

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS



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

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp and Williams
Absent: Trustee Carter was not on Roll Call but arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator Johnson Interim Director Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White, Engineer Arnold

Others in Attendance: Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt

2) **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**
None

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 1, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

b) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting of October 8, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

c) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee Meeting of October 15, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

d) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Committee Meeting of October 15, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

e) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Board Meeting of October 15, 2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motion

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- K. Boettcher was disappointed because of the lack of quorum required to vote on the store. She requested a Town Meeting to determine the type of store wanted; she asked that Accounts Payable be placed on the back table, and asked that the Trustee's comments not be removed
- K. Jones was concerned that she and her neighbors were not informed of the water main break. She asked if staff or Calumet made the repairs and asked what happened to the paperwork from the previous speaker for a grocery store.
- P. Amos expressed concerns as she had been working with the water department to rectify a billing issue to no resolve. Tenants should not have to pay a \$2,500 water bill. She asked about the justice as it was causing physical and financial stress
- T. Wilson asked why the speed bumps were removed
- J. Timms asked why the water bill was inconsistent. Was away from home two weeks, but the bill doubled; and asked what could be done with the stray animals?
- F. Anderson discussed the State Rep and Congressman on the news discussing felons that reminded her that the OIG stating the Village has felons seeking office and some in office now. She asked if he were supporting the felons as it would be a conflict of interest; what was the scope of his service and if he was truthful?
- J. Howard rebutted and asked that questions be directed to him. He requested a Special Meeting to discuss findings from August 15th to the present.

- D. Smith read legislation citing Trustees' inability to sign contracts and a signed one would be null and void, therefore the OIG cannot be paid; he commented that the Trustees who did not attend the meeting compromised the building of the store; and that IT was needed but questioned the qualifications of Trustees to hire one.
- A. Jones asked about the Code Enforcement hours as she was not able to communicate with the individual
 - Mayor Burgess' Responses:
 - Could not answer why Trustees did not attend the meeting
 - Accounts Payable will be shared
 - Trustees fail to put Trustees' Comments on the agenda
 - The ball was dropped with communication of the water main break. A notice should have been placed on the doors; Calumet Plumbing is used when extensive equipment is needed
 - Ms. Amos was asked to come to the Village with bills and documentation so that her issue could be addressed
 - Speed bumps are removed during pending snow fall
 - The Village does not have Animal Control, call 311
 - The Village does not have a legally appointed OIG. His hiring was not authorized
 - We have no Code Enforcement

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- i. Motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$692, 94.39 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion

Trustee Coleman asked to amend the amount of Accounts payable by removing invoices for Eco Clean and Sonya Douglas.

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$590,243.39, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion

Question

Trustee Williams asked why a staff person now receives two payments, and why there were Atty Bills on the Accounts Payable, but not on the Aging Report.

Questions were not answered other than to advise that the employee be asked.

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

b) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

i. Override Mayoral Vetoes to the Village of Sauk Village Board of Trustees

- I. Override the Mayoral Veto of the Motion to Appoint Proven IT on an emergency basis to Access, Evaluate and Provide a Quote and Until the New RFP is posted and a new bid process is conducted
- II. Override the Mayoral Veto of the Motion to Approve Formal Charges Against Interim Finance Director Laquisha Renee Lewis
- III. Override the Mayoral Veto of the Motion to Approve Formal Charges Against Interim Village Manager Kenneth Johnson
- IV. Override the Mayoral Veto of the Motion to Approve Formal Charges Against Interim Public Works Director Dante' James

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motions on each Override

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: Trustees Carter, Johnson

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Burgess stated for the record that the issues would be litigated as no one would be removed.

6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess:

- i. Projected the wearing of masks soon
- ii. Announced the Christmas Paraded on the first Saturday of December
- iii. Stated that they must get ahead of the water billing and asked residents to pay the bill as before. No shutoffs would occur, no late fees and reimbursement can be expected.
- iv. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt:

- i. Announced the Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/23/2024
- ii. Discussed Ordinance 24-003, authorizing expenditures pending passage of the annual budget, therefore items on the previous budget was still in effect, thereby funds from the Committee Events and Trustees who committed to donating from their budget lines should and could be allocated for the Thanksgiving Dinner, same as was the case for other events that occurred in 2024
- iii. Reviewed the Candidate's filing and timelines. The calendar was placed on the dais for officials and on the back table for residents.
- iv. Addressed the proper procedures for making an amendment to the Financial motions
- v. Addressed the failure to present and vote on the Eco Clean Contract and asked that it come for discussion at the following Committee of the Whole Meeting

