

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER ON NOVEMBER 24, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

1a. Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1b. Trustee Hanks led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Hanks acknowledged Village Attorney Vasselli. VA Vasselli stated that Mayor Towers would not be present due to unexpected circumstances and stated that a motion was needed to appoint a temporary chair. Trustee Myers made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson. On roll call by Village Clerk Williams, the following were
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None

1c. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a roll call by Village Clerk Williams, the following were
Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: None
A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2a. 09/22/09 - Revised and Resubmitted Regular Board Meeting

2b. 10/20/09- Resubmitted Committee of the Whole Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting 09/22/09. Motion to accept these minutes was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Benson.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for the roll to be called.

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting 10/20/09. Motion to accept these minutes was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Benson.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for the roll to be called.

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Chief of Staff –Mrs. Corley

COS Corley stated that the grant application for the 2010 CDBG resurfacing program has been submitted to County for Projects # 30 &31. COS Corley stated that she and Mayor Towers have been working with State Representative DeLuca and State Senator Hutchinson to secure a road repair grant. This grant has been approved for \$125,000.00; a System Engineer has been appointed to the Village. Documents have been forwarded to Robinson Engineering.

3b.Village Clerk: Mrs. Williams

VC Williams stated that copies of the minutes that were approved tonight were previously submitted to the audience and are available at the Village Hall during business hours and will be posted on the website within a few days.

3c. Village Treasurer Mrs. Carmichael

VT Carmichael stated that she has been working with Finance Director Beverly Sterrett on finalizing and completing the annual budget that was submitted at the appropriations public hearing last Tuesday and is now working on the Police & Fire Pension report that is due December 8, 2009. VT Carmichael is also working on rescheduling the Police Pension Investment presentation for a tentative date of December 9, 2009.

3d. Village Attorney-Mr. Vasselli – No report

3e. Village Engineer: Mr. Czarnik

VE Czarnik stated that the resurfacing of 225th Street is complete.

3f. Mayor's Report: Mayor Towers – No report / Absent

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee held a forum on "Taking the Mystery out of Home Health Care" on November 7, 2009. The forum was not well attended and Trustee Anderson thanked those who did attend including Village Clerk Williams. Trustee Anderson stated that information from all of the providers have been placed in the foyer for those interested in learning more about Home Health. The Senior Committee also met on November 12, 2009 and the guest was Brian from the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Brian would like to do ongoing workshops with seniors regarding Holiday and Personal Safety; these presentations can be made during the clubs regular meetings.

4b. Parks, Recreations & Youth Services: Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson announced that the Sauk Village Boxing Club will be competing in the Silver Gloves contest in Aurora, Illinois on December 5th and 6th. The contest will take place at the Vaughn Athletic Center located at 2121 West Indian Trail Road; cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Sauk Village has 5 female and 7 male contestants; we wish them luck. Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee held a special meeting on November 23, 2009 to discuss the Christmas parade. The Christmas parade will be held on December 12, 2009 starting at 11:00 am at the Public Works garage and will be coordinated by Sandy Cosey, Nancy Baker and Judy Welch; Mr. & Miss Sauk Village, Mr. & Miss Sauk Village Junior and Mr. & Miss Liberty will be riding in the parade. Trustee Benson stated that the SSDMC will be hosting a Christmas Show on Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 4- 5:30 pm in the Village Hall; there are 25 kids performing. The TRUTH Praise Dance team from Emmanuel Church in Sauk Village will also be performing.

4c. Housing Authority Commission: Trustee Hanks

No report due the recent return of Trustee Hanks after a brief absence.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee: Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee did not meet last month due to a family emergency. The next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee will be December 16, 2009 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

4e. Economic Development Committee: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee met with the residents of Lincoln Meadows and discussed their views of the needs of Sauk Village and future economic development. Mayor Towers, Trustee Benson, **Chief of Staff Corley** and the Economic Development Committee were all present; the meeting was very productive and informative. Trustee **Burgess** stated that **he is in the final** stages of Phase One with Behr Paint with regards to the paint donations. Phase Two will include homeowners and should start after the first of the year. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee: Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the next Public Relations Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 7pm in the Village Hall; the focus will be Student Government Day. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will be organizing fundraisers to help offset the cost of Student Government Day; the goal is to raise \$2,000.00. Trustee Williams stated that there were still openings for the first fundraiser; a trip to Horseshoe Casino on Friday, November 27, 2009- Contact her for more information.

4g. 2010 Census Update: Chief of Staff Corley

COS Corley stated that the 2010 Census Committee has been busy trying to pass out Census trinkets and get the word out into the community. COS Corley is also working with Acting School District 168 Superintendent Al Travalini to provide posters and other information for the students to take home. The Census Committee will also be present at the upcoming Parent /Teachers Conferences. The Census ballots should be received in homes beginning in March, 2010. The next Census Committee meeting will be January 21, 2010.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department: Interim Police Chief Sailsbery- No report/ Absent

5b. Fire Department: Fire Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that he will be in Michigan on December 2, 2009 to inspect the chassis on the new fire truck; once the chassis is signed off on the final build will take place in South Dakota.

5c. Public Works Department: Mr. Weller – No report/ Absent

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski – No report/ Absent

5e. Finance & Administration Department: Mrs. Sterrett

DH Sterrett stated that a good sized payment from the Cook County property taxes was received today and weekly payments should be coming in now. DH Sterrett stated that she did meet with Chuck Durham and Mary Thompson today after the Economic Development meeting this morning to discuss the three banks who are still considering loans to the Village.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall – No report

5g. 9-1-1 Board: Deputy Chief Stoffregen – No report

5h. Human Relations Commission: Mrs. Sterrett- No report

5i. Police Alliance Committee: Trustee Anderson –

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6 pm in the Village Hall.

