the SV Blue Grass sponsored (first by SV Parks & Rec and later the SV Senior Committee) for over forty years to start paying rent. Ms. Turner refused Rose's request to reopen the Senior Center until she provided her with a written September schedule of activities. All of the information has been in the many Sauk Talks and reports given at SV Board meetings. A copy of the September calendar is available for Ms. Turner and Rose is awaiting her memo of their discussion of the Leisure Timers store room. Trustee Williams stated that Board members were not aware that the Senior Center has not been cleared to open. Past practice is that committee chairs dictate when the programs will take place; not the Board or the Village Manager. The Board should be informed if there is no notice to open the Senior Center by 10 am tomorrow. Trustee Burgess asked if Rose was informed of the changes before the water distribution or just recently. Rose stated that she was just informed Monday. Trustee Burgess asked why the seniors

cannot resume their programming now that the water distribution is over. Charging Blue Grass is something that should be decided by the Board. Village Manager Turner stated that Blue Grass attracts a large crowd and should be expected to pay for the wear and tear of the building. VM Turner stated that the closets should be cleaned out due to food being left behind has caused a problem. Trustee Hanks agrees that the Senior Center should be opened tomorrow; water distribution ended two weeks ago. Trustee Benson stated that the Mayor should stick by the decision of the Village Manager; the Senior Center should not be opened. The Blue Grass people should pay a fee or go somewhere else.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Ms. Pruitt stated that receipts have been given to Village Manager Turner for expenses for the Clean, Green and Preen week and the committee is seeking reimbursement. Vegetables have been distributed from the Community Garden to Village residents. Residents who visit the Community Garden from 10 am- 11 am on Mondays can take home what they harvest that day.

The Summer Day Camp concluded their program by harvesting their vegetables for salad for their picnic the next day. Hootsie Award nominations are in and homes will be rated this week to determine the winners. Ms. Pruitt requested that the Hootsie Awards presentation be placed on the September 25th Board meeting agenda. Ms Pruitt asked for an increase of \$750.00 to the Beautification Committee's budget. Ms. Pruitt asked that the landscaping be maintained at least once a week.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Pruitt reported the commission is seeking \$3,000.00 in funding to produce a new Community Handbook. A Welcome from the Mayor is also needed. Commissioner Steve Blom provided a presentation to the District 168 School Board on the development of a youth council. Steve and Ms. Campbell-Pruitt met with Superintendent Traveglini to discuss the September launch of the program. Volunteers are needed. The Sauk Village Police Department will be asked to conduct background checks on the adult volunteers. Commissioners Blom and Campbell-Pruitt met with the Department of Justice to review a plan for the Mediation and Conflict Resolution session that is planned for September 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm, tentatively scheduled for Emmanuel Church, for three members of the Human Relations Commission and three members of the Board. The Commission, in conjunction with the Lamda Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will plan the Deputy Registrar training in January 2013. The Commission is planning to partner with the Parks and Recreation Committee to host the Corn and Dog Roast tentatively planned for September 29th. The Commission plans to hold a voter's registration drive at that event.

Linda Todd has tendered a resignation from the Commission on August 25, 2012 citing personal reasons. The Commission is appreciative of services that were rendered during her term. One commissioner is expected to surrender their seat due to relocation and another commissioner's term will expire in December 2012. The Commission will make recommendations for replacements.

Village Clerk Williams reported that the Annual Gospel Fest is scheduled for September 29th and may conflict with the date tentatively scheduled for the Corn and Dog Roast. Trustee Burgess stated that he will attend the September 6th Conflict Resolution session.

DH Weller alerted residents that Com Ed will be in the area working.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker-Absent- No report

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for August 15, 2012 through August 28, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for August 15, 2012 through August 28, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned Invoice #21004 – Page 2- who authorized the replacement of the transmission and what is the car used for. VM Turner authorized the repair in order to keep the fleet moving. Trustee Burgess previously asked for mileage logs for all departments to keep track of the fleets. VM Turner stated that Chief Fox is working on purchasing used vehicles. Trustee Burgess questioned Line item #11222011 - Page 1- \$75,000.00. FD Rao stated that is the first installment of the \$500,000.00 that is due back to the County. Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with the General Counsel for Cook County regarding the overpayment and asked when the payments would be made to pay down the balance due. Mayor Towers passed this on to FD Rao to establish a payment plan. Trustee Burgess questioned the Petty Cash- when did the water distribution stop. VM Turner stated that the petty cash disbursement relates to the Beautification Committee's reimbursement. The \$3,500.00 reimbursement relates to the last shipment of water distribution. The payment for the electrical work was for the hook up of the air strippers. The air strippers are currently running on fuel at a cost of \$600.00 per day. Trustee Burgess asked what the replenish limit is for Petty Cash. The limit is \$500.00. Trustee Burgess asked that the Board receive copies of Petty Cash details. Trustee Burgess asked for the monthly outlay for the air strippers including the rental and everything involved in running them. VA McGrath stated that it will cost approximately \$80,000.00 per month. Trustee Burgess FOIA'd the total cost of the water distribution.

FD Rao requested that the Board approve the Amalgamated Bank Series 2007 A Bond payment in the amount of \$301,686.25. Trustee Benson questioned a legal expense for the attorneys for Sauk Village vs. Cosey. Trustee Benson started to provide details if the case and was cautioned by Village Attorney McGrath not to discuss the matter in open due to ongoing litigation. Trustee Benson questioned an expense for Comcast Cable in the Senior Center. Trustee Benson asked if a check has been written for the IML Conference Registration. FD Rao stated that check was approved by the Board.

Trustee Williams questioned Page 2- Invoice # 9507 and Invoice #9694- Minuteman Press. Trustee Williams asked that these items be removed pending investigation.

Trustee Hanks questioned the \$504.00 Petty Cash expense. It was stated that \$250.00 was going to the Beautification Committee. Trustee Hanks asked what the \$254.00 expense was for. VM Turner stated that the \$254.00 is cash on hand. FD Rao stated that the cash on hand was used for miscellaneous expenses. Trustee Williams requested a memo regarding the petty cash process.

Trustee Williams rescinded the previous motion and made a motion to amend the amount to deduct the Minuteman Press items and to include the Series 2007A bond payment. The net Accounts Payable total is \$787,919.83. Trustee Myers rescinded his second to the previous motion and seconded the new motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 19, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 19, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. June 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the June 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

A. July 3, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 3, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

7. Executive Session Minutes

A. Motion to Approve and Remain Closed –

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve and remain closed the Executive Session minutes listed below.

June 2, 2009

June 16, 2009

July 7, 2009

July 21, 2009

October 6, 2009

October 27, 2009

December 15, 2009

January 5, 2010

February 9, 2010

March 16, 2010

April 13, 2010

April 20, 2010

May 4, 2010

May 25, 2010

The motion to approve and remain closed the Executive Session minutes above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Trustee Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to move item #10 before item #8. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 11:24 pm.

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez

Note: Mayor Towers and Trustee Benson left the meeting during executive session.

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 12:43 am- August 29, 2012.

Trustee Williams made a motion to nominate Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez

Motion carried

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Francine Anderson commented on the Accounts Payable expenses to Odelson & Sterk, Cook County and Petty Cash.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams read Trustee Chavez's report at this time. Trustee Chavez stated that he was still unable to attend the scheduled meetings due to family related issues. Trustee Chavez asked Village Clerk Williams to read his report because even though he is helping his family out in Texas it is not stopping him from doing his job in Parks and Recreation. Trustee Chavez reported that he intends to have a Corn & Dog Roast with the help of the Beautification Committee on September 29th. Trustee Chavez stated that calls to the Mayor have been unanswered and he cannot leave a message because it is full. Emails to the Village Manager have been unreturned regarding his concerns about the center and reimbursement of expenses from the June boxing tournament that the Board has already approved and the Mayor will not release. The part time Parks and Recreation employee is working only 8 hours a week but was hired for 15-20 hours per week. She is not being informed what is going on. Trustee Chavez stated that the Police Chief continues to harass Parks and Recreation volunteer Cortez Stewart and has removed him from the Community Center and asked him to turn over his keys. Cortez Stewart has been a volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Department for over one year. Cortez Stewart was informed by the Police Chief that Trustee Chavez, the trustee appointed over Parks and Rec, no longer runs the center; the Village Manager controls it now. Cortez Stewart confirmed this with Mayor Towers. Community Center keys used for the water distribution are missing and hopefully will be returned to the Police Department. Trustee Chavez asked why these things are happening to his volunteer, employee and the kids at the Community Center. Trustee Chavez stated that these actions are unprofessional, inappropriate and unethical and are keeping the village kids from their Community Center and its activities.

Trustee Williams stated that questions she emailed to the Village Manager that have not been answered were also unable to be discussed in executive session due to the absence of the Village Manager and Police Chief. These items will be addressed at a later date.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that a Special Meeting will be called before the next Committee meeting. The agenda will be posted.

Trustee Burgess asked for the discussion of Petty Cash disbursements to be placed on the next Committee agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 am August 29, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Chavez (Trustee Burgess entered the meeting at 7:09 pm)

Trustee Hanks stated the Village Board was not provided any packets of information and therefore was not given the opportunity to prepare for tonight's meeting. Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess the Committee meeting due to the lack of information. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Clerk's Note- This meeting was never reconvened.

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, **SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.**

1. Call to order

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Trustee Benson joined the meeting at 6:04 pm)

2. An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 11-023 (An Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager) and Abolishing the Position of Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 11-023. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez

No discussion followed.

Motion carried

3. Discussion of Personnel with Possible Action

Trustee Hanks made a motion to place Village Manager Turner on full paid leave for a period of two weeks beginning September 5, 2012 to assess the financial condition of the Village, including savings by the Village Manager during the current fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Discussion followed. Mayor Towers stated for the record that he would veto the ordinance to rescind the Village Manager ordinance. Mayor Towers stated that he would also veto the motion to place the Village Manager on a paid leave. Mayor Towers stated that he will appoint the Village Manager back for another thirty days. Mayor Towers referred to an agreement on the books between the Village Manager, himself and the Board of Trustees. Mayor Towers stated that he will be in court as early as tomorrow to find out why the Board sees fit to violate the agreement. Trustee Benson stated if the Board uses the Village Attorney to defend the agreement they should be fired immediately. Trustee Hanks also referred to the settlement agreement that stated Mayor Towers and Henrietta Turner acknowledge that the Village Board has the lawful right to pass an ordinance eliminating the position from the next Village budget and have agreed not to file any lawsuits or challenges to the eliminating of the position. Trustee Hanks also stated that the Mayor does not have the power to appoint Ms. Turner to another thirty days because the ordinance is still on the books until October 31, 2012. The Village Manager position is appointed by the Village Board, not the Mayor. The Village Board is placing her on a full paid leave for a period of two weeks. Mayor Towers instructed Village Manager Turner to be at her desk at the regular time. Trustee Benson asked Mayor Towers to direct the Police Chief to arrest anyone who interferes with Village Manager Turner doing her job.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Benson refused to vote- claiming the vote was illegal

Absent: Chavez

Motion carried

4. Discussion of Take Home Vehicles

Trustee Williams asked for a review of the Sauk Village ordinance that relates to employees taking home Village vehicles. Mayor Towers now has a police car, police radio handle and gas pump keys. Concerns were that Mayor Towers is not a sworn police officer, the condition of the cars the police officers are using and the specific language in the current Village ordinance.

Mayor Towers stated that he will only be using the police vehicle when taking care of Village business and further stated that no ordinance exists stating that he cannot take the vehicle. The vehicle is available to the Chief of Police if needed.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to remove the vehicle from Mayor Towers' possession. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Hanks withdrew the motion after further discussion. Trustee Williams withdrew the second to the motion. Board members stated the matter should have been discussed during a Committee meeting. Accountability is important. Mayor Towers should provide mileage records including when the vehicle was used and for what purpose. Discussion should be held at a future Committee meeting to amend the current ordinance that relates to take home vehicles.

5. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

Saturday, September 8, 2012
9:15 a.m.
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM
Debbie Williams- Village Clerk

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW
3. ADMINSTRATIVE BUDGET REVIEW
4. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was called by Mayor Lewis Towers of Village of Sauk Village

Notice issued in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the city clerk's office at (708) 758-3330. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

SAUK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday September 11, 2012 7:00 PM
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER
21801 TORRENCE AVE SAUK VILLAGE ILLINOIS

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

- 1. Call To Order**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. Roll Call**

- 2. Reports of Officers**
 - A. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams**
 - B. Village Manager- Mrs. Henrietta Turner**
 - C. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael**
 - D. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD**
 - E. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik**
 - F. Mayor’s Report – Hon. Lewis Towers**
 - i. Special Presentation**
 - ii. Mayoral Appointment**

- 3. Reports of Trustees And Board Committees**
 - A. Parks & Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez**
 - B. Housing Authority Commission – Trustee Hanks**
 - C. Ordinance Review Committee – Trustee Myers**
 - D. Economic Development Committee – Trustee Burgess**
 - E. Public Relations Committee – Trustee Williams**
 - F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson**

- 4. Reports of Departments, Committees and Commissions**
 - A. Police Department – Chief Fox**
 - B. Fire Department/911 Commission – Chief Stoffregen**
 - C. Public Works Department – Mr. Weller**
 - D. Administrative Services Director – Ms. Jasinski**
 - E. Finance Director – Mr. Rao**
 - F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency – Mr. Johnson**
 - G. Senior Committee- Ms. Langston**
 - H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt**
 - I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt**
 - J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker**

**SAUK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
(CONTINUED)
Tuesday September 11, 2012 7:00PM
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER
21801 TORRENCE AVE SAUK VILLAGE ILLINOIS**

5. New Business

- A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for August 28, 2012 through September 11, 2012.**
- B. A MOTION DECLARING TRUSTEE ROBERT CHAVEZ SEAT VACANT**
- C. MAYORAL VETO REGARDING A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 11-023 (AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE MANAGER) AND ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE MANAGER**
- D. MAYORAL VETO REGARDING A MOTION TO PLACE THE VILLAGE MANAGER HENRIETTA TURNER ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR TWO WEEKS**
- E. A MOTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GOSPEL FEST**
- F. Approval of the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation**
- G. Approval of the Construction Engineering Agreement for the IDOT Project.**

6. Approval of Minutes

- July 10, 2012 Board Meeting
- July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting
- July 24, 2012 Board Meeting

7. Public Comment

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

8. Miscellaneous Business

- A. Comments from the Trustees**

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)**

10. Motion to Reconvene to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

11. Adjournment

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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 18, 2012.**

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 Chavez

Trustee Benson opened up discussion regarding the presence of the Village Attorney and stated that they should be removed. Mayor Towers agreed that the attorneys will not be recognized. Board members stated that this discussion is inappropriate and not part of the agenda and asked to move on to item # 2. Additional discussion led to confrontation and lack of decorum.

Trustee Williams made a motion for a ten minute recess in order to gain decorum. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to recess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson- (no vote)

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 7:25 pm.

2. Presentation by Mr. Danny Hammond

A. Beer Garden Application at Wise Guyz

B. Video Gaming

Mr. Danny Hammond stated that he would like to add a beer garden and video gaming to the Wise Guyz establishment. Video gaming will bring additional revenue to Sauk Village. Surrounding municipalities are also considering video gaming.

Trustee Myers stated that two video gaming licenses already exist. If Sauk Village passes a video gaming ordinance the State Gambling Board will strictly monitor the establishments and conduct the background checks. Sauk Village will receive 5% of the revenue and will not have to do anything. Each machine gets a separate license. Trustee Myers stated that five machines will bring in \$56,000.00 per year.

Trustee Benson stated that bringing gambling to Sauk Village should go to referendum. Mr. Hammond stated that the lottery is already on place at all gas stations.

Trustee Burgess stated that video gaming and lottery are both forms of gambling. The revenue is a win/win situation. Sauk Village will be competing with surrounding towns that already have this in place.

Mayor Towers stated that video gaming and the beer garden application will be included on the next Board agenda. Trustee Burgess suggested that the Zoning Board will need to review the ramifications of the beer garden.

3. Discussion of Sauk Village Finance

A. Audit for FY 2010 and FY 2011 update

Finance Director Rao stated the auditors are requesting additional information from the Stuttley Group and some litigation matters before the final draft of the audit will be complete. A full report will be included in the final draft of the audit. The paperwork is current in order to start the 2010-2011 as soon as the 2009-2010 is completed. Sauk Village will not be eligible to obtain loans until the 2010 –2011 audit is complete.

FD Rao stated the Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Grant funding in the amount of approximately \$700.00 that has not been used will need to be refunded. The Step Grant balance of approximately \$11,000.00 is also in jeopardy and must be used by the end of September. The Village Sticker sting has not yet been conducted. The COPS grant will be completed as of the end of 2013. Sauk Village has earned \$288,000.00 of the \$336,000.00 grant. Follow up is needed with Chief Fox regarding the grants in jeopardy.

FD Rao stated the draft budget will be completed within the next two days. The budget meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 8:00 am. Department heads will be notified when they are scheduled to appear.

4. Water Project Update

- A. Water Project / Air Strippers Proposal
- B. Baxter and Woodman update
- C. IEPA Application update
- D. Discussion of Ordinances needed for the IEPA Application

1) An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan

2) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 53 (Water) and Title V (Public Works) of the Village Code

Baxter and Woodman Representative Steve Larson stated the temporary air strippers are in place and they are functioning properly with non- detect limit readings. Permanent electrical connections will be installed to replace the diesel generators that are currently operating the air strippers. Temporary enclosures will be needed during the cold weather until the permanent air strippers are installed. Purchasing the temporary air strippers versus purchasing and installing new permanent air strippers is being evaluated. Steve suggested newer air strippers would be more energy efficient and could save the Village ¼ million dollars in savings over a five year period. The temporary air strippers need to be enclosed and maintained. Air strippers will stay in place until Lake Michigan water is received within the next 3-5 years. Further evaluation is needed whether to keep the current air strippers or purchase new air strippers. Steve proposed that the new air strippers could be installed by January 2013.

Trustee Benson questioned the readings of the last water sample. Steve stated the last readings as of August 17th were all non detectable for vinyl chloride contamination. Trustee Benson stated the reading for well #1 on August 28th was 1.170 and 1.30 for well #3 according to the IEPA website.

RCAP Representative Bud Mason stated that the IEPA test readings on the website are raw water sample readings. The readings of finished sample water that has been filtered through the air strippers are non detect for vinyl chloride.

Steve is working on a \$7.5 million dollar low interest (1.49%) IEPA loan to secure the permanent air strippers until Lake Michigan water is received. Sauk Village may be eligible for up to \$1 million dollars in loan forgiveness. The loan would not be received until the next fiscal year and may be received in increments.

Three phases of the loan include installing the permanent air strippers which could be pre-purchased and installed by January or February. The Village would need to pay \$50,000.00- \$100,000.00 in down payment costs upfront and may need a bridge loan of approximately \$1 million dollars to pay for equipment upon receipt until the funding is received. Village Attorneys will need to research the legal ramifications prior to pre-purchasing the equipment. All necessary ordinances and other paperwork are in process.

The second phase includes iron removal systems to be installed at wells 1, 2 and 3 and one air stripping unit to

be installed at well 3. Sauk Village currently does not have firm capacity to serve the public. All three wells need to be up and running in order to have firm capacity. The estimated cost to that project is approximately \$4.6 million dollars.

The third phase includes repairs to the distribution system in order to get it ready for Lake Michigan water. The existing distribution system needs to be evaluated and improvements need to be prioritized. Sauk Village will pay for all water that goes through the system. The system needs to be tight.

A project plan outlining the proposal for the IEPA loan application needs to be submitted to the IEPA by Friday. A public hearing will need to be held and several ordinances will need to be passed.

Ordinances include a debt service ordinance in order to borrow funds, a water use ordinance that references how to operate and maintain the system and a rate ordinance that is acceptable to the IEPA. The rate ordinance has already been passed and is being reviewed by the IEPA. The ordinance includes two rate increases. The February 2013 increase to \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons should be sufficient to repay the IEPA loan and cover the current and future operation and maintenance needs of air strippers at wells 1, 2 and 3 and new iron removal facilities and system upgrades to the two water treatment plants at wells 1 and 2 and to get well 3 open. Approximately \$2.2 million dollars will remain to be used for distribution system improvements, such as, replacing mains, valves and meters and flushing the system. Additional repairs to the distribution system may be needed to get Lake Michigan water ready. The Lake Michigan water project will take several years. The water allocation is dependent on repairing the infrastructure and reducing the amount of leaks. The loop is also needed as part of the infrastructure improvements. Further evaluation is needed. Additional funding, grants and loans, may also be needed. The IEPA is adamant to help Sauk Village get acceptable drinking water. The IEPA is working to expedite the loan but there are rules that need to be met. Bud Mason stated the ability to repay the loan will go a long way to getting additional funding.

The private wells need to be annexed and Sauk Village needs to take ownership of them or they will require private allocations. Steve suggested that some towns have ordinances that prohibit private wells in homes.

Trustee Hanks stated that Sauk Village provides water to Candlelight Village and Weatherstone Estates. They are already annexed to Sauk Village and maintain their own infrastructure and bill their customers directly. The Village Attorneys have started communications with both private companies.

Trustee Burgess questioned a monthly expense of \$8,500.00 on the Baxter and Woodman invoice. Steve stated that the Village Manager asked Baxter and Woodman to provide a Public Relations consultant in order to provide press releases as needed. Mayor Towers stated that he was aware of the request to hire the consultant. Board members were unaware of the hiring of this firm. Steve was not aware of any press releases that have been done at this point.

Trustee Williams stated that all press releases have been released by the IEPA and questioned when and who approved the Baxter and Woodman contract. Steve stated the contract was submitted to the Village Manager and Mayor Towers on August 15, 2012 and has not yet been signed. Trustee Williams stated the Board did not approve the Public Relations consultant and are not aware of the contract. The services of the consultant should cease immediately. Research is needed to determine if there have been any press releases sent out. The Board should receive copies of any press releases.

Information regarding the evaluation of the costs of the air strippers that was sent to the Village Manager was also not shared with the Board. Further communication should include copying the Village Attorney and the Village Clerk.

Bud Mason repeated his prior recommendation of the need for an advisory project committee in order to cut down on the lack of communication and a meter reading consumption team. The last meeting included the IEPA, IDNR, Village Attorneys, Village Engineer, financial consultants and administration staff members. Core members need to be kept up to date. Bud stated that Lake Michigan water could be as much as 5-7 years away. Trustee Hanks stated that we need to stay focused on the long term and short term goals. Mayor Towers agreed that a project team comprised of residents, Board members and the Village Attorney is needed.

RECAP: Steve stated the detailed plans and specifications have been submitted to the IEPA for the air strippers at wells 1 and 2 and are under review. Phase two plans will also have to be reviewed and approved by the IEPA. A public hearing will be scheduled by the IEPA. A court reporter will be necessary to record all comments. Ordinances will have to be passed and all paperwork completed. Project bids will be required once the IEPA approves the application. The IEPA will have to approve all bids.

Village Attorney Matt Byrne stated that any significant changes will be submitted to the Board. The IEPA is currently reviewing the recent rate increase ordinance; amendments may be needed after IEPA review. Two ordinances will be included on the next Board meeting agenda. Other ordinances are currently under review with the IEPA. Trustee Benson asked why the IEPA has input on our ordinances. Steve stated they are loaning the money and they will be looking for specific legal language. Trustee Williams stated that the proper action was not taken in 2009 to move forward and now we have to follow the mandate of the IEPA regarding the ordinances they want in place before they will loan us the money.

Steve will provide the current vinyl chloride readings from the IEPA website, the cost comparison for the temporary/ permanent air strippers and the contact information for the Public Relations consultant.

Trustee Williams asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution for the cell tower buyout to be included on the next Board agenda. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams stated the resolution was given to the Village Manager and should have been placed on the agenda three weeks ago and needs to be approved as soon as possible. The Board has previously agreed to the terms of the cell tower buyout. The resolution needs to be ratified next week in order to accept the payment. Trustee Williams asked for a consensus to move forward. Trustee Hanks suggested that Finance Director Rao send an email to all Board members tomorrow asking for a consensus and placing this on the next Board agenda for approval.

5. Public Comment

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

Marva Campbell – Pruitt requested reimbursement of \$250.00 on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Receipts have been submitted previously. Marva asked for the Hootsie Awards to be placed at the top of the September 25th Board meeting agenda. Marva asked for an increase in the Beautification Committee budget from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00.

Marva also requested \$3,000.00 on behalf of the Human Relations Commission in order to develop a new Community Resource Handbook. Trustee Burgess stated that budget requests should be presented at the budget hearing on September 22, 2012.

James Harvey referred to the suspension of the Village Manager, water testing and readings and the cost of the air strippers.

Bernice Brewer Houston referred to the referred to the vinyl chloride levels reported on the IEPA website, absence of the Village Manager and stated that fixing the wells is a waste of money.

Rose Langston referred to expenses being appropriated without Board approval, the IEPA mandate to provide air stripping and the Senior Center computers not working.

Lynda Washington referred to the absence of Trustee Chavez and the lack of programs for the kids. Parks and Recreation activities should be placed in the Sauk Talk.

Francine Anderson commented on recent court proceedings, expenses and misappropriation of funds relating to the water and the budget that pertains to personnel.

Judy Cast referred to the Board not receiving information, checks being signed without Board approval, residents having keys to the Community Center, a party without adult supervision and other misappropriation of funds.

Bernadine Hopkins referred to the vinyl chloride levels reported on the IEPA website and the absence of the Village Manager.

John Hinko referred to chain of command and the Board not receiving information from the Village Manager. John questioned water shut offs since the rate increase and the difference between the amount of water being pumped and the amount billed.

Eddie Kimball referred to the division and the need to come together. Eddie asked if duties for the Village Manager and the guidelines for the Mayor and Trustees according to the State are listed on the internet. Eddie referred to the absence of Trustee Chavez.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that the Board appropriates funds and must approve all expenses. The Village Manager and the Mayor approved Baxter and Woodman and the Public Relations consultant without consulting the Board. The Mayor hired the Village Attorneys but cannot fire them; the Board appropriates money for them and must vote them out. It takes a majority of the Corporate Authorities not just one person. The Sauk Village Municipal Code and the Illinois State Statutes are both available on line. Activities are still on going at the Community Center. Keys were given out to residents during the water distribution and not returned. Trustee Williams clarified the air stripping process stating that vinyl chloride is in the raw water and removed by the air stripping process. Trustee Williams stated that the matter of the Village Manager should not be discussed due to pending litigation. Trustee Williams asked if the water shut off list has resumed. It has been made clear that we need to collect the water revenue in order to continue with the Lake Michigan water project.

Trustee Burgess stated that all keys should be returned or the locks should be rekeyed to the Community Center. Trustee Burgess asked why Chief Fox was in attendance at court last Friday; the case did not pertain to him. Mayor Towers stated that he did not know. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will take place Thursday, September 20th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Hanks verified with Mayor Towers that Police Chief Fox used a Village vehicle to transport the Mayor, Village Manager and himself to court on Friday.

Trustee Benson referred to the questions of Chief Fox driving downtown and the cost of the attorneys to be there. Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Chavez rekeyed the locks when he became Parks and Recreation Chair and asked who has keys to the Community Center. Trustee Benson stated that the State compiles laws for the Village to follow. The Village laws cannot supersede State laws.

Trustee Myers stated that Chief Fox ordered the keys to be taken from Parks and Recreation volunteer Cortez Stewart. Keys that were passed out during the water distribution need to be returned. Trustee Myers asked that Chief Fox track down who has keys to the Community Center. There needs to be control of the center. Trustee Myers wants to be informed about the shooting that took place tonight. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, September 20th at 7 pm at the Fire Station.

7. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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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, **SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez (via cell phone) Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Trustee Benson asked for a status on Trustee Chavez. Trustee Hanks stated that item is not on the agenda and not open for discussion. Further discussion continued.

2. Motion to Reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD, although the Mayor's attempted removal was not legal, or in compliance of the law

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated that it was unnecessary to call a Special Meeting to address these items.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board does not have the right to appoint and approve the Village Attorney. Odelson and Sterk, LTD was given a letter to resign during last Tuesday's meeting. Mayor Towers stated that there has been a lack of communication between himself and the law firm. Mayor Towers fired Odelson & Sterk due to the fact that they do not give him good advice. Mayor Towers will consider other law firms.

Trustee Williams clarified that the Mayor has the right to appoint the law firm but not to fire them. The Board approves and appropriates the payment of the Village Attorney; only the Board can terminate them.

Mayor Towers stated the matter will be decided by someone else.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion.

3. Motion to Amend Ordinance 12-015 to clarify that the position of Village Manager remain in full force and effect until the beginning of the new fiscal year beginning November 1, 2012, when the current amended ordinance will take effect to eliminate the Village Manager position from the budget

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend Ordinance 12-015. The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson stated that he has not had time to review the ordinance and questioned whether the person on the phone was actually Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Benson called in to a previous meeting a few weeks ago.

Trustee Burgess stated that Trustee Hanks has also called in to a meeting in the past.

Trustee Chavez identified himself. The Board members confirmed it was him on the phone.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this ordinance.

4. Motion to place Village Manager Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012 in order to investigate Village finances and to investigate boxes of documents removed by Henrietta Turner on September 14th at 5 pm

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to place Village Manager Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks. The motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Mayor Towers stated that he will handle day to day operations until further notice.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification on who will handle the investigation. Mayor Towers asked the Board to turn over any information they have. Mayor Towers will choose an outside source to conduct the investigation.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board would need to approve the expenditure of any source chosen by Mayor Towers.

Trustee Burgess suggested the Attorney General or Cook County Sheriff's Office should handle the independent investigation.

Trustee Hanks agreed that all information should be turned over to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General and not a private firm chosen by the Mayor.

Mayor Towers stated that he will provide his recommendation within a few days.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion

5. Approval of Accounts Payable and Disbursement for August 28, 2012 through September 11, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for August 28, 2012 through September 11, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Discussion included:

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on a payment to Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$40,968.53 that was a handwritten check for an invoice that was already paid prior to the Board's knowledge and consent. After requesting a copy of the invoice, Trustee Burgess has concerns including who authorized this payment and asked why the Board was circumvented. Finance Director Rao stated that he was instructed to issue and sign the check per Village Manager Turner's direction. Mayor Towers stated that he thought the payment had already been approved. Trustee Hanks asked that the amount of \$40,968.53 be removed from the Accounts Payable pending investigation.

Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on a payment to Lighthouse printing in the amount of \$2,425.00. Finance Director Rao stated the printing of 7,000 EPA notice flyers was approved by Village Manager Turner. Trustee Burgess questioned the amount that was ordered and whether postage was included. The Lighthouse Printing payment in the amount of \$2,425.00 was removed from the Accounts Payable pending investigation.

Trustee Benson requested the Series 2007A and 2007C bond payments be removed in the amount of \$3,000.00. The bond payments were removed pending investigation.

Trustee Benson requested the payment to Odelson & Sterk, LTD in the amount of \$47,983.35 be removed. The Odelson & Sterk, LTD payment was removed pending investigation. Mayor Towers stated that the Village cannot continue to pay these high legal bills.

Further discussion continued regarding matters of litigation and past legal costs.

Finance Director Rao will follow up with the Board of Trustees regarding clarification and direction for payment of the above invoices.

The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was rescinded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Myers asked for clarification of the items being removed. The items removed include two bond payments in the amount of \$3,000.00 each, the Baxter and Woodman payment in the amount of \$40,968.53, the Lighthouse Printing payment of \$2,425.00 and the payment to Odelson & Sterk, LTD in the amount of \$47,983.35. The second was rescinded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve an amended Accounts Payable in the amount of \$297,636.00. Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the amended amount.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve the execution of a letter of support for Gospel Fest

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the execution of a letter of support for Gospel Fest. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson asked why the Gospel Fest is already posted prior to approval. Mayor Towers stated that the fest is an annual event held by the local churches. The item was on a previous agenda.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:15 pm.

8. Motion to Reconvene to Special Meeting

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting. Trustee Williams made a motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson and Mayor Towers did not return from executive session.

Motion carried

The meeting was reconvened at 10:12 pm.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to appoint a Temporary Chair. Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks as Temporary Chair. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. Possible action to be taken

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks recognized Trustee Williams. Trustee Williams made a motion that until the return of the Village Manager the Village Clerk is responsible for creating and posting all agendas.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to direct all department heads to update the following Trustees on a weekly basis:

Police Department – Trustee Williams

Fire Department – Trustee Burgess

ESDA and Code- Trustee Myers

Finance and Administration- Trustees Burgess and Hanks

Public Works- Trustee Hanks

The above motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams. Village Attorney McGrath was directed to send a memo to all department heads.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to direct the Finance Director and the Treasurer to go through the Village Board for all payments, invoices and warrants for approval prior to paying.

The above motion was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to direct Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD, to be the lead contact for Lake Michigan water issues and all litigation.

The above motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks reiterated that the Village Board has instructed the Village Attorney to contact all department heads and agencies to inform them of the decisions made tonight.

Trustee Myers stated that Village Attorney McGrath was instructed to request an internal investigation by the Attorney General's office.

10. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 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, **SEPTEMBER 22, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:08 am.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Chavez

Trustee Benson left the meeting at 8:11 am due to the fact that the Village Manager was not present.

2. Department Budget Review

ESDA Department- Director Art Johnson

Director Johnson stated that the department has older vehicles that cost more to maintain. The budget does not include Capital Outlay or a light truck. Art requested a \$.35 increase in pay call. There has been no increase in pay for the last four years. Art stated that the vehicles fuel expense fluctuates from \$25,798.00 to \$29,565.00. Public Works will be donating a vehicle after repairs are completed. Public Works does all of the general maintenance of the vehicles. Finance Director Rao stated that there is no Capital Outlay in any of the budget line items.

Police Department- Chief Robert Fox

Chief Fox stated that Downers Grove is giving away fully equipped cars for \$3,200.00 each. Two cars and one SUV must be insured before they can be picked up. The cars are in pristine shape and include radios, light bars, etc... An insurance payment of \$8,000.00 will offset the cost. The total cost would be approximately \$4,000.00. The Village has up to 90 days to pay for them. Trustee Hanks stated the Board should move forward with this. Trustee Williams stated that the Board needs to receive more information. Chief Fox asked for a consensus in order to pick up the cars on Monday. The purchase of police cars should have been discussed in a Committee meeting prior to the budget meeting. FD Rao stated the information was forwarded to the Village Manager. Chief Fox will provide the information to the Board and proceed with picking up the cars. The purchase will be placed on the next Board agendas for approval. A Police Department fleet update was also requested. Trustee Williams stated that better communication is needed between the Police Department, Finance Department and the Board. A discussion of officers out on medical leave and the expired officer's list followed.

Chief Fox suggested consolidating 911 centers with Lynwood, Glenwood and Chicago Heights in order to reduce overall costs including salaries and benefits. Chief Fox suggested removing the canine budget due to the retirement of the canine and removing the cage from the vehicle. Chief Fox stated that overtime falls within budget.

Dispatch- Chief Robert Fox

Chief Fox stated that overtime is high due to scheduling for vacations and personnel off sick. Lisa Gibbons has been placed in rotation as needed. Chief Fox suggested part time Dispatch employees working 12-16 hours per week with no benefits. This matter needs to be discussed at a Committee meeting. Union increases are in negotiations. Hiring part time certified Police Department and Dispatch employees will be placed on the next Committee agenda.

Fire Department- Chief Al Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated line 732 should be \$3,000.00 – the bill is due in February or March. Chief Stoffregen questioned why legal and administrative fees are charged to all departments. Chief Stoffregen stated the Village owes the Fire Department over \$600,000.00. Chief Stoffregen stated that the only

physicals conducted lately are those from new hires that are covered by a grant. Increasing the \$1.00 911 fee will be added to a future Committee meeting agenda for discussion. Finance Director Rao stated that 911 fees in other communities are as high as \$2.50. Chief Stoffregen stated that Sauk Village has the newer 911 system. Sauk Village borrowed money for the updates to the system. Other departments could come to Sauk Village and bring revenue.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess. Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 10:16 am.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene at 10:29 am. The motion to reconvene was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Chavez

Beautification Committee- Chair Marva Campbell- Pruitt

Marva requested a budget increase of \$350.00 for Clean, Green and Preen week, the Community Garden and tools. Those expenses will occur during the next budget period and will be discussed at that time. Marva will resubmit receipts for the \$250.00 that still has not been reimbursed.

Human Relations Commission- Chair Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Marva requested \$3,000.00 for an updated, color version of the Resident Handbook. Marva will submit a proposal to the Board at the next Committee meeting that includes the number of copies needed and the cost of the printing. The Human Relations Commission currently does not have a budget.

Community Development- Director Sherry Jasinski

Director Jasinski stated the current budget includes personnel brought in later in the year (June or July). Residents are paying their tickets. The property maintenance program and locating the owners of vacant homes takes a lot of time. A discussion of Crime Free Housing followed. The adjudicator is letting people go if they are now in compliance. Minimum fines should be in place.

Finance and Administration- Sherry Jasinski and Finance Director Mohan Rao

Six months of the Village Manager's salary and benefits are deleted. Excessive copies are costing a lot of money. A new copier needs to be investigated or update the copier to include a counter by department. Other office supplies also need to be justified.

Public Grounds- Kevin Weller

Director Weller stated no major changes this year. Next year's budget will include increases for Capital Outlay.

Street Fund- No change

Motor Fuel Tax- Salt is purchased annually at \$57.00 per ton. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will be requesting street signs to update past elected officials recognition.

Water Fund Revenues- DH Weller requested hiring one or two Water Department employees. Minimum water fees need to be restructured. Other restructuring is also needed. Estimated revenue is less than what we are spending.

CDBG- Funding will be received for ongoing projects.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess until 1 pm. Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to recess.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 12:02 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 1:25 pm. Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to reconvene.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Chavez

3. Administrative Budget Review

CDBG funding could double to \$200,000.00 next year. The tax levy will be a 3% increase. The EAV will be down about 10% next year. State Income Tax payments are about three years behind. The Board will challenge Chief Fox to add \$10,000.00 to the Drug Seizure Fund.

TIF #1 expires December 31, 2012. Draw should be done for the past three years.

TIF #2 – no draw since February.

TIF #3- working on the draw.

TIF #4- go back three years on the draw.

Trustee Myers will investigate the FEMA grant.

The six month budget has an approximate \$1.5 million dollar deficit. The \$1.5 million dollar deficit includes the Cook County overpayment that needs to be paid back to County and \$600,000.00 in estimated legal settlements and costs. All requests will be considered. Cuts in personnel, non union employee salaries and operating costs will most likely occur across the board. Several cuts were already made during the last budget.

4. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

September 25, 2012

Trustees Burgess, Hanks,
Myers & Williams
Village of Sauk Village
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village IL 60411

Re: Reinstatement of O&S Ltd.

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to you in anticipation of Mayor Towers veto at tonight's meeting. On September 10, 2012, Mayor Towers issued a letter in an attempt to remove Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. as Village Attorney. Mayor Towers' letter did not conform to state statute and, therefore, was not effective. We continued to serve the Village. The Board sought to confirm its position that Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. should remain Village Attorney and on September 17, 2012, reinstated Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. at its Special Meeting. Mayor Towers stated he would veto the Board's motion. Because the Mayor failed to follow correct procedure in the first instance, the Special Meeting action was legally unnecessary. Therefore, any veto has no effect.

To avoid further confusion, we are asking the Board to make a motion to immediately reinstate Odelson & Sterk after Mayor Towers' veto. For tonight we ask the following motion be made: **"Motion to Reinstate Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. as Village Attorney effective immediately."**

You can address any of the Mayor's perceived issues or concerns with the responses below.

1. No Communication with Village Attorney. We have spoken directly with Mayor Towers by phone and in person throughout our tenure as Village Attorney. We are at every Regular Board Meeting and, typically, meet with the Mayor prior to each meeting. We have also communicated with the Mayor via cell phone, emails, fax, and memos. We have copies of all emails and memos sent to the Mayor dealing with everything from the Open Meetings Act to FOIA's, to contracts, to meeting decorum and Robert's Rule of Order. We have returned every call with the exception of the Mayor's call of September 10, 2012, which was not returned because it pertained to Ms. Turner and she was represented by Attorney Weiler.

2. Bad Legal Advice / No Confidence

We have consistently offered legal advice without regard as to who it is given to - the Mayor or Village Board.

We have provided our opinions in memos to the Mayor and Board. Unfortunately, our advice has not always been followed. The quality of our work should not be questioned. In the short term we have been Village Attorney, we have accomplished the following:

- (1) Drafted over thirty (30) ordinances and our ordinances have been upheld in court.
- (2) Provided legal advice during water crisis.
- (3) Negotiated on behalf of Village's labor issues and water issues.
- (4) Litigation Success - We have prevailed / won on the following matters:

Gibbons v. Sauk Village - 10 cv 8237

Represented Village on enforcement of settlement agreement only.
Attorney fees and costs sought by plaintiff's counsel and denied by court.

Frank Martin v. Sauk Village - 2011 CA 4895

Human Rights Claim - Dismissed January 2012

Milan Knox v. Sauk Village - 11 cv 7759

Civil Rights Claim - Village's Motion to Dismiss granted on September 21, 2012.

Timothy Holevis v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed August 22, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Robert Smith v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed April 24, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Genorise Carmichael v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed August 6, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Cecial Tates v. Sauk Village - Adjudication Appeal

Dismissed April 30, 2012

State of Illinois v. Sauk Village - Water Compliance

Ongoing, avoided thousands of dollars of fines, fees and costs

Sauk Village v. Turner - Settlement Agreement

Enforced September 2012 - Turner's request to stay denied

- (5) FOIA - have assisted in answering hundreds of FOIA requests and Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. directives upheld by Attorney General's Office.

3. Legal Bills

At no point since our appointment in July 2011, have our legal bills been questioned. We bill at the same hourly rate as the Village's prior Village Attorneys. If anyone has questions on specific entries, time spent on a particular item, etc. - we will discuss at any time. We will reduce our bill if there are any errors.

Our office has been consumed by lengthy meetings, ongoing water issues and litigation. Our bills are not out of line with prior legal bills. Compare to Baxter and Woodman's recently approved invoice in the amount of \$40,968.00.

4. No Confidence

The Mayor claims he has no confidence in our firm. The reality is if he doesn't like what he is told, he looks to hire a different consultant. We are the fourth (4th) Village Attorney in less than four (4) years.

Lastly, he should instruct the Clerk to place the Board's Motion to override the veto on the next Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Very truly yours,

ODELSON & STERK, LTD.



Michael J. McGrath

MJM:jc
cc: Clerk 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, **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Hon. Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Odelson & Sterk law firm was terminated over two weeks ago. Mayor Towers stated that he hired another firm to represent the Village. Trustee Hanks called Point of Order and asked Mayor Towers to stick to the agenda. Mayor Towers further stated that he has asked them to vacate the premises a number of times but they continue to stay here and represent the Village. Mayor Towers stated that they continue to give him bad advice and they don't seem to communicate with him. Mayor Towers stated that they continue to represent the Village, write ordinances and go behind his back. Mayor Towers stated that it is ridiculous for the Board to expect him to approve \$50,000.00 a month for their fees. Mayor Towers stated that he gave them a termination letter and asked them to leave; he is baffled why they are still here. Mayor Towers stated here we go again. We will be spending tax payer's money to get rid of the attorneys. We will be back in court again because he already appointed a law firm (name of the firm was inaudible) to represent the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor does not have the authority.

Trustee Benson stated that on behalf of the citizens Mayor Towers should ask Police Chief Fox to remove them. They have no right to sit here.

Trustee Hanks called Point of Order again and stated that Mayor Towers is not abiding by the agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that a veto is included later in the agenda and asked to move on to the first item on the Mayor's report- Beautification Committee- Hootsie Awards.

Trustee Burgess stated that this discussion is inappropriate and clarified that Mayor Towers appointed Odelson & Sterk. Trustee Burgess commented on a recent invoice that was paid to another firm without Board review or approval. This invoice also consisted of a fee from an outside consultant that the Board was not aware of. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor is trying to hire a law firm without bringing them before the Board first.

Further arguments not pertaining to the agenda continued. Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt asked to be recognized while outbursts from the audience continued. Mayor Towers gaveled excessively.

1) Beautification Committee – Marva Campbell Pruitt

a. Hootsie Awards

Mayor Towers recognized Beautification Committee Chair Marva Campbell- Pruitt. Marva awarded fellow residents who were nominated by their neighbors for their efforts of beautifying their homes. All Hootsie Award winners received a plaque and will have "Hootsie" signs placed in their yards.

Winners included:

1st Timothy and Edna Johnson

2nd Martha Scariano

3rd Robert and Rose Ketchams

Honorable Mentions

Philip Bonaparte, Julius Miles, Boris Preacely and Darrin and ReTonya Ulmer

Mayor Towers thanked everyone who participated in the Hootsie's including Marva and the Beautification Committee.

2) Mayoral vetoes of motions passed by the Board of Trustees on September 17, 2012

a. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to place Village Manager Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012 in order to investigate Village finances and to investigate boxes of documents removed by Henrietta Turner on September 14th at 5 pm.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to place the Board's intent to override this veto on the next Board meeting agenda. Trustee Williams asked if the documents that were returned by Ms. Turner are available to be viewed. Mayor Towers stated that one box was returned and will be available to be viewed tomorrow. Trustee Hanks stated that five boxes were removed. Mayor Towers stated that he was not aware of what was taken. Ms. Turner stated that the other boxes contained personal items.

