

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
May 16, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

On Roll Call

Present: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Grant, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams

Absent: None

3. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- After much debate, resistance, and final recommendation from Atty. Bolin, the Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt was allowed to discuss the contents of a meeting packet that discussed Procedural Matters pertaining to the newest edition of Roberts Rules of Order and other items that could be used as resources by the Mayor and Trustees.
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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- D. Freeman discussed the Trustees' behavior, question why residents did not have knowledge of the Village's functioning, termination of employees.
- D. Fields questioned the financial situation, water conditions and grant funding for water softeners for residents.
- L. Sapp cited concerns for the missing \$10,000, no bank recs, not being able to apply for grants.
- D. Smith stated that Trustees would benefit from hearing about procedural matters, questioned the process for the concerts. Board approved \$38,000, when first mentioned it was half that amount, and replacement of terminated staff.
- L. Todd questioned the activity at the old Fairway and abandoned vehicles on residential property.
- D, Holmes expressed concerns for the financial matters, fire department going full time and the EMS contract.
 - Mayor Burgess' Response(s)
 1. Many were comments for which he does not address.
 2. Information distributed publicly without his knowledge could not be addressed.
 3. The financial situation is not dire. The Village is not in the red.
 4. Concerning audits, there can be no grants until the audit is addressed, according to GATA.
 5. Finances for the Concert, the \$19,000 were only the needed down payments; there are a couple of outstanding contracts.
 6. He was unaware of the activity at Fairway.

7. He corrected the rumor that the Fire Department was going full-time.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

- Trustee Grant congratulated the new Trustees and appealed to all to be respectful of one another.
- Trustee Coleman welcomed the new Trustees, commented on his behavior; spoke on how critical it was for the audit to be completed.
- Trustee Williams announced the passed deadline for Sauk Talk submission; frustration of not receiving reports as promised; and the approval of checks for the concert, but no checks were issued; Board not working together; Trustees held in the dark
- Trustee Sapp spoke of the animosity felt and the need for sensitivity training to deal with her sexual orientation.
- Trustee Burns addressed the Summer Series of Festivities and that it is not a party; as we support other communities, we must support our own; Events produce income/
- Trustee Johnson had no comment.
- Mayor Burgess addressed the misinformation that an employee who resigned because of harassment; the in-fighting must stop.

6. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- Motion to Recess to Closed Session at 8:26 p.m. to Discuss Personnel Matters.
Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Sapp, seconded. All approved by a Roll Call vote.
- Reconvene Committee of the Whole Meeting
The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9:55 p.m. with all Trustees voting present.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess, Mayor