6. CONSENT AGENDA-

6a. A Resolution ratifying a Proclamation in Support of School Board Members for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

6b. A Resolution to Authorize a Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

6c. An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Village of Sauk Village (Cook County Environmental Health Inspectional Services)

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Benson.
Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

7a. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (CEDA)

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

7b. An Ordinance Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village, Counties of Cook and Will, State of Illinois, for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Trustee Myers asked if the numbers submitted were the final numbers or if there have been changes made. Trustee Hanks stated that the new and revised number is \$44,716,040.00. VA Vasselli stated that this number should now replace the amount of \$39,624,610.00 which is included in Section 2. VA Vasselli stated that the appropriation is an estimate of expenses and a predicate for the passage of a levy; no pennies are included in the appropriation. VA Vasselli stated that DH Sterrett shows both the 12 month and 18 month appropriations; **only the 12 month estimated appropriation will be approved tonight. (VA Vasselli wants the Board to know that the exhibits are revised 12 month exhibits)**

Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve.
A motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Burgess
Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Accounts Payable & Disbursements November 11, 2009 – November 24, 2009

Trustee Williams made a motion to pay only payroll, insurance and bond payments as has been stated in the recent past meetings. Trustee Myers seconded that motion.
Trustee Burgess asked if there is a need to amend the motion to include additional bills that could be paid since money has been received. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked DH Sterrett if there are accounts payables from

the past that can be paid. DH Sterrett/ COS Corley stated that past payables will be released starting with smaller amounts, under \$100.00 and working with the priority bills where services may be threatened.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that there was no need to amend the motion due to the fact that those bills were passed in previous Accounts Payables and the motion stands to pay only payroll, insurance and bond payments at this time with the understanding that past Accounts Payables in smaller amounts or those that threaten services may also be paid.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that the current Sauk Talk is now on the website.

Trustee Benson asked everyone to support the kids at the boxing tournament; the kids are being trained properly and seeing the Village people encourages them to do better.

Trustee Anderson thanked the Public Relations Committee for their efforts to continue to keep the residents informed through the Sauk Talk.

The entire Sauk Village Board wishes everyone a Safe, Happy Thanksgiving.

9b. Questions from the Audience

Frank Briggs stated that Sauk Village Code Enforcement and Fire Departments have approved his business for opening but the County is not responding. Mr. Briggs stated that County is not required to inspect but they just have to make their business available for inspection if County chooses to inspect. Mr. Briggs stated that the contract with the County is over at the end of this month. Mr. Briggs is asking for a license to reopen his business; he has been closed since early in 2007 and has done everything possible to comply. Mr. Briggs stated that has called on Trustee Myers expertise as a past building inspector to verify that everything is up to code. Trustee Myers stated that Mr. Briggs had asked him to stop by on numerous occasions. He does realize that this is not his territory; however, he is a code enforcement officer and health inspector in Steger. Trustee Myers stated he did witness a sample of the water and that the water was tested in a Will County lab and tested better than Sauk Village water. Trustee Myers stated that both the Fire Department and Code Enforcement have approved the business and the information was given to the Mayor and Village Attorneys. There have been calls placed to Cook County asking for an inspection. It has been stated by County that they refuse to come out. Trustee Myers stated that Mr. Briggs has been in business for over 20 years and he has tried to contact County but they are holding him up. There were past problems with the septic system but a licensed plumber has signed off on the plumbing. Trustee Myers stated that it was voted on tonight to continue to use Cook County for health inspections and asked the Village Attorney to contact the County on this business owner's behalf. VA Vasselli stated that the agreement with Cook County was actually approved tonight under the Consent Agenda and if Mr. Briggs was exempted out from the agreement it could raise future issues. VA Vasselli stated that his office will try to contact Cook County the next day.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that in an effort to help open the business the Village Attorney will call and he may even be able to give a report next week.

Trustee Benson asked to keep updated with any information received from the County.

Mike Bartnicki thanked the Board again for his reformatted letter and the decorum of tonight's meeting. Mr. Bartnicki stated that the minutes of October 27th, November 3rd, November 10th and November 17th are still not approved and should have been approved according to Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Bartnicki also stated that Trustee Myers has a position of Trustee in the Village and by ordinance he should not be employed by the Village as Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. Bartnicki asked if there was a list of exactly what County was instructing Mr. Briggs to do. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that nothing has been acted on tonight in regards

to Mr. Brigg's business; no action has been taken. Trustee Myers stated that two years ago the State of Illinois ok'd that a firefighter could hold an office and still maintain his position within the Fire Department. Rose Langston thanked the Public Relations Committee for the updating of the Sauk Talk and other updates on the website but is still requesting that bios be placed on the website for the new administration and updated bios on other current Board members and Department Heads. Trustee Williams asked that everyone take time to write their bios to include information about themselves, their mission and their goals and submit it to the Public Relations Committee. Trustee Williams stated that the committee is working on the special events page, the Clerk's page, the Sauk Talk and other changes to the website and will work to include the bios as well. It was agreed that pictures to be included with the bios will be taken on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm before the Board meeting- memos should be included in Board packets to remind everyone. Any questions or submissions for the website can be made to Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Benson seconded the motion to adjourn.

All in favor.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Village Clerk Williams