Trustee Burgess asked why the items were removed while she was on administrative leave, she was not fired. Why was she allowed to remove anything from the Village without someone checking it out? An outside investigation was requested. This has hampered the investigation. Five boxes went out and one box came back in. The same thing happened in the past.

Village Attorney Mike McGrath stated that the matter has been turned over to the State's Attorney's office.

Trustee Benson stated that the Village Attorney should be removed and asked for clarification of the time of the administrative leave. Trustee Williams stated that the original leave was two weeks until Ms. Turner walked out with more boxes after appearing in court. Trustee Burgess stated the leave was then extended because she never served her administrative leave; she came to work every day during the two week period before the judge ruled. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager should not have been placed on a paid leave. Trustee Burgess stated that the paid leave was pending an investigation.

b. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD, although the Mayor's attempted removal was not legal, or in compliance with the law.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules to reinstate Odelson & Sterk as the Village Attorney. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Trustee Benson stated that Mayor Towers should not recognize the motion. Mayor Towers stated that the Board can override the veto.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson refused to vote

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion because the Village already has a Village Attorney. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board has not ratified any Village Attorney other than Odelson and Sterk. Mayor Towers stated that Odelson & Sterk is not the Village Attorney.

c. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to amend Ordinance 12-015 to clarify that the position of Village Manager remain in full force and effect until the beginning of the new fiscal year beginning November 1, 2012 when the current amended ordinance will take effect to eliminate the Village Manager position from the budget.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board intends to override this veto at the next regular Board meeting.

d. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to establish a chain of command in the absence of the Village Manager.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board intends to override this veto at the next regular Board meeting. Trustee Williams asked if Mayor Towers has received any weekly updates from the Department Heads per his request. Mayor Towers asked why she needed to know. Trustee Williams stated that prior to the Mayoral veto, she contacted the department head that she was assigned to and received no response. Mayor Towers provided no response to Trustee Williams.

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that thirty five copies of the minutes and agendas are placed on the back table at every meeting. If for some reason copies are not available to anyone at the meeting they will be made available the next day at the Village Hall and will be posted on the

internet once approved. VC Williams stated that reducing the amount of copies is cost effective and is a better alternative than throwing them away the next day. Residents can also call her office for additional copies. Accounts Payable will also be made available on line. Village Clerk Williams stated that today is the first day that nominating petitions may be circulated for the April 2013 election.

Additional information is available on line for those interested in circulating nominating petitions.

VC Williams stated that politicking or political materials were never allowed in the Board room or other Municipal buildings in the past.

This Board has also discussed this and agreed to this. An Ethics Ordinance will be placed on an upcoming agenda. VC Williams stated that a notice has been posted a September 22nd Special meeting for budget review. VC Williams stated that she regretted to inform the Mayor and Board of Trustees that she did receive a letter from Trustee Robert Chavez at 5:30 pm. VC Williams read a letter of resignation from Trustee Chavez that will take place effective immediately. The letter was tendered to Mayor Towers who replied "Too late, Chavez".

Trustee Burgess asked if petitions are being circulated tonight in the Board room and if it will be stopped. VC Williams stated that it has been pointed out that petitions are being circulated tonight.

Mayor Towers stated that past practice is that politicking is off limits in all public buildings and it will be upheld.

C. Village Manager- Mrs. Henrietta Turner- No report

D. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

**E. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD- Mike McGrath- Not recognized by Mayor Towers
See attached Odelson & Sterk memo.**

F. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the last step for the Quiet Zone is progressing. The financing for the Quiet Zone is provided by CN Railroad. Trustee Burgess asked if VE Czarnik has been kept in the loop on the water issues, particularly the rental/purchase and housing of the air strippers. VE Czarnik stated that he has not been copied on recent emails. Trustee Burgess stated that an agreement with Schrader (air strippers) must be in place by the first week of October. Trustee Burgess asked if we are in compliance with contract per the IEPA. The Village cannot afford additional litigation.

Mayor Towers stated that the item is on the agenda tonight. There is a dispute between the direction the engineer is suggesting and the direction the attorney is suggesting.

Trustee Williams asked Village Attorney McGrath if the question raised by the Board regarding the PR Firm expense on the Baxter and Woodman invoice has been answered. Village Attorney McGrath attempted to answer and was gaveled by Mayor Towers. Mayor Towers stated that if Trustee Williams wants to talk to him she can talk to him after the meeting. Trustee Williams asked that either Odelson and Sterk or the Village Clerk draft a letter to Baxter and Woodman stating that the \$8,500.00 expense for press releases was approved by Mayor Towers and the Village Manager and not the Board. The Board received an email stating that Baxter and Woodman would not release this information to the Board and that the Board should seek the information from the Mayor. Information needs to be received about this expense and it needs to be stopped immediately. Payments will not continue until the information the Board requested is received. Due to the IEPA's involvement with Baxter and Woodman, a lag in work or communication should not take place. If Baxter and Woodman will not cooperate than all documentation and work product should be turned over to Village Engineer Robinson Engineering. Mayor Towers stated that Baxter and Woodman is entitled to hire whoever they want to work with them and they had nothing to do with the Village. Trustee Williams stated

the company was paid \$8,500.00 per the direction of Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner. The Board asked for copies of any work they performed as a consultant; this

information has not been received. Trustee Burgess stated that Bud Mason (the consultant brought in by Mayor Towers through a grant) is already doing the same thing at no cost to the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the payment was made without being voted out by the board and all payments to Baxter and Woodman should be halted until an explanation is received.

Trustee Benson asked if Trustee Williams will pay Odelson & Sterk to write the letter and that the Village Clerk and Finance Director should be directed not to sign a check for them. Trustee Benson discussed further issues with Odelson and Sterk.

Trustee Williams stated that clarification was requested weeks ago on the State Statute that explains the hiring and firing of officers, which includes the Village Attorney for those who are unaware who can appoint, approve and who can terminate services. The Mayor has the right to appoint with consent and approval of the Board. Once the Board approves the appointment, the appropriations are handled by the Board and they can only be removed with Board approval.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated the Housing Commissioners will be attending an SSMMA Housing Initiatives meeting Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Trustee Hanks yielded the floor to Village Attorney Mike McGrath for an update. Mayor Towers gavelled excessively stating that he will not allow the attorney to speak; he is not the Village Attorney.

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers is not maintaining decorum and is out of order for not allowing him to yield the floor. Excessive gaveling continued for several minutes.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review Committee has reviewed the final version of the Sign Ordinance and requested the ordinance be placed on the next Board agenda for approval. This ordinance will allow the Village to collect revenue from the large signs along 394 and other commercial signs.

The ordinance referring political signs is still under review. Trustee Myers stated all ordinances are submitted to the Board for approval after final review by the Village Attorneys.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers why the Board was not informed about the WINPAK opening. Mayor Towers stated he is not aware of who was invited but a ribbon cutting ceremony did take place.

Trustee Burgess stated business owners are disgruntled especially in TIF #1. Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers was on board with meeting with the business owners. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Burgess to set up a date.

Trustee Burgess presented a letter reinstating Odelson and Sterk as the Village Attorney. Odelson and Sterk is currently involved with the water issues and a variety of other litigation and will continue. In house litigation stemming from the Mayor and others is excessive and needs to stop. Mayor Towers stated that the Board can hire Odelson & Sterk themselves; he has presented an attorney to represent the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that this matter is not part of the agenda tonight. Mayor Towers stated that the matter will be decided in court.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the Public Relations Committee is working on staff and past elected official recognition. Individual departments will be recognized tonight and at future Board meetings. Trustee Williams awarded certificates to the Public Works department to thank them for their support and vigilant efforts especially during the water crisis. The individuals awarded are as follows:

Kevin Weller, David Overocker, Eric Cook, Alan Vehrs, Jason Baker, Kevin Prather, Jeff Vehrs, Don Marevka and Mike Eieremann. Other departments will be recognized in the future for their efforts. Trustee Williams thanked all department heads and volunteers for helping to move the Village forward. Trustee Williams thanked Gary Holcomb and the PLAN Group for providing the certificates.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that he was working on a housing project with the Village Manager. He will have to reevaluate the project in her absence. Trustee Benson referred to Odelson and Sterk, excessive litigation and accusations. Mayor Towers gavelled excessively. Trustee Hanks called Mayor Towers out of order. Trustee Benson asked that Mike McGrath be removed from his seat.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess due to lack of decorum. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson did not respond

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting recessed at 8:25 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 pm.

Trustee Benson asked for Odelson and Sterk to be removed. Trustee Benson asked if Jim Czarnik is involved with the air stripping. Jim Czarnik stated that he has not received any instructions regarding air stripping. Trustee Benson stated that Baxter and Woodman should be the only engineer involved in air stripping. Discussion continued involving Fire Department on call payroll and gas reimbursements.

Trustee Williams stated that the discussion that just took place had nothing to do with the Chicago South Suburban Housing Collaborative; please stick to the agenda.

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported 786 calls for service. Trustee Williams stated she has not received a reply to an email sent to Chief Fox and Odelson and Sterk regarding two Police Department grants that are in jeopardy if they are not utilized. Trustee Williams stated Finance Director Mohan Rao has since confirmed that the tobacco grant has been utilized. At question is the \$11,000.00 STEP program grant. Chief Fox stated that overtime utilized during the performance of roadside safety checks is reimbursed by the Illinois State Police. No overtime needs to be reimbursed at this time. Trustee Williams asked if additional details are planned stating that the grant will run out as of September 31st. Chief Fox stated that grant will last until New Years Eve. Chief Fox will be working with the Sheriff's Police and other departments depending on voluntary participation. Trustee Williams asked FD Rao to verify the dates of the grants. The reduction in overtime and the purchase of used vehicles were discussed.

Trustee Burgess asked for the time period for the calls for service and stated that there has been no actual report about the purchase of the cars between Chief Fox and the Board. Discussion continued involving whether or not the Police Department fleet is required to have Village stickers displayed. Mayor Towers instructed all department heads to provide a list of all vehicles that have Village stickers displayed. Trustee Hanks asked all department heads present if their fleet has Village stickers. All departments answered affirmatively except the Police Department.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen attempted to report 17 calls of service but was interrupted by audience outbursts, Chief Stoffregen will submit written report due to the lack of decorum.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller provided a shortened report that included an update that the permanent electrical hook up for the air strippers is about 90% completed and is awaiting the Com Ed connection. The air conditioner in the Police Department is back on line and working well. Storm branches have all been picked up except south of 223rd Street.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski requested a Special Use to be placed on the next Committee agenda for Pastor Carter and the Seeds of Faith Ministry. The Zoning Board made a recommendation to approve the Special Use on September 10th. Pastor Carter would like to meet with the Board and answer any questions at that time. DH Jasinski stated that the front office position vacancy was never filled and requested that the Village Hall front window be closed on Wednesday in order for the staff to catch up on their paperwork. The payroll clerk is also assisting at the front desk. A water shut off list is in process for June bills. Penalty notices for the August bills have gone out. Residents should contact the front office with any questions. Code Enforcement issued 989 tickets from May 29th through September 24th. The Jeffrey Avenue apartment building that was destroyed by fire will be rebuilt.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report**F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Amon Darnall**

Amon Darnall reported 20 calls of service from September 11th- September 24th.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Langston reported the FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. Group is open to all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees is tomorrow Wednesday, Sept. 26th from 1-2 p.m. - see flyers for future scheduled dates. The book exchange received recent donations from Nancy Baker and Annabelle Swanson. With the overwhelming donations, the Senior Committee is asking for paperback and large print donations only due to limited spacing. The FREE basic computer program (instructor Gary Holcomb) began on Sept. 6th, 7th, 20th and 21st. The next class will be on Thurs., Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. and Fri., Oct. 12th at 1 p.m. Many thanks to committee member Gary Holcomb for his hours of work downloading all the programs and fixing the computers that were wiped out and to Gerald Pyke, Village tech person, for reconnecting the internet. The Zumba Gold class (instructor Bev Sterrett) continues for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency. Tickets are available for the 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 13th. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Flyers are posted and available in the literature rack. The Senior Committee's next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 5 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8am-11:30 a.m. The SV Fun Club offers FREE basic line dancing classes for their members at 3 p.m. Sundays. Leisure Timers will meet September 26th at 5 p.m. for their beef sandwich meal preceding the meeting. The Sunshiners next meeting will be on Oct. 1st at 7 p.m. The SV VFW meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.. The SV Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. The BMW Crossroads meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Many seniors are still not aware of the Senior Center reopening. Bloom Township presents Wii bowling on Thurs., Sept. 27th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (call 754-9400 x247) The Rules of the Road driver course will be offered Oct. 9th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (call 754-9400 x244). The Community luncheon resumes Wed., Oct. 17th at the Glenwoodie Golf Club in Glenwood. Tickets are on sale at the township \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for non-township seniors and will feature 'Country Autumn' with country music by Jerry Vernon's band. There have been many inquiries regarding the safety of our drinking water.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reported the Livings Springs Church will come to Sauk Village for a Community Day of Service on Sunday, October 21st. The focus will be improvements to the Municipal Center complex, Community Center, Police Department and shutting down the Community Garden. The Beautification Committee is looking to recruit new members. Fall decorations will be displayed at the signs on 394 and near McDonalds where they are visible when entering the Village.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Pruitt stated that the youth council program is going well. Consent forms have been sent out and Rickover students are being recruited for the program. The council will focus in education and socialization and service. The council will meet on specified Wednesdays from 1:30pm -2:15pm and as needed. There is no cost to the students except in the case of special programs. The Education and Training session on September 6th was very successful. The next session will take place October 11th at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church. The Board members who were unable to attend the September session are welcomed to attend. There is no update on the Corn and Dog Roast.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 12, 2012 through September 25, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for September 12, 2012 through September 25, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned Invoice #26018 on page 1. Finance Director Rao stated the expense is for the attorney approved by Village Manager Turner to represent the Village against the suit filed by Ms. Houston. Trustee Burgess asked to see the invoice for further research and asked for an update of funds available in the General Fund. Trustee Williams stated that the Board stated previously that they did not approve any law firm other than the Village Attorney to represent the Village on this lawsuit. A letter needs to be sent to this firm that the Board will not approve this expense. Mayor Towers stated that the Board is overstepping their bounds and the law firm will get paid even if we have to go to court. Trustee Williams stated that until Odelson and Sterk is removed properly with the advice and consent of the Village Board no other firm can represent the Village as the Village attorney. All appropriations must be approved by a majority of the Board. If this expense is removed from the Accounts Payable by a majority of the Board and a check is signed by the Finance Director, Village Treasurer or Village Clerk action will be taken. Trustee Hanks agreed that this attorney was never brought before the Village Board and the expense should not be approved. The Mayor and the Village Manager cannot appoint an attorney without Board approval.

Trustee Benson stated he previously asked that two bond payments be removed from the Accounts Payable but the Board instructed they be paid without the Mayor's approval. Trustee Benson asked for the removal of two Odelson and Sterk invoices and one invoice from Robinson Engineering from the Accounts Payable. Trustee Benson asked for clarification on the Robinson Engineering charges. Trustee Benson stated that Robinson Engineering is not qualified to continue with the Lake Michigan water project and should not get paid for their work. Jim Czarnik disagreed with Trustee Benson's allegations.

The motion and the second to approve the Accounts Payable were rescinded by Trustees Williams and Myers. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$359,135.92 after removing Invoice #26018 in the amount of \$2,288.00. Engineering and Attorney bills must be paid in order to move forward with the Lake Michigan water plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. The motion to approve the IDOT Agency Agreement was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve the Construction Engineering Agreement for the IDOT Project

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Construction Engineering Agreement for the IDOT Program. The motion to approve the Construction Engineering Agreement was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Burgess asked Village Engineer Czarnik to clarify the above agreement. Jim Czarnik stated this is relating to funding to improve 223rd Street at no cost to the Village.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing Village of Sauk Village to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan.

The motion to approve the above ordinance was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 53 (Water) and Title V (Public Works) of the Village code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 53 (Water) and Title V (Public Works) of the Village code.

The motion to approve the above ordinance was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

F. Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving the Net Profits Agreement and Easement and Assignment Agreement with Unison Site Management, LLC

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve resolution approving the Net Profits Agreement and Easement and Assignment Agreement with Unison Site Management, LLC.

The motion to approve the above resolution was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Burgess asked if the funds will be placed into a separate fund. Finance Director Rao confirmed that once the funds are received they will be placed in a separate account. Further discussion continued regarding the buyout of the cell tower lease.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve the Schrader Rental Agreement

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Schrader Rental Agreement.

The motion to approve the Schrader rental agreement was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Engineer handling this project is not on board with this agreement because it will cost the Village 2 ½ times more. Trustee Hanks stated that this agreement is for the rental not the purchase of the Schrader equipment. Mayor Towers stated that the attorneys went behind his back to get this agreement; they are trying to make these permanent. Trustees Burgess and Myers stated that the Village has been mandated to take over the cost of the air strippers per the IEPA or the IEPA will take over again. Mayor Towers stated that someone should come and take it over. Village Attorney McGrath stated that if they come it will not be free.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board has had multiple conversations with the IEPA. The IEPA stepped in and installed the air strippers when the Board was not acting on it. If we do not comply with the IEPA they will take action against the Village that could cost the Village over one and a half million dollars.

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion to pay Schrader.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath to notify the IEPA the following day that the Board has agreed to the motion and that the Mayor intends to veto the motion. The IEPA and the Attorney General needs to know that the Village Board keeps getting roadblocks put up by the Mayor.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

H. Motion to Ensure that all Checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to ensure that all checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies.

The motion to approve that all checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated that the Village Clerk has no business at all signing checks, should be removed from this and that Mayor Towers should be the only one to sign checks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion. Trustee Williams stated that the Board will also override that veto. Trustee Williams asked for the ordinance that states who can sign checks and who the keeper of the record is that must sign and seal all Village documents (the Village Clerk). Mayor Towers stated to Finance Director Rao that he is in the position now that he will be called upon to sign some checks.

Trustee Burgess stated that checks can only be signed if the Board votes the money out.

Trustee Williams clarified for the benefit of all department heads that once a motion is approved by the Board, until which time it is vetoed and overturned, it becomes law. Any violation of that law could require disciplinary action by the Board. Trustee Williams stated that if FD Rao or Treasurer Carmichael feel threatened at any time to sign a check, unless it is an extreme emergency, sign the check. That will be in direct violation of a motion made by the Board and disciplinary action will take place. Trustee Williams apologized if her tone or words seem threatening while explaining their job responsibilities and the motions taking place stating and directed anyone who felt threatened to send an email to the Board. The Village Clerk has been instructed to sign every check.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2012 Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. 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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. 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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. July 24, 2012 Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. The 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 Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. September 4, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 4, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

E. September 4, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 4, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

F. September 17, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Absent: Trustee Chavez

**Clerk's Notes: September 8, 2012 Budget Meeting - Canceled due to lack of quorum
September 11, 2012 Board Meeting - Canceled due to lack of quorum**

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Acting Mayor 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, **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Hon. Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Odelson & Sterk law firm was terminated over two weeks ago. Mayor Towers stated that he hired another firm to represent the Village. Trustee Hanks called Point of Order and asked Mayor Towers to stick to the agenda. Mayor Towers further stated that he has asked them to vacate the premises a number of times but they continue to stay here and represent the Village. Mayor Towers stated that they continue to give him bad advice and they don't seem to communicate with him. Mayor Towers stated that they continue to represent the Village, write ordinances and go behind his back. Mayor Towers stated that it is ridiculous for the Board to expect him to approve \$50,000.00 a month for their fees. Mayor Towers stated that he gave them a termination letter and asked them to leave; he is baffled why they are still here. Mayor Towers stated here we go again. We will be spending tax payer's money to get rid of the attorneys. We will be back in court again because he already appointed a law firm (name of the firm was inaudible) to represent the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor does not have the authority.

Trustee Benson stated that on behalf of the citizens Mayor Towers should ask Police Chief Fox to remove them. They have no right to sit here.

Trustee Hanks called Point of Order again and stated that Mayor Towers is not abiding by the agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that a veto is included later in the agenda and asked to move on to the first item on the Mayor's report- Beautification Committee- Hootsie Awards.

Trustee Burgess stated that this discussion is inappropriate and clarified that Mayor Towers appointed Odelson & Sterk. Trustee Burgess commented on a recent invoice that was paid to another firm without Board review or approval. This invoice also consisted of a fee from an outside consultant that the Board was not aware of. Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor is trying to hire a law firm without bringing them before the Board first.

Further arguments not pertaining to the agenda continued. Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt asked to be recognized while outbursts from the audience continued. Mayor Towers gaveled excessively.

1) Beautification Committee – Marva Campbell Pruitt

a. Hootsie Awards

Mayor Towers recognized Beautification Committee Chair Marva Campbell- Pruitt. Marva awarded fellow residents who were nominated by their neighbors for their efforts of beautifying their homes. All Hootsie Award winners received a plaque and will have "Hootsie" signs placed in their yards.

Winners included:

1st Timothy and Edna Johnson

2nd Martha Scariano

3rd Robert and Rose Ketchams

Honorable Mentions

Philip Bonaparte, Julius Miles, Boris Preacely and Darrin and ReTonya Ulmer

Mayor Towers thanked everyone who participated in the Hootsie's including Marva and the Beautification Committee.

2) Mayoral vetoes of motions passed by the Board of Trustees on September 17, 2012

a. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to place Village Manager Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012 in order to investigate Village finances and to investigate boxes of documents removed by Henrietta Turner on September 14th at 5 pm.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to place the Board's intent to override this veto on the next Board meeting agenda. Trustee Williams asked if the documents that were returned by Ms. Turner are available to be viewed. Mayor Towers stated that one box was returned and will be available to be viewed tomorrow. Trustee Hanks stated that five boxes were removed. Mayor Towers stated that he was not aware of what was taken. Ms. Turner stated that the other boxes contained personal items.

Trustee Burgess asked why the items were removed while she was on administrative leave, she was not fired. Why was she allowed to remove anything from the Village without someone checking it out? An outside investigation was requested. This has hampered the investigation. Five boxes went out and one box came back in. The same thing happened in the past.

Village Attorney Mike McGrath stated that the matter has been turned over to the State's Attorney's office.

Trustee Benson stated that the Village Attorney should be removed and asked for clarification of the time of the administrative leave. Trustee Williams stated that the original leave was two weeks until Ms. Turner walked out with more boxes after appearing in court. Trustee Burgess stated the leave was then extended because she never served her administrative leave; she came to work every day during the two week period before the judge ruled. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager should not have been placed on a paid leave. Trustee Burgess stated that the paid leave was pending an investigation.

b. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD, although the Mayor's attempted removal was not legal, or in compliance with the law.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules to reinstate Odelson & Sterk as the Village Attorney. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Trustee Benson stated that Mayor Towers should not recognize the motion. Mayor Towers stated that the Board can override the veto.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson refused to vote

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion because the Village already has a Village Attorney. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board has not ratified any Village Attorney other than Odelson and Sterk. Mayor Towers stated that Odelson & Sterk is not the Village Attorney.

c. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to amend Ordinance 12-015 to clarify that the position of Village Manager remain in full force and effect until the beginning of the new fiscal year beginning November 1, 2012 when the current amended ordinance will take effect to eliminate the Village Manager position from the budget.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board intends to override this veto at the next regular Board meeting.

d. Mayor Towers stated his veto of the Board's motion to establish a chain of command in the absence of the Village Manager.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board intends to override this veto at the next regular Board meeting. Trustee Williams asked if Mayor Towers has received any weekly updates from the Department Heads per his request. Mayor Towers asked why she needed to know. Trustee Williams stated that prior to the Mayoral veto, she contacted the department head that she was assigned to and received no response. Mayor Towers provided no response to Trustee Williams.

