

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

B) Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Absent: None

Mayor Marva asked to remove item # 6 letter B by common consent. Unanimous consent.

Mayor Marva asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss was missing for some time and was found today. Pray for his family as they are dealing with his loss.

C) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION- None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS ASKED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES APPROVED.

A) Approve Journal of Proceedings for 12- 2-25 Committee of the Whole

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for 12- 2-25 Committee of the Whole.

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Abstain: Jones

Motion carried

B) Approve Journal of Proceedings for 12- 2-25 Special Board Meeting
Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for 12- 2-25 Special Board Meeting.

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns
Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston
Nays: None
Abstain: Jones

Motion carried

C) Approve Journal of Proceedings for 12- 9-25 Regular Board Meeting
Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for 12- 9-25 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Johnson Second: Sapp
Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling
Nays: None
Abstain: Winston

Motion carried

D) Approve Journal of Proceedings for 12-16-25 Committee of the Whole
Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for 12- 16-25 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion: Winston Second: Burns
Ayes: Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winson
Nays: None
Abstain: Johnson

Motion carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

All questions and comments must be directed to the mayor. Each speaker may comment on any matter concerning the business of the Sauk Village Municipality. Each speaker is allowed **one opportunity** to speak for up to three (3) minutes and may not engage in debate, counter-replies, or rebuttals. Mayor Campbell-Pruitt will respond individually as comments are presented.

Francine Anderson asked why we have such a large Accounts Payable and Payroll. Are you planning on ending or completing some of the leftover problems from 2025? Francine stated it is past time for Mr. Finch to be an Interim without being called for a vote. It is per record that he is still suing Sauk Village. Will we continue to pay him while he is suing us.

The Police and Fire Commission seat has been vacated. Francine stated the board should have input in the hiring and firing of the commission.

Mayor Marva stated the Accounts Payable does include leftover items from the past administration including litigation and personnel items which must be discussed in closed session. There has only been one time since she has attended meetings starting in 2007 where a trustee asked that a commissioner come before the board. The member is still on the commission. When the mayor has received letters of intent and interviews the people in order to bring them before the board. Mayor Marva stated these appointments are needed to move forward.

5. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve a Resolution Supporting the Renewal of a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Clarification for 21700 Mark Collins Drive (VHE II Sauk MC LLC- Warehouse Specialists LLC)

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns
Ayes: Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston
Nays: None

Motion Carried

B) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Certain Surplus Personal Property (Ambulance) belonging to the Village of Sauk Village

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns
Ayes: Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston
Nays: None

Motion Carried

C) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Low Income Energy Efficiency Outreach and Engagement Grant in the Amount of \$25,000.00

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

Trustee Jones asked what the 10% that we had to spend went for. Mayor Marva stated we had to spend 10% and asked the trustees to look at the proposal, the grant information and the budget toward smart energy.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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D) Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Powering the Holidays Grant in the Amount of \$2,500.00

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

Mayor Marva discussed the second packet which included the budget for Winter Wonderland which had more lighting and other decorations than ever before. The first section talks about how the money that was spent with a balance of \$684.99 which she is hoping we can spend later and not lose it. The second section talk about Powering the Holidays which is not due until March 31st. This will be revisited at another time.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

I. Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$726,508.76** (revised amount is include on the agenda) and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Trustee Burns inquired about an expense for Hadu Concrete. Was this work done? Public Works Director Adam stated this was for previous water main breaks, sidewalk, curbs, etc. for 17 residents throughout the village and is funded by MFT funds that could only be used for concrete restoration.

Trustee Burns asked for information on Great Lakes. This was not brought before the board. Public Works Director Adam stated this was for sewer material provided for manhole and sewer repairs. Two proposals were provided and these were the cheapest. About 45 locations have been restored. Melanie said there was a line item where funds could be used left from last year so it can be approved without board approval.

Trustee Burns inquired about a background check for Kristal Davis.

Mayor Marva stated the board initially approved Kristal Davis and the background check was done. When the board removed her from the Accounts Payable she stopped working. She submitted invoices and Mayor Marva paid her out of her own pocket. She is no longer on the aging report.

Trustee Johnson inquired when the consensus was done. Clerk Williams stated that the trustees have all of the minutes through the end of December and will get executive session minutes next week that will have all of the information.

Approve a Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion: Second:

There was no motion and second because trustees started asking questions before motions were stated.

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

B) Motion to Approve the Contract Renewal Agreement between GLCAP and the Village of Sauk Village

Removed from the agenda by unanimous consent.

C) Motion to Approve moving forward with a Request for Qualifications & Proposals – IT Services (RFQ)

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

D) Motion to Approve Contract Negotiations Between the Village of Sauk Village, And United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of Local 7234-17 and 7234-18. Public Works, and Office and Technical Employees

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

ii. Appointment of Police and Fire Commissioner

Mayor Marva appointed commissioners to the Police and Fire Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Marva stated that Commissioner Beth Zupon sent in a letter of resignation citing that she was moving out of the state. The former chairperson will remain as a commissioner.

Village Clerk Williams was asked to swear in Dr. Sharon Davenport to the Police and Fire Commission pending board comments. Dr. Sharon Davenport was the school board president for District 168 for 2 or 3 terms. She served as the field representative for the Illinois Association of School Boards. She has considerable knowledge and information from serving on boards and Mayor Marva believes she will be an asset to our commission. There was unanimous approval from the board.

