

## Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Honorable Mayor Derrick Burgess

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Roll Call

2) **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

- a) Motion to Recess to Closed Session to Review Executive Board Minutes (5ILCS) 120/2 (c) (2021)

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded a motion to recess to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

**On Roll Call**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

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**Motion Carried**

- b) Motion to Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion to reconvene the Board Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**On Roll Call**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee Meeting on August 15, 2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Trustee Coleman

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

- b) Approve the Executive Board Minutes for May 23, 2023, and to Hold Them

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp

NAYS: None

Abstention: Trustee Coleman

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

- c) Approve the Executive Board Minutes for July 18, 2023, and to Release Them

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Trustee Coleman

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

- d) Approve the Executive Board Minutes for August 22, 2023, and to Release Them

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Trustee Coleman

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT**

- D. Smith questioned an ad in the Sauk Talk and what would be done about no records of funds turned in from a festival.
- D. Fields submitted a Letter of No-Confidence in Trustees Coleman, Burns, Sapp and Williams
- E. Blackmon read a second segment of the Letter of No-Confidence
- T. Cooper read a third segment of the Letter of No-Confidence
- F. Anderson concluded the Letter of No-Confidence.

- G. Brown spoke to and questioned Trustees' spouses' rude comments
- M. Brown quoted portions of a Southtown article and asked the Mayor what he will do about crime
- J. Burns questioned who's responsible for the accounts payable and the errors they contain
- H. Favours questioned if the Mayor was still a member of P.A.M. where he mentioned becoming a millionaire and if the missing money aided in meeting the goal.
  - Mayor Burgess' Responses
    - The ad would be researched
    - A budget can't be produced if everyone is fired
    - Asked if you see something say something
    - Back and forth accusations can come back to haunt you
    - Meeting proceedings make it hard to bring in business
    - Opinions can be expressed, but be careful
    - His salary is \$20,000. He can't invest it to make a million
    - Accounts Payable changes at the last minute as invoices come late
- Al Kendall was allowed to speak on Fair Transit and resources available on October 16<sup>th</sup>

## 5) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess :
  - i. Announced the Board of Review Forum
  - ii. Announced the sign up for basketball team
  - iii. Thanked the volunteers who worked the Corn & Dog Roast
- b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt:
  - i. Provided logistics on the Board of Review Forum
  - ii. Discussed logistics for the IML Conference and financial record keeping
- c) Village Treasurer – Louis Williams
  - i. Reported the cash balances as
    - I. Corporate Account \$1,571,517
    - II. Reserve - \$823,225
    - III. Senior Center - \$9,645
  - ii. A report from Zabinski was read noting:
    - I. Funds were not accurate from previous years
    - II. A proposal was forthcoming for three audits
    - III. Wishes to provide a presentation at a Committee Meeting
- d) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney – No Report
- e) Village Engineer –Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering requested Board approval for the CIN project

## 6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White reported:
  - i. Calls for Service - 428                      Arrests – 24

- ii. Provided an update on the homicide investigation
  - iii. The crime rate is not attributable to residents of Sauk Village and is not accurate
- b) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett reported:
- i. Calls for Service – 129
  - ii. Announced that Fire Prevention Week begins on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The department will be in the schools on 10/14
- c) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis:
- i. Refuted Trustee Coleman’s claim reminding him that he attended the budget meeting
- d) Village Administrator –Interim Director Timothy Williams Reported:
- i. Work efforts of the department ( assisted fifty-three residents, branch pick up, yard sale, grass cutting and water department billing)
- e) Community Development – Vacant
- f) Public Works – Interim Director Anthony Gilyard

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

- a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns
- i. Referenced a public comment and requested the return of \$250 from the July 4<sup>th</sup> event
  - ii. Justified the receivership and reporting of funds
  - iii. Addressed the vote of no-confidence
  - iv. Reported the next meeting on 9/29
- b) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson reported the next meeting on 9/13
- c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman reported the next meeting on 9/25 and provided the reason that the August meeting was canceled
- d) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter reported the next meeting on 9/26
- e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp announced the next meeting on 10/9
- f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams - Absent

**8) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

- a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer announced
- i. Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
  - ii. Casino Trip – 9/27
  - iii. Sneaker Ball – 10/14
- b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson:
- i. Announced that the applications for police exams was extended until 10/14

- c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter – not present

9) **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- a) A Resolution Approving And Authorizing a Community Water Supply Asset Protection Program Agreement by and Between The Village Of Sauk Village And Corrosion Illinois Network, LLC

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

Motion Failed

- b) A Resolution Amending Designation of an Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for The Village Of Sauk Village, Cook County Illinois

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Failed**

- c) A Resolution of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County Honoring Edward Myers with an Honorary Street Designation

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Failed**

- d) A Resolution Approving and Authorizing A Professional Services Agreement By and Between The Village of Sauk Village And Mallon and Associates, Inc.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Failed**

- e) A Resolution Approving a Creative Services Project Agreement Between the Village of Sauk Village and Avidity Technologies

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Sapp

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

**Motion Carried**

- f) Resolution Approving A Creative Services Project Agreement Between The Village Of Sauk Village and AT&T

Motion not presented because of the lack of documentation

**10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**11) NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Financial Matters:**

- i. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$542,724.44, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

**Discussion**

After the initial motion failed and discussion of the desire ensued to remove line items 1000-572-6000, invoices 2167-2184, for \$22,165.00, the motion was improperly amended to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$520,559.44 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments once Mayor Burgess

informed the Board of the consequences of such action. The motion was brought back with the above-mentioned amendment

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Sapp seconded

**On Roll Call**

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Sapp

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

ABSENT: Trustee Williams

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

**NONE**

**12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS**

a) Advised the Trustees that the failed motions moved the Village backwards

**13) ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the business of the day, a motion to adjourn was moved by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Coleman at 9:40 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.