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that thirty five copies of the minutes and agendas are placed on the back table at every meeting. If for some reason copies are not available to anyone at the meeting they will be made available the next day at the Village Hall and will be posted on the

internet once approved. VC Williams stated that reducing the amount of copies is cost effective and is a better alternative than throwing them away the next day. Residents can also call her office for additional copies. Accounts Payable will also be made available on line. Village Clerk Williams stated that today is the first day that nominating petitions may be circulated for the April 2013 election.

Additional information is available on line for those interested in circulating nominating petitions.

VC Williams stated that politicking or political materials were never allowed in the Board room or other Municipal buildings in the past.

This Board has also discussed this and agreed to this. An Ethics Ordinance will be placed on an upcoming agenda. VC Williams stated that a notice has been posted a September 22nd Special meeting for budget review. VC Williams stated that she regretted to inform the Mayor and Board of Trustees that she did receive a letter from Trustee Robert Chavez at 5:30 pm. VC Williams read a letter of resignation from Trustee Chavez that will take place effective immediately. The letter was tendered to Mayor Towers who replied "Too late, Chavez".

Trustee Burgess asked if petitions are being circulated tonight in the Board room and if it will be stopped. VC Williams stated that it has been pointed out that petitions are being circulated tonight.

Mayor Towers stated that past practice is that politicking is off limits in all public buildings and it will be upheld.

C. Village Manager- Mrs. Henrietta Turner- No report

D. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

E. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD- Mike McGrath- Not recognized by Mayor Towers See attached Odelson & Sterk memo.

F. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the last step for the Quiet Zone is progressing. The financing for the Quiet Zone is provided by CN Railroad. Trustee Burgess asked if VE Czarnik has been kept in the loop on the water issues, particularly the rental/purchase and housing of the air strippers. VE Czarnik stated that he has not been copied on recent emails. Trustee Burgess stated that an agreement with Schrader (air strippers) must be in place by the first week of October. Trustee Burgess asked if we are in compliance with contract per the IEPA. The Village cannot afford additional litigation.

Mayor Towers stated that the item is on the agenda tonight. There is a dispute between the direction the engineer is suggesting and the direction the attorney is suggesting.

Trustee Williams asked Village Attorney McGrath if the question raised by the Board regarding the PR Firm expense on the Baxter and Woodman invoice has been answered. Village Attorney McGrath attempted to answer and was gaveled by Mayor Towers. Mayor Towers stated that if Trustee Williams wants to talk to him she can talk to him after the meeting. Trustee Williams asked that either Odelson and Sterk or the Village Clerk draft a letter to Baxter and Woodman stating that the \$8,500.00 expense for press releases was approved by Mayor Towers and the Village Manager and not the Board. The Board received an email stating that Baxter and Woodman would not release this information to the Board and that the Board should seek the information from the Mayor. Information needs to be received about this expense and it needs to be stopped immediately. Payments will not continue until the information the Board requested is received. Due to the IEPA's involvement with Baxter and Woodman, a lag in work or communication should not take place. If Baxter and Woodman will not cooperate than all documentation and work product should be turned over to Village Engineer Robinson Engineering. Mayor Towers stated that Baxter and Woodman is entitled to hire whoever they want to work with them and they had nothing to do with the Village. Trustee Williams stated

the company was paid \$8,500.00 per the direction of Mayor Towers and Village Manager Turner. The Board asked for copies of any work they performed as a consultant; this

information has not been received. Trustee Burgess stated that Bud Mason (the consultant brought in by Mayor Towers through a grant) is already doing the same thing at no cost to the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the payment was made without being voted out by the board and all payments to Baxter and Woodman should be halted until an explanation is received.

Trustee Benson asked if Trustee Williams will pay Odelson & Sterk to write the letter and that the Village Clerk and Finance Director should be directed not to sign a check for them. Trustee Benson discussed further issues with Odelson and Sterk.

Trustee Williams stated that clarification was requested weeks ago on the State Statute that explains the hiring and firing of officers, which includes the Village Attorney for those who are unaware who can appoint, approve and who can terminate services. The Mayor has the right to appoint with consent and approval of the Board. Once the Board approves the appointment, the appropriations are handled by the Board and they can only be removed with Board approval.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated the Housing Commissioners will be attending an SSMMA Housing Initiatives meeting Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Trustee Hanks yielded the floor to Village Attorney Mike McGrath for an update. Mayor Towers gavelled excessively stating that he will not allow the attorney to speak; he is not the Village Attorney.

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers is not maintaining decorum and is out of order for not allowing him to yield the floor. Excessive gaveling continued for several minutes.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review Committee has reviewed the final version of the Sign Ordinance and requested the ordinance be placed on the next Board agenda for approval. This ordinance will allow the Village to collect revenue from the large signs along 394 and other commercial signs.

The ordinance referring political signs is still under review. Trustee Myers stated all ordinances are submitted to the Board for approval after final review by the Village Attorneys.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers why the Board was not informed about the WINPAK opening. Mayor Towers stated he is not aware of who was invited but a ribbon cutting ceremony did take place.

Trustee Burgess stated business owners are disgruntled especially in TIF #1. Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers was on board with meeting with the business owners. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Burgess to set up a date.

Trustee Burgess presented a letter reinstating Odelson and Sterk as the Village Attorney. Odelson and Sterk is currently involved with the water issues and a variety of other litigation and will continue. In house litigation stemming from the Mayor and others is excessive and needs to stop. Mayor Towers stated that the Board can hire Odelson & Sterk themselves; he has presented an attorney to represent the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that this matter is not part of the agenda tonight. Mayor Towers stated that the matter will be decided in court.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the Public Relations Committee is working on staff and past elected official recognition. Individual departments will be recognized tonight and at future Board meetings. Trustee Williams awarded certificates to the Public Works department to thank them for their support and vigilant efforts especially during the water crisis. The individuals awarded are as follows:

Kevin Weller, David Overocker, Eric Cook, Alan Vehrs, Jason Baker, Kevin Prather, Jeff Vehrs, Don Marevka and Mike Eieremann. Other departments will be recognized in the future for their efforts. Trustee Williams thanked all department heads and volunteers for helping to move the Village forward. Trustee Williams thanked Gary Holcomb and the PLAN Group for providing the certificates.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson stated that he was working on a housing project with the Village Manager. He will have to reevaluate the project in her absence. Trustee Benson referred to Odelson and Sterk, excessive litigation and accusations. Mayor Towers gavelled excessively. Trustee Hanks called Mayor Towers out of order. Trustee Benson asked that Mike McGrath be removed from his seat.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess due to lack of decorum. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson did not respond

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting recessed at 8:25 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 pm.

Trustee Benson asked for Odelson and Sterk to be removed. Trustee Benson asked if Jim Czarnik is involved with the air stripping. Jim Czarnik stated that he has not received any instructions regarding air stripping. Trustee Benson stated that Baxter and Woodman should be the only engineer involved in air stripping. Discussion continued involving Fire Department on call payroll and gas reimbursements.

Trustee Williams stated that the discussion that just took place had nothing to do with the Chicago South Suburban Housing Collaborative; please stick to the agenda.

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported 786 calls for service. Trustee Williams stated she has not received a reply to an email sent to Chief Fox and Odelson and Sterk regarding two Police Department grants that are in jeopardy if they are not utilized. Trustee Williams stated Finance Director Mohan Rao has since confirmed that the tobacco grant has been utilized. At question is the \$11,000.00 STEP program grant. Chief Fox stated that overtime utilized during the performance of roadside safety checks is reimbursed by the Illinois State Police. No overtime needs to be reimbursed at this time. Trustee Williams asked if additional details are planned stating that the grant will run out as of September 31st. Chief Fox stated that grant will last until New Years Eve. Chief Fox will be working with the Sheriff's Police and other departments depending on voluntary participation. Trustee Williams asked FD Rao to verify the dates of the grants. The reduction in overtime and the purchase of used vehicles were discussed.

Trustee Burgess asked for the time period for the calls for service and stated that there has been no actual report about the purchase of the cars between Chief Fox and the Board. Discussion continued involving whether or not the Police Department fleet is required to have Village stickers displayed. Mayor Towers instructed all department heads to provide a list of all vehicles that have Village stickers displayed. Trustee Hanks asked all department heads present if their fleet has Village stickers. All departments answered affirmatively except the Police Department.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen attempted to report 17 calls of service but was interrupted by audience outbursts, Chief Stoffregen will submit written report due to the lack of decorum.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller provided a shortened report that included an update that the permanent electrical hook up for the air strippers is about 90% completed and is awaiting the Com Ed connection. The air conditioner in the Police Department is back on line and working well. Storm branches have all been picked up except south of 223rd Street.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski requested a Special Use to be placed on the next Committee agenda for Pastor Carter and the Seeds of Faith Ministry. The Zoning Board made a recommendation to approve the Special Use on September 10th. Pastor Carter would like to meet with the Board and answer any questions at that time. DH Jasinski stated that the front office position vacancy was never filled and requested that the Village Hall front window be closed on Wednesday in order for the staff to catch up on their paperwork. The payroll clerk is also assisting at the front desk. A water shut off list is in process for June bills. Penalty notices for the August bills have gone out. Residents should contact the front office with any questions. Code Enforcement issued 989 tickets from May 29th through September 24th. The Jeffrey Avenue apartment building that was destroyed by fire will be rebuilt.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report**F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Amon Darnall**

Amon Darnall reported 20 calls of service from September 11th- September 24th.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee Chair Langston reported the FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. Group is open to all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees is tomorrow Wednesday, Sept. 26th from 1-2 p.m. - see flyers for future scheduled dates. The book exchange received recent donations from Nancy Baker and Annabelle Swanson. With the overwhelming donations, the Senior Committee is asking for paperback and large print donations only due to limited spacing. The FREE basic computer program (instructor Gary Holcomb) began on Sept. 6th, 7th, 20th and 21st. The next class will be on Thurs., Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. and Fri., Oct. 12th at 1 p.m. Many thanks to committee member Gary Holcomb for his hours of work downloading all the programs and fixing the computers that were wiped out and to Gerald Pyke, Village tech person, for reconnecting the internet. The Zumba Gold class (instructor Bev Sterrett) continues for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency. Tickets are available for the 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 13th. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Flyers are posted and available in the literature rack. The Senior Committee's next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 5 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8am-11:30 a.m. The SV Fun Club offers FREE basic line dancing classes for their members at 3 p.m. Sundays. Leisure Timers will meet September 26th at 5 p.m. for their beef sandwich meal preceding the meeting. The Sunshiners next meeting will be on Oct. 1st at 7 p.m. The SV VFW meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.. The SV Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. The BMW Crossroads meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Many seniors are still not aware of the Senior Center reopening. Bloom Township presents Wii bowling on Thurs., Sept. 27th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (call 754-9400 x247) The Rules of the Road driver course will be offered Oct. 9th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (call 754-9400 x244). The Community luncheon resumes Wed., Oct. 17th at the Glenwoodie Golf Club in Glenwood. Tickets are on sale at the township \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for non-township seniors and will feature 'Country Autumn' with country music by Jerry Vernon's band. There have been many inquiries regarding the safety of our drinking water.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Pruitt reported the Livings Springs Church will come to Sauk Village for a Community Day of Service on Sunday, October 21st. The focus will be improvements to the Municipal Center complex, Community Center, Police Department and shutting down the Community Garden. The Beautification Committee is looking to recruit new members. Fall decorations will be displayed at the signs on 394 and near McDonalds where they are visible when entering the Village.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Pruitt stated that the youth council program is going well. Consent forms have been sent out and Rickover students are being recruited for the program. The council will focus in education and socialization and service. The council will meet on specified Wednesdays from 1:30pm -2:15pm and as needed. There is no cost to the students except in the case of special programs. The Education and Training session on September 6th was very successful. The next session will take place October 11th at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church. The Board members who were unable to attend the September session are welcomed to attend. There is no update on the Corn and Dog Roast.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 12, 2012 through September 25, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for September 12, 2012 through September 25, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess questioned Invoice #26018 on page 1. Finance Director Rao stated the expense is for the attorney approved by Village Manager Turner to represent the Village against the suit filed by Ms. Houston. Trustee Burgess asked to see the invoice for further research and asked for an update of funds available in the General Fund. Trustee Williams stated that the Board stated previously that they did not approve any law firm other than the Village Attorney to represent the Village on this lawsuit. A letter needs to be sent to this firm that the Board will not approve this expense. Mayor Towers stated that the Board is overstepping their bounds and the law firm will get paid even if we have to go to court. Trustee Williams stated that until Odelson and Sterk is removed properly with the advice and consent of the Village Board no other firm can represent the Village as the Village attorney. All appropriations must be approved by a majority of the Board. If this expense is removed from the Accounts Payable by a majority of the Board and a check is signed by the Finance Director, Village Treasurer or Village Clerk action will be taken. Trustee Hanks agreed that this attorney was never brought before the Village Board and the expense should not be approved. The Mayor and the Village Manager cannot appoint an attorney without Board approval.

Trustee Benson stated he previously asked that two bond payments be removed from the Accounts Payable but the Board instructed they be paid without the Mayor's approval. Trustee Benson asked for the removal of two Odelson and Sterk invoices and one invoice from Robinson Engineering from the Accounts Payable. Trustee Benson asked for clarification on the Robinson Engineering charges. Trustee Benson stated that Robinson Engineering is not qualified to continue with the Lake Michigan water project and should not get paid for their work. Jim Czarnik disagreed with Trustee Benson's allegations.

The motion and the second to approve the Accounts Payable were rescinded by Trustees Williams and Myers. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$359,135.92 after removing Invoice #26018 in the amount of \$2,288.00. Engineering and Attorney bills must be paid in order to move forward with the Lake Michigan water plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. The motion to approve the IDOT Agency Agreement was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve the Construction Engineering Agreement for the IDOT Project

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Construction Engineering Agreement for the IDOT Program. The motion to approve the Construction Engineering Agreement was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Burgess asked Village Engineer Czarnik to clarify the above agreement. Jim Czarnik stated this is relating to funding to improve 223rd Street at no cost to the Village.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing Village of Sauk Village to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan.

The motion to approve the above ordinance was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 53 (Water) and Title V (Public Works) of the Village code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 53 (Water) and Title V (Public Works) of the Village code.

The motion to approve the above ordinance was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

F. Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving the Net Profits Agreement and Easement and Assignment Agreement with Unison Site Management, LLC

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve resolution approving the Net Profits Agreement and Easement and Assignment Agreement with Unison Site Management, LLC.

The motion to approve the above resolution was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Burgess asked if the funds will be placed into a separate fund. Finance Director Rao confirmed that once the funds are received they will be placed in a separate account. Further discussion continued regarding the buyout of the cell tower lease.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve the Schrader Rental Agreement

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Schrader Rental Agreement.

The motion to approve the Schrader rental agreement was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Engineer handling this project is not on board with this agreement because it will cost the Village 2 ½ times more. Trustee Hanks stated that this agreement is for the rental not the purchase of the Schrader equipment. Mayor Towers stated that the attorneys went behind his back to get this agreement; they are trying to make these permanent. Trustees Burgess and Myers stated that the Village has been mandated to take over the cost of the air strippers per the IEPA or the IEPA will take over again. Mayor Towers stated that someone should come and take it over. Village Attorney McGrath stated that if they come it will not be free.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board has had multiple conversations with the IEPA. The IEPA stepped in and installed the air strippers when the Board was not acting on it. If we do not comply with the IEPA they will take action against the Village that could cost the Village over one and a half million dollars.

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion to pay Schrader.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McGrath to notify the IEPA the following day that the Board has agreed to the motion and that the Mayor intends to veto the motion. The IEPA and the Attorney General needs to know that the Village Board keeps getting roadblocks put up by the Mayor.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

H. Motion to Ensure that all Checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to ensure that all checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies.

The motion to approve that all checks be signed by the Mayor and the Village Clerk unless in extreme emergencies was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated that the Village Clerk has no business at all signing checks, should be removed from this and that Mayor Towers should be the only one to sign checks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion. Trustee Williams stated that the Board will also override that veto. Trustee Williams asked for the ordinance that states who can sign checks and who the keeper of the record is that must sign and seal all Village documents (the Village Clerk). Mayor Towers stated to Finance Director Rao that he is in the position now that he will be called upon to sign some checks.

Trustee Burgess stated that checks can only be signed if the Board votes the money out.

Trustee Williams clarified for the benefit of all department heads that once a motion is approved by the Board, until which time it is vetoed and overturned, it becomes law. Any violation of that law could require disciplinary action by the Board. Trustee Williams stated that if FD Rao or Treasurer Carmichael feel threatened at any time to sign a check, unless it is an extreme emergency, sign the check. That will be in direct violation of a motion made by the Board and disciplinary action will take place. Trustee Williams apologized if her tone or words seem threatening while explaining their job responsibilities and the motions taking place stating and directed anyone who felt threatened to send an email to the Board. The Village Clerk has been instructed to sign every check.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2012 Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. 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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 17, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. 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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. July 24, 2012 Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. The 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 Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. September 4, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 4, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

E. September 4, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 4, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

F. September 17, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Absent: Trustee Chavez

**Clerk's Notes: September 8, 2012 Budget Meeting - Canceled due to lack of quorum
September 11, 2012 Board Meeting - Canceled due to lack of quorum**

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

September 25, 2012

Trustees Burgess, Hanks,
Myers & Williams
Village of Sauk Village
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village IL 60411

Re: Reinstatement of O&S Ltd.

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to you in anticipation of Mayor Towers veto at tonight's meeting. On September 10, 2012, Mayor Towers issued a letter in an attempt to remove Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. as Village Attorney. Mayor Towers' letter did not conform to state statute and, therefore, was not effective. We continued to serve the Village. The Board sought to confirm its position that Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. should remain Village Attorney and on September 17, 2012, reinstated Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. at its Special Meeting. Mayor Towers stated he would veto the Board's motion. Because the Mayor failed to follow correct procedure in the first instance, the Special Meeting action was legally unnecessary. Therefore, any veto has no effect.

To avoid further confusion, we are asking the Board to make a motion to immediately reinstate Odelson & Sterk after Mayor Towers' veto. For tonight we ask the following motion be made: **"Motion to Reinstate Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. as Village Attorney effective immediately."**

You can address any of the Mayor's perceived issues or concerns with the responses below.

1. No Communication with Village Attorney. We have spoken directly with Mayor Towers by phone and in person throughout our tenure as Village Attorney. We are at every Regular Board Meeting and, typically, meet with the Mayor prior to each meeting. We have also communicated with the Mayor via cell phone, emails, fax, and memos. We have copies of all emails and memos sent to the Mayor dealing with everything from the Open Meetings Act to FOIA's, to contracts, to meeting decorum and Robert's Rule of Order. We have returned every call with the exception of the Mayor's call of September 10, 2012, which was not returned because it pertained to Ms. Turner and she was represented by Attorney Weiler.

2. Bad Legal Advice / No Confidence

We have consistently offered legal advice without regard as to who it is given to - the Mayor or Village Board.

We have provided our opinions in memos to the Mayor and Board. Unfortunately, our advice has not always been followed. The quality of our work should not be questioned. In the short term we have been Village Attorney, we have accomplished the following:

- (1) Drafted over thirty (30) ordinances and our ordinances have been upheld in court.
- (2) Provided legal advice during water crisis.
- (3) Negotiated on behalf of Village's labor issues and water issues.
- (4) Litigation Success - We have prevailed / won on the following matters:

Gibbons v. Sauk Village - 10 cv 8237

Represented Village on enforcement of settlement agreement only.
Attorney fees and costs sought by plaintiff's counsel and denied by court.

Frank Martin v. Sauk Village - 2011 CA 4895

Human Rights Claim - Dismissed January 2012

Milan Knox v. Sauk Village - 11 cv 7759

Civil Rights Claim - Village's Motion to Dismiss granted on September 21, 2012.

Timothy Holevis v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed August 22, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Robert Smith v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed April 24, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Genorise Carmichael v. Sauk Village - EEOC Matter

Dismissed August 6, 2012 after EEOC reviewed our brief.

Cecial Tates v. Sauk Village - Adjudication Appeal

Dismissed April 30, 2012

State of Illinois v. Sauk Village - Water Compliance

Ongoing, avoided thousands of dollars of fines, fees and costs

Sauk Village v. Turner - Settlement Agreement

Enforced September 2012 - Turner's request to stay denied

- (5) FOIA - have assisted in answering hundreds of FOIA requests and Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. directives upheld by Attorney General's Office.

3. Legal Bills

At no point since our appointment in July 2011, have our legal bills been questioned. We bill at the same hourly rate as the Village's prior Village Attorneys. If anyone has questions on specific entries, time spent on a particular item, etc. - we will discuss at any time. We will reduce our bill if there are any errors.

Our office has been consumed by lengthy meetings, ongoing water issues and litigation. Our bills are not out of line with prior legal bills. Compare to Baxter and Woodman's recently approved invoice in the amount of \$40,968.00.

4. No Confidence

The Mayor claims he has no confidence in our firm. The reality is if he doesn't like what he is told, he looks to hire a different consultant. We are the fourth (4th) Village Attorney in less than four (4) years.

Lastly, he should instruct the Clerk to place the Board's Motion to override the veto on the next Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Very truly yours,

ODELSON & STERK, LTD.



Michael J. McGrath

MJM:jc
cc: Clerk 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, **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 11:29 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Chavez

2. Motion to Place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on Paid Leave

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to place Village Manager Henrietta on paid leave. The motion to place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on paid leave was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification why and how long Village Manager Turner will be on paid leave. Trustee Williams stated that prior discussion stated that the leave would be for a period of three weeks. Trustee Hanks stated this motion is to reiterate placing Village Manager Turner on paid leave for three weeks following the Mayor's veto at the Regular Board meeting

Mayor Towers stated that he intends to veto this motion. The Board intends to override the Mayor's veto.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Refused to Vote: Trustees Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Myers asked if the internal investigation is done. Mayor Towers stated that he did not call for an internal investigation.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 pm.

Acting Mayor David 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, **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers refused to call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Towers gaveled excessively. Trustee Hanks directed Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Chavez

No response: Trustee Benson

Mayor Towers continued to gavel excessively.

2. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Eliminating the Police Chief Position Beginning November 1, 2012

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve an ordinance eliminating the Police Chief position beginning November 1, 2012. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to approve the above ordinance.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

No response: Trustee Benson

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers continued to gavel excessively.

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

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

No response: Trustee Benson

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

Thursday, September 27, 2012
6:00 pm
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330

**THIS MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO
LACK OF DECORUM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADDITIONAL BUDGET REVIEW
3. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was called by the Mayor and Corporate Authorities of the Village of Sauk Village

Notice issued in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Village Clerk's office at (708) 758-3330. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

FORMAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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 2, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (Trustee Benson entered the meeting at 7:07 pm)

Mayor Towers recognized Francine Anderson as present as Trustee Anderson. Trustee Williams stated that Ms. Anderson was not properly appointed as a trustee according to the memo provided by the Village Attorneys. The discussion between the Mayor and the Board of Trustees regarding the appointment of Ms. Anderson should take place in executive session. The appointment should then be made at a Regular or Special Board meeting. The meeting would be considered illegal and the Board would appear to condone the action if Ms. Anderson is allowed to participate. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Chavez's seat has been vacated. Mayor Towers stated that he appointed Francine Anderson to that seat on September 27th. (Mayor Towers gave the oath of office to Ms. Anderson at that time). Trustee Burgess clarified that the appointment should be made with the consent and approval of the Board. The seat would be up for reelection in April 2013. Mayor Towers disagreed and stated that the issue will be researched.

Trustee Hanks stated that according to Illinois State Statute ILCS53.1-10-50 the appointment was not legal and clarified that the Mayor has the right to bring an appointment to the Board for their approval. If the Board does not accept that appointment, the Mayor has the right to bring a second appointment to the Board for approval. If the Board does not accept the second appointment, the Mayor can then appoint from either of those two individuals who failed to receive the advice and consent of the Board.

Mayor Towers stated that Francine Anderson has been appointed correctly according to his attorney and refused to recognize the State Statute.

Trustee Myers stated there is no problem appointing Francine Anderson to the seat if the proper procedure is followed.

Trustee Williams stated Village Attorney Matt Byrne was directed to prepare a memo on how replace a trustee vacancy. Francine Anderson should not sit in on a meeting until the Village Attorney directs the Board on how to proceed.

Trustee Hanks stated that the appointment and the oath given to Francine Anderson by Mayor Towers were illegal.

Trustee Williams stated she will excuse herself from the meeting if the meeting is not adjourned due to a dereliction of duties and disregard for the law.

Trustee Williams left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Trustee Burgess stated that the rules need to be respected; what's the rush? Presenters are available to conduct Village business. The appointment should be done at a Regular Board meeting according to the State Statute.

Mayor Towers stated that Francine Anderson will stay in place.

Trustee Burgess stated that at this time Ms Anderson is a resident. Allowing Ms. Anderson to participate in the meeting would allow any resident to participate.

20. Adjournment

Trustee Burgess asked for a motion to adjourn until the meeting can be conducted by the rules. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to adjourn.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

No response: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Acting Mayor David 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 4, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers (via cell phone- speaker) and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Resident Francine Anderson was present and the Board table and was recognized present as Trustee Anderson per Mayor Towers.

2. Motion placing Village Manager Henrietta Turner on continued paid leave beginning Monday, October 8, 2012 to investigate unresolved and unanswered financial questions and issues relating to the removal of Village property by Village Manager Turner and continuing until the Village Board receives answers and documents requested from its investigation.

After being recognized by Mayor Towers, Trustee Hanks made a motion placing Village Manager Henrietta Turner on continued paid leave beginning Monday, October 8, 2012 to investigate unresolved and unanswered financial questions and issues relating to the removal of Village property by Village Manager Turner and continuing until the Village Board receives answers and documents requested from its investigation. The motion placing Village Manager on continued paid leave was seconded by Trustee Williams. Resident Francine Anderson attempted to make a comment regarding the above motion. Trustees did not allow the comment from resident Anderson. Trustee Hanks directed Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers (via cell phone- speaker) and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Mayor Towers questioned the posting of the Special Meeting. Village Clerk Williams stated that the meeting notice was posted at 6:58 pm Tuesday, October 2, 2012.

Acting Mayor 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, OCTOBER 9, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Hanks lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: None

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint a Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated he will act as Mayor Pro Tem until Mayor Towers is present. There has been no communication from Mayor Towers.

2. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Motion to approve an ordinance adding Section 53.07 and 53.08 to the Village Code regarding Water Service

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve an ordinance adding Section 53.07 and 53.08 to the Village Code regarding Water Service. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve an ordinance adding Section 53.07 and 53.08 to the Village Code. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to approve Video Gaming Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Video Gaming Ordinance. Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the Video Gaming ordinance. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Hanks

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Approve Consideration of the Application by Pastor Derick Carter, Sr. (Seed of Faith Ministries) for a Special Use to Allow for a Place of Worship in a C-2 Commercial District Located at 7-8

Surreybrook

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve consideration of the application by Pastor Derick Carter, Sr. (Seed of Faith Ministries) for a Special Use to Allow for a Place of Worship in a C-2 Commercial District Located at 7-8 Surreybrook. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve consideration of the application by Pastor Derick Carter, Sr. (Seed of Faith Ministries) for a Special Use. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: DH Jasinski stated Pastor Carter has appeared in front of the Zoning Board and it is their recommendation that the Special Use be approved.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for Quiet Zone Establishment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for Quiet Zone Establishment. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Supplemental Engineering Agreement. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Quiet Zone will include Torrence Avenue and Cottage Grove.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve Closing the Village Hall on Wednesdays

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve closing the Village Hall on Wednesdays.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve closing the Village Hall on Wednesdays.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Bud's Ambulance Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve an amendment to the Bud's Ambulance Agreement.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve an amendment to the Bud's Ambulance Agreement. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Discussion: The amendment pertains to the increase discussed at a previous Committee meeting.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve the GNP Lighting Proposal

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the GNP Lighting Proposal. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the GNP Lighting Proposal. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Discussion: The proposal was previously presented and is included in the Board packets. Price Sowers was on hand to answer questions at last week's Committee meeting. Price stated that one third of the funding has already been secured through a DECO grant. Price will continue to seek additional funding that may cover the remaining balance. Price will follow up with the Board.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. Board's override to Mayoral Vetoes of September 25, 2012

a. Override of Mayoral Veto of motion to place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012 in order to investigate Village finances and to investigate boxes of documents removed by Henrietta Turner on September 14th at 5 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012 as stated above. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to place Village Manager Henrietta Turner on paid administrative leave for three weeks starting Friday, September 14, 2012. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

b. Override of Mayoral Veto of motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD, although the Mayor's attempted removal was not legal, or in compliance with the law.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve Override of Mayoral Veto of motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD as stated above. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to reinstate the Village Attorneys, Odelson & Sterk, LTD. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

c. Override of Mayoral Veto of motion to Amend Ordinance 12-015 to clarify that the position of Village Manager remain in full force and effect until the beginning of the new fiscal year beginning November 1, 2012 when the current amended ordinance will take effect to eliminate the Village Manager position from the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to Amend Ordinance 12-015 as stated above. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to Amend Ordinance 12-015. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

d. Override of Mayoral Veto of motion to establish a chain of command in the absence of the Village Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to establish a chain of command in the absence of the Village Manager. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the override of the Mayoral Veto of the motion to establish a chain of command in the absence of the Village Manager. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Benson expressed his concerns that the motion takes away the power of the Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated this does not remove the power of the Mayor but does provide a Trustee liaison between the department heads and the Mayor due to the absence of the Village Manager. Trustee liaisons will relay the information to the Mayor and the Board.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve Weatherization of Air Strippers

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the weatherization of the air strippers.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the override of the weatherization of the air strippers. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is a necessary expense due to the damage that could be caused to the air strippers during upcoming inclement weather.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

H. Motion to Approve Purchase of Temporary Air Strippers until Permanent Air Strippers are Available

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the temporary air strippers until the permanent air strippers are available. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of the temporary air strippers as stated above. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

I. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 25, 2012 through October 9, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 25, 2012 through October 9, 2012. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 25, 2012 through October 9, 2012. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Discussion: The cause of the settlement agreements, Illinois Municipal League payment and Robinson Engineering's fee. The motion to approve and the second to the motion to approve were rescinded. The motion was amended to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements after removing invoice #26018 in the amount of \$2,288.00. The motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Hon. Lewis Towers- Absent- No report

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that voter's registration is no longer available until after the November election. Voter's registration will no longer be available at the McConathy Public Library. Three additional registrars were trained and are now available to assist residents in addition to the Village Clerk. The 2013 Candidate's Guide is now available on line for anyone interested in being a candidate for the office of Mayoral, Village Clerk or Trustee during the 2013 Consolidated Election. Petitions may be filed December 17, 2012 through December 24, 2012. There may be an extension to the filing deadline due to the holiday. The Sauk Village budget is also available for inspection on the website, the front office and the library. The budget will be submitted for approval during the October 23, 2012 Board meeting.

C. Village Manager- Mrs. Henrietta Turner- Absent- No report

D. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated the Fire and Police Pension Boards will hold their quarterly Pension Board meetings on October 18, 2012.

E. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD- Mike McGrath- No report

F. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik asked for direction on the issues pertaining to the final IDNR hearing. The issues include the base water rate costs for non residents such as Candlelight Village and Weatherstone Estates and late payments by residents. These issues will be addressed at the next Committee meeting.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated a fire caused major damage to a residence last night. The family has been relocated. Trustee Myers reminded residents to check the lint section of their dryer frequently. There will be a drop off for electronics on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Park Junior High in Flossmoor from 9 am – 1 pm. Old TV's, computers, keyboards, etc... will be accepted. Remove all personal information from the computers before disposal.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess asked residents to frequent Sauk Village businesses instead of taking their business outside of the village. Trustee Burgess stated that we need to encourage more businesses to come to Sauk Village. All concerns should be brought to the business owner in order to allow them to make any corrections. Illinois Tollway is hiring for many different locations. The businesses in the Logistics Center are often hiring; applications can be obtained through a staffing agency. Another source of employment is ABF Freight.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported the Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, October 26th at midnight. Trustee Williams reminded the staff to RSVP for the Senior Spaghetti Dinner. The Public Relations Committee is treating staff members to the dinner in lieu of the Employee Appreciation Dinner of the past.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson- No report

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox- Absent- No report

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported the department handled 6 calls of service during the period of September 28th and October 4th. Members of the Fire Department will be visiting the local schools this week during Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Department is hosting their first Mostaccioli Dinner Friday, October 12th from 5pm – 8 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults- \$4.00 for kids and seniors. Four Fire Department personnel will be sent to the Illinois Fire Service Institute to receive valuable education and training to assist the residents. Chief Stoffregen reminded residents to check their smoke detectors and change their furnace filters.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller requested additional staff. Projects are being pushed off due to lack of manpower. The department handled four water main breaks this week. DH Weller is looking for direction on the fire hydrant repairs. The air strippers have been connected to Com Ed and no longer require fuel to operate. The fuel powered generators may be used for back up. Street light repairs are ongoing; 216th Pl. & Jeffrey is repaired. The light at 216th St. and Jeffrey was shot out and caused a problem in the line. Grass cutting, street sweeping, branch pick up and other field work is also ongoing. The Boy Scouts are assisting with the storm drain clean up. The keys to the Community Center have not been returned. A key is needed at the Police Department. DH Weller will be looking for direction in the air stripper winterization process. Trustee Burgess suggested rekeying the locks and keeping the key at the Police Department for access by all. The generators are being rented. The Village generators may need to be upgraded in order to support the air strippers. DH Weller will provide updates to the Board on generator costs and winterization of the air strippers. Public Works employees will continue to maintain the air strippers. Trustee Benson asked what direction DH Weller is waiting for in order to get the hydrants repaired. DH Weller stated that five employees are needed to repair and install the hydrants. DH Weller reported street patching and landscaping is ongoing. Residents should report potholes that need repairs. The trucks are being prepped for winter. There will be some expenses for parts and vehicles included in the May budget.

D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported a realtor has taken over the Talandis house that was burned out. They are getting bids for demolition. Tony's Food and Liquor will be opening again soon under new management. DH Jasinski asked how soon the Wednesday closings will take place at the Village Hall and if the front desk employees can close every day at 1pm for lunch. There is no one available to take payments when the front desk clerk goes to lunch. DH Jasinski cannot take cash payments as a non union employee. The closing on Wednesday is due to the fact that the administrative clerk that resigned was never replaced. The notice will be posted in several places including the Sauk Talk and website and will take place starting next Wednesday. Closing for lunch will be added to a future agenda.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the audit. Finance Director Rao stated he has a few more concerns about the audit. The auditors are not satisfied with what they are finding. Trustee Burgess asked that the auditors come in person to explain the irregularities they have found.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported 7 calls of service from September 28th- September 29th and October 4th. DH Johnson stated ESDA will help with Halloween patrol October 29th – October 31st. DH Johnson stated an ordinance amendment may be needed in order to address the ESDA department's name change to EMA- Emergency Management Agency. The head of the EMA will be addressed as director.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The Senior Committee FREE Blood Pressure Screening program co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. (People Looking For Answers Now) for all village residents (not just seniors) and village employees will take place Wednesday, Oct. 10th from 1-2 p.m. - see flyers for future scheduled dates
Rose thanked Jennie Rameriz and Jim Schultz for the recent donations to the book exchange program.

Many seniors are participating in the program. The next basic computer classes (instructor Gary Holcomb) will be on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 12th at 1 p.m. The next Zumba Gold class (instructor Bev Sterrett) will be on Saturday, October 27th at 1 p.m. for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency. Tickets are available from committee members and at village hall for the 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner taking place on Saturday, October 13th. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. The Senior Committee's next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 5 p.m.

The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. The Sunday FREE basic line dancing class will not meet October 14th. The Leisure Timers have cleaned out their storage room to meet the fire code; their next meeting is Wednesday, October 10th at 6 p.m. The Sunshiner's next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 15th at 7 p.m. The SV VFW meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The SV Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. The BMW Crossroads meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. All groups are looking for members. Bloom Township is offering the Illinois Yellow Dot Program for first responders after auto an accident Monday-Friday. The cost for the photo is \$2. The Community luncheon is on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at the Glenwoodie Golf Club in Glenwood.

Tickets are on sale at the township- \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for non-township seniors. Country Autumn is the theme with country music by the Jerry Vernon's Dunes band. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, October 12th.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Campbell-Pruitt

Ms. Campbell-Pruitt reported The Living Springs Church of Lynwood will assist with a fall clean up on October 21st at 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers at the Living Springs Church after the clean up.

I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Campbell-Pruitt

Ms. Campbell-Pruitt stated the next Education and Training session will take place October 11th at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church at 7 pm. Department Heads and Board members who were unable to attend the September session are welcomed to attend.

J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Ms. Booker reported she will provide the response to a recent FOIA request later in the week. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will take place Saturday, October 13th at 4 pm at Holy Praise Tabernacle Church. The Police Alliance Committee is partnering with the church on a special project. Volunteers are needed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 14, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the August 14, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. August 14, 2012 Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the August 14, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. The 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 Benson

Motion carried

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated questions that do not pertain to agenda items can be addressed after the meeting. Courtney Hafney inquired about the air strippers and asked why the Village Hall needs to close on Wednesdays. DH Weller stated the air strippers are functioning properly. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated Village Hall is closed on Wednesdays due to the lack of manpower. A recently resigned employee was not replaced.

Bernice Brewer Houston inquired about the air strippers. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated the Board is following direction from the IEPA with regards to the air strippers.

Francine Anderson asked if the front desk position that was eliminated was a union position. Affirmative.

Bernadine Hopkins asked why permanent air strippers were necessary. Mayor Pro Tem stated that permanent air strippers will cost less than the temporary air strippers. The air strippers are needed to provide quality water until Lake Michigan water is provided to the residents. The IEPA is requiring the Village to provide the residents with a quantity of quality water. The Board is continuing to take the steps to get Lake Michigan water while complying with the IEPA mandate of installing air strippers. The permanent air strippers can be sold back to the vendor once Lake Michigan water is available.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Mayor Pro Tem read a memo regarding water rates. The south side and the north side are billed at different intervals. The July billing for the south side was estimated according to the May bills due to the fact water department personnel were working at the water distribution center passing out water. Actual meter readings were reflected in the September bills which also reflect the hottest months and the August increase. The Board is reviewing the matter. One drip or a leaky toilet can cause an increase in your bill. Residents should bring their water bills to the Village Hall in an extreme case.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (SILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012).

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING-None

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, OCTOBER 16, 2012.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Request for Administrative Guidance on Issues Regarding the Lake Michigan Water Allocation to IDNR- Jim Czarnik- Robinson Engineering

Village Engineer Czarnik provided forms for this year's CDBG reimbursement and forms that need to be executed to apply for next year's funding. Resolutions will need to be passed to secure the funding. VE Czarnik stated Sauk Village sells water to Candlelight Village and Weatherstone Estates. Both subdivisions run their water systems independently of Sauk Village; they provide their own permits and operators and maintain their systems on their own. Sauk Village could no longer provide water to either subdivision once they are hooked up to Chicago Heights. Both subdivisions would need to find alternative sources of water or secure their own water allocation through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Sauk Village currently has agreements in place to provide water to the subdivisions. Sauk Village can attempt to retain the infrastructure and include them in their allocation. If the subdivisions get their own allocation Sauk Village would no longer receive revenue from them. Mayor Towers suggested directing the Village Attorneys to reach out to the management offices of Weatherstone Estates and Candlelight to discuss the matter and forming a committee to take the lead and report back to the Board. Mayor Towers suggested placing this issue on an upcoming agenda and inviting Weatherstone and Candlelight representatives and the Village Attorneys to participate in the discussion.

The second item for consideration is the non revenue water. Non revenue water is water that is not metered and not billed for. Non revenue water is caused by leaks and various municipal activities. The value of the non revenue water is \$700,000.00 per year based on the current rate of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons. Sauk Village will have to pay Chicago Heights for the water with no way of recouping the cost. The IDNR is suggesting raising the water rates. The rates would have to be increased by 33% in order to keep the water department from operating at a loss and to break even. The new rate would be \$13.33 per 1,000 gallons.

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

All ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:34 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene at 7:38 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

The IDNR is also concerned that the cost of Lake Michigan water may at some point be more expensive than treating our water. The cost of infrastructure repair and /or replacement will further increase the rates to an excess of \$15.00 or more per 1,000 gallons. Submitting a five year plan to the IDNR that will include the Village's plan to reduce the non revenue water by replacing the infrastructure or putting the IDNR application on hold are two available options.

Further discussion included the possibility of faulty meters, estimated water bills and the recent water rate increase. The meters are approximately 10-15 years old and should be in good working order. Meter checks that can determine if there is an internal leak in the home or if the meter is faulty are conducted by the water department. Estimated bills occurred during the water crisis and the recent rate increase which may have affected some resident's bills. Many residents fell behind by not paying their bills. A review will be done of the excessive bills and payments plans should be available.

The three options are raise rates 33% to make up for the non revenue water loss, delay the water allocation until after going through the capital improvement plan, reducing the water loss and reapply later or promise the IDNR that Sauk Village will commit to a capital improvement plan that will reduce the water loss before Lake Michigan water is in use. VE Czarnik asked for direction on how to respond to these issues by the end of November in order to prepare for the January IDNR water allocation hearing. VE Czarnik stated most of the original plan is included in the revised plan. The cost is being tweaked to reflect the current water rate. The rate at the time of the original plan was \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons. The recent ordinance allows for an increase up to \$7.50 per thousand by February 2013. The original plan from November 2011 stated Lake Michigan water would be at a cost of \$10.00 per thousand gallons. The updated cost is more in the range of \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Baxter and Woodman representative Steve Larson is waiting for final confirmation from financial advisor Steve Sola on what the expected costs will be until the time Lake Michigan water is received. A leak detection survey is needed in order to determine more accurate costs. RCAP representative Bud Mason stated the rate of \$7.50 was based on affordability and the ability of the residents to repay the \$7 million dollar loan. The loan includes approximately \$2 million dollars that will address infrastructure improvements needed to bring Sauk Village closer to the goal of less than the 8% water loss required by the IDNR but does not address the infrastructure required to bring Lake Michigan water to the Village.

Discussion was held of options on how to adjust the water bills that were estimated per the direction of Village Manager Turner. The estimated readings were only conducted on the south side of the Village.

3. Discussion of Sauk Village Finances- Mohan Rao

A. Audit for FY 2010 and FY 2011 update

Finance Director Rao updated the Board on his attempts to get the auditors to respond with a date for the submission of the audit. Due to the lack of response, payments will be withheld until the draft audit is received. Mayor Towers and the Board expressed concern over the length of time the audit is taking. Further discussion was held regarding issues that may have affected the difficulty the auditors are facing in preparing the eighteen month audit. Sauk Village has to take some of the responsibility for the faulty record keeping, including the eighteen months of bank reconciliations on all 65 village accounts that were not completed prior to the audit. It was suggested to bring in GFOA or another governmental agency to investigate and assist with completing the audit. The Board will research other firms for the next audit.

B. 2012-2013 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Finance Director Rao stated the 2012-2013 budget includes a deficit of approximately \$2,300.00. Mayor Towers stated the budget deficit that was discussed at the last budget meeting was closer to \$1.1 million dollars. FD Rao stated the \$500,000.00 due to Cook County, the estimated \$600,000.00 in litigation costs and the approximate \$900,000.00 that is due to other funds are not included in the current budget. FD Rao stated the budget consists of the estimated revenue coming in and the estimated expenditures going out. There is no revenue expected to come in to cover the \$1.1 million dollars or the amount due to the fire and water funds; those items are not included in the budget. The actual deficit is closer to \$2.6 million dollars. Further discussion was held about the budget shortfall and borrowing from other funds without the Board's knowledge or approval dating back to prior to this administration and forward.

The approval of the 2012-2013 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be placed on the next Board agenda. Public notice has been posted. The budget has also been available for inspection.

4. Discussion of Recent Estimated Water Bills – Sherry Jasinski

DH Jasinski stated in some cases the July bill was estimated and the September bill was an actual reading which has caused several problems for people; especially for those that were already behind in their payments. The Water Department is setting up appointments to conduct a meter check for anyone who suspects a problem with their meter. The meter readings are good. A leaky faucet or running toilet could be the problem of a high water bill. Residents are being offered a payment plan.

5. Discussion of Setting Halloween Hours

Halloween hours will remain as 3 pm to 7 pm on October 31st.

6. Water Project Update- Kevin Weller

A. Discuss Continued Rental or Purchase of Generators for Air Strippers

B. Baxter and Woodman Air Strippers Update including Weatherization

Public Works Director Weller stated the generators are now connected to Com Ed. There is a back up generator. The purchase of the air strippers is under discussion by the Board.

