

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Honorable Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

a) Mayor Marva led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b) Roll Call (by Clerk Williams):

Present: Trustees Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustee Burns (Absent with Notice) and Trustee Jones (joined in executive session)

c) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

a) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Recess to Executive Session to discuss Personnel and/or Employment and Compensation if needed, Update Pending Litigation and Review Executive Board Minutes.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

On Roll Call (by Clerk Williams):

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Burns and Trustee Jones

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

b) Motion to reconvene from Executive Session

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Burns

Meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Marva announced the change of agenda by moving Public Comment up on the agenda.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to strike items E & F.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to remove items 5c i and ii.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernestine Blackmon mentioned that two trustees did not present their IML report. Mayor Marva stated she did not know why they did not comment and hopefully when they come before you again they will do so.

Sharon Davenport, 20-year resident, commented on the tree that she has been complaining about for years. When the sidewalk repairs began it became evident with the huge roots the workers had to deal with. Sharon showed pictures to Melanie with hopes that it will be taken care of. Even though there were yellow notices placed to alert about no parking during sidewalk repairs on the 27th and the 1st but did not alert them not to park in their driveways. Sharon alerted her neighbors to move their cars out of the driveway or they would not be able to get out. Sharon did tell people it was announced at the board meeting. Sharon commented that the work was completed quickly and they did an excellent job. She was very thankful.

David Fields commented on the amount of time spent in the meetings. The board should be considerate of people's time. The agenda should be cut down. Some things already voted on come back on the agenda again to be voted on again. That is disrespectful to the trustees. David said the former Public Works Director was supposed to be under investigation 4 months ago. Was that done? Who did it? When did it take place? Now a new Public Works Director is on the agenda. Was the former director not fired? That is underhanded.

Mayor Marva asked where on the agenda is there something that has already been

voted on? David Fields stated items 5c i and ii were voted on before. Mayor Marva disagreed.

David Smith stated something that is on Accounts Payable was voted down by a 3-2 vote on July 22nd and it is back on the Accounts Payable. The IT proposal for Altek IT solutions was voted down so why are they performing any installations for Zero Outage? Zero Outage has not been approved by the board either. David stated his recollection was they did not agree on that. Several issues were pointed out in the Zero Outage agreement. It was supposed to be submitted to our attorney and to Zero Outage to make the necessary changes. Why are they on the AP to install the equipment? It appears we have already agreed to the installation. That company is run by another company that just changed their name. The services were bad then and he assumed they will be bad now. Why is Altek on the Accounts Payable when the equipment was never approved by the board? If it was already installed, when was it installed. David questioned the date of the invoice being before last week's meeting and asked if Mayor Marva made an executive decision to do this.

Trustee Jones asked for point of information. Disruption caused Mayor Marva to state that this is not a show. You must give respect in order to get respect. This entire process has to be respected in order to proceed. Mayor Marva stated those items were asked to be removed from the agenda. Rather than study to find what you can find wrong, listen to the proceedings before you ask questions. Mayor Marva stated the Zero Outage consensus was removed from the agenda. Mayor Marva asked the Clerk or Mr. Finch to explain what happened with the consensus vote.

Mr. Finch stated that the consensus vote to approve Zero Outage was only three Ayes. The mayor requested the consensus, thereby being the final vote to make the majority.

Mr. Finch stated the installation of the switch was crucial. It is stated in the Financial Policy under manual checks when they can be issued such as in situations where it will impair village operations. If the Police Department can't fingerprint residents, can't do a live scan, etc. that significantly impacts the village. This request must be approved by the Mayor and Finance Director. It was a situation where the attempt to bring it to the trustees. There was unreadiness. Installation of the switch is separate from the agreement. Mr. Finch tried to explain that last week, but minds were already made up.