Village Clerk Williams swore in Dr. Sharon Davenport as Police and Fire Commissioner to a term that will expire April 30, 2028.

Mayor Marva stated after conferring the former chairperson, it is with her blessings that she appoints Dr. Davenport as the new chairperson of the Police and Fire Commission.

ii. Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals and Review Commissioner

Mayor Marva asked to appoint Larry Sapp as Zoning Board of Appeals and Review Commissioner with the board's consent- Former Trustee Larry Sapp.

Trustee Johnson was not in favor of appointing a felon to the Zoning Board.

Mayor Marva stated the Zoning Board is not one of those positions that can be compromised by anything. We have had felons, one may still be on the board. That background was not challenged. Mayor Marva spoke about fairness and asked when do we look at redemption and forgiveness of sins that have transpired many, many years ago.

Trustee Johnson asked when are we going to break that cycle of appointing known felons, and do things proper and in order. Mayor Marva said her shared her rationale and would like to move forward with the appointment if there are no other comments.

Trustee Burns stated that cycle has not been broken she will vote in favor.

Trustees Sapp and Winston voted in favor with Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling voting no.

Mayor Marva broke the tie and asked Village Clerk Williams to swear Larry Sapp in as Commissioner to the Zoning Board of Review and Appeals.

Village Clerk Williams swore in Larry Sapp as Commissioner of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Review to a term that will expire April 30, 2028.

Mayor Marva stated there is still one position available on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Review. Interested parties should send her a letter of interest. Since there is no current chairperson, she will allow the board to appoint a chairperson on their own. Zoning Board Commissioner David Fields spoke from the audience and suggested Mayor Marva appoint Larry Sapp as Chairperson at this time. Mayor Marva agreed.

Mayor Marva encouraged everyone to attend the Town Hall Meeting Saturday, January 17th from 10:30 am -1pm. Breakfast will be provided at the first Town Hall. This and the following Town Hall meetings are a result of the Com Ed grant the village received. Topics include current activities, budget review, social issues and energy savings. Monday, January 19th we will be celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the second Unity Breakfast in the village. Also, we will be honoring a resident at every Unity Breakfast. This year we honor resident Nathan Griffin. Mr. Griffin, 92 years young, was a member of the African American Baseball League and has served on committees in the village. Mayor Marva stated she would like to give him his roses now. There will also be discussion on a miniature golf course and a couple of other items to get your input on. Most of these items will be done by grant funding.

Mayor Marva said officers and commissioners will not appear on every agenda, but they often appear anyway. Two of them answered the hard questions tonight. Melanie (Robinson Engineering) had no report and asked Public Works Director Adam to speak about fire hydrants.

Public Works Director Adam stated they started back on fire hydrant replacement by completing 6 today and will do 6 tomorrow. Concrete repairs and the sewer project are complete.

Chief Sanders had no comment.

Chief Damm thanked the board for their support as they responded to 2400 calls this year.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk stated Happy New Year – it's going to be the best year yet. The golf course is exciting. Please take a few minutes and view the website when you get a chance. A lot of work has been done to the website since July. Agendas and financial statements have been recaptured. More to come. Condolences to the Moss family on the loss of their loved one. We have a lack of Blood Drive donations. Versiti may pull the village from the program if we cannot get donors. Mayor Marva stated she has a sorority contact that will contact the clerk that wants to work with the village on future drives. The last three drives were low in numbers. If you can't donate, please encourage someone who can. Fifteen minutes and you can save up to three lives. The winner of the Christmas Tree Lighting Contest has been chosen and hopefully will be present at the next board meeting. Next year we will encourage everyone to Light Up Sauk Village even if it is just a porch light. It makes everyone excited to see the lights. Congratulations to Dr. Davenport and Former Trustee Sapp on their appointments. Both individuals have been integral to Sauk Village and they will do a great job. The upcoming Town Hall meetings are a great chance to meet with our residents and getting their opinions on the positive things that are happening. The Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast is always a great event. Village Clerk Williams is hoping to see a great turnout at both events.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS- Not Present

A) Senior Advisory Committee- Chairperson Carol Coleman

9. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns

Trustee Burns congratulated Chairman Sapp and Dr. Davenport on their appoints. She is looking forward to working with both.

B) Trustee Raven Johnson

Trustee Johnson stated there is more than one fire hydrant on her block; will the other one have the water shut off? Adam stated the hydrants on her block were only replaced if they were not operating. Trustee Johnson asked for a report of total fire hydrant replacements.

The grant funding did not cover the total amount of hydrants they expected to replace and was cut by 8. There will be discussion on this Saturday.

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones

Trustee Jones congratulated both commissioners. Hopefully, at the next event all of the trustees will be able to come out and speak on things. Mayor Marva stated there will be six or seven meetings and the trustees will definitely be a part of them.

D) Trustee Diane Sapp

Trustee Sapp commented on Larry Sapp's appointment. Speaking to those who voted against him, the matter is over 35 years old. What they don't know is the man that her brother is. When her father passed away at a very young age, Larry stepped into some very big shoes.