Trustee Williams asked to donate funds from her Community Development line for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Cheer and that Trustees should be allowed to share funds for the events

- c) Interim Village Administrator – Mr. Kenneth Johnson:
 - i. Provided a written report in the officials' mailboxes and read the report discussing:
 - I. A Lead Service Line Inventory grant
 - II. The fire hydrant replacement project
 - III. Phase II of the website development
 - IV. The migration of the 250M Comcast modems to 1G AT & T modems

7) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney was not present
 - i. Village Engineer – Mrs. Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering provided an update on the 219th roadway construction, stating that it was complete with the exception of resodding.

Trustee Burns asked about CDBG Funds and was told that the Village did not receive funds this cycle as they are typically granted every other year. She then asked the source of other funding and was informed that MFT funds could be used.

Residents were urged to drive by 219th and Orion to see the improvements. _____ stated that CDBG is not limited and that homeowners could apply in Markham. The question arose if we have Community Development could help.

- b) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White:
 - i. Reported on training conducted with the fire department
 - ii. Announced his six-year anniversary as chief
 - iii. Appealed to everyone to stay focused on why we are here and to be courteous
- c) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett
 - i. Reported CFS 115
 - ii. Four new employees going through Basic Training
 - iii. Provided safety tips
- d) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis:
 - i. Trustees would now receive reports from the Civic System

Trustee Burns asked why she now receives two checks?

Williams asked about the Cas Report

- e) Public Works – Director Dante' James was not present

8) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairperson Emmett Farmer announced the typical events for the Seniors and informed that Dec. 15th would be the last of events for the year.

- b) Board of Fire and Police Commissioner – Chairperson Francine Anderson stated that there were no changes
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission – Chairperson Charles Pondexter was not present

9) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

11) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- a) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter reported the next meeting would be 12/26
- b) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman
- c) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson announce the next meeting would be 11/20 at 7:00 and requested candy donations
- d) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp announced a conference regarding felons being exonerated and a blanket drive. She held a dinner for residents that day
- e) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams:
 - i. Remarkd that the dinner was good
 - ii. Announced a blood drive on 12/28, and the Sauk Talk was on the back table.
 - iii. She informed that the developer for the grocery store created contract and ordinance without Attorney review and stated the need for Code Development and inspectional services to move forth
- f) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns explained why she ask questions relative to the water billing and who runs the water department, citing the water main issues and that they need to be communicated and the need for boil orders

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

- a) He mentioned the grocery store project and the previous developer who presented a proposal and the lack of quorums to move them forward. He insisted that campaigning should not occur during meetings. And thanked those who attended the Veterans Day program

13) ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

/S/Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Village Clerk

/s/ Derrick Burgess

Mayor

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

November 19, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue Sauk Village, Ill 60411

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burgess called to order the Special Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

3. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- a) A motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Update Pending Litigation was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Coleman at 6:35 p.m.
On Roll Call

Present: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Sapp, and Williams

Nay: Trustee Carter

Motion Carried

- b) Reconvene the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
The meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m. by a motion from Trustee Burns, and a second by Trustee Coleman

On Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Motion Carried

4. Public Comment

- D. Turner reported that the lights were not working in Carlisle Estates
- F. Anderson expressed concern with the appointment of Anthony Finch as internal auditor as she believed it to be a conflict of interest and questioned the times for meetings as many residents cannot attend.
- M. Campbell-Pruitt expressed concerns with having Finch and Jones returning in light of the hostility between the two when they worked together in the past and the lawsuits brought against the Village. She asked to bring in neutral parties to perform the duties.
- D. Fields public comments were stricken as it was not on the agenda
- R. Williams-Baig asked if the internal auditor would research the missing funds? She mentioned that there were no TIF meetings, how would it affect taxes?

- J. Burns advised that Finch was not suing the Village, only the mayor; he asked if claims on his surety bond would be filed, and who was responsible for completion of the audits, completed? The consequences to be noted one the Village is behind five years. Williams Commented on the lack of reports, and lack of responses from the Mayor. She mentioned the lack of evidence of \$78,000 that was missing, but the \$10,000 is a reality. No lack of transparency and responsiveness to Trustees were noted. Other items were not on the agenda
- A. Burns explained why A. Finch was being sought and spoke on the attributes of A. Finch and questioned why the Mayor brought back Jones when all of the finance lack was under her term.
- C. Boetcher advised that Finch was effective as Public Works, but the Village requires someone who is fresh and qualified.
- D. Smith expressed that he is not in agreement with bringing back Finch and that there are numerous others who are capable. He questioned the Trustees' decision to appoint Finch.

Total discord ensued.

There was a call for a 10-minute recess at 7:40 p.m. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter moved and seconded a motion for the meeting to reconvene before the conclusion of the recess. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

- D. Sapp asked if finances were behind for four years, why was it not taken care of three years?
 - Mayor Burgess' Comments:
 - Seeing that most were comments he would not respond, but only for agenda items

5. Announcement of New Internal Auditor Appointment

Trustee Burns announced the intention of appointing Anthony Finch as the internal auditor and that he would have no dealings with the audit. He would serve the Trustees as needed and not in the financial department. She expressed concern with rehiring Dr. Jones without the consent of the Board and missing funds. He would not respond to the amount she would be paid.

The Mayor and Trustee Burns had significant interactions that were out of order.

Comment/Question

Trustee Johnson asked about Calene's contract who is on record as the internal auditor and asked how she or the position was removed

Trustee Williams reported that the Mayor cut off communication with her and could only get limited access to financial records. The Village can have more than one internal auditor.

Trustee Johnson continued by citing that she and Trustee Carter were not privy to discussions between the Board. She was not in agreement with two internal auditors

Mayor Burgess attempted to provide clarification. He stated that this is election season. He was interrupted but vowed to run the Village as best he could. There is such in

6. Adjournment

Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn as a Trustee had left. Trustee Burns moved and Trustee Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

On Roll call: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Johnson, Sapp and Williams

Absent: Trustee Coleman

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
November 19, 2024, 7:00 PM
Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Mayor Burgess called to order the Committee of the Whole Meeting, scheduled for 7:00 pm at 8:12 p.m. and lead the constituents in the Pledge of Allegiance
- b. ROLL CALL
Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams
Absent: None

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- A second closed session was called for that evening at 8: 13 p.m. to discuss updates of pending litigation.
- The meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

On Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Discussion & Presentation

3. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Review the Eco Clean Service Documents**
 - Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt presented documents highlighting that a Resolution Approving a Contract Award to the Responsive Bidder- Janitorial Cleaning – RFP # 24-02 to Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc, approved by a four to two vote of the Trustees on March 26, 2024. She informed that though the Resolution was approved, the contract was not presented at that time. The contract was finally placed on Trustees’ desktops but was never presented or discussed at a subsequent Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Upon further discussion and exhibits, it was shown that the Interim Village Attorney signed the contract, not the Mayor and it had never been approved by the Board of Trustees. The Clerk appealed to Trustees to not sign a Resolution or Ordinance approving a contract sight unseen.

Question/Comment

What authority does K. Johnson have to sign a contract?

- **Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt**

- **Review the Meeting Calendar for 2025**

Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt presented a tentative meeting shedule. It was disclosed that a couple of dates were not accurate and National Night Out was not included. It was discussed that the corrected calendar would be presented at the following Board Meeting for consideration for adoption.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS :

- D. Turner requested that the lights in the Carlisle area be repaired
- C. Boetcher question why on staff person received two checks. She mentioned the lack of code enforcement and economic development, if funds would be allocated for Holiday Turkeys? She mentioned the incorrectness of the statement that residents could apply for CDBG funds.
- F Anderson asked the Corporate Authority if meetings could be more productive; why Trustees use the language of “we” during public comments; why there was a lack of attention to details when Trustees present the agenda and admonished them to learn how to set an agenda
 - Mayor Burgess’ Comments
 1. He asked for the address of the home(s) requiring light repairs
 2. He would not speak on the staff’s personal business in the request for when and how she was paid
 3. He questioned how code enforcement was related to Holiday baskets and that he would not allocate funds.
 4. Concerning CDBG for residents, those interested should go to Markham of Bloom Township for assistance

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

- Trustee Williams announced a blood drive on 12/28; asked why Committee Meeting funds could not be donated to events as in the past and she read into record the notice of the forced audit to be imposed on the Village by the Comptroller’s office.
- Trustee Coleman commented that the back-and-forth comments contributed to the unrest and questioned how past friends are now quarreling between themselves.
- Trustee Burns spoke towards a resident’s comments, the ongoing water bill errors, the water main breaks. She stated that Dr. Jones was responsible for the missing funds and her termination; that Burgess’ administration was not accountable, and she appealed to residents to not settle
- Trustee Sapp approved of Trustee Burns statements and stated that she was disappointed by the functioning of the administration. She stated that she hopes that it get better. She announced the next Committee Meeting in January and the shoes and clothing to be distributed by My Closet.
- Truster Carter had no comment
- Trustee Johnson announced the next meeting on the 20th
- Mayor Burgess stated that campaigning was taking place with a lot of finger-pointing. He accused Trustees of opposing the store and that the previous presenter on the store did not return because of lack of continuity of the Board. He appealed to residents to be patient and spoke to the lack of respect given to leadership. He accused people of being jealous of “Friends

of Derrick Burgess.” He strives to be cognizant of the rules, and not according to their standards. He asked why Trustees continue to be disrespectful of the seat and the gavel.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burns moved and Trustee Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The meeting adjourned by common consent

/s/ Marva Campbell-Pruitt
Village Clerk

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

November 19, 2024

8:06 p.m.

Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue Sauk Village, Ill 60411

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Mayor Burgess called to order the Special Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. and lead the constituents in the Pledge of Allegiance

b. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Burgess requested to forego Public Comments as they were noted in the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4. PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve and Appoint Mr. Anthony Finch as the Internal Auditor Reporting to the Corporate Authorities. To Commence Duties and Report to the Corporate Authorities
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: Trustee Johnson and Carter

Abstention:

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Burgess advised of his intended Veto. He was asked if the veto would be honored if the Trustees overrode the veto. The reply was no!

5. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

/s/ Marva Campbell-Pruitt
Village Clerk

Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue

Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 , 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 (Remote) and Williams
Absent: None
- Staff Present:** Interim Village Administrator Johnson Interim Director Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White, Engineer Arnold
- Others in Attendance:** Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session for Personnel issues at 7:11 p.m.

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp(Remote), Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Carter seconded the Motion

On Roll Call

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp(Remote), Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

The Meeting reconvened at

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting on 10/22/2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp(Remote), Williams

NAYS: None

Minutes

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

B) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Special Committee Meeting of 10/29/2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remote), Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

C) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Board Meeting on 11/12/2024

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp (Remote), Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- L. Todd reported that her brother was having a difficult time getting a permit. Was told that all permits were suspended. It should not have taken two months, do we have code enforcement, if not why?
- D. Fields responded to a Trustee hiring of A. Finch. If not hired by the Village, but for the Trustees, they should pay his salary. They were the same who attempted to get him terminated in the past. Trustees' have no backup plans, but keep things from moving
- D. Meyer of DNC Concrete Distributed a copy of his presentation. Had attended previously because of nonpayment. He stated that Mr. James was not returning calls, and the Village staff (Mayor, Johnson, James) had not responded to calls. The company completed extensive work since April. \$350,000 from the previous budget and 1.3 million in the current budget to use without a contract.
- C. Boetcher informed that the Accounts Payable was not on the back table. She complimented the Thanksgiving Dinner. Asked if Public Works staff were trained to complete tasks, and commented how the Trustees could conduct business if they do not have the needed materials. She was excited about the new businesses. How are we getting new business without inspectors and community
- F. Harvey addressed the need for contracts and that Mr. Meyers should have known better.
- J. Burns asked if the Village abide by the need for contracts, while promises are being made without contracts. He asked who was responsible for varying functions and responded that it was the Mayor. He commented that He provided a bit of parliamentary procedures.
- J. Willis of the USW representing the Collective Barg
- Does the Village have legal counsel and asked for the contact information

- T. Winston asked for the level of credentials of the current Interim Finance Director

Mayor Burgess' Response

- The Village does not have a building inspector or code enforcement. Positions are available
- The Budget was given to those who attended the meeting
- Would not respond to the USW Rep.
- Does not know the qualifications for the Finance Director

5) NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

1. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$633.406, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion

Trustee Coleman asked to amend the Accounts Payable by paying only three items, Ancel Glink for \$32,932.68, Amalgamated Bank for \$122,375 and Payroll for a combined amount of \$314,844.92

No motion was made to approve the amendment of the original motion, only to pay those three items

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp, Williams

NAYS: Trustees Carter and Johnson

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Comment

Trustee Williams commented that she was unable to review the invoices but wanted them to approve payments. She remarked about the inconsistent Aging report, and an invoice to reimburse a former employee for attending an IML Conference in 2021. She questioned how the Village