Baxter and Woodman Representatives Steve Larson and Chris Buckley presented an update on the purchase of the air strippers. An invoice in the amount of \$7,500.00 from Linnear, Inc. for the hook up of the generators to Com Ed was presented to the Board. Baxter and Woodman is working with the IEPA to determine if one or two of the four generators may be eliminated now that the summer demand has ended. This will reduce rental and winterization costs. Winterization costs will be provided by Schrader when it is determined how many units will remain.

Steve Larson reviewed the project plan that was submitted to the IEPA for the loan application. Additional financial information is needed. Theobald Associates representative Steve Sola will continue to work with the loan application. Chris stated custom built air strippers are available and could be installed as soon as possible if they are pre-purchased before the loan application is approved. A down payment of \$60,000.00 is required. The balance of \$500,000.00- \$600,000.00 will be due once the units are delivered. The IEPA will reimburse the Village for the costs of the air strippers. There may be some lag time before the reimbursement is received. The units will not be available until summer if they are not pre-purchased. The alternative is to continue renting the units until Lake Michigan water is received. The project plan must be submitted to the IEPA, public hearings need to be scheduled and the Village Attorney needs to review the legalities of pre-purchasing the air strippers. An analysis of purchasing versus renting the air strippers was provided to the Board previously. The purchase of the air strippers will be included on the next agenda for approval after researching if funds are available.

Discussion continued regarding the consulting firm Village Manager Turner requested Baxter and Woodman hire in addition to their services. The \$8,500.00 per month expense for the IGCI consulting firm was not discussed with or approved by the Board. It is still unclear what services they are providing. Consulting services are currently being provided for free through RCAP. The Board gave direction to terminate the services of IGCI as soon as it was discovered on the Baxter and Woodman invoice in September. All future correspondence will be sent to the Village Clerk to be forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. All return correspondence from the Village will be sent from the Mayor. Steve asked for the status of past due invoices. Steve Larson will follow up with Steve Sola for the financial information needed for the IEPA loan application.

7. Discussion of Board Meeting Issues- (Microphones, copies, audience and Board comment periods)- Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked Board members to use the microphones per the request of several audience members. VC Williams requested a Board consensus for the purchase of two additional mikes and stands.

Residents are also requesting additional copies of the minutes, Accounts Payables report, etc...be available on meeting nights. VC Williams stated 35 copies are currently available. Fifty copies were available in the past and there was a lot of waste. The copying is very costly; there is a charge per page after a certain amount. The excessive copying also causes wear and tear on the copy machine which needs to be replaced. Discussion continued regarding the status of the copier, making fifty copies available and report back to the Board. Residents are also complaining that comments not pertaining to the agenda items are being allowed during Board meeting nights because a discussion took place during the course of the meeting. Mayor Towers stated only agenda items listed on the agenda should be allowed during Board meeting nights. Public comment during Committee meetings is open to any topic.

8. Skyline Disposal Co., Inc transition to Allied Waste Transportation, Inc.

Mayor Towers reported as of October 5, 2012 Skyline Disposal Co., Inc was sold to Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. There will be no changes in services or fees. The Skyline trucks and most of the employees will remain in place. Negotiations with Allied and other vendors may be held before the next contract renewal date.

9. Public Comment

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

Marva Campbell- Pruitt reported the Beautification Committee and the Living Springs Church will be out Sunday October 21st from 10 am -12 pm performing cleanup activities including removing bushes at various municipal locations. Marva addressed the budget request made by the Human Relations Commission for funding of the new Community Handbook. Marva requested formal notification of the denial of her request.

Jackie Glaze addressed the robbery of her house and others in the Village. Jackie stated there is a need for more police officers and better street lighting.

Vickie Jankovic -217th Street- complained about pizza places not delivering in certain sections of Sauk Village due to the delivery personnel being robbed.

Delores Brady discussed reasons for high water bills.

Community Center volunteer Cortez Stewart mentioned a current program that is serving Sauk Village kids is being charged to use the center. Mayor Towers stated the proper application needs to be filled out and approved.

Sid Harris stated the light between 1605 and 1609 217th Place needs to be replaced.

Eddie Kimble discussed break ins, inter fund borrowing, estimated water bills, accessing the minutes on line, the need for a Special Meeting to discuss the increased water rates and thanked Bud Mason for his attendance and information provided at the meetings.

John Hinko commented on the water rate increase, fire hydrants and how the Candlelight voters cannot get the water.

Bernice Brewer- Houston remarked on water meter checks, the IEPA project plans and the purchase of the air strippers.

James Witherspoon commented on Weatherstone and Candlelight not getting the water, the audit and the air strippers. Mayor Towers stated the Village is mandated by the IEPA and the Attorney General to proceed in a certain direction.

Lynda Washington discussed the consultant's fee, break ins, the lack of services for the residents and Community Center use.

Pat Couch discussed break ins.

Charles Pondexter discussed his extremely high estimated water bill. Mayor Towers stated the reason for excessive bills should be reviewed by the Water Department and the front office personnel.

Mr. Pierce- Plum Creek- discussed his high water bill and property taxes.

Mr. Corey- Plum Creek- stated the arguing in the Board room the last four years has kept the Village business from getting done.

Judy Cast discussed the audit and the crime in the Village.

Jan Clark discussed the current police car fleet and disagreements on how people feel about the water. Mayor Towers stated three vehicles were recently purchased from Downers Grove. Trustee Williams stated a recent insurance payment reimbursed most of the cost of the police cars.

Mr. Hadley- sympathized with residents who have suffered break ins and other crime issues and non working fire hydrants.

Ron Mitchell discussed Community Center fees and water bills.

Bernadine Hopkins discussed high estimated water bills and local businesses.

Rose Langston discussed the high estimated water bills, lack of detailed police reports and voters of Candlelight and Weatherstone. Rose thanked the Trustees, Village Clerk and residents who participated in the Spaghetti dinner.

Francine Anderson discussed the budget and the Public Works Department duties.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated Community Center rental application fee waivers should be presented to the Board for review until a new Parks and Recreation Committee Chair is appointed. Sauk Talk article are due October 26th. Trustee Williams stated the Public Works Department staff has been cut in half. Com Ed is responsible for a lot of the street light issues. Additional police officers are needed; Chief Fox cut staffing in the Police Department despite the number of break ins. Outside agencies have been contacted by residents and Board members for help with the irregularities during this administration; they have not responded. Trustee Williams suggested residents continue to write these agencies.

Trustee Burgess suggested changing the locks to the Community Center. A list of key holders will be provided to the Board. Trustee Burgess asked if the new police cars can be insured due to the high mileage. Mayor Towers stated the insurance is not a problem. Trustee Burgess discussed the Parks and Recreation Committee application process.

Trustee Benson suggested averaging the past six months water bills and adjust them accordingly.

Mayor Towers suggested reviewing the estimated bills and adjust them without adding the increase.

Trustee Myers reported the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the Fire Station. The multiple number of break ins continues to be a topic of the Neighborhood Watch. Keep an eye out for your neighbors.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C)(1)(2012)

12. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

Trustee Burgess asked for a motion to adjourn until the meeting can be conducted by the rules. Trustee Williams seconded the motion to adjourn.

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 am Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Acting Mayor 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, **OCTOBER 23, 2012.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 9:15 pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules and only act on items #1,2,3,7,8 and 11. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

2. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Motion to approve an ordinance creating Chapter 127 (Outdoor Advertising) of the Village Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance creating Chapter 127 (Outdoor Advertising) of the Village Code. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Myers stated the ordinance relates to road signs along 394 and Route 30. The signs must be maintained or sign owners may be fined. Discussion continued regarding the context of the ordinance. This ordinance has been previously discussed and will be voted on as is.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

B. Motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 15.8 (Temporary Signs) of the Village Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 15.8 (Temporary Signs) of the Village Code. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess. Trustee Myers stated the amendment complies with the State statute. There will be no time limit placed on political signs.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

C. Motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 92.65 (Applicability; When Kennel Licenses Prohibited) of the Village Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 92.65 (Applicability; When Kennel Licenses Prohibited) of the Village Code. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee

Hanks. Trustee Myers stated the main purpose of the ordinance states a kennel license is needed if there are three or more animals in the house.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

D. Motion to approve an ordinance granting a Special Use for the property commonly located at 7-8 Surreybrook Plaza, Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance granting a Special Use for the property commonly located at 7-8 Surreybrook Plaza, Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

3. New Business

A. Motion to Approve Down payment (\$60,000.00) for the purchase of Permanent Air Strippers

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the down payment (\$60,000.00) for the purchase of Permanent Air Strippers. Four air strippers are currently being leased until the permanent air strippers are in place. The air strippers will remain in place until Lake Michigan water is connected. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the Schrader Purchase Agreement for the Temporary Air Strippers

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table this item until the IEPA informs the Village if two air strippers will be sufficient. The motion to table was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve Rate Adjustment for Estimated Water Bills- South Side

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the rate adjustment for the estimated water bills for the South Side. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Mayor Towers asked to suspend the rules and to include “without penalties” to the motion. Trustee Burgess rescinded his motion. Trustee Hanks rescinded his second to the motion. Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the rate adjustment for the estimated water bills for the South Side without penalties. Trustee Hanks seconded the amended motion.

Trustee Burgess clarified the rate adjustment is due to South Side residents to correct billing errors made during the estimated billing of July.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

D. Approval of Accounts Payable and Disbursements for October 10, 2012 through October 23, 2012

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for October 10, 2012 through October 23, 2012. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks. Additional research is required regarding the purchase of the police cars due to conflicting information. Vendor #2220 – Amount \$13,500.00 will be removed pending investigation.

Trustee Benson questioned the expense for the Hiskes and Dilner law firm; the line item mentions resident Ed Shankel. The suit was brought against Mr. Shankel and the Village by Brunetta Hill-Corley. Hiskes and Dilner does not represent Ed Shankel in the matter. Trustee Myers rescinded his motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks rescinded his second to the motion. Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable with the \$13,500.00 expense removed. The motion to approve was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve Mayoral Appointment of Francine Anderson to fill Trustee Vacancy

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Mayoral appointment of Francine Anderson to fill Trustee Vacancy. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson.

Motion failed due to no second

Mayor Towers asked to suspend the rules to include a consensus of the Board to approve a retainer fee for Theobald & Associates in the amount of \$10,000.00 in order to continue working with Baxter and Woodman and Finance Director Rao on the water issues and the IEPA loan application only.

Consensus:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS- Tabled

- A. Mayor's Report- Hon. Lewis Towers
- B. Village Clerk-Mrs. Debbie Williams
- C. Village Manager- Mrs. Henrietta Turner
- D. Village Treasurer-Mrs. Genorise Carmichael
- E. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD- Mr. Mike McGrath
- F. Village Engineer- Mr. Jim Czarnik

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES - Tabled

- A. Parks and Recreation Committee
- B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks
- C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers
- D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess
- E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams
- F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS- Tabled

- A. Police Department- Chief Fox
- B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen
- C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller
- D. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski
- E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao
- F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson
- G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston
- H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt
- I. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt
- J. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

James Harvey asked for clarification on item 3E.

Bernice Brewer-Houston commented on the Hiskes, Dilner and O'Donnell attorney representation and the resale of the air strippers.

Larry Stewart asked for clarification on the appointment process.

John Hinko questioned how long the air strippers will last and what happens if residents cannot pay their payment plan.

Francine Anderson discussed item 3E the Hiskes, Dilner and O'Donnell attorney representation and asked that the Accounts Payable is available to the residents.

Bernadine Hopkins questioned the tabling of the Police Alliance Committee report, the estimated water bill adjustments and the water rate increase. Mayor Towers stated the air strippers must stay in place per the IEPA. The rate increase is needed to provide the air strippers and a cushion for Lake Michigan water. Trustee Burgess stated several meetings have been held to discuss the increases. Air strippers should have been installed when well #3 was shut down in 2009. The Board attempted to approve the air strippers in 2010 but it was vetoed. Mayor Towers stated the IEPA stepped in when the test results kept rising so quickly.

Ron Mitchell asked when the contamination was first reported. Mayor Towers stated well #3 was shut down in 2009 due to the contamination.

Jan Clark commented on the delay of the permanent air strippers. Attorney McGrath stated they long term air strippers may take three to six months.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Mayor Towers read a letter previously presented to the Board of Trustees and Department Heads regarding his opposition of the ordinance abolishing the Police Chief's position. Mayor Towers stated he is executing his power according to State Statute 65ILCS5-351-30-5 Section 3-130-5 to appoint Robert Fox to the position of Fire Chief and Fire Chief Stoffregen to the position of Assistant Fire Chief due to the public safety concern. The transition will start immediately.

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers what reason he had to remove Fire Chief Stoffregen as Fire Chief. Mayor Towers stated Chief Stoffregen did not have the qualifications to run the Police Department. The Police Chief's position was eliminated for budget reasons and does not have a contract in place. Trustee Burgess stated Robert Fox has already collected his final paycheck and benefits. There are five sergeants in the Police Department and only two full time employees in the Fire Department; the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief.

(Arguments and audience disruption followed.)

Trustee Hanks stated Mayor Towers did not have the power or authority to make this change without the approval and consent of the Village Board. Chief Stoffregen has a contract. Mayor Towers cannot make changes to the contract without coming before the Board with reasons in writing. Trustee Hanks directed all Fire Department personnel to report to work under Chief Stoffregen. According to State statutes the position is not vacant; there is no position to appoint anyone to. Trustee Hanks asked for clarification from Village Attorney McGrath. Mayor Towers would not recognize the Village Attorney. Trustee Hanks attempted to yield the floor to Gary Bell. (Excessive gaveling continued for several minutes.)

9. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-Tabled

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS)120/2 (C) (1) (2012).

10. MOTION TO RECONVENE TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING- Tabled

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Burgess left the room at 10:55 pm. The meeting was ended due to lack of quorum.

Acting Mayor David 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 23, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams (entered the meeting at 7:30 pm)

2. November 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013 Budget Hearing

Mayor Towers stated concerns regarding finalizing a budget that has more than a \$1.5 million dollar deficit. Additional discussion should have taken place before posting the availability of the budget to the residents.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board met multiple times to discuss the budget. The deficit occurred by borrowing almost \$2.5 million dollars from other accounts. Money has not been put aside to repay these funds. The deficit continues to grow in order to maintain day to day operations and to pay for non budgeted personnel and other expenses not budgeted for previously. The actual budget is based on projected revenue and expenses. Budget cuts have been made and department heads have been challenged not to spend money which leaves a deficit of approximately \$2,000. - \$3,000.

Finance Director Rao stated the \$2.5 million dollar deficit includes money borrowed from the Fire, Water and Sewer, Utility Tax and MFT Funds. There is not sufficient revenue to repay the funds at this time. Payments have been made to the Water Fund. Two MFT fund transfers were made to the General Fund during 2008-2010 and prior to his employment.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that he was unaware of any interfund transfers.

Trustee Burgess stated that an email from Finance Director Rao dated 10-18-12 detailed the grand total of the \$2.5 million dollar deficit and included \$681,000.00 owed to the Fire Fund, \$434,000.00 to MFT, \$400,000.00 to Water Fund, \$108,000.00 to Sewer Fund, \$77,000.00 TIF 1, \$17,000.00 TIF 2, \$20,000.00 TIF 4 for a total of interfund borrowing of \$1.5 million dollars as well as the \$450,000.00 due to Cook County and court settlements costs of \$600,000.00. Trustee Burgess stated that some of this borrowing occurred within the last year in order to maintain Village payroll and services as well as unforeseen circumstances such as the water issue during July and August and the air strippers.

Trustee Benson asked if the budget included a Village Manager and a Police Chief. FD Rao stated that it does not include an allocation for either of those positions. Trustee Benson stated that the Village Manager and Police Chief were two of the main positions of the Village and that legal fees are the problem. Trustee Burgess stated that it was suggested over a year ago to hire a Police Chief from within the ranks rather than go outside due to the lack of money. The same is now true of the Village Manager position. The budget is already in deficit. The legal fees are due to excessive litigation brought against the Village.

Mayor Towers stated that the budget is already in deficit and suggested keeping those two positions.

Trustee Hanks stated that the budget deficit continues to grow; those positions were removed by ordinance. Other budget cuts, including additional personnel, were discussed previously.

Mayor Towers opened the hearing up for public participation.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to move item #5- Public Participation in between items # 2 & 3. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Police Chief Fox brought personnel issues before the Board that did not pertain to the budget hearing.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Finance Director Rao referred to the Police Officer's contract.

Trustee Hanks stated that the public participation portion should pertain to the budget hearing only.

Personnel is not on the agenda.

Francine Anderson questioned line items for Personnel, the tax levy, licenses and permits, Insurance, Special Services, Fire Dispatch Fee, Public Works supplies, Combined Debt Service and legal fees.

Mayor Towers asked what employees were affected by the budget cuts. Finance Director Rao stated the affected employees include the Village Manager, Police Chief, one Code Enforcement Inspector and one Front Desk Administration Clerk. The position of Deputy Fire Chief will remain in the budget due to a grant referring to the position according to Fire Chief Stoffregen.

Bernice Brewer Houston questioned the public notice, Police and Firemen's Pension Fund, interfund transfers and water revenue and expenses.

Trustee Hanks stated that the legal notice for the budget hearing was posted within the 10 day posting requirement. Trustees review and vote on items presented in the Accounts Payable. Some things have gone out without Board approval. Finance Director Rao stated that water expenses include the air strippers and Baxter and Woodman.

Bernadine questioned if the budget was available for public inspection and the removal of the Village Manager and Police Chief positions.

The budget was available for public inspection at the Village Hall, Nancy McConathy Public Library and the website. The positions were eliminated due to the budget deficit and the unexpected expenses, such as, air strippers and water distribution.

Nathan Griffin asked Village Attorney McGrath if the Village can operate without a Village Manager and a Police Chief. Village Attorney McGrath stated that this is the case with at least twenty communities with a population of between 5,000-60,000.

Judy Cast stated that the auditors promised the audit by Mid- July and questioned the amount of grievances and the approval of vehicles purchased by the Police Department. Finance Director Rao stated that the preliminary audit should be ready by Mid- November. Trustee Hanks stated that the police cars were discussed during a Village Board meeting. The Board was told that the police cars would include radios, lights and striping provided by Downers Grove for grand total of \$12,000 which should be offset by an \$8,000.00 insurance payment and \$4,000.00 payment from the General Fund.

Lynda Washington questioned eliminating the positions of the Village Manager and Police Chief and the availability of grant funding.

Trustee Hanks stated that tough cuts were made without taking police officers off of the streets. Additional information will be gathered. State Reps need to be contacted for help. Trustee Williams questioned the minimum staffing in the Police Department and stated that more officers need to be on the street.

Ron Mitchell questioned the projected figures for the air stripping project, on call Fire Department pay for Ed Myers and if the Board approved the \$40,000.00 payment to Baxter & Woodman.

Trustee Myers clarified his on call pay for the Fire Department and questioned the gas payments made to individuals during the water distribution, including gas pumped from the Public Works garage. Finance Director Rao stated that the actual information for the air strippers has not been provided at this time. An estimate of \$500,000.00 is included in the budget. FD Rao stated that the Village Manager requested the check and he signed off on the check. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board did not approve the payment.

Jackie Glaze stated that her house was robbed and demanded additional officers on the street. Officers who are off for various reasons need to be replaced. Police Chief Fox stated that officers who are out on Worker's Compensation cannot be replaced.

3. Motion to Approve Fiscal Year November 1, 2012- April 30, 2013 Sauk Village Budget

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year November 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012 Sauk Village budget. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated his objections to the budget which does not include the Village Manager and Police Chief positions. Mayor Towers agreed and stated that he will not sign off on the budget.

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers if the budget is not approved is he prepared to shut the Village down.

Trustee Hanks stated the budget was passed. Mayor Towers can veto the budget.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village, County of Cook and Will, State of Illinois for the 11/1/12-4/30/13 Fiscal Year

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village, County of Cook and Will, State of Illinois for the 11/1/12-4/30/13 Fiscal Year.

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

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

5. Public Participation

6. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 6, 2012.**

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: None

2. Business Property Owner Concerns- Mr Panos- Tabled per Mr. Panos

3. Discussion of TIF #1 including an ordinance dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund and Terminating the Village of Sauk Village TIF #1 Redevelopment Project

Trustee Burgess stated the proper paperwork has been filed to dissolve the TIF. The dissolution should take place sometime in December. The ordinance to dissolve the TIF will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

4. Discussion of Sauk Village Finances- Mohan Rao

A. Audit for FY 2010 and FY 2011 update

Finance Director Rao reported the final FY 2010 18 month audit was turned in with missing information. The final draft was due November 1st. Mayor Towers stated the last information he received was that the audit would be completed by Wednesday, November 7th. FD Rao will follow up on November 7th and provide an update to the Board. The Board expressed concern how long the audit is taking. The bond rating is suspended due to the lack of an audit. FD Rao proposed hiring a different audit firm for FY 2011. There is no need for a bid process due to the urgency. FD Rao has contacted two firms for quotes. FD Rao will reach out to Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Comptroller's office for assistance in the completion of the audit.

5. Water Project Update- Tabled per the request of Bud Mason

6. Reduction in Services

Village Clerk Williams stated Mopheads, Inc. has provided quotes for different scenarios for a reduction in services due to the recent budget cut. Two days a week for the Police Department and one day a week at the Village Hall and Community and Senior Centers - \$1,650.00. Two days a week at all buildings - \$2,000.00. All trash must be removed from the buildings by the people using the buildings on days when the cleaning service is not utilized. The rate is currently \$2,800.00 for three days of service at each building. An RFP will be requested from Mopheads, Inc. Written notification is required to change the terms of the agreement. The cleaning services may go out to bid in the near future.

7. 2012 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement

The CDBG Subrecipient Agreement is an annual agreement that must be approved by the Board in order to receive CDBG funding. This item will be included on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services

The annual Intergovernmental agreement is between Cook County and the Village of Sauk Village for the purpose of Environmental Health Inspectional Services to be provided by Cook County. The agreement will be included on the next Board agenda for approval.

9. Public Comment

A. All questions and comments must be directed to Mayor Towers. Each speaker will be given three

minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Francine Anderson commented on the cost and length of the time the audit is taking, replacing non working meters, removing the Police Chief from the budget, qualifications of the Fire Chief to take on the Police Chiefs duties and possible pending litigation.

Jan Clark asked Board members to use their microphones, stated Chief Stoffregen's qualifications, questioned the credentials of the prior Police Chief and agreed that the State should be called in to review the audit.

Sid Harris commented on the street light repairs needed on 217th Street. Trustee Burgess stated the lights have been ordered and will be replaced on schedule.

Bernice Brewer –Houston commented on the balance due to the TIF, the new job description of the Fire Chief.

Nate Griffin discussed freedom of speech.

Rose Langston reported the American Legion/VFW will hold a Veteran's service on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 11:00 am at St. James Cemetery. Rose discussed the duties of the Fire Chief.