The decision was made because the Police Chief, Fire Chief the Mayor or himself could not afford to allow the residents at be at risk. This afternoon the person in the Police Department was typing in the information that she had to take to Markham Courthouse and the internet crashed while she was in the middle of that. Judges or lawyers do not

care if the internet crashes. We have enough lawsuits without allowing prisoners to go without being seen on camera. When we have water main breaks late at night we don't open bids, we call whoever is available. Heritage would not supply us unless we paid in advance. Proven IT who does the copiers, will not touch the village unless they get a contract. This is not the first time this situation has occurred. Last year this body voted to pay \$64,000. To do the exact same thing as this \$1,600.00.

Francine Anderson was thankful for the Accounts Payable in the back and spoke on the manual adjustments from October 24th. These are basic things we pay ongoing. Why are they on AP as add-ons instead of being included in the Accounts Payable? Francine complimented us that we finally put the Village Administrator back on as an Interim. Francine asked if we were getting new people because there are blanks on the agenda, but people were here today in those seats. Francine mentioned the mayor speaks about unity but she read in the paper that she has not made amends to the Village Clerk about her records. If we are going to be unified can the mayor find a solution to that problem? The mayor understands the importance of those records because she just relinquished that position back to the person who was the Clerk before her. The mayor stated earlier that to get respect you have to give respect and she has not been giving respect.

Mayor Marva stated the Accounts Payable had add-ons because Accounts Payables was not approved last time so they are on here as add-ons.

4) APROVAL OF MINUTES-VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS

Village Clerk Williams asked to remove items a. b and d until a later time. Tonight we will be approving the journal of proceedings for Special Board Meeting 9-23-25 7pm and the October 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes for September 23, 2025 7pm and the Committee of the Whole Meeting for October 7, 2025.

Motion: Sapp Second: Johnson

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustee Burns

Nays: None

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Financial Matters

Mayor Marva asked for a Motion to Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$620,914.77** and authorize the Finance the Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

Trustee Sterling asked to make a motion to amend the Accounts Payable by removing invoice # ads20251831 in the amount of \$800.00 and invoice # ads20251832 in the amount of \$800.00.

Mayor Marva stated there is a motion to amend the Accounts Payable by removing \$1,600.00.

Motion: Sterling Second: Johnson

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling

Nays: Trustees Sapp

Absent: Trustee Burns

Abstain: Trustee Winston

Motion Carried

Mayor Marva asked for a Motion to Approval the new amount of Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$619,314.77** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Sterling Second: Johnson

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling

Nays: Trustees Sapp and Winston

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

b) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

c) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS AND ACTION ITEMS- These items were removed

i. Approving the Proposal for Public Relations/ Marketing Consultant

ii Certify the Consensus Vote for the Installation of the Zero Outage Switch

6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint Freddie McMillon to the position of Finance Director.

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Sapp and Winston

Nays: Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Failed

Mayor Marva stated she is appointing Freddie McMillon as Interim Finance Director.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint Adam Winiiecki to the position of Public Works Director.

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Sapp and Winston

Nays: Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Failed

Mayor Marva stated she is using her executive right by appointing Adam Winiiecki as Interim Public Works Director.

Mayor Marva complimented the Fire Department on the event they did a while back and for providing so much information on social media for the residents. There are flyers on the back table for Trick or Treat hours – 3pm – 7pm. Mayor Marva gave a written report as the directors do. Administrative updates, meetings attended, policy matters, community engagements, etc. The annual holiday parade will be coming up soon. Mayor Marva thanked Trustee Winston for applying for and winning a grant for holiday lighting for Sauk Village. We will have LED lights for the outside. The majority of the inside lights and decorations have been removed from the Village Hall. There are very limited decorations. We will need volunteers to help decorate the tree. We are applying for another grant through Sustainable Energy. We are trying to move ahead to the greatest extent possible regardless of what she is accused of.

The reports of Robinson Engineering and the department heads will show the positive things that are happening.

b) VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS

Village Clerk Williams gave kudos to the library for hosting a great Trick or Treat event and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Mayor Marva and the trustees who participated. A record crowd of over 250 kids attended. Village Clerk Williams

stated she is looking forward to attending the Halloween Dance Party on Friday. Village Clerk Williams stated she is also looking for unity and just as the trustees participated in the library event, she looks forward to attending the Halloween Dance and every other event that is held in Sauk Village. The Halloween Decorating Contest is cancelled due to the lack of participation but the Christmas Decorating Contest will be announced soon. Watch out for the houses that have great decorations. There will be great prizes for the winners.

Village Clerk Williams thanked Francine Anderson for bringing up the records that still have not been returned to her office. The Clerk's files have been missing out of the Clerk's office for three months. After the Clerk retrieved the files from the conference room herself they were removed from her office and locked up in a storage room. When the Clerk asked for the items again, she was told there were personal items mixed up with the village items so she cannot retrieve her files, most of which are extremely important. Village Clerk Williams implored that the residents to email, write or visit the mayor and let her know the Village Clerk needs her documents in her office- not locked up in storage. Personal items should have been removed when she left office. The law states five days to put the office in place for the person coming in. Village Clerk Williams begged again- Bring the files back- PLEASE!

The mayor responded saying we keep beating this horse down the street and we don't need it to be crippled. Mayor Marva said she was given little or no time to transition from the Clerk's office to the mayor's office, so therefore, she put the items in the conference room. (6 months ago) Mayor Marva stated the current clerk took it upon herself to remove everything from the conference room and move it into her office. Some of those items were the mayor's personal items. The pictures were posted. The basket was seen on Facebook with items that were removed from the desk. This is the third or fourth time that she has heard it. At some point and time someone needs to know the truth.

When the items were removed from her office there were staff and police in attendance. Mayor Marva stated if she could spend less time responding to email after email and fluff she would have more time to direct herself to records. The clerk claims she can't do her job without them. Mayor Mara stated as the clerk she was always taking notes and attendance. Those are not part of public record. That is most of what is in there and it is not impeding anybody's job.

Trustee Johnson called for point of information – when will the village be able to recover our records to the clerk's office? Can we have a time frame? The clerk has to answer FOIA requests due to the village records. How can the clerk answer FOIA requests without the records. Mayor Marva said she cannot deal with hypotheticals, but she does not have a time frame- as soon as possible. Trustee Johnson stated the board needs to report the mayor for holding those records and not turning them over to the Village Clerk.

Mayor Marva's response was – Do what you have to. Did you do that to Derrick Burgess?

At this time, Trustee Jones left the rotunda. (9:20 pm)

c) LEGAL COUNSEL, MURPHY, FRAZIER AND MCGRATH

Village Attorney Tillman introduced himself as a senior attorney with corporate counsel Odelson, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath. He was recently assigned to Sauk Village, and he looks forward to working with us. Mr. Tillman has been an attorney for ten years as well as a board member, so he has seen both sides. He will try to guide the board and the Southland forward.

Trustees Johnson and Sterling left the meeting. Mayor Marva stated the meeting does not have to be adjourned because at this time the board is without a quorum. Mayor Marva apologized to those who waited all this time to report and were unable to do so.

Clerk's note-

The reports the other would have provided will be attached to these minutes.

d) VILLAGE ENGINEER- MELANIE ARNOLD, ROBINSON ENGINEERING

7. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

a) POLICE DEPARTMENT- CHIEF MACK SANDERS

b) FIRE DEPARTMENT- CHIEF KEITH DAMM

c) FINANCE DEPARTMENT

d) INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR ANTHONY FINCH

e) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HILDA FERNANDEZ

f) PUBLIC WORKS- INTERIM DIRECTOR ADAM WINIECKI

8. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

a) Trustee Aretha Burns

b) Trustee Raven Johnson

c) Trustee Tyesha Jones

d) Trustee Diane Sapp

e) Trustee Michelle Sterling

f) Trustee Tonyia Winston, PhD.

9) UNFINISHED COMMENTS-None

10.) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL-PRUITT

11) ADJOURNMENT – as referenced above

Trustee Jones left the meeting at 9:20 pm. Trustees Johnson and Sterling left shortly behind her.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

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