

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES  
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
Sauk Village Municipal Center  
21801 Torrence Avenue  
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411  
(708) 758-3330**

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**1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.**

**Roll Call**

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

Discussion was held on Remote Call-In requirements. Village Clerk Williams was asked to research the statute. Trustee Burns stated she was denied three times when trying to call in to the meeting because she was at work.

The state statute allows for the consideration of employment.  
Trustee Johnson was included by remote phone call at 7:15 pm.

**2. DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A) Financial Update- Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon**

Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon provided a synopsis of the village finances which are impaired and discussed conditions and issues that need to be repaired that will not be resolved soon. **The entire report is attached to the journal of proceedings.**

**Trustee Comments:**

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Trustee Jones- We are here for the public. Give us the ability to see the invoices before we vote. Reach out to us to get a better understanding.

Response: There are large bills we have to pay. If you see something irregular don't pay AP.  
Issues: Disorganized files, outstanding legal bills (need to meet with attorneys, mayor, VA and board to resolve the ones we are aware of.) Vendors are willing to meet with anyone. Need committees to meet with the board. Need to hear from board members.

Trustee Burns mentioned the difficulty in getting the information with so many files being shredded. Suggested zeroing out years that cannot be reconciled and start where we are.

Response: There are always ways to relocate files. Takes time. There are time limits to getting things done.

Trustee Winston asked what has been looked at and what hasn't been looked at? Need to get the audits done.

Response: Better software was mentioned but cannot switch software until we get to a certain point. Hire Senior Accountant- in budget \$75,000.00 full time and a consultant. Mayor and VA make the decision of what to pay based on how much money there is. Slight caveat- submit whatever is outstanding now and will have a much smaller AP in February and check if the bills have to be paid now. Call Mayor and VA before calling in vendors. Police Department has been freezing for weeks.

Trustee Winston asked for a budget to actual report to see if the directors are within their budget. Accountability bounces back to the board.

Response: Caselle (software) created a budget to actual with a bracket for percentages. Invoices get coded by GL# according to the budget. Some items may need to be reclassified due to bad coding. Need to dig deep to check classification.

Trustee Sapp asked how the cash would be reconciled.

Response: Bank statements will show the money that hit the bank. Try to get to the bank statement amount. Customer Service keeps a record at the end of the day of how much cash and the amount of checks that were received.

Trustee Sapp stated that may not always be legit.

Response: Trying to avoid lawsuits. B&F is being reconciled- has been reviewed over months- compare with Code Department. Still have to go through each month.

Trustee Burns suggested a Cash Station to avoid cash at the front desk.

Response: Finances will have to be up to date and we must have new software. We will always have to take cash.

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**B) A Resolution of the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois Supporting the Renewal of a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Clarification for 22500 Sauk Pointe Drive (Wille Brothers Company)**

Operations Manager Mr. Cooper stated Wille Brothers deals with Ready Mix Concrete. They are a small company with 12 employees in 2023 and 18 in 2025. They are looking at 24 employees to support increased demand. Onsite improvements are needed to support the growth. Onsite growth opportunity – ready mix plant- double the capacity. Wille Brothers is requesting support for the renewal of the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Classification for this location.

Trustee Sapp asked how many Sauk Village residents are employed. Response: 3 out of 18?

The last time they requested Class 8 was 2014. It was suggested to extend to 12 not 10. Sauk Village will benefit from the sales tax. When asked if they supply concrete to the municipality, Mr. Cooper stated the contractors that are awarded bids order the concrete from their suppliers.

Mayor Marva suggested the board review the resolution.

Trustee Sapp asked if they plan on constructing a new plant. Response: Under consideration – maybe add on.

Mayor Marva stated this will be on the next board agenda and asked Mr. Cooper to let us know by Friday how many Sauk Village residents have applied.

Trustee Jones exited the meeting at 8:32 and returned at 8:38 pm.

### **C) Proposal for Police Bikes**

Police Chief Mac Sanders discussed purchasing Police bike to be used on targeted details to send a message to the residents. Speeders, village stickers, etc... will be part of the targeted detail. These bikes will be paid by a grant. 4 bikes @ \$2,000.00- total \$8, 279.00. The \$28,000 grant and cash on hand will also be used to outfit police cars too.

Mayor Marva asked if a resolution is necessary?

Response: Just an invoice is required. The vendor was asking \$4,000.00. Managed to get the price down to \$2,000.00 each.

Additional discussion about the Public Risk grant – it has been used for bullets and bullet proof vests in the past. Trustee Burns asked if it could be used to pay off debt, like the police cars.

Response: No, the tow fund pays for that.

Chief Sanders stated the information is for presentation only and for the purpose of transparency only. No approval is necessary.

Chief Sanders mentioned a non-agenda item that needed to be discussed. Half of the Police Department is without heat. The units are on the rooftop and need a crane to access. Some areas are 60 degrees. Two quotes will be provided to the board for a phone consensus and later placed on an agenda. There are also phone issues that need to be addressed.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vickie Jankovich commented the police bikes are a good idea. Vickie thanked Trustee Sterling and David Fields for coming to the school to pass out goodie bags and commented the lights are still out.

Jeff Burns commented on a disturbing video that has been released. It is great idea to install the smart poles David Lockman spoke about. This helps to report crimes. Residents can press a button on the pole and report crime directly to the Police Department. The Flock cameras take pictures of cars coming in but the smart poles have a wider view.

Mayor Marva responded the chief is doing what needs to be done. Their dialogue is nonsensical and not reality.

#### **4 . EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – None**

#### **5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR**

Trustee Sterling thanked Vickie for the kudos. The goodie bags were part of a contest that they hope to do again.

Trustee Burns stated she was not able to attend the Town Hall meeting and provided testimony on just how important the smart poles are. She lives in a fully enclosed house with 6 ft gates, and some young people were able to jump the fence and try to enter her house. Smart poles have digital storage. These are needed for our safety. Women are preyed on. People are willing to help us, we should take the opportunity. They will look at our infrastructure. Instead of light poles invest in smart poles. You can sell space on the poles too.

Trustee Sapp referred to there being no crossing guards for the schools. Mayor Marva suggested she go to the school board the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. It is included in their budget to secure the children's safety.

Mayor Marva stated those who missed the Town Hall meeting missed a treat. So much information was shared. Please plan on attending the next meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> in the rotunda.

Just about every Trustee (and the Clerk) was in attendance. Senator Elgie Sims was the keynote speaker. He spoke about 40 minutes about history and almost preached. The young kids were gathered around him. They felt important.

The January 28<sup>th</sup> Meet the Candidates forum is non-political and non-partisan and meant to inform residents.

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Trustee Sapp asked if we have a list of candidates appearing. Response: No

Trustee Burns asked when the trustees' committees will be discussed again. We already have an ordinance on the books.

Response: Residents say we keep saying the same thing over and over. We have discussed it 3 times. That ordinance did not work. The committees were redundant. All mayors form committees that will work with their vision.

It was suggested that each trustee work with a department head. Mayor Marva was not in favor.

Mayor Marva stated in the past that you had to make an appointment to see the invoices. Trustees are able to see the invoices without an appointment now and no one comes to look at them.

Trustee Winston discussed consensus voting; if there is a 4-2 vote speak with those who vote no.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Trustee Winston      Second: Trustee Sapp

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm. by common consent.

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