Judy Cast discussed people speaking out of turn, a petition that was submitted in the past and Chief Fox's performance and grievances filed.

Bette Platte commented on Chicago Height's water rates going up and asked where we will get the water from.

Mayor Towers stated there is no contract yet. Rates from other towns will be researched.

Bernadine Hopkins requested a curb repair and questioned Odelson and Sterk's payments.

John Hinko commented on the increased crime in the past several months.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess reported the next Economic Development Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, November 15th at 7pm.

Trustee Myers reported a large structural fire was struck by a squatter conducting an illegal business on Saturday morning. No one was injured. Residents should contact the Police Department if they suspect anyone of illegal activities or squatting.

Reasons for excessive litigation costs were discussed. Residents that require specific or detailed information should file a FOIA request. Public Safety is a priority of all Board members. Trustee Hanks thanked all public safety providers.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

12. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting - None

13. Adjournment

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

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **EMERGENCY MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 6, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Motion to declare Mayor Towers' memos of November 1, 2012 relating to the Village Manager, Chief of Police and Village Attorney positions as invalid and having no legal effect.

The motion to declare the memos of November 1, 2012 relating to the Village Manager, Chief of Police and Village Attorney positions as invalid and having no legal effect was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson repeated the motion and asked for clarification.

Mayor Towers stated that the memos refer to reinstating the Village Manager and Police Chief and firing the Village Attorneys for the third time.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will veto this motion.

3. Motion to approve the initiation of litigation against Robert Fox for violation of Village Code and Separation Agreement

The motion to approve the initiation of litigation against Robert Fox for violation of Village Code and separation agreement was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification.

Mayor Towers stated that the trustees are claiming that Robert Fox violated an agreement that was initiated by the trustees. Mayor Towers stated that he was not aware of the agreement until he was on his way to court. Mayor Towers stated that he reappointed Chief Fox after his position was eliminated.

Trustee Burgess stated that Mayor Towers signed off on Robert Fox and Henrietta Turner's final checks which included sick pay, birthday and vacation pay.

Trustee Williams referenced an October 26th email from Village Attorney Burt Odelson that was addressed to Mayor Towers regarding the abolished position and the fact that Robert Fox accepted the fact that he was no longer employed once he accepted his final paycheck. Robert Fox accepted his final check that was approved and signed by Mayor Towers and the signed agreement should be upheld.

Trustee Benson asked that Robert Fox be allowed to answer questions at this time.

Due to the fact that the motion is in reference to litigation and there was no public comment on this agenda, Mr. Fox, as a private citizen, was not recognized to speak.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Refused to vote: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **EMERGENCY MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 8, 2012.**

1. Call to order

Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. Motion to recess to Executive Session

a. Discussion of Personnel Matters

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

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

Nays: None

The meeting was recessed at 7:02 pm.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 7:16 pm.

3. Motion to appoint an Acting Mayor for the Village of Sauk Village

Trustee Williams made a motion to appoint David Hanks as Acting Mayor for the Village of Sauk Village. The motion to appoint David Hanks was seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson asked if the appointed Mayor will resign his seat as a Trustee. The powers of the Acting Mayor who retains his seat as Trustee were questioned. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village Attorney will prepare a memo to the Board to further clarify the Acting Mayor's powers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. Motion to appoint a replacement for the Trustee seat vacated by Robert Chavez

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to table the appointment of a replacement for the trustee seat vacated by Robert Chavez until next week. The motion to table was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

5. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Acting Mayor 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, NOVEMBER 13, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Mayor Hanks lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

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

Absent: None

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Acting Mayor David Hanks

Acting Mayor Hanks reported Lewis Towers submitted his immediate resignation as Mayor of Sauk Village on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at approximately 5:45 pm. An Emergency Meeting was held on Thursday, November 8th at which time David Hanks humbly accepted the appointment of Acting Mayor for the remainder of the term by a 4-1 vote of the Corporate Authorities. Since the resignation and appointment, Acting Mayor Hanks has reached out to the residents for their input on current issues in the community, Trustees seeking their advice and input, Department Heads, Schrader (air strippers), Baxter and Woodman (EPA loan and winterization of the air strippers), the local business community, TIF consultants to encourage new businesses and the auditors to provide the final results. Acting Mayor Hanks hopes that going forward we can disagree without being disagreeable. Residents were asked to submit letters of interest with hopes to fill the vacancy left by former Trustee Robert Chavez. The letters of interest were provided to the Trustees. Trustees were asked to provide their top three picks. A top pick from the Trustees will be chosen and hopefully confirmed. Acting Mayor Hanks stated healing the division among residents, employees and Board members, bring back our motto "Pride and Progress", understanding our finances, meeting with financial consultants and demanding the audit results and reducing crime by supporting the Police Department and provide tools that are needed to fight the crime are some of the issues Sauk Village is facing.

Acting Mayor Hanks will put together a team of neutral individuals who are not politically motivated to put together a plan and will work with our State and Federal agencies to keep our residents informed. Legitimate litigation and parties responsible for frivolous lawsuits will be aggressively pursued. Communication will be the key to successfully turning Sauk Village around. Acting Mayor Hanks will continue to reach out to residents, department heads, Sauk Village elected officials (past and present) and elected officials from surrounding communities for their advice. The problems will not be resolved overnight but the process has started.

Respond Now has once again provided holiday baskets to the residents of Sauk Village. Acting Mayor Hanks thanked Carl Wolf and the Respond Now organization for continuing to provide help during the holidays as well as the food pantry that is available at the Ed Paesel Community Center from 10am- 2 pm on Tuesdays. The demand far exceeds the amount of baskets available. The Public Relations Committee has offered to seek funding to provide the remaining 25 baskets for residents who called in before today's cut off. Anyone wishing to donate should please contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams at 708/351-8922 before 5pm Wednesday, November 14th. Acting Mayor Hanks respectfully requested that each Trustee donate \$20.00 towards the baskets that will be provided to the residents on Saturday, November 17th.

Acting Mayor Hanks read the Collector's Report for September 2012.

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated volunteers are needed to make phone calls Wednesday and Thursday for the holiday basket distribution. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday to help at 10:00 am to pack and noon to distribute the bags.

C. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- Absent- No report

D. Village Attorney -Odelson & Sterk, LTD-Mr. Mike McGrath-(Enters at 7:24 pm due to excessive traffic)

Village Attorney McGrath reported he is working with Chief Stoffregen on over 120 grievances that were discovered that the Board was not aware of that have not advanced to the next step. Sixty more grievances were turned over by the FOP on Friday and fifteen more at a meeting set up with the FOP. The grievances range from a number of infractions with the bargaining units on behalf of former Chief Fox, such as denial of staff command pay, officer charge pay, denial of prescheduled overtime, awarding overtime to less senior officers, the posting and improperly awarding of special assignments to less senior officers, denial of scheduled vacation time (outside of the water distribution period), violations of minimum staffing, schedule changes without proper notice, time sheets altered former by Chief Fox, etc... These grievances must be resolved before going through the costly arbitration process of legal fees, arbitrator fees and labor intensive for the testifiers. A decision was received today regarding the take home vehicles that were taken away from investigators by Fox. Former Chief Fox pursued the matter against the advice of the Village Attorneys who stated the take home vehicles were included in a written settlement that allowed for them to take the vehicles home. The arbitrator stated this was a clear violation of the contract. Village Attorney McGrath met with Chief Stoffregen and resolved approximately sixty grievances and hopes to have all grievances resolved by month's end after the membership meets. Resolving these grievances may have saved the Village approximately \$92,000.00.

E. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated the Lake Michigan water hearing is two months away. VE Czarnik is waiting for direction from the Board on the information that needs to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The options are to increase the water rates up to 33% to make up for the non resident water, promise IDNR capital improvements will be done to reduce non resident water or cancel the application and reapply after the non revenue water is reduced to an acceptable limit. The proposed water rate could be up to \$15.00 per thousand gallons due to recent water rate increases. Final testimony needs to be submitted by January 10, 2013. This item will be added to the next Committee meeting for discussion.

3. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- No report

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review Committee and the Neighborhood Watch Committee will not meet this month due to the holidays. Trustee Myers asked residents to check on senior citizens and report suspicious behavior to the Police Department.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported he is working with Acting Mayor Hanks and the TIF lawyers to bring new business to Sauk Village. Two new businesses are interested in the Logistics Center. Trustee Burgess will also be working with the Zoning Board to create a new Comprehensive Plan. The last Comprehensive Plan dates back to 1999. Trustee Burgess will be presenting a tri-fold advertisement to the Board for approval that showcases what Sauk Village has to offer. Trustee Burgess is looking for support of the Board to authorize the printing of the tri-fold for distribution to prospective businesses. The next Economic Development meeting will be held Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The tri-fold will be added to the next Committee agenda for review.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported the Public Relations Committee is with Village Clerk Williams on the fundraising and distribution of the holiday baskets. Student Government Day topics will be discussed at the next Public

Relations Committee meeting. Send essay topic suggestions to Trustee Rosie Williams or Village Clerk Debbie Williams. Student Government fundraising will also start after the holidays.

F. Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative- Trustee Benson- No report

4. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Fire Department/ Police Department/ 911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Police Department- Chief Stoffregen reported the Tow Ordinance has been implemented effective November 1st. Eight tows have been recorded since November 1st. Fines in the amount of \$3,000.00 have been collected to date. Chief Stoffregen reported Officer Hufnagel has been activated to New Jersey to assist in the recent disaster involving that community. Officer Hufnagel may be deployed this week. FEMA will pick up the overtime. A police call on Friday, November 9th regarding shots fired resulted in an arrest by detectives within 24 hours. The suspect was charged with armed robbery, and two counts of aggravated discharge of a weapon. The case is still open. The suspect may have additional offenses. The Police Department has taken 620 calls for service in the past week, which includes 3 accidents, 15 burglaries, 25 domestics and 43 arrests. Arrests include aggravated battery to a police officer, resisting an officer, possession of cannibas, three DUI's and one for heroin possession.

Fire Department- Chief Stoffregen reported from November 2nd to November 8th the department responded to 11 calls. One firefighter is currently in training at the Fire Fighter Academy at Prairie State and two fighters are currently attending specialized training for firefighter apparatus engineering. Weekly trainings are held for all Fire Department personnel on Tuesday evenings at the firehouse.

The Firemen's Association is holding their Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 16th from 8 am – noon. Bring your camera to take a picture with Santa.

Chief Stoffregen reminded residents to change their furnace filters to prevent fires and to help decrease their gas bill. Check and replace the batteries in all smoke detectors every six months. Be discreet when leaving boxes of big ticket items out for garbage pick up during the holidays.

B. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Director Weller reported more staff is needed for the Public Works Department. The department is working on street light issues, landscaping and winterization of trucks. Leaf pick up is ongoing. All leaves must be out by November 25th. Street sweeping for the debris left behind will be completed after the leaf pick up. Branches from the storm must be placed out by the end of November for pick up during the first two weeks in December. A list of out of service hydrants is being compiled. Hydrant replacement will begin after the first of the year. Parts from the replaced hydrants will be used to repair other hydrants. The department is working on blanketing the air strippers and other general maintenance as needed. DH Weller stated 30 or more residents have called in due to the estimated bills. Meter checks have been completed for most of the calls. It has been determined that 95% of the problems have occurred due to residential issues. A few meters needed minor repairs or cleaning. Meter checks have been scheduled for all calls.

There is plenty of salt on hand. The Village received a credit from Com Ed in the amount of \$14,657.39 plus \$27.39 interest for paying their bill on time.

C. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Director Jasinski reported Code Enforcement wrote 79 tickets during the period of October 23rd- November 12th. There have been 170 FOIA's answered year to date. The front desk is short handed due to an employee out for surgery.

D. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated the First Midwest bank balance is \$102,823.11. The Illinois Funds are \$9,750.05. A loan from the water fund may be needed to pay General Fund Expenses.

E. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported 11 calls of service from November 2nd- .November 8th. Director Johnson reminded everyone to drive safely during the holidays and check their tires and windshield wipers.

F. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

The next Senior Committee FREE Blood Pressure Screening program (co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N.) for all village residents and employees is Wednesday, Nov. 14th from 1-2 p.m. A belated thank you to all the participants, volunteers (US Bank employees & Village Clerk Debbie Williams) and committee members for making the 9th Spaghetti dinner such a huge success. Participation and a large volume of donations to the book exchange program continues. New flyers are available listing the dates for the FREE blood pressure screenings on Wed., Nov. 14 & 28, Zumba Gold classes Sat., Nov. 17 and the basic computer classes (this Thursday and Fridays classes are canceled; seniors are asked to review the provided CD lessons). The Ceramics Group continues to meet every Wednesday afternoon, FREE basic line dancing class for members on Sunday. The Leisure Timer's next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 6 p.m. The Sunshiner's next meeting is Monday, Nov. 19th. The SV VFW meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The SV Blue Grass meets every Sun, at 6 p.m. The BMW Crossroads meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. All groups are looking for members. Bloom Township continues the Illinois Yellow Dot Program for first responders after auto accident Mon-Fri. Cost for the photo is \$2/ Appointments are being taken for Medicare part D open enrollment (deadline Dec. 7th) – call 708-754-9400. Recipes for the second cookbook are needed for this winter's printing – please include your name and municipality. Rose stated she attended a volunteer training on Senior Medical Patrol (SMP) and a meeting at South Suburban Senior Services (SSSS). Age Option's primary purpose was to provide volunteers with their presentations and provide updated information and materials on various senior services. Both SSSS and SMP are looking for volunteers. Rose stated she was very disappointed that a sitting Trustee is unaware of the various Village senior activities even though reports are given at the board meetings and in board meeting minutes. Copies of various flyers, Sauk Talk and/or Southland Voice listing the ongoing senior activities are available for FREE!

G. Human Relations Commission/ Beautification Committee- Ms. Campbell-Pruitt

Beautification Committee: Chair Campbell- Pruitt provided the names of the winners of the Hootsie Awards that were unable to be included in the minutes of September 25, 2012.

1st Place: Timothy and Edna Johnson

2nd Place: Martha Scariano

3rd Place: Robert and Rose Ketcham

Honorable Mentions:

Philip Bonaparte, Julius Miles, Boris Preaceley and Darrin and ReTonya Ulmer

All Fall decorations at the Village signs will be removed by December 1st. The Village Hall, Community Center and Fire Department will be decorated for the holidays.

Human Relations Commission: Chair Campbell- Pruitt is working with CEDA to obtain holiday baskets. Marva will know Friday how many baskets will be given to Sauk Village. These baskets can support the Public Relations Committee's effort. The Human Relations Commission will partner with the Beautification Committee, the P.L.A.N. Group and Village officials to stage the annual Santa Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1st. The time has not been determined; look for updates throughout the month.

H. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report

5. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund and Terminating the Village of Sauk Village TIF # 1 Redevelopment Project Area

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve an ordinance dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund and terminating the Village of Sauk Village TIF # 1 Redevelopment Project Area. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for October 31, 2012 through November 13, 2012

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for October 31, 2012 through November 13, 2012. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Discussion was held regarding the balance of the Water Fund (\$435,000.) and the amount owed to the Water Fund (\$300,000). The air strippers must be paid from the Water Fund. Only necessary payments are being paid through the General Funds at this time. Trustee Burgess asked to amend the motion to include borrowing \$200,000.00 from the Water Fund. Trustees Burgess and Williams withdrew their motion and second to approve the Accounts Payable. Acting Mayor Hanks amended the motion to approve the Accounts payable and Disbursements to include borrowing \$200.00.00 from the Water and Sewer Fund. The motion to approve the amended motion in order to pay the Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated amending the motion was not on the agenda and is inappropriate at this time. Village Attorney McGrath stated transferring funds is routinely done in order to have sufficient funds to meet the Accounts Payable and Disbursements.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the CDBG Subrecipient Agreement

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the CDBG Subrecipient Agreement. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services (Cook County)

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 25, 2012 Special Meeting-Fox

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the September 25, 2012 Special Meeting (Fox) minutes. 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

Motion carried

B. September 25, 2012 Special Meeting-Turner

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the September 25, 2012 Special Meeting (Turner) minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. September 25, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the September 25, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. 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

Motion carried

D. October 4, 2012 Special Meeting

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to approve the October 4, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. October 23, 2012 Special Meeting

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to table the October 23, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. The motion to table was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

8. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2012)

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:55 pm.

9. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WITH ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene open session at 8:22 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

A. Motion to Appoint a Replacement to the Trustee Seat Vacated by Robert Chavez

Acting Mayor David Hanks asked for a motion to approve John Poskin as the replacement to the Trustee Seat vacated by Robert Chavez. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson stated in his opinion Acting Mayor Hanks cannot make an appointment unless he vacates his seat as Trustee and take on the full position of Mayor. Trustee Myers asked Village Clerk Williams to read Illinois State Statute ILCS 65 Section 3.1-10-50. The summary of the Acting Mayor's power to appoint that was provided by the Village Attorney was read to the audience. Copies were also available on the back table and will be included as part of the minutes. Trustee Benson stated additional research is needed. He will recues himself and will be filing an injunction.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Burgess

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams provided newly appointed Trustee John Poskin the oath of office.

B. Motion to Make Various Appointments

Acting Mayor David Hanks asked for a motion to approve Jeff Morden to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Poskin

Motion carried

Acting Mayor David Hanks asked for a motion to approve Gary Bell to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Poskin

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams provided newly appointed Zoning Board of Appeals members Jeff Morden and Gary Bell the oath of office.

Acting Mayor David Hanks asked for a motion to approve Gary Holcomb as the Chair of the Housing Authority Commission. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Poskin

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams provided newly appointed Chair of the Housing Authority Commission Gary Holcomb the oath of office.

Acting Mayor David Hanks asked for a motion to approve Sherry Jasinski as the Liquor Commissioner. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Benson stated Acting Mayor Hanks does not have the power to transfer the power that is given to the Mayor to an individual. Trustee Williams stated it was discussed in executive session and approved by the Village Attorney. Past precedence was also noted. Sherry Jasinski has performed these duties under the former Mayor and will now perform the duties as Liquor Commissioner. It was further stated the Liquor Commissioner is a non paying position.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams provided newly appointed Liquor Commissioner Sherry Jasinski the oath of office.

C. Other Miscellaneous Business that may Require Action

Acting Mayor David Hanks stated due to the recent restructuring of the Police Department the Police Alliance Committee will be abolished immediately for the time being.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. All questions must be directed to Acting Mayor Hanks. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Senior Vice of the American Legion and VFW member John Dennis thanked everyone who attended the Veteran's Day Service last Sunday. Help is available for Vets in need. Volunteers are needed for the VFW. John acknowledged the passing of a veteran who also worked on the Steger Fire Department. Trustee Myers stated he will purchase a brick for the Veteran's Memorial for his family when they go back on sale.

Public comment pertains to agenda items only. Comments or questions regarding reports should be directed to the person making the report after the meeting or at a future Committee meeting.

Bernice Brewer- Houston commented on the transfer of funds from the Water department.

Jan Clark asked for clarification of the dissolution of TIF1 referred to in item #5. Trustee Burgess stated the owner of the TIF does not want to renew. Once dissolved the TIF area will fall back as a taxing body. Jan also asked for clarification of the CDBG Subrecipient Agreement referred to in

item #6. Village Engineer Czarnik stated the Village will receive \$200,000.00 in funding to repair our streets once the agreement is executed.

Lynda Washington commented on the Mayoral appointments, asked where the money that is received from liquor licenses is applied and asked if they met the quota for holiday baskets and how residents were notified. Acting Mayor Hanks stated the appointments were made from the pool of residents who applied for the vacant Trustee seat. Trustee Poskin received the most votes of the applicants. The liquor license money is applied to the General Fund.

Village Clerk Williams stated the quota has been exceeded and every attempt is being done to serve everyone who has applied through today. Flyers for the holiday baskets were posted at the library, Facebook, Village hall and at the front desk and passed out during the food pantry today. The Respond Now accepted the first fifty families. All other families were referred to the Clerk's extension at the Village Hall.

Larry Stewart commented on the Mayoral appointments.

Rose Langston congratulated the Mayoral appointments.

Acting Mayor Hanks stated several appointments should have been filled by the former Mayor. There are still appointments to be made. All residents can provide a letter of interest for any vacant Board or Committee seat.

Francine Anderson commented on the Mayoral appointments and congratulated the appointees. Francine commented on the Odelson & Sterk payment, a Fire Prevention expense and Water Department refunds. Acting Mayor Hanks suggested a FOIA request for inquiries that need to be addressed by Finance Director Rao rather than get an assumption that may be incorrect.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams commented the Sauk Talk is produced bi monthly and a lot of issues take place during the two months that do not have an opportunity to be included. Trustee Williams thanked Acting Mayor Hanks for asking for donations. The following people have donated \$20.00 so far towards the Thanksgiving gift baskets: Sherry Jasinski, Trustee Williams and Village Clerk Williams and \$25.00 from Bob and Rose Ketcham. Trustee Williams thanked Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk for their donation of \$500.00. Trustee Williams thanked everyone who applied and welcomed all the appointees.

Trustee Myers stated he will be attending a Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation seminar on Friday, November 16th from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Guests speakers will be speaking about jobs, Community Development funding and help for residents losing their homes. Trustee Myers spoke about the Santa Parade tradition. Acting Mayor Hanks thanked everyone who will participate in the Santa Parade and the Tree Lighting.

Trustee Poskin thanked everyone for the chance to represent the people of Sauk Village.

Trustee Burgess stated everyone has to work with each other to address the issues of the Village. Trustee Burgess stated Sauk Village has to show a professional appearance when new businesses check out the community. They will not want to come to a town that is divided.

The next Economic Development meeting will be held Thursday, November 15th at 7pm.

All Board members wished the residents a Happy Holiday!

12. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded made by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

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 27, 2012.**

1. ROLL CALL

Acting Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

2. 2012 CDBG Performance Hearing

Village Engineer Jim Czarnik summarized the status, estimated completion date and financial status of Sauk Village's one open project, which is the CDBG Roadway Repair project (Cook County Number 11-034).

Project Description and Status

The 2011 CDBG Roadway Repair project involved funding targeted to improve the following streets:

217th Street from Peterson to Jeffrey Avenue. This work consisted of surface removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement and installation of detectable warnings; structure adjustments and all necessary restoration. This work provided safer street conditions for those travelling on it and who live alongside this roadway. A total of 900 linear feet of roadway was replaced. The project work is completed and the final payment is being processed.

Financial Summary

Cook County awarded Sauk Village \$100,000 for the project. The final Cost of the project was \$192,445.98. The remainder of the project was paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding. 50% of the CDBF funding was applied for in June 2012. The remaining 50% of the CDBG funding was applied for in October.

3. Adjournment

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

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **DECEMBER 4, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Hanks, Myers, Poskin and Williams (Trustee Burgess entered at 7:10 pm)

Absent: Trustee Burgess

2. Sauk Village IDNR Application- Village Engineer Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported he needs direction in two areas in order to proceed with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan water allocation application.

