

Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams
Absent: Trustee Burns without notice

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator, Tim Williams, Interim Director Renee Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White

Others in Attendance: Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Atty. Bolin

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION NONE

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings of the Special Board Meeting of August 2, 2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION: Coleman

Motion Carried

- b) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting of August 22, 2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION: None

Motion Carried

- c) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Board Meeting of August 30, 2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION: None

Motion Carried

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- D. Fields commented on an Ordinance Review Meeting he had attended discussing the eligibility for special designations (signs, buildings, etc.); a Trustee's absence at a Special meeting and people not being honorable.
- F. Anderson commented on her desire that Trustees learned from IML how to have timely meetings, the legislative Attorney absences
- C. Ellis reported on a citation received for parking across the driveway and that others were not ticketed
- L. Sapp commented on how the Board re-visited items not passed and revisited them at the following meeting
- G. Green made an appeal for assistance to garner support for the basketball team. He thanked the Mayor of the August 25th event and expressed being upset by the lack of Trustees in attendance
- D. Smith asked about disciplinary actions for late and absent Trustees who do not provide cause
- B. Barrett asked about loitering on his property
- E. Davis <sp> asked about the considerations being taken for the absence of a grocery store
 - Mayor Burgess' Responses
 - Spoke of the illegal Special Meetings that had been called and that if most received notification of a meeting, all did.
 - Informed that motions can be recalled and revoted according to Code
 - The children of the Village are of great importance
 - There may be something to reference Trustees' consecutive absences, they can be asked to vacate the seat
 - The police should be called for loitering
 - The grocery store was voted down. The broker who was to conduct the survey is no long willing to work with the Village. The funds to pay for the study would have come from TIF funds, not taxpayers

5) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess provided the following announcements:
 - a) The dates and times for the Halloween events and the requirement to provided packaged goods
 - b) Veterans Day on 11/11 at 11:00 a.m.

- b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt reported the following:
 - a) Planned Program to provide Vaccines and Booster in coordination with Lynwood
 - b) Announced the Tax Appeals Forum scheduled for that Thursday
 - c) Reported that she had attended eleven workshops, provided handouts, and a report from workshops attended at IML

- c) Village Treasurer – Louis Williams reported on the amount in the General Fund

- d) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney, Attorney Bolin attended, and had no report

- e) Village Engineer – Mr. Williams read the report, informing that the CDBG grant was approved for \$300,000 to provide work on 219th Street

6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White reported:
 - a) Calls for Service – 426 Arrests – 19
 - b) Announced Chat with the Chief
 - c) Discussed the impact of parking infractions
 - d) Informed that he was sworn in as vice-president to NOBLE (?)
- b) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett reported:
 - a) Calls for Service – 100 including a structural fire and that Mutual Aid assisted
 - b) Reminded others of the “no burn” ordinance and the need to allow sufficient stopping distance while driving
- c) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis announced that the budget process would resume and that the IML provided great networking opportunities
- d) Village Administrator –Interim Director Timothy Williams distributed a written status report that highlighted activities that were completed, items requiring immediate attention and activities in progress
- e) Public Works – Interim Director Anthony Gilyard - not present

7) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer distributed a written report announcing meetings and activities
- b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson announced the police testing on 10/14 at Bloom Trail and that applications were due by 9/30/2023
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter – not present

8) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- a) A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Sauk Village Lodge #234 and the Village of Sauk Village

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION: None

Motion Carried

9) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

10) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Financial Matters:**

Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$360,234.17, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

Discussion/Debate

- The dollar amount changed from \$360,234.17 as indicated on the agenda and read by Mayor Burgess who called for the motion
- Discussions, led by Trustee Coleman ensued with the request to remove \$22,165.00 payment to the HR Consultant
- Afterwards, \$15,000 was added to include payment to Robinson Engineering
- There was a question of \$4,224 not accounted for
- The figures would be updated, and notification provided to Trustees
- The final motion to approve \$531,287.81 was voted on without proper protocol for amending a motion. The vote follows:

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Coleman, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: Trustees Carter, Johnson

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION: None

Motion Carried

b) **PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

None

11) **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns was absent

b) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson reported

- a) Announce the Halloween Party of 10/31 and provided the times
- b) Provided a written report from attending IML, citing workshops she attended (Ethics, Open Meetings Act; State House Legislative Updates; ne titled, Not in My Backyard)
- c) The next committee meeting was announced for 10/25

c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman provided the following:

- a) He spoke to the committee meeting reference by a resident during Public Comment; his reason for not being at the Special Meeting and that the matter for vote had been brought to the Board three times and the resolution did not meet the criteria and should be recalled.
- b) He discussed the expired contract of HR, her lack of employment, yet she was still present and submitting invoices; the feasibility study for the grocery store and stated that the Village's

traffic flow was not sufficient to warrant a grocery store, and stated he needed more time to decide

- c) Announced the next committee meeting on 10/30
- d) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter reported:
 - a) He attended six classes at IML, networked with other elected officials; and that it was helpful to get the information
 - b) He reported the cancellation of a meeting and announced the next one
- e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp reported:
 - a) The next committee meeting would be held on 10/9 at the Community Center and that there would be a presentation by NACA
 - b) Commented that the IML Conference was informative, with time for networking, and that she learned from others' experiences
- f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams reported:
 - a) Announced the death of R. Starks, and the Blood Drive
 - b) Commented that she had attended **several** sessions at IML (Retail, TIF, **Municipal Tune-up**)
 - c) That individuals were remiss in submitting articles to the Sauk Talk
 - d) Commented on the grocery store

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

- a) Spoke to his experience with IML
 - a) Stated the number of years he had attended; networking opportunities; vendors; workshop attended on Municipal Operations; he hosted a meeting with forty-five mayors and administrators to discuss pros and cons in our communities; he stated during a chat session, the damaging talk towards the he and the Village and that it was embarrassing.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the Business of the day, a Motion to adjourn was called at 9:20 p.m.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Burns

ABSTENTION:

/s/Derrick N. Burgess, Mayor

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk