JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
March 5, 2024, 7:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
   Trustee Debbie Williams was asked to assume the role of Village Clerk due to the excused absence of the Village Clerk.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   On Roll Call
   Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely), and Williams
   Absent: None

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3. **DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

   - Interim Director Tim Williams introduced:
     - Multi-Tenant Development Project, Sauk Pointe Business Park - G Investment – James Gierczyk, Robert Breza and Richard Breza provided insights on portions of the presentation.
       The proposal was for a multi-tenant Development project at Sauk Point Business Park that would comprise of a casual full-service restaurant, a stand-alone cannabis dispensary and consumption lounge, while offering standalone video gaming.
       The proposed establishment will occupy a four-acre space currently owned by G-Investment or DBA, LLC, the petitioner. The project is expected to be completed in March 2025

       Questions/Comments
       Benefit to residents (TIF and Tax Incentives)
       Ventilation – a top tier system would offset concerns for air quality inside and outside
       Casino – there would be no cassino, on arcades
       Impact from the manufacturing community towards the success of the project
       Alcohol consumption- only in the restaurant and bar. Current laws do not allow drinking in the cannabis lounge
       Security – there will be 24-hour security
       Signage – on the property

       Areas of Need/Next Steps
       A Redevelopment Agreement
       An approved Zoning Map

Board Approval

- Cook County Public Health Intergovernmental Agreement a perfunctory action required annual to provide environmental health services through the work of its Department of Public Health, i.e., inspections as required by the food sanitation provisions of the Village's code of all food service establishments and retail food stores licensed by the Village and reporting as indicated in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

  This item will proceed to be placed on the next Board Agenda for consideration of adoption.

- T-Mobile Presentation Mr. McCauley presented on the advantages of switching from the Villages current mobile device provider, Verizon to T-Mobile. One asset would be that the First Responders would have privileged access to the system and its data.

  Questions/Comments
  Can existing cameras be utilized
  Internet access: The Village recently signed a contract with AT&T how would they interface. A back up would be required.
  A comparison between Verizon and T-Mobile, its equipment and service were requested to be provided to Trustees.

  Disposition: The contract would be reviewed by the attorney.

- Chief Malcolm White provided updates on:
  - Flock Safety Agreement – though there is a current contract in place, it ends in the fall , and prices will rise. Chief White asked to negotiate a new contract now to save costs. The new agreement would be for five years.

    Trustees asked for a report to substantiate the data provided. They asked how often they could expect an ongoing report. They also asked if the current cameras were sufficient. The school district will be asked to seek a subscription as well to aid in the overall costs.

    Disposition: The agreement will be sent to the Attorney, but the deadline was March 1, 2024.

  - We Never Walk Alone Service Agreement- This service was presented and approved previously but was stalled as the Attorney did not wish a three-year commitment. The cost is $2.50 a month per officer ($30 annually) Requirements to participate are that 10% of the staff must be willing to go through the training; the budget would be $690 for twenty-three officers.

    Questions/Comments
    Why the FOP Contract provisions are not sufficient? The contract does not deal specifically with Mental Health concerns
    What impact would it have on officers?

Disposition: The contract will be reviewed by the Attorney and will proceed to be placed on the next Board Agenda for consideration of adoption.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- M. Campbell-Pruitt spoke as a resident of the nearby community where the multi-tenant Development project will be located. She asked the following questions: How would residents' benefit; atmospheric ventilation was concerning; if access to and from Steger Road; Will diversity, Equity and Inclusion be included in the contract. She also mentioned the You Never Walk Alone program was dropped, how would lack of follow-up prevent it and other items from being dropped?
  - Mayor Burgess' Responses
    - He visited a dispensary and did not smell anything
    - If there would be an entry way off Steger, they would need to be involved
    - The use of minorities is not established but must put in in place. He would ask
    - He had no answer for why The Never Walk Alone program did not come to fruition

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

- Trustee Williams asked to resume Trustees' comments at the end of the agenda for Board Meetings. She requested the PBC listing that was presented by BakerTilly and for the Budget to Actual report. She spoke on the items not turned in from the Finance Department as some has been requested for four years.
- Trustee Coleman commented on why the need for legal fees as the administration does not do what is needed.
- Trustee Burns announced a committee meeting on the fourth Friday of March. She expressed concern and the unfairness that contracts are brought for approval at the very last minute and asked why they were not presented timely.

  - Trustees hear of needed actions nine months after the fact and that they could not move quickly with the deadlines without them being in the budget.

  - She relayed research conducted on the accessibility to police stations in other villages and that her findings were that Sauk Village was the only station where access is not gained.

  - Trustee Burns spoke of the three-minute time allocation for public comment and that it was stated as such on the agenda for the hearing. It should have been abided by.

  - Regarding the Budget, she stated that if Trustees take a vote, that vote should prevail.

  - A disturbance clause to escort offenders out

  - She announced a six-week, twelve class financial assistant program for making money for residents at a cost of $25. Mayor Burgess asked where the funds would be deposited?

- Trustees Sapp, and Carter had no comment
- Trustee Johnson left before Comments of Trustees (9:50 p.m.)
- Mayor Burgess advised that Trustees do not have the authority to call for a recess, only a Point of Order. He asked Trustees to submit their agenda and Sign-in sheets and agendas to the Clerk, who would then share them with him going forward.

6. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Special Board Meeting
Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting Corporate Authorities
Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Notice of the Special Board Meeting called by three Trustees: Burns, Sapp and Williams was issued in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act

1) **CALL TO ORDER –**
Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remote), and Williams
Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Atty Bolin

A Motion to Amend the Agenda was made by Trustee Johnson to remove Agenda Items 5 and 6 until the items could be referred to the Finance Committee. The motion failed.

And Executive Closed Session was called at 6:12 p.m. to discuss Personnel and to review minutes.
The Special Meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- J. Harvey commented on the importance to work together
- F. Anderson questioned the numerous Call Meetings and stated that the probable cause was to pull from regular meetings sand to take over the Village. She had several questions concerning the recommended reduction in salaries for certain staff, what criteria was used; expenses to be incurred by using attorneys. She also questioned the consequences of the Trustees' budget that was held without a hearing and suggested that the Trustees take a cut in pay.
- R. Williams-Baig commented that when she went to review the budget, there were two versions situated at the front office. One was later removed by the direction of the interim finance director

- D. Smith questioned the necessity of the special meeting, who came up with the numbers for the salaries of certain employees, how were they derived and commented that it did not go before the committee
    - Mayor Burgess' Response(s)
        - Mayor Burgess stated that the comments were mostly comments
        - He responded to the question of who came up the numbers, stated that he did not know

5) An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Establishing Salaries of Village Officials and Supervisory Personnel

Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion
This item was dismissed at that time. But was returned to Item Five after there was a motion and second on item six.

Trustee Johnson asked who typed the agenda as it has incorrect terminology

Several Points of Order were called, but not entertained.

Trustee Burns read the ordinance; Trustee Johnson requested a copy of the Code referenced in the ordinance. The Mayor attempted to address the intent of Trustee Johnson. There was discord and the Mayor refused to recognize Trustee Burns. Trustee Williams clarified its intent, stating there was no budget, Trustees presented a budget that was amended and placed at Village Hall was removed.

The meeting was recessed at 7:44 p.m. to offset the discord that took place. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Carter seconded. There was discord on the motion. There was no vote taken.
The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

On Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely), and Williams
Absent: None

Questions arose concerning needed facts to cut salaries and what gave
Trustees the right to cut salaries once they were agreed upon and a budget had been presented
Trustee Johnson asked who typed the agenda as it has incorrect terminology

Trustee Williams negated the display in the budget that called for cuts, was the amount allocated.

Points of Order were called.

6) Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Establishing Salaries of Village Officials and Supervisory Personnel

Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion

Comments/Questions

Mayor Burgess questioned the same points mentioned and stated that he expected more discussion under Agenda item #5.

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: Trustees Carter and Johnson
ABSENT: None
Motion Carried

7) General Comments of trustees and mayor

- Trustee Williams commented: that all Trustee were a part of the discussion during the Budget Hearing; Department Heads do not allow Trustees to do their jobs; salaries and raises provided to those in question were done without them coming before the Board.
- Trustee Burns stated that the current Trustees are doing as Burgess did as a Trustee. He did not acknowledge Trustees as he gave out raises; she mentioned no audits, no evaluations of staff. Mayor should be unhappy with his actions. Trustees are doing the job residents voted them into office to perform. She compared the happenings with those occurring in Dolton
- Trustee Carter expressed disappointment in the actions taken and
- Trustee Johnson expressed objection to the ordinance as it is not in the best interest of the Village or employees.

Trustee Williams called a point of order, expressed discontent with disparity of the Mayor's responses. She vacated her seat at 8:11 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter calling for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Burns, Williams and Johnson were out of order as the meeting continued with discord.

- Trustee Coleman recounted his experiences while campaigning where the Mayor allegedly wanted absolute power and authority. He commented that Trustees were trying to establish a democracy, yet with the Mayor has a rogue leadership, he spoke of the Black People always arguing and angry, no love, not saved and non-righteousness is on the Village. He stated that from his experience being on the Mayor team, the actions of the public are scripted. He quoted scripture. He is functioning on righteous indignation.

- Trustee Sapp had no comment

- Mayor Burgess commented on the audacity to cut someone's salary; accused the Trustees of terminating the person during the audit; to quote scripture, while pointing fingers displays four fingers pointing back; it stated that the actions were personal and that he would veto the actions approved that night. He advised that people cannot lead if they do not follow. Again, total disrespect and bedlam took place, with calls to adjoin the meeting.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Trustee Burns made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Coleman seconded. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson Sapp (remotely)
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Williams
Motion Carried

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Village of Sauk Village
Board Meeting Corporate Authorities
Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.
   a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
   b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) and Williams
   Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator Williams, Interim Director Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White, Director James

Others in Attendance: Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Atty Bolin

2) **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**
NONE

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee of the Whole Meetings of February 13, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- R. Williams-Baig spoke as the Director of the Library and spoke of an altercation with a Trustee concerning signage on the library's property; she cited other issues noted in the Village and appealed to people to read their documents.
- D. Wooden introduced himself as a local business owner and resident. His concern was on the inspection company were not completing work, the over-cost of the permit and a $500.00 over-charge.
- K. Boetcher inquired about the medical building; she expressed that the Village could not support the dispensary project; she asked for business that would support Sauk Village residents, like a grocery store, or laundromat.

- F. Anderson spoke on the Special Meeting that caused a delay in the regular meeting start time. She asked Trustees to do their work and not over-extend their authority.
- D. Smith questioned the Financial Seminars and who authorized them, where the funds would go and advised of an error on the flyer. He questioned the proposed cut in salaries and commented on the level of disrespect and the disruption of a Trustee who arrives late to meetings. He appealed to all to lead by example.
    - Mayor Burgess' Response(s)
        - He advised that he could not respond to queries that are involved in the courts
        - He would address SafeBuilt
        - The medical clinic had a clause and a timeline
        - The Dispensary would provide more than realized

5) **Reports of Officers**

a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess:

i. Announced the Easter Egg Hunt
ii. Announced that he would attend IML Lobby Day

b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt:

i. Announced that the Early Voting sites were on the Resource table and appealed to all to exercise their rights to vote
ii. Announced the League of Women Voter of Park Forest Area's, virtual Violence Prevention Program on March 20th
iii. Announced the Annual Clean-up/Earth Day activities and the need for volunteers
iv. Appealed to everyone to respect the Rotunda and Board Meetings and display a level of decorum at meetings

c) Interim Village Treasurer – Mr. Louis Williams had no report

d) Interim Village Administrator – Mr. Timothy Williams:

i. Highlighted certain items on his report that he distributed at the meeting and provided information on HR
ii. Announced presentations for the website design and SDA at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting

6) **Reports of Departments**

a) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney had no report

b) Village Engineer – Mrs. Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering was not present

c) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White:

i. Reported Calls for Service – 497 Arrests – 17
ii. Chat with the Chief each third Thursday with guest speaker K. Brown
iii. Discussed the requested Flock Camera Data. He discussed three report documents that were presented

d) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett:

i. Announced the increase in Brush Fires; the Pancake Breakfast; Easter Egg Hunt; the regular Tuesday Tornado sirens at 10:00 and the one on Wednesday as a statewide drill; the use of the fire station in time of emergencies.
ii. Appealed to all to watch for yellow flashing trucks on the Public Works Truck and to proceed with caution

Question/Comment
Trustee asked for accountability for funds raised during events. The response is that the Auxiliary receives those funds and provide support to the department.

e) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis announced that she was working with HR to fill two positions

f) Public Works – Director Dante' James:

i. Reported on the activities completed by Public Works, inclusive of filling potholes. He expressed the awareness of responsibilities of the PW staff.

7) Reports of Committees And Commissions

a) Senior Advisory Committee – Mayor Burgess read the report and announced the next meeting.
b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairperson Francine Anderson- No Report
c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairperson Charles Pondexter – Not Present

8) Presentation of Ordinances and Resolutions

a) A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with B & F Construction Code Services, Inc. for the Provision of Plan Review, Inspections, and Related Services.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Johnson, Williams
NAYS: Trustee Sapp, Burns, Coleman
ABSENT: None

Mayor Burgess voted Aye to break the tie

Motion Carried

b) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Abstention: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

c) A Resolution Approving to Amend Resolution R2022- 023a, An Agreement with Flock Group Inc. to Extend the payment to $150,000 for a five - year period
Comment: The Resolution should read f-years

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams
NAYS: Trustee Burns
ABSENT: None
Abstention: Trustee Sapp (Remotely)

Motion Carried

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

i. Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of $371.704.39 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

A motion to **amend** the motion to strike the original amount, deduct $48,815.00 and replace it with $322,889.39 made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Burns

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp (remotely), Williams
NAYS: Trustees Carter, Johnson
ABSENT: None
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of $322,889.39, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Burns
Motion Carried

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion
Comments/Discussion

The date on the Agreement must be corrected

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Burns asked to be excused a 9:50 p.m.

b) Petitions, Agreements, and Action Items

i. Approve an Agreement with Velan Solutions, LLC to provide A Nationwide Peer Support and Mental Health Professionals Network for police officers to participation with the program, You Never Walk Along

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Burns
Abstention: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

ii. Veto an Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois for the May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, Fiscal Year. Mayor Burgess offered the written copy of the Veto for public record.

iii. Amend Ordinance Number 24-002 An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Lease The Sauk Village Community Center To Cook County to change the Effective Date to April 1, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

Question/Comment

Trustee Williams did not recall some of the new language, and the out clause as requested was not included. She was assured that only the date was changed. She asked for it. She asked for a copy and wanted to see it prior to voting. It is a Three-year contract, where the Village would not lose total access. T. Williams stated that the requested items she requested was not put in. Mayor Burgess assured that the Community Center would be available in the evenings and the weekends. Court would occur two-three days a week.

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams
NAYS: Sapp (Remotely)
ABSENT: Trustee Burns
Motion Carried

11) **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns Not Present
b) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter- No Report
c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman – Announce the Committee Meeting on March 25th
d) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson- Announced the Committee Meeting on March 20th at 7:00 p.m.
e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp Announced that she may resume meetings
f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams- Announced Committee Meeting on March 20th at 11:00 a.m. Read a notice acknowledging that the Director of the Library shares in the history-making of Sauk Village.

12) **GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS** announced that he would be vetoing the action taken at the Board Meeting

13) **ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

of

The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Sauk Village

Sauk Village Municipal Center, 21801 Torrence Avenue

Sauk Village, Illinois

March 19, 2024, 6:45 p.m.

Notice of the Special Board Meeting was issued in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act

1) **CALL TO ORDER –**

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

Absent: Trustee Sapp with notice

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

5) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) A Resolution Amending and Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement With B & F Construction Code Services, Inc. for the Provision of Plan Review, Inspections, and Related Services.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

6) **GENERAL COMMENTS OF TRUSTEES AND MAYOR**

NONE

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Carter at 6:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
March 19, 2024, 7:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   On Roll Call
   Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely), and Williams
   Absent: None

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3. **DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- **Interim Village Administrator Timothy Williams**
  - General Liability, Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal Presentation
    - Cliff Taylor, President of InsureSource presented a General Proposal for the Village of Sauk Village Commercial Insurance Program with Insure Source to be effective March 27, 2024, to March 27, 2025. He presented two options.
      - Trustees requested that future presentations take place sooner than when it was presented. Mr. Taylor shared that he was limited as he was dependent upon the carriers and their proposals and try to get the best deal for the Village. Trustees insisted that the provision of the proposals within a week of the due date was not to their liking.
      - Trustees asked for a summary of the liabilities from the last ten years and were informed that the information would come from the Village Administration.
      - Trustees opted to consider Option 1 with additional Liability coverage for $110,000. The item will be presented at the March 26th Board Meeting for consideration of adoption. Mr. Taylor stated that he would attend that meeting to address any questions, or they could call him.
  - Website Demo Presentation – Avidity Technologies
    - Two presenters, Mark Hall and Marianne ? from Avidity provided a PowerPoint Presentation that showcased the website's development up to this point. It was reported that the lack of development was not on the part of the company, but because of transitions within the Village and not providing them timely information They agreed to provide Mr. T. Williams access codes so that those needing to, could provide updates to specific pages, i.e., Trustee Williams for the Sauk Talk and Clerk Campbell-Pruitt for agenda, minutes and other items. Training sessions will be provided as stipulated in the agreement.

- Economic Development Update
  - The discussion centered on the agreement between Southland Development Authority and the Village. Mr. Branford. The Industrial Park has received much attention. He mentioned how the projects started coordinates with the Village's Comprehension Plan. He provided a background of the SDA. Their role is that of advisement. He spoke of five areas for which they will operate
    - Outreach to build relationships with developers and to bring them to the Village to share the land. They are working on marketing materials. He mentioned the success of the Business After Hours.
    - Policy Establishment for consistency and knowledge of staff.
    - TIF Districts and sunsets and how they impact and the need to have the annual reporting as required
    - Make certain developers have appropriate finances
    - Grocery store development is a priority
    - New businesses being considered Family Dollar, the Multi-Use facility, Trucking and its parking, cold storage
    - Acknowledged the need to entertain existing businesses and tools to for classifications to help them be competitive; consider improving their signage and their façade.
    - Mentioned an upcoming exhibit and conference in Chicago that would be beneficial to attend.

  Trustees questioned how the projects discussed connected with ideas presented during the Comprehensive Plan development.

- **Trustee Debra Williams**
  - Contract Extension Request for the Service Agreement with Kazrik Networking Group for IT Services
    - Trustee asked what the status of Kazrik Networking was as they had submitted a proposal for an extension. T. Williams explained that the company was given an opportunity to bid through the RFP process. He stated that the quality of their response had diminished. They were operating on a month-to month basis.
    - Trustee Williams questioned the proposed transition of the phone service and the coordination between Kazrik and AT & T. She questioned the RFPs whose scope of work was inconsistent, for which the Trustees had not seen. Trustees Williams further questioned when the IT firm would be decided. Mr. Williams had two recommendations to bring forth.
    - Mayor Burgess asked to defer the discussion as Kazrik would be the subject of discussion of at the upcoming Executive Closed Session
    - Trustee Johnson highlighted the differences between the original agreement and the proposed request to extend the contract.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- S. Harris questioned why residents were not notified of the issue with the water bill. And Truck parking in parking lots for extended periods of time.
- B. Barrett mentioned the speed bump on 225th and Brookwood, Tree service needed in front of his home and questioned who would be responsible for damages?

- ??? Questioned the water bill and what effect the closing of many Dollar Stores would have on the opening of the Village's stores
- D. Fields offered an opinion on the personal relationship between Trustees and new hires. He spoke of unnecessary spending. He referenced a $9,000 bill with an attorney to discuss non-Village spending. He asked for an oversight committee/watchdog group. He offered to head the committee.
- D. Smith asked who was responsible for keeping committee meeting documents; Why would we extend the IT contract if the service provided is not satisfactory. He recommended wrongful termination coverage
- D. S??? requested and Aldi store
    - Mayor Burgess's Responses
        - There would not be any late fees because of the lateness of the bill. The next bill will be for six weeks. The equipment used to read the meters was not transmitted by the IT firm
        - Speed Bumps
        - Asked that Public Works visit to research what needs to be done
        - Family Dollar and Dollar Tree is being prepared. They have a contract and should move forth
        - Oversight Committee has been explored. Have two attorney firms, thus the expenses would be excessive. They must consider it in the next budget
        - Accountability for Trustees' paperwork is submitted to the Clerk for payment. If they do not turn in the paperwork, they are not paid for the meeting.
        - Everyone wants Aldi. Stores like Walmart will present unyielding demands to
        - There are regulations on Truck Parking. They will not stop by one-two tickets.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

- Trustee Williams
    - Reported the next Committee Meeting
    - Asked about the six weeks water bill
    - She mentioned asking for items on the agenda and was denied. She wanted an Ordinance on finances but was denied. She stated that the reason for the Ordinance was because the Treasurer Report had not filed, TIF Meetings were not held, audits were not completed, etc. She stated the denial of her request to bring the Ordinance to the current meeting and denial of others were reasons for Special Meetings, along with the extended funds to Attorneys develop the paperwork, the subsequent vetoes and overrides all require attorney input and the Corporate Atty is needed to assist.
    - She asked to see the bills to the attorney that was commented on by a resident
    - Trustee Williams advised of a Special Meeting the following week at 5:00 to discuss the Ordinance
        - The Mayor engaged in discussions on the purpose of comments, and it was not to point fingers at the department heads.
        - Trustee Burns requested Executive Privilege that was not entertained.

Discord ensued. Trustee Williams requested the recommendations from the Clerk on how to proceed with the Special Meeting to discuss the Ordinance and then take a vote on the discussed item.

- Trustee Coleman mentioned his excitement of developing the 2019 Comprehensive Plan but had not seen any development.
    - He announced that his next meeting would be March 25th.

- Trustee Burns expressed sorrow for not attending the Business after Hour and informed that she now works.
  - She discussed concerns with the brief period of time businesses who offer contracts come before the Board and expect swift approval
  - She had concerns about lengthy contracts with companies where negotiations are not entertained.
  - She further clarified why she did not vote affirmatively on the Flock contract (the five-year contract) and You Never Walk Alone, as the Village already pays for benefits. She advised that she not approve contracts when it is not in the budget.
  - She expressed that no spending should occur without discussion and involvement with Trustees.
  - She shared that she does not keep paperwork, as she has no space in her home. In which to store the items. She stated that she hands them over to departments. Trustee Burns requested laptops to keep records and files and that agendas should be displayed visually for residents.
  - She announced March 29th for the next Committee Meeting

- Mayor Burgess mentioned that the agendas and paperwork discussed earlier during public Comments were pertaining to the documents for her committee
  - Announced the Easter Egg Hunt and donated baskets.

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6. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- Motion to Recess to Closed Session to discuss a vendor and possible litigation at 9: 38 p.m.
  Trustee Carter moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded
  On Roll Call:
  Ayes: Trustees: Williams, Coleman, Burns (changed her vote from the original Nay vote)
  Nays: Trustees: Carter, Johnson
  Motion Carried

- Reconvene Committee of the Whole Meeting
  The meeting reconvened at 10:37 p.m.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:38 p.m.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

of

The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Sauk Village
Sauk Village Municipal Center, 21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois
March 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Notice of the Special Board Meeting was issued and called by Trustees: Burns, Coleman and Williams in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act

1) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, (Remotely) Williams

Absent: None

Others in attendance: L. Williams, Atty. Bolin, R. Lewis; Atty. McGrath

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- D. Fields spoke of Trustees' behavior and their personal agendas getting in the way of their service to the Village. He appealed to Trustees to listen to the Public Comments raised by residents and to stay in their lane

  As there were no questions posed, Mayor Burgess did not respond

5) Override the Mayoral Veto of an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Establishing the Salaries of Village Officials and Supervisory Personnel

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

Trustee Williams read an amendment to the motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Coleman, Sapp, (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson

Mayor Burgess voted Nay to break the tie
ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

The original motion stands: Override the Mayoral Veto of an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Establishing the Salaries of Village Officials and Supervisory Personnel

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Coleman, Sapp, (Remotely)
NAYS: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Williams
ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

6) Review Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Concerning Financial Reporting Duties of the Village Finance Director and the Treasurer

Trustee Williams led the discussion on the need to amend the code and duties of the Finance Director and Treasurer. She justified the petition citing more transparency of the following documents were needed: Accounts Payable, Aging Reports; Cash Receipts; and Budget to Actual for the last two year. She stated that reports should be filed monthly. She further referenced the requirements for the Tax Levy, Tax Abatement and Special Assessment.

Mayor Burgess deferred the discussion of Trustees attempts to control the day-to-day operations.

Treasurer L. Williams weighed in to provide the following: Pensions are independent Boards, and the Village cannot dictate to them; the State of Illinois took over the Public and Police and Fire Pension Boards, therefore, disbursements and actuaries are now overseen by the state

Attorney McGrath proffered that areas in the proposed ordinance could be stricken and should incorporate the duties laid out in the Village code and the State Statute; the ordinance did not add additional duties, it lays out the expectations of the two positions, which most are in the Municipal Code.

Some Trustees felt that they are not receiving the expected results of the duties established.

Though Atty. Bolin deferred to Atty. McGrath he said that if items (duties) are in the code, it should suffice.

Mayor Burgess said that the Collector's Report was presented every two weeks. In terms of the Finance Department reporting, Trustees go to the office to review the reports as was standard procedure in the past. He said that he is an ex-officio member of the committees and do not vote.

Trustee Williams maintained that Trustees do not get what is needed to do the job they are elected to do. She said that the Collector Report was unseen and what is shared did not outline revenue by line; there has been no TIF Meeting or Report, no audit and that there had been no Treasurer's report filed in December

7) Motion to Approve and Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village Concerning Financial Reporting Duties of the Village Finance Director and the Treasurer

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Coleman, Sapp, (Remotely) , Williams
NAYS: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson,
Mayor Burgess voted Nay to break the tie

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

8) Motion Approving Corporate Authorities to Contact the Illinois State Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies to Request Investigations into Sauk Village's Financial Matters and other Internal Issues

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion

Question/Comment

Mayor Burgess questioned what could be done, and suggested consideration of another Forensic Audit

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Coleman, Sapp, (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson,
Mayor Burgess voted Nay to break the tie

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

9) General Comments of Trustees and Mayor

- Trustee Coleman explained why the Special Meeting had been called, and cited it was needed to move the Village forward, get answers, the audit completed, and reports needed as other attempts were exhausted.

10) Adjournment

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess, Mayor

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Sauk Village
Board Meeting Corporate Authorities
Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** — Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.
   a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
   b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) and Williams
   Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator Williams, Interim Director Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White, Director James

Others in Attendance: Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt

2) **Executive Closed Session**
NONE

3) **Approval of Minutes**
   a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Public Hearing of February 20, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

   b) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting of February 20, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

c) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Meeting of February 26. 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

d) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting of February 27, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

e) Consent Agenda
   i. Approve and Release the Minutes for the Executive/Closed Session of 11/30/2023 and 01/23/2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees: Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: Trustee Burns
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- F. Anderson commented on the numerous Special Meetings and asked that they be stopped as they were repetitious. She recalled the negativity brought in 2009 by a current Trustee. She mentioned the two sets of Attorney firms who attend Special Meetings and the likely cost. She called out three Trustees.

5) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess:
   i. Announced the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Baskets donated by the Eastern Stars
   ii. Provided an update on the Community Center rehab to support the CCJC. The floor revitalization was done at a minimum cost. Public Works was painting, and a petition would be erected. He invited the Trustees to visit. The Courts are expected to start in April, and they are looking to hire Peace Circle Supervisors.

b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt:
   i. Announced two events: Gun Violence Prevention and Mental Health Forum on April 13th and the League of Women Voter's Informational Forum on Restorative Justice on April 17th.
c) Interim Village Treasurer – Mr. Louis Williams was not present
d) Interim Village Administrator – Mr. Timothy Williams provided recommendations for the RFPs. He recommended AIC for IT services and ECO Clean for the cleaning service.

6) **Reports of Departments**

a) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney – no report
b) Village Engineer – Mrs. Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering was not present
c) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White:
   i. Calls for Service – 366 Arrests- 11
   ii. Thanked the Board for approving the You Never Walk Alone program, and commented on Chat with the Chef
d) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett
   i. Calls for Service – 100
   ii. Mentioned the multiple calls for brush fires and advised of no open burning
   iii. He announced the success of the Pancake Breakfast and the upcoming Golf Outing on June 15th
e) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis:
   i. Asked for the Approval of the Line of Credit signees and reported that a new Senior Accountant would start on April 8th.
f) Public Works – Director Dante' James:
   i. Updated the Board of the actions completed by Public Works
   ii. Asked residents to not pour grease down their drains as it damages the Village's infrastructure.
   iii. Announced that the Public Work's garage is being renovated
   iv. Reported that PW was patching potholes and curb repairs would soon start

7) **Reports of Committees And Commissions**

a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer
   i. Announced the standard activities
   ii. Announced the casino trip on 4/17 and the Council's meeting on the 4/11
   iii. Reported that James Harvey won the Bid Whist Tournament
b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson:
   i. Announced that advertisement would go out for early level police and fire fighters and the due dates for applying, a flyer would be created
c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter was not present

8) **Presentation of Ordinances and Resolutions**

A) An Ordinance Amending The Municipal Code Of The Village Of Sauk Village Establishing The Compensation For Certain Village Officials. This item was to be moved to be addressed under 10-B-II

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of $$412,053.65 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments
Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

b) **Petitions, Agreements, and Action Items**
   i. Approve the General Proposal for the Village of Sauk Village Commercial Insurance Program With Insure Source, Option 1 with additional liability insurance, Effective March 27, 2024, to March 27, 2025.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion
On Roll Call
AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remotely) Williams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

c) An Ordinance Amending The Municipal Code Of The Village Of Sauk Village Establishing The Compensation For Certain Village Officials.

11) **Reports of Standing Committees And Trustee Comments**
   a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns had no report or comment
   b) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter had no report or comment
   c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman announced the cancellation of the planned meeting
   d) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson announce the committee meetings on 4/17
   e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp communicated thankfulness for the flowers and food sent
   f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams
      i. Announced the committee meeting on 3/27
      ii. Addressed the comments made against her and stated that she works for the Village and does not like not knowing what is happening with the finances, does not like that staff are told not to talk with her.

12) **General Comments From Mayor Burgess**
   i. Stated that this is campaign season and that there were two sides to every story.
   ii. Stated that the Village could not accomplish things if everyone only looks out for themselves.

iii. He wished everyone a Happy Easter

13) Adjournment

Having completed the business of the day, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:11 p.m. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.