

**VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 7:00 p.m.
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE
SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS**

INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

1. INTRODUCTION OF EMCEE- MRS. CAROLYN PALMER

Mrs. Carolyn Palmer introduced herself prior to providing an introduction for Judge Sheree D. Henry.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Honorable Judge Sheree D. Henry acknowledge the audience prior to administering the Oath of Office to Mayor – Elect Marva Campbell- Pruitt.

Attorney Felicia Frazier was introduced prior to administering the Oath of Office to Village Clerk – Elect Debra Williams (in the absence of Attorney Burt Odelson).

Honorable Judge Sheree D. Henry administered the Oath of Office to Trustee- Elect Tyesha Jones and Trustee – Elect Michelle Sterling.

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Pastor Elijah Ige administered the Oath of Office to Trustee-Elect Diane Sapp.

Mrs. Carolyn Palmer reintroduced the new board individually as they approached their seat at the dais. Mayor Marva thanked those who helped her organize this event.

3. CALL TO ORDER THE NEW BOARD- the Honorable Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt

Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

b. Roll Call- Village Clerk Debbie Williams

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Aretha Burns, Raven Johnson, Tyesha Jones, Michelle Sterling and Diane Sapp

Absent: None (One seat was vacated by former Trustee – now Village Clerk Debbie Williams)

4. INVOCATION- Pastor John Pitts

Pastor John Pitts provided a prayer for the newly installed board and the community.

5. MUSICAL SELECTION- Mrs. Chanise Nevels

Mrs. Chanise Nevels provided a stirring rendition of “Ain’t No Stopping Us Now” along with audience board and audience participation.

Mayor Marva introduced her family, various sorority sisters, elected officials and their representatives, guests and friends to speak at this time.

Mayor Marva was acknowledged as the first African American woman mayor as well as the new Sauk Village board was noted as the first all-woman board.

Cook County 6th District Commissioner Donna Miller stated “Empowered Women Empower Women”.

6. MAYOR’S INAUGURAL REPORT - Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Mayor Marva Campbell – Pruitt provided her Inaugural Report which thanked everyone for their support and provided her vision for the village.

a. Motion to Appoint an Official for a Two- Year Term to Fill the Vacant Trustee Position

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint an official to a two- year term to fill the vacant trustee position.

The motion was moved by Trustee Aretha Burns and seconded by Trustee Diane Sapp.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Jones and Sapp

Nays: Trustees Johnson and Sterling

After the 3-2 majority was recognized, Trustee Jones changed her vote to Nay making the motion fail with a 2-3 minority vote.

Mayor Marva asked to insert her Executive Privilege to make an appointment for the two -year unexpired term for a period of 30 days at which time the matter will be revisited.

Trustee Johnson motioned to table the appointment for further consideration. Trustee (inaudible) motioned to second the tabling of the appointment.

Trustee Burns motioned to appeal the motion to table for further consideration. The motion to appeal was seconded by Trustee Sapp.

Mayor Marva deferred to Corporate Counsel Felicia Frazier, Attorney Frazier stated since the motion did not pass, Mayor Marva has to wait another 30 days to make another appointment.

b. Civility Pledge- The Civility Pledge was provided by the Illinois Municipal League when they came to Sauk Village in an effort to bring the previous board together in a civil manner.

Mayor Marva led the board and the audience in reading the Civility Pledge aloud together.

7. VILLAGE CLERK’S COMMENTS- Honorable Debra Williams

Village Clerk Williams acknowledged her family and the residents and was hoping not to witness the hell from the past.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE NEWLY INSTALLED TRUSTEES- (ALL TRUSTEES)

Trustee Burns stated it was an honor to work with the previous board, residents and a team that was looking forward to move the village forward. The new trustee will be appointed at some future date.

Trustee Jones thanked the residents for their support and thanked her friends and family and stated she will work hard and stay true to the values that brought her here.

Trustee Sapp thanked everyone for coming out, particularly her friends, family and pastor. Trustee Sapp shared her vision, a better vision for Sauk Village.

Trustee Johnson congratulated the newly elected board members and stated she was looking forward to working with them.

Trustee Sterling thanked her family and friends for their support and stated she was honored to serve the residents of Sauk Village and pledged to use sound judgement any time she is called to vote.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

Mayor Marva announced the Mayor's Special Events Committee needs 25 volunteers. Please contact her if you are interested in serving on that committee. The first event is a Cinco De Mayo celebration taking place Sunday, May 4th from 3-5 p.m. Food trucks, live music and dancing horses will be on hand. Mayor Marva acknowledged the Police and Fire Departments and former Mayor Paesel for their presence.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by common consent.