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**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330**

1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston. Trustee Johnson -Remote
Absent: None

2. Executive Closed Session

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to closed session.
Motion: Trustee Burns Second: Trustee Jones
The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:11 pm.

The meeting reconvened from executive session at 8:35 pm.

3. Discussion & Presentations

A) Akil Abree, Consultants, LLC- David Lockman

David Lockman was present for the third time. The board reviewed the Akil Abree, Consultants contract which offered to provide economic development consulting for the Village of Sauk Village. The scope of services and the other components of the contract were discussed. Mr. Lockman proposed to prepare the town to receive businesses while bringing resources, such as architects, engineers and his own background in construction and the electrical field. Discussion included surrounding the building to be more secure and have access to Wi-Fi connectivity back to the residents and businesses and outreach community engagement, with government foundations, in collaboration with businesses. To participate and do the training for the labor force for housing and things of that nature to implement community development programs tailored to the resident's needs. They include the colleges and community colleges as well as the universities to participate in those types of certifications and training, awareness programs and events. They have relationships and partner with the community colleges. Discussion of smart poles being the cameras that give you security and the ability to communicate. Smart poles also allow to go out for public funding and grants. The smart cameras,

provided by working with Com Ed and Peoples Gas, allow the Police Department to see exactly what they're looking at because the scanners are 360° and they have facial recognition.

Spoke on program design consulting, bringing in infrastructure and looking for funding for infrastructure.

The contract includes compensation in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month for three years and includes a 30 -day w/ cause termination clause. Since the project has been on the table for months there are dates that need to be changed as well as changing the payment terms that fit with our billing system. It was questionable whether consultants should be paid up front and whether it is smart for us to pay \$77,000.00 to replace 42 lights while considering this project. Mr. Lockman stated he is a consultant, and consultants do get paid up front. He would like to meet with the facilities director and Public Works before giving a hard answer on the streetlights. Mr. Lockman stated he and his team will be available to us and ready to do what is needed. He cannot state in his deliverables exactly what can be done until he has discussions with everyone. Mr. Lockman would like to meet further to discuss the needs and wants of the village to get the most of what they can be and what they deserve and how he and his relationships with other companies can assist. It is challenging in small towns but also with small towns they don't have the resources and that is where they come in. Sauk Village cannot apply for certain funding and grants, due to not completing their financial audits since 2021, that they can apply for on our behalf, similar to how Robinson Engineering handles projects for the village. They can represent us in getting funding and continue to work with the committees and department heads to know exactly what to do and what not to do so they could be included to oversee the project. Several funding options were mentioned. It was stated that he brings expertise and knowledge in the field for a far better price than hiring an Economic Director.

Mayor Marva suggested a committee meeting with the mayor and board to discuss what our vision is and consider changing the language in the contract.

Another consideration is that there is no room in the current budget. After meeting with the department heads, it has been determined that most of the departments are already over budget. This cost could be factored into the upcoming budget. Additional research needs to be done including asking the Finance Director and Village Administrator what is in the budget that maybe could be used for this. A resolution will also be needed once it is decided if we move forward. This item will not be on next week's agenda.

B) Fire Chief Keith Damm

i. Considering a Donation of Used Ambulance to the City of Harvey

Chief Damm proposed donating an ambulance to the City of Harvey Fire Department. This is in the scope of mutual aid response. This ambulance is not operational, and plans were to scrap it. It would cost a lot of money for repairs. A similar ambulance was appraised and scrapped for \$1,000.00, This item requires a resolution and will be on next week's agenda.

C) Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch

i. Discussion of Scrapping Vehicles

Mr. Finch stated there were lot of vehicles from Public Works, the Fire Department and Police Department that cannot be repaired. He suggested scrapping them and giving the scrap money to each department to use for their needs. This was for general discussion prior to getting the resolution which will include vin numbers, description and the breakdown by department before marking them as scrap. Chief Sanders retrieved 5 titles from the clerk and mentioned scrapping and few weeks ago. It is about 15-20 vehicles plus 3 more (?) in the garage on Sauk Trail that will be scrapped. No vehicles will be scrapped without a resolution. Public Works will try to reinforce the garage structure and use it for housing seasonal equipment. Research will be done on what is needed for the resolution and statute of limitations on some vehicles. This will be passed on to the attorneys and looking for this to be done by the end of February.

ii. GLCAP- Contract Renewal

GLCAP is our certified water operator. They also provide GIS mapping. The contract is up for renewal. They service the village 2-3 days a week. We have to have a certified water operator to say the water is now safe. The contract is exactly the same as before.

Trustee Sapp left for executive privilege at 10:06 pm. and returned a short time later.

Mayor Marva asked if the date of 12/10/25 needed to be changed. They did work through the month of December. In the future we should anticipate the renewal dates of contracts. The agreement should be a period of one year starting on February 1st of 2026. This will move forward to January 13th agenda.

iii. Renewal of Class 8 Resolution for 21700 Mark Collins Drive- Warehouse Specialties

The village has been notified that Sauk Village residents do work at Warehouse Specialties. It was questioned if they are current with inspections. Response: Yes

This item can move forward to the January 13th agenda.

iv. Request for Qualifications & Proposals- IT Services Mr. Finch provided the RFP for IT stating this is the exact same RFP except the dates were changed and Exhibit A was removed (not needed). This proposal was prepared by our former attorney. This will move forward to the next agenda.

Agenda preparation and timelines discussion took place at this time. A draft is provided to the Mayor and Interim Village Administrator on Thursday. All items for the agenda should be given to the clerk by 11 am Thursday, their input is required before a final draft is provided to the mayor for final approval on Friday morning by 10 am. There are often rewrites that occur that causes confusion. Clerk Williams stated some things need attorney review which may take time. There

are often changes that occur after the final review. It was stated that there were things on the agenda without them knowing about it. Clerk Williams stated she does not post the agenda without final approval from the mayor and Mr. Finch.

Trustee Jones asked for point of privilege and returned a short time later.

Mayor Marva stated the final deadline will be the final deadline moving forward.

D) Mayor Marva Campbell – Pruitt- Com Ed Grants

Mayor Marva stated we continue to strive for continuity in what we do and be as transparent as possible following written or unwritten procedure. Trustees knew about these grants. Mayor Marva thanked Trustee Winston for drafting these grants and receiving \$2,500 and \$25,000 grants. The Christmas decorations looked better than ever before. There was a failure to follow procedure to have the resolution prepared prior to spending the money. The \$25,000. grant will be used to help residents with low income by providing educational opportunities and resources to lower energy bills. The village got this grant because another municipality decided not to follow up with the grant requirements. The village had to spend 10% of the grant by December 30th. Our attorney prepared the resolution over the weekend but will have to ratify it to read that the money has been spent.

The ratified resolution will be placed on the next agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Fields expressed his concern about moving budget line items around for the consultant. Some items are earmarked.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

There were no trustee comments.

Mayor Marva stated we have been going back and forth with commissioner appointments. We have received a resignation from one Police and Fire commissioner stating she is moving out of the area. There can be 3-5 commissioners depending on if the village is home rule or not home rule. Our ordinance is not consistent with state statute at this time. Safety officers are ready to be hired and go to the academy, but until our Police and Fire Commissioners meet there is nothing we can do. We have 1 or 2 commissioners that did not meet last quarter. Mayor Marva would like to propose increasing the number of commissioners from 3-5 by changing our code. We have received 3 letters of interest – one from the former president of of the school board who has already gone through training. Two from outside of the village, there is no residency requirement. They are former police officers and who have served in past Police and Fire Commissions and also attended the recent training.

They need to move forward by the 15th of this month so the chiefs can move forward with staffing.

Mayor Marva proposes to

- 1) Amend the ordinance to include up to 5 commissioners
- 2) Will provide the bios they sent to the trustees.

The mayor would like to appoint w/ consent of the trustees to bring them forward and be sworn in at that time. It was questionable if a former chairperson had resigned or not. That is now moot because the mayor is asking her to come back, which would take us to 3 commissioners.

Mayor Marva has asked several times for residents to express interest in commissioner appointments. She will look at staggering the appointments.

As a result of the grants the village will hold 5-6 Townhall meetings. The Kick-off will include breakfast on January 17th from 10:30am -1 pm. There will be speakers, updates, energy efficiency ideas based on Com Ed, Nicor, etc.

The Unity breakfast last year was well received. We will be hosting the next Unity breakfast on Martin Luther King Day, January 19th. Trustees are asked to participate and to help decorate.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Trustee Winston Second: Trustee Sapp

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 pm.

**SAUK VILLAGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



January 26, 2026

Chief Sanders-

These are the total tickets that were written for the months of: **November, December, and January 25, 2026.**

November 2025: Total Tickets: 69 Snow Tickets: 40

Total Fine Amount: \$3,950.00

Snow Ticket Amount: \$2,000.00

December 2025: Total Tickets: 44 Snow Tickets: 5

Total Fine Amount: \$2,800.00

Snow Ticket Amount: \$1,500.00

January 2026 up to the date of 01/26/2026: 61 tickets Snow Tickets: 30 tickets

Total Fine Amount: \$3,050.00

Snow Ticket Amount: \$1,500.00

Ticket total: 174 tickets

Total fine amount: \$12,650.00

Total snow ticket amount: \$3,750.00

Respectfully,

Jocelyn R. Hooks

Sauk Village Police Department

Records Division



SAUK VILLAGE

• FIRE DEPARTMENT •

Community Safety Outreach

Residents are also encouraged to inspect and replace or clean furnace filters as needed. Dirty filters can contribute to carbon monoxide buildup, reduced heating efficiency, and increased fire risk.

Free Smoke Detectors

The Sauk Village Fire Department currently has free smoke detectors available for Sauk Village residents.

Residents in need may contact the Fire Department to obtain detectors and request installation assistance if necessary.

Winter Safety Message

As we enter the heart of winter, the Fire Department reminds residents of the increased risks associated with prolonged cold weather. This season typically brings a rise in furnace malfunctions, frozen pipes, and carbon monoxide incidents.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Ensure heating systems are functioning properly
- Verify that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are operational
- Use space heaters only according to manufacturer instructions and never leave them unattended
- Check on elderly neighbors or individuals who may require assistance during extreme cold

The Fire Station remains available as a warming center for residents experiencing unsafe indoor temperatures. Assistance or information is available by calling 708-758-2225.

Closing

The Sauk Village Fire Department extends its gratitude to our residents, village leadership, and dedicated personnel for their continued support.

We wish everyone a safe, blessed, and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.