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.

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.
  o 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 the 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
6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS
a) Police Department – Commander Evans reported:
   i. Calls for Service 438  Arrests 25

b) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett reported:
   i. Calls for Service 80
   ii. He reported no fireworks incidents on July 4th; The File for Life signup on July 18th; Junior Fire Camp on July 24th; and reminded of the No Open Burning in the Village

c) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis announced: that her office was working with the VA to increase to 75-80% the number of residents to pay bills on-line

d) Village Administrator – Interim Director Timothy Williams reported that he and staff were examining a few locations for a digital display brought forth by the Village Clerk and fielded questions presented

e) Community Development – Director Antonio Cooper was not present

f) Public Works – Interim Director Anthony Gilyard read a report highlighting the accomplishments and activities of that department

7) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS
a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns
   i. Addressed the need for Special Meetings
   ii. Addressed the financial of the Music Festivals stating that they did not go over budget as it had $44,000 in the budget and $8,000 in donations. Therefore the $47,223.26 expended was under the budgeted amount. She stated that $751.26 was added to pay for printing
   iii. Other items commented on was the need for the completion of audits to secure grants; justified the need for an Internal Auditor and announced that the next meeting would occur on July 21st at 6:00 p.m.

b) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson had no report or comments

c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman announced the next meeting on July 26th with reports to be presented

d) Budget, Finance & Audit - Vacant

e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp announced an unified Board with new changes, and welcomed Trustee Carter

f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams provided good tidings to Trustee Carter and announced the following: Blood Drive on July 22nd; Sauk Talk deadline; offered condolences to Sue’s family; the Crossroad Church’s Revival on September 16th; and the next meeting on July 26th. She addressed the Facebook rumors.
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