

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams
Absent: None
Tardy: Trustee Burns

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator, Tim Williams, Interim Director Tony Gilyard, Interim Director Renee Lewis, Interim Treasurer, Louis Williams, Chief Barrett, Chief White

Others in Attendance:

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

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

a) Motion to Recess to Closed Session to discuss litigation updates
Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded a motion to recess to Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

b) Motion to Reconvene Regular Board Meeting
Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion to reconvene the Board Meeting of October 24, 2023, at 7:29 p.m.

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting on 09/26/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: Trustee Williams

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

- b) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Board Meeting on 10/03/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Carter, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Sapp

ABSENT: None

Mayor Burgess voted Ayed to break the tie

Motion Carried

- c) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee Meeting on 10/10/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp

NAYS: Trustee Williams

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: Trustee Coleman

Motion Carried

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- R. Brown reported concerns of the S.V. Police's delayed response (30 minutes) to a call concerning adults attacking children and their unwillingness to allow charges to be pressed
- J. Jones commented on the need for officers to receive training for incidents as was presented
- C. Nelson commented on the inappropriate response time of the officers
- C. Carbone commented on the inappropriate display and the mannerisms of the officers
- J. Burns referenced a video of a Sauk Village officer who was not reprimanded for shooting a fourteen-year-old youth with disabilities; asked when Sheldon Fox would start the prep work for the audit
 - Mayor Burgess' Response(s)
 - Mayor Burgess stated that he would be in touch with the families involved in the incident; would research the delayed response time of officers; he described the process for filing a complaint and spoke of the respect expected from officers. He stated that action would be taken
 - The services of Sheldon Fox were not needed as there were plans to bring in two firms

5) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess announced the following:
 - i. Trunk or Treat
 - ii. Community Open House to discuss the Old Plank Feasibility Study
 - iii. Kidney Foundation's Exams on November 2nd
 - iv. Veteran's Day activities
- b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt announced the following:
 - i. Thanksgiving Day Luncheon
 - ii. Holiday Cheer
- c) Interim Village Treasurer – Louis Williams reported
 - i. Cash balance of \$2,738,766
 - ii. A personal Surety Bond was not needed as he has professional insurance, and clarified that Bonds are handled through the Village's Insurers. Mr. T. Williams will follow-up with the insurers to clarify the last premise
Trustee asked when would the interim positions come back before the Board for a vote?
- d) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney Bolin had no report
- e) Village Engineer –Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering reported that the CIN report is forthcoming

6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White reported:
 - i. Calls for Service – 412 Arrest – 17
 - ii. Kenneth Brown would be the speaker for Chat with the Chief
- b) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett reported
 - i. Calls for Service – 85
 - ii. Provided Safety Tips: No open burning, check furnaces, C.O. and Smoke Detectors
- c) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis had no report
- d) Village Administrator –Interim Director Timothy Williams had no report
- e) Community Development –
- f) Public Works – Interim Director Anthony Gilyard reported:
 - i. Updates and activities completed by the department
 - I. Trustee Johnson referred to the service form created to request services

7) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer
 - i. Announced the next meeting, Game Night, Breakfast Bingo, Senior Fit
 - ii. Provided updates and resources on Medicare
- b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson
 - i. Announced that testing for officers was rescheduled to October 28th
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter was not present

8) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- i. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement for Accounting Services By and Between The Village of Sauk Village and W &W Consulting Group, LLC

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

Discussion/Debate

Trustee Williams motioned to postpone the action; Trustee Coleman seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: Trustees: Carter, Johnson

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

- II. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an External Accountant Professional Services Agreement by and Between the Village of Sauk Village and Zabinski Consulting Services, Inc.
The Motion for approval was not called

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- i. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$461,848.37, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded

Discussion/Debate

a) Trustees asked for the removal of \$67,483.48 in expenses for the following:

- Hawkins
- SafeBuilt removal for \$33,132.19
- H.R. Consultant for \$29,315.00

b) Trustees requested detailed invoices from the Attorney and others when they are or exceed \$5,000

c) Trustees expressed reluctance with approving payroll expenditures that are unseen

Motion to amend: Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Burns

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

- i. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$ \$394,364.89, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: Trustee Johnson, Carter

ABSENT: None
Motion Carried

b) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- i. A Petition For Disconnection from Sauk Village Property Address: 225 Rush Street/Aka 2001 Lincoln Highway Property Pin Number: 32-24-400-136-0000
The Motion for adoption was removed

11) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns reported that the meeting was rescheduled for November 17th in the Rotunda
- b) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson announced
 - i. a meeting for the following day at 6:00 p.m.
 - ii. Halloween partings on 10/31 and requested candy donations
- c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman announced that he met with committee members on October 23rd
- d) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter announced the next meeting on November 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp announced the next meeting would be scheduled in November
- f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams announced:
 - i. Condolences to the Village Clerk
 - ii. A meeting with the Committee members on October 27th
 - iii. Trunk or Treat at the Library
 - iv. Provided safety tips for HalloweenCommented on:
 - i. The retiree from Public Works and the cost for replacement and the actions needed
 - ii. Apologized for Police Officers' behavior
 - iii. The shooting of the teen-ager
 - iv. Questioned who would communicate with Trustees and the Public

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

Mayor Burgess commented on the delayed movement of the Village when items are discussed at Committee Meetings and not approved at the Board Meetings.

13) ADJOURNMENT

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt
Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess
Mayor