Water Rates: VE Czarnik stated the 2011 Water Quality Improvement Plan study included three options to improve the Village's water quality. The first option was air stripping to remove vinyl chloride contamination. The second option was enhanced water treatment to remove vinyl chloride contamination and improve the water quality equivalent to Lake Michigan water. The third option was Lake Michigan water to acquire water that was free of vinyl chloride contamination with improved water quality.

Options one and three were included in the 2012 referendum with an estimated water rate of up to \$10.37 per 1000 gallons for option three. This rate assumed that only improvements for Lake Michigan would be installed. However, with the IEPA and the Attorney General office's insistence that air strippers are installed, Sauk Village was forced to raise the water rates to pay for those improvements. Estimates based on the most current information shows that Lake Michigan water would now cost almost \$15.00 per thousand gallons. VE Czarnik asked if Sauk Village wished to proceed with obtaining the Lake Michigan water allocation at this time if the required water rate will be that high. Acting Mayor Hanks clarified that the \$15.00 per 1000 gallons would include the infrastructure repairs required to eventually eliminate the water leakage of 30% or more. The \$8.9 million dollar estimate for water structure improvements included water main looping, water main replacements, hydrant replacements, etc...

Trustee Myers referred to issues with the neighboring communities that we may be receiving water from. VE Czarnik stated that the source of the water and updated costs need to be included in the IDNR application. Updated commitment letters are required. It was determined that Chicago Heights is the most cost effective. The plans to connect to Chicago Heights have been completed and are included in the plan. The water received by Chicago Heights will cost \$3.81 per 1000 gallons which includes the cost of the infrastructure they need in order to provide the water to Sauk Village.

Non revenue water: One third of the water that is pumped into the distribution system and is not metered and not billed for is called non revenue water. Non revenue water is water that escapes the system through leaks, system maintenance and other municipal activity. The value of the non revenue water can be determined by multiplying the volume of the water by the current water rate of \$5.50 per thousand. Currently the non revenue water costs \$700,000.00 per year. The value of the non revenue water becomes even more expensive when the water rate increases. If the water loss is not curtailed before Lake Michigan water is obtained, Sauk Village will not be able to bill for the water but will still have to pay the supplier for the water that entered the Sauk

Village system.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources wants Sauk Village to account for the non revenue water by doing one of the three following options:

Option A- Increase the water rate about 30% (the difference between what is pumped by Sauk Village and what is metered by the Village's water users) in order to allow the income received from the water bills to break even with the payments made to the water supplier. The increase would be temporary until the amount of non revenue water is significantly reduced. A capital improvement plan would still be required by the IDNR to bring the water loss to IDNR acceptable limits. It will take longer to receive Lake Michigan water.

Option B- Capital Improvement Plan- Sauk Village could commit to a capital improvement plan (financed by a water rate increase) that would reduce the non revenue water to an IDNR acceptable limit by the time Sauk Village has the necessary Lake Michigan water infrastructure constructed and is ready to receive lake water. This option provides time for non revenue water reduction improvements while moving forward with Lake Michigan water supply infrastructure construction. This option would allow for the flexibility to address non revenue water and lake water supply improvements as deemed prudent but it would take longer to get Lake Michigan water than option A.

Option C- Postpone the water allocation process- Cancel the current IDNR water allocation application and reapply once the non revenue water has been reduced to IDNR acceptable limits. This option would provide time for non revenue water reduction improvements in Lake Michigan water supply and infrastructure construction repairs could be done in the future when the Village can afford it. The IDNR water allocation process would go more smoothly if non revenue water has already been reduced below IDNR's acceptable limit. The application process would start all over again. It would take significantly longer to receive Lake Michigan water.

VE Czarnik stated that in order to finalize the IDNR water allocation application and proceed with the final hearing the Board will have to choose the preferred option. Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a dollar value for each option. All three options get to Lake Michigan water, however, VE Czarnik stated the variable is time. Options 1 and 2 are both approximately \$15.00 per 1000 gallons based on the current water rate. The new water rate of \$7.50 that takes place in February would also have to be multiplied by 30%. Option C is determined by the amount the Village decides to put in place to make the necessary infrastructure repairs.

Acting Mayor Hanks stated the Trustees were previously given three options to review. Acting Mayor Hanks asked the Board to provide their preferred option to the Village Clerk before next Tuesday in order to provide direction to VE Czarnik.

3. Review Draft 2009-2010 Sauk Village Audit- Finance Director Rao/ McGladrey and Pullen Representative Mike Zagar

Mike Zagar reported the final draft of the 2009-2010 has been completed. Issues that were previously discussed in May include weaknesses in internal controls, problems with journal entries, change in the year end and change of management which all affected the financial reporting. All fund balances were affected.

The police pension fund audit was not available at this time and therefore not included in the village audit.

Problems occurred with credit card transactions that were made without following policy such as not having prior approval or supporting documentation to attach to the invoice. Numerous audit adjustments were required

to correct village financial statement due to lack of reconciliations.

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a detailed list of the credit card transactions that were not authorized nor had no supporting documentation. Acting Mayor Hanks also asked for recommendations going forward. Mike Zagar suggested bank reconciliations should be done on a monthly basis and fund reconciliations annually. The bond rating will depend on the completion of the 2010-2011 audit and keeping financial controls in place. Acting Mayor Hanks stated Finance Director Rao has everything in order to begin the 2010-2011 audit. Trustee Benson stated concerns regarding the auditing firm. Additional discussion regarding the village audits will take place in January.

The audit will be placed on the next Board agenda. The final draft of the audit will be attached to the minutes of December 4, 2012 and will be available at www.saukville.org.

4. Truth in Taxation- Finance Director Rao

5. Tax Levy Ordinance- Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Rao provided information on the tax levy. The tax levy in the dollar amount of \$68,771.00 is 1.5% higher than last years' levy. This levy refers to taxes collected 1-1-13 through 12-31-13. There is no increase in the Police and Fire Protection; the max has already been reached. Finance Director Rao stated the principal and interest payments for the 2007 A bonds and the 2010 working cash bond will be due in March. The tax levy ordinance and the truth in taxation will be placed on the agenda for approval next week.

6. Crime Free Housing- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported the Crime Free Ordinance has been under review for several months. State Representative DeLuca worked to get SB1766 approved. The Crime Free Housing Ordinance will be in line with the State statute that deals with training landlords on crime free housing for rentals. Volunteers are needed to work on a Crime Free Housing Committee which will work with the Housing Authority, Police Department and the Code Department. The committee will also work with the Housing Authority and banks to identify vacant property owners that are not rentals. A program is available for download that includes citations and notices. The Crime Free Housing Director (Mike) and Park Forest will be on board to help get the program up and running. The Crime Free Housing Ordinance will be included on the next agenda after final attorney review.

7. Public Comment

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

Bernice Brewer Houston questioned water funds transfers, the credit card transactions and the cost of the air strippers. Acting Mayor Hanks stated the credit cards are always controlled by the Mayor and Village Manager (Chief of Staff). An investigation into the credit cards will take place. Acting Mayor Hanks refused to comment on the water issues due to litigation Ms. Brewer has brought against the Village.

Francine Anderson referred to questions asked last week, the bank reconciliations not being completed on time and asked what the opinion of the Board was regarding the three options presented by Robinson Engineering.

Judy Cast asked why the Police and Fire Pension audits are not included in the village audit. Trustee Burgess stated the Police and Fire Pension Board do their own audit.

Jan Clark asked for a definition of Home Rule and remarked on the time it took to get the audit done. Acting

Mayor Hanks explained issues with the audit include the budget changing from 12 months to 18 months, discrepancies with the financial reporting and books not balancing. Another auditing firm will be researched for the next audit. Trustee Burgess stated Home Rule gives elected officials the right to raise taxes as needed and without a referendum.

Rose Langston announced the Wednesday senior group will meet at 5pm instead 6pm on December 12th and will start meeting at 2pm starting in February. Rose commented on the work the auditors needed to do to get the audit done and questioned the credit card spending.

8. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess commented on the parade, the float and the toy giveaway and thanked all of the volunteers including the great Santa. Trustee Burgess stated information about these events needs to be advertised better to attract more children.

Trustee Myers thanked the shop owner from Ma's Wholesale in Steger who donated over 150 toys that were passed out at the Christmas event. The rest of the toys will be passed out at the Fire Department breakfast. Trustee Myers thanked the Human Relations Commission and all volunteers for their help with the Christmas parade.

Acting Mayor Hanks asked the Board to stay behind to take a Happy Holiday picture for the website. Other departments and vendors have also been asked to submit pictures. Acting Mayor Hanks stated he will not be able to attend next week's meeting. Acting Mayor Hanks stated how he enjoyed watching the kids and their parents enjoying the Christmas parade and thanked all of the volunteers, especially Santa. Acting Mayor Hanks passed out certificates of appreciation to Kevin Weller and the Public Works Department, Marva Pruitt and the Human Relations Commission and Beautification Committee, the Police, Fire and ESDA Departments, Judy Cast and the P.L.A.N. and Santa (Trustee Myers). Volunteers have always been the backbone of the Village. Acting Mayor Hanks stated he will continue to meet with the pastors of the community to ask for them to pray for healing for the community and work to move the Village forward.

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2012)

10. Motion to Reconvene to Committee Meeting- None

11. Adjournment

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Acting Mayor 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 DECEMBER 11, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Williams lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

C. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Trustee Williams asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Trustee Poskin made a motion to appoint Trustee Williams as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Francine Anderson asked what the tax levy amount will be per resident. Finance Director Rao stated he will provide the information the next day.

Judy Cast inquired about the need for a public hearing for the tax levy, the amount of the levy and the change in the agenda. The levy was 1.5%. Village Attorney McGrath stated no public hearing was required. The agenda is set by the Mayor.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Mayor's Report- Acting Mayor David Hanks- Absent- No report

B. Village Clerk – Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported there will be no Village Board meetings on December 25, 2012 or January 1, 2013 due to the holidays. A Special meeting may be called after the Committee meeting of December 18, 2012 to take action on items discussed during the Committee meeting. A Special meeting notice will be posted. The final filing date to file nominating petitions for the office of Mayor, Village Clerk and Trustee has been extended to Wednesday, December 26, 2012 during the hours of 3-5 pm. Objections may be filed to the nominating petitions within 5 business days of the last day of filing.

C. Village Treasurer – Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- Absent- No report

D. Village Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, LTD- Mr. Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer – Mr. Jim Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported the survey has been completed for the Quiet Zone. IDOT and Cook County will obtain the necessary permits.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Poskin

Trustee Poskin stated a new baseball league will be forming. Volunteers are needed.

B. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review Committee has scheduled a special meeting on Friday, December 14th at 7 pm. Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review Committee is working with the Village Clerk to update the Municipal code book. Trustee Myers thanked the department heads for reviewing the sections relating to their sections and providing input.

C. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated Sauk Village is still in the running to get a business in Sauk Village from Indiana. Trustee Burgess reported the Illinois Tollway is hiring toll collectors. Another business may be coming to Sauk Village that may require a special hearing. Trustee Burgess asked to have the Economic Development booklet on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

D. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated the Public Relations Committee meeting was rescheduled until Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm. Student Government Day will be discussed.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Fire Department/ Police Department/ 911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Police-Chief Stoffregen reported 380 calls for service during the period of December 4th through December 11th which included 6 arrests, 8 burglaries, 19 domestics, a fatal car accident involving a 40 year old resident and the arrest of a burglary suspect resulting in a hand gun being recovered. A 29 year old man was found dead in his residence; no foul play is suspected. The vehicle sticker detail was very successful and will be repeated. Tires have been purchased for the police vehicles. Two squads are down. Chief Stoffregen reported Officer Tello has resigned officers will be hired to replace Officers Morris and Tello.

Fire-Chief Stoffregen reported the department responded to 19 calls during the period of November 23rd- December 6th. Chief Stoffregen thanked Marva, Linda, Sharon and all of the volunteers who helped decorate for the Santa parade. The Pancake with Santa Breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 16th from 8am - noon. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids and seniors. Bring a camera to take pictures. Chief Stoffregen warned of space heater dangers and the need to keep live Christmas trees watered.

Trustee Burgess thanked Chief Stoffregen for the detailed reports.

B. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller reported street light repairs are ongoing. DH Weller reported on excessive trash in parks. Water shut offs began on Monday and will continue on Thursday. There are 104 shut offs on this South Side cycle. Storm branch pick up will continue next week. DH Weller reported on recent water main leaks. Hydrant replacement and repairs have started.

C. Administrative Services Director- Ms. Jasinski

Administrative Services Director Jasinski reported 2463 Talandis was torn down without a permit. DH Jasinski stated she is being falsely accused of ignoring vacant home board ups. A list of some of the vacant homes that require board up service was given to the Board. Some board ups are very extensive. The banks are not cooperating. DH Jasinski suggested placing liens on the properties and is looking for direction from the Board on how to proceed. Trustee Myers will work with DH Jasinski on the lien process. Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for an updated list of costs from Rich Construction. Board up services may go out to bid.

D. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated \$32,000.00 was received from Amalgamated Bank for TIF expenses. FD Rao stated the Police Department has purchased two copiers- one color and one black and white, at a cost of \$13.00 more than what we are currently paying. FD Rao stated the cleaning service days have

been reduced and will save \$7,000.00 next year. The renewal of the workers compensation insurance with HUB International will provide \$20,000.00 in savings. The General fund balance is \$183,076.50. Illinois Funds balance \$47,700.06. FD Rao will notify the Board if a transfer from the water/ sewer fund is necessary.

E. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson reported 22 calls of service from November 23rd- December 5. DH Johnson warned every to drive safely as they enjoy the holidays.

F. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Senior Committee chair Rose Langston reminded seniors to apply for the Circuit Breaker and to be careful of the many scams targeting seniors. The next senior movie at the library is scheduled for Monday, January 10th. The library will sponsor a luncheon prior to the movie. Call the library to RSVP. Blood pressure checks will be conducted by the P.L.A.N. Group before the movie. The book exchange continues. The computer class for Thursday, December 20th has been rescheduled to 1 pm. Rose updated the December meeting dates for the senior groups. All groups are still looking for members. The Bloom Township Yellow Dot program for first responders continues. The Bloom Township senior luncheon is scheduled for December 18th at Glenwoodie. The Senior Committee will meet at Rose's house on December 13th for a gathering.

G. Human Relations Commission/ Beautification Committee- Ms. Campbell-Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Campbell- Pruitt asked for an update on the letter declining funds to the commission. Marva asked to have the Human Relations Commission included in the next budget. Marva reported commemorative bricks will be sold for \$50.00 each and will be displayed at the Veteran's Memorial. Brick orders will take place in February on an annual basis. Marva reported there will be four seats available on the Human Relations Commission as of December 31st. Letters of interest of those who would like to join the Human Relations Commission need to be received by January 3rd. Beautification Committee- No report.

H. Housing Authority- Trustee Hanks- No report

6. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Define and Abate Nuisance Rental Housing Units and Provide for Crime Free Rental Housing and Enforcement

Trustee Myers made a motion to table this item. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2012/ 2013 Fiscal Year for the Village of Sauk Village, Counties of Cook and Will, Illinois

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2012/ 2013 Fiscal Year for the Village of Sauk Village, Counties of Cook and Will, Illinois. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for November 28, 2012 through December 11, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for November 28, 2012 through December 11, 2012. Trustee Burgess made a motion to table the Accounts Payable until clarification whether a transfer is needed. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Myers. Finance Director Rao stated the funds are available for this cycle. Trustee Burgess rescinded his motion to table. Trustee Myers rescinded his second to table. The motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements as submitted was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve Renewal of HUB International, Inc. as Broker of Record for Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the renewal of HUB International, Inc. as Broker of Record for the Worker's Compensation Insurance. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers. HUB International Group Tom Kelly clarified the loss history has improved over the last few years resulting in a \$20,000.00 savings to the Village as well as grant funding in the amount of \$10,600.00. Tom reported the Property and Liability insurance will expire March 27th.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 18, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the September 18, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

B. September 22, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the September 22, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Poskin.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

C. October 2, 2012 Committee Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the October 2, 2012 Committee meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

D. November 6, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the November 6, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

D. November 8, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Myers, Poskin and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Mayor Pro Tem Williams will inform Acting Mayor Hanks of the concern of the agenda change regarding public comment and suggested placing the matter on a Committee meeting agenda in January.

John Dennis entered the meeting to announce he is working on getting a tank or helicopter donated for the Veteran's Memorial.

Happy Holidays!

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosie Williams

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 18, 2012.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

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

Absent: None

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the Connecticut shooting.

(Trustee Williams left the meeting at 8:15 pm due to illness)

2. 2010- 2011 Audit Proposal- Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Rao introduced Miller, Cooper representative Irwin Lyons. Mr. Lyons presented a proposal for the 2010-2011 and future audit preparation. The first year's audit is more time consuming due to the initial set up. Miller, Cooper will keep Sauk Village up to date on what is required to file timely. The proposed cost summary is all inclusive providing the Village provides documentation timely. The Village may opt out at no charge at any time after the annual engagement letter is received. Audit prep costs and auditing time is the same whether the time frame is six months or twelve months because sample size does not change from year to year. This item will be included on the next Board agenda for consideration.

3. Tax Rate Objections for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006- Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Rao stated tax rate objections have been filed for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00. All excess tax money will be returned to the taxpayers in the form of a credit or check during the 2012 or 2013 tax years if the court decides we owe this money. Tax rate objections have already been filed for 2010 and 2011. The tax objections have been factored into the budget.

4. Electric Aggregation- Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams provided information on electric aggregation and asked for direction whether or not to move forward with placing this matter on an upcoming referendum. Village Clerk Williams explained electric aggregation would save the residents money based on working with a supplier to service all of the residents who choose to opt into the program. The cost savings is a result of the volume of customers in the program. Village Clerk Williams reported other municipalities in the area have passed the referendum on an 80/20 percentage. Information was placed on the back table and is included on the Village website that explains the program in detail. The first step is to approve the ordinance to place electric aggregation on the April 9th ballot if the Board decides to follow through. The second step is to discuss the program with suppliers and to set up at least two Town Hall meetings and provide press releases to educate and inform the residents. The referendum question would need to be filed with Cook County by January 22nd. A sample ordinance was provided by the Village Attorney for Board review. Acting Mayor Hanks asked Trustee Myers to review the ordinance and to place the ordinance on the January 8th Board meeting agenda for consideration. Placing the question on the ballot allows the residents the opportunity to decide if Sauk Village will participate in electric aggregation.

5. Economic Development Brochure- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess provided two samples of the Economic Development brochure for Board review. The Economic Development brochure will be used to submit to prospective businesses and placed on the website. Board members provided input on the content of the brochure and asked Trustee Burgess for pricing information. Trustee Burgess suggested the cost should not exceed \$1,000.00. Acting Mayor Hanks asked Trustee Burgess to provide ideas where the money to pay for the brochures would come from, such as, pulling money from TIF, etc... Trustee Burgess asked Board members to provide their input as soon as possible. Acting Mayor Hanks commended Trustee Burgess and stated the brochure is a great way to approach businesses to tell them the opportunities available in Sauk Village.

6. Vacant Home- Board Up

Acting Mayor Hanks stated two homes have been boarded up. The Village will absorb this cost at this time. Residents should alert Acting Mayor Hanks of dangerous conditions in the Village. Building and Zoning Administrator Jasinski suggested setting up a bid process for board ups that would include Rich Construction. DH Jasinski has prepared the bid packet and notice. Sauk Village can continue to pay for the board up and attempt to recoup the cost by placing liens on the properties. DH Jasinski stated the process of locating property owners is time consuming; banks are not cooperating. The Board agreed to start the bid process, issues citations and place liens on the properties. Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a priority list of the most dangerous situations and asked DH Jasinski to reach out to Public Works Director Weller to handle those as soon as possible. DH Weller is working on hydrant repairs and other projects and may not be available. Further discussion involved past due Rich Construction invoices. DH Jasinski stated Rich Construction's recordkeeping is inaccurate. Trustee Williams stated Safeguard Properties has been contacted and they will look into it on their end.

7. Resolutions:

A. Resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code – 223rd Street/ Nichols- Murphy (\$10,500.)

B. Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code – 223rd Street/ Nichols- Murphy (\$110,000.)

Village Clerk Williams presented two resolutions that will be placed on the January 8th agenda for consideration. The IDOT resolutions pertain to applying for funding for street repairs to 223rd Street between Nichols and Murphy avenues. The first resolution is the Robinson Engineering fee. The second resolution is the actual cost of the improvements. The resolutions will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. 2013 Board Meeting Schedule- Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams presented the required annual Board meeting schedule. The 2013 Board meeting schedule will be posted on the web and in the Village Hall.

9. Public Comment

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

Frank Harvey commented on borrowing money from the water fund. Finance Director Rao stated the Water Fund will be repaid when tax money is received in March. The Village is currently running at a deficit.

Bernice Brewer Houston commented on litigation and settlements and borrowing from the water fund. Acting Mayor Hanks stated General Fund expenses need to be paid on an ongoing basis. Money that is borrowed from Water/Sewer funds will be paid back when taxes are received. Loans for other accounts will not be done during

this administration. Borrowing from other accounts in the past was done without the Board's knowledge or consent. Acting Mayor Hanks stated that in many cases it the insurance company that determines if a settlement is warranted. It is often more cost effective to settle out of court rather to pay the cost of litigation.

Rose Langston commented on the litigation and thanked Public Works for getting the Board ups done while understaffed.

Sid Harris commented on the need for a light on 217th Place due to bottles being thrown at cars.

Larry Stewart commented on the cost of litigation when there is a possibility of losing the case.

Francine Anderson commented on an RFP for the audit, debt service in the budget, the tax rate objections, Publics Works having too much to do and the safety of the residents Acting Mayor Hanks stated the Police, Code and Public Works departments are doing their jobs. The Board is concerned with public safety. The detailed reports from the Police Department show that arrests are being made. Recent reports show that every department is doing their job. The tax rate objections are included as litigation in the budget.

John Hinko and Ed Shankel asked Board members to use the microphones. Acting Mayor Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to get pricing on additional microphones.

Pat Couch referred to burglars getting arrested and released in court. Acting Mayor Hanks stated that stronger laws are being addressed in Springfield with regards to that issue.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Acting Mayor Hanks and Trustee Burgess discussed the need to review the safety plan with the school superintendent and the EDSA Departments in view of the Connecticut shooting.

Village Clerk Williams reported Sauk Talk articles are due December 28th by midnight.

Trustee Myers stated the Ordinance Review committee will meet Wednesday, December 19th to review the code book revisions. Trustee Myers thanked the department heads for providing input on the code book review. Trustee Myers warned of an incoming storm.

Trustee Benson reported nativity scenes are being damaged or stolen around town. Report those issues as well as issues of negative teen activity and New Year's Eve gun shots to the Police Department.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

11. Adjournment

Acting Mayor Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams