

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
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1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston. Trustee Jones entered at 7:12 pm
Absent: None

Mayor Marva announced some changes to the agenda order.

Discussion & Presentations

2. JIM JEDLICKA

a) AAA Electric Lighting Jim Jedlicka

AAA offered to do a walkthrough of all village buildings and provide upgrades to the old lighting and replace with energy efficient lighting that will lower the electric bill, lower energy and provide sensor lighting (lighting turns on when you enter the room). There is no cost to the village. Commonwealth Edison pays for the entire program. Sauk Village will see savings within a month.

An audit will be done on the outside lighting by ComEd engineers- all paid by ComEd and provide LED street lighting.

AAA has worked with several municipalities like Flossmoor, Steger, St. John, Park Forest, etc.

Trustee Burns asked if they could see before and after bills. Those can be provided. The cost will be reduced because the light wattage will be reduced by using LED lighting.

A full breakdown will be provided showing what the savings will be. The maintenance will not be necessary for almost 10 years.

ComEd could also help provide lighting for the ball field.

Mayor Marva stated the street lighting that was replaced a few years ago but is not adequate. That will also be evaluated as a priority.

Mayor Marva stated another company is prepared to bring a proposal. The application date is December 31, 2025. Jim stated the sooner the assessments start the better to get included in the current incentives. Assessments need to be done before the application.

3. Harold's Brunch and Supper Lounge- Nicole Liggins- Removed

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4. Youth Initiative- Pastors Chris Chappel and Steven Knox

Pastors Chris Chappel and Steven Knox proposed a youth program starting with boys 13-19 on Fridays from 5pm – 8pm in the gym. They will meet for 1 hour and then separate and speak about life lessons and then go back in the gym. Occasionally, that time will be bible based. This time will be used to connect with them and help them change their minds about what they are involved in. Kick Back is the name of the program. It's needed to spend time with them and soften their hearts. Touch the hearts of Sauk Village teens and hoping spread to other communities.

This program will be open to all Sauk Village youth. Trustee Sterling asked how the youth will find out about the program. Pastor Knox said they will walk the streets and meet the youth.

Trustee Sapp inquired why just boys. Pastor Knox said only male volunteers are available right now.

Trustee Johnson asked what was needed from the board. The gym is needed.

Trustee Winston asked what the skills and background of the volunteers are. Are you prepared for when the issues come? Pastor Knox said they are youth pastors, leaders in their church, ordained ministers and have many years of experience.

Most of the time is focusing on responsible decision making with occasional mention using the word of God.

Mayor Marva asked if the date could be changed because the residents rent the Community Center.

Trustee Johnson stated the Community Center is already rented. Basketball season starts on Fridays with Coach Green.

Pastor Knox stated he spoke with Coach Green who was agreeable to having a program for the teens. He would also speak with his volunteers to check their availability.

Trustee Winston suggested doing research on youth and crime. Normally, youth commit crime typically between 2pm and 6pm. Chief Sanders would be a good resource.

Trustee Sapp commended them on recommending a program for the youth and offered her assistance.

Trustee Burns asked about them working with Coach Green. Pastor Knox stated Coach Green also gave him some ideas.

5. Premier Bubbles Laundrimat- Christina Lewis- Not present

7. FIRE CHIEF KEITH DAMM

a) EMS Management Program

Chief Damm stated the department is looking to purchase cardiac defibrulators for the two ambulances. Chief Damm said the current defibrulator is outdated and one is needed for the new ambulance. The payment plan options, with a discount for the old one (do not have to return it)-

6-year option \$2,944.24

\$211,985.28

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7-year option \$2,621.31

\$220,190.31 (Need last two years financial audit data which we don't have)

These are Zoll monitors with a ten-year life span which it can exceed.

This needs to be approved by October 15, 2025. Need this to get the second ambulance running.

Trustee Burns asked if there are EMS billing funds available. Keith Damm said yes- will need budget amendment.

Mayor Marva stated the ambulances were purchased based on the ambulance runs. We need to know how much we are paying monthly for the ambulances and if there is money left for the defibrators. That paperwork is due tomorrow.

The anticipated monthly income is \$50,000. -\$79,000 which will increase when the second ambulance is put into service. We will not need Mutual Aid as much.

Mayor Marva asked when it was known that a defibrator was needed for the second ambulance.

The first ambulance has an older model in it. The second had none. Mayor Marva asked if the board agreed to move forward. This needs to be approved at the October 14th board meeting.

Mayor Marva stated her unease about getting his information at the last minute. This was not his responsibility because he just started last month, but it is admirable that Chief Damm was willing to get the research done for the board.

6) MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL-PRUITT

a) Living Well- Memorandum of Understanding

Mayor Marva stated the Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed by the attorney. No resolution is needed because there is no cost to the village.

Trustee Winston had concerns that the MOU places use with a level of responsibility.

Serves as the village preferred homecare provider

Provide LWHS reasonable access to Village facilities to host workshops and outreach events

Refer residents identified as needing home care services directly to LWHS as the preferred option but they can choose their own

Appoint a Village liaison to coordinate activities with LWHS

Trustee Winston offered to work with the MOU.

Mayor Marva stated she noted the concerns and will address this with Living Well.

This is a needed outreach for the seniors. Trustee Winston offered to work with them to trim down the MOU. If they are willing to make the changes we can move forward, if not, we will not move forward. When items are brought to the table for discussion it does not necessarily move forward.

b) Juneteenth Approval

An ordinance was presented regarding making Juneteenth a municipal holiday. Juneteenth was also requested in both union negotiations. The previous administration did not recognize the day as a paid holiday but did provide a resolution. The financial impact is about \$17,000.00 per year. This has to be decided before the end of the year because the municipal calendar needs to be

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posted. Trustee Sterling has some changes she would like to propose to the board. This will be readdressed.

c) Youth Work Program

The youth of Bloom Township start the work program October 14th and runs through January 7th. The youth will work 10 hours a week from 3pm – 5pm. Mayor Marva stated one day a week will be spent on providing mentoring and etiquette, social skills, etc. There is no cost.

Trustees were offered to have an intern work with them. The Police and Fire Departments will each get one intern. The interns are 14-18 years old.

8. Public Comments-

Francine Anderson stated she was interested in the church program. It could be a pilot program for other churches. Francine was concerned about the financial impact of Juneteenth. The Fire Department cannot put everything on the ambulance billing fund. They should not buy ambulances without equipping them. Citizens should get excellent service. There is nothing for the children on the schedule of events. Why is there nothing for the children?

Mayor Marva stated other people can have events

David Smith commented on the \$1,000. gazebo repair. What caused the damage and when did it happen? David commented that the \$200,000. electric bill was known for a while, why wasn't it properly budgeted? The ambulance makes sense – saving lives.

Directed to Mayor Marva – why did you unilaterally decide to challenge the Attorney General w/o Board knowledge. The suit names all corporate authorities except the Clerk. They should have been notified. The board of trustees violated OMA. Why take the Attorney General and DS to court without notifying them? How much are illegal appointments cost the village residents?

9 . GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

Trustee Sterling encouraged more residents to come to the meetings at 7pm on Tuesday and see for yourself and not rely on Facebook.

Trustee Burns stated departments get money from other sources. They should seek funding from there first before coming to the General Fund. Trustee Burns commended everyone who has done events without using any money from the General Fund because we know of our situation. Everyone is fundraising. Trustee Burns stated she is not familiar with the OMA or the electric bill.

Mayor Marva said she was not aware of the OMA either. The Corn and Dog Roast did cost a nominal fee. That report will be provided.

Trustee Sapp thanked AAA for their presentation and hoped we need lighting.

Trustee Jones stated IML was phenomenal. Very informative. Trustee Jones stated she learned to prioritize integrity and ethical conduct, legal repercussions in all actions, adhere to all laws and regulations, transparency and accountability. This was truly an honor being amongst so many dignitaries who had so much to say. Trustee Jones stated she is very excited. Trustee Jones

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thanked Trustee Sterling and Trustee Johnson for taking her under their wing and introducing her to so many people under so many types of leaderships and suggesting what classes to take. We all need to start doing things as a whole. The division should not be happening. Let's work together ladies.

Village Clerk Williams asked everyone who is planning on having a table at the Trick or Treat at the library to please RSVP as soon as possible.

Mayor Marva asked who loves Chicago PD? Chicago PD is filming one episode in Sauk Village on October 20th. They will be here with little or no distraction to our residents. Some of will be filmed in Crete and some will be filmed at the farm at the farm by Emmanuel. They will use a couple of police officers in uniform and use Sauk Village police cars. Off duty officers will be used and paid overtime. They will use St. James parking lot and will provide a certificate of insurance. There will be no traffic issue.

Mayor Marva stated if trustees did not pay for your village sticker you did not get the official star. Seven stars are left. Mayor Marva placed them on the table for those who need it.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva adjourned the meeting by common consent at 9:00 p.m. after the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Sapp.