

Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams
Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator, Tim Williams, Interim Director Tony Gilyard, Commander Evans, Interim Director Renee Lewis, Chief Barrett

Others in Attendance:

Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Atty. McGrath, Atty. Bolin Eng. Arnold

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION NONE

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES None Presented

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- T. Jones commented that she enjoyed the Music Festival but was concerned with how much was expended.
- D. Fields expressed concerns for the Village's financial situation. He acknowledged that events bring in funds, but questioned street repairs, the medical center, and need for speed bumps; He stated that the Board was not unified and that it hurts the Village when members seek self-gratification and disrespectfulness at meetings, and the need to replace the marquee sign.
- C. Barrett expressed the need for a grocery store, the lack of wrap-a-round services for students and resources needing updated; She spoke to the water issue and flooding; torn up sidewalks, lack of maintenance of homes and the high turn-over of staff.
- Vicki addressed the error that the Mayor made in recognizing Sue
- T. O'Neal expressed concerns of the 1st concert and the Mace that was distributed in cosmetic bags
- L. Sapp spoke to the respect and transparency needed; the violation of the policy of not calling individuals by their names in an open meeting; and the replacement of the DOO with two individuals and the cost entailed. He questioned the increases in employee wages and asked where the funds came from.
- D. Smith questioned if the festival was over budget and by how much?

- J. Burns stated that D.J. Smokey was a no-show and stated that the funds must be reimbursed.
 - Mayor Burgess' Responses:
 - Answered questions but not comments
 - He stated that the Village was awaiting a final financial report on the funds expended and revenue from the festivals as it must include the expenses from the police, fire, ESDA, and other areas
 - The Special Meeting from the previous day was called by the Board yet the items could have been included in that night's meeting
 - The financial status- an Ordinance must be passed as a stop-gap measure to continue to conduct business
 - A grocery store or other businesses would be reluctant to come to the Village as they witness Board actions.
 - He has not seen an unified Board but they can still work together
 - There are a few student programs run by volunteers and shared that the baseball team would soon be recognized.
 - The Village must continue to acquire abandoned homes as they are our liability
 - The Mayor apologized for the Mace incident, and it would be researched
 - He would look into the DJ who was a no-show
 - The medical center is seeking to secure finances, if done, the land would be returned to the Village

5) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess

Mayor Burgess introduced Eugene Carter for consideration to fill the Trustee vacancy on the Board

- i. Approve the Mayor's Recommendation to Appoint Eugene Carter as a Trustee to Fill the Vacancy on the Sauk Village Board of Corporate Authorities

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Burns seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp, and Williams

NAYS: None

Abstentions: Trustee Johnson

Motion Carried

Trustee Carter was issued the Oath of Office by Clerk Campbell-Pruitt and was seated

b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

- i. Announced the Community Partnership's Annual Yard Sale scheduled for August 26th
- ii. Announced the Partnership Meeting planned for August 2nd

c) Village Treasurer – Vacant

d) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink's Attorney Bolin had no report but stated he had an item to bring under New Business

e) Village Engineer –Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering had no report

g) Trustee Carter had no comment

8) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer announced:

i. The next meeting on July 13th; Game Nights; Breakfast Bingo; the Casino Trip ; Senior Fit Classes and the Senior Picnic on August 12th

b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson

c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter

9) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11) NEW BUSINESS

a) Financial Matters:

i. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$436,539.74, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded
Discussions ensued with requests to remove \$14,300

i. A motion to amend the motion was made to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$421,399.74, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Sapp, and Williams

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

Motion Carried

ii. **Approve all costs and fees associated with the IML Workshop**

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

b) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- i. Approve the Annual Per Diem Rate of at least \$100.00 but no more than \$150.00 for Conference Travel for the 2023-2024 Budget period.

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded
Recommended edits to be provided

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

13) ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: __ p.m. Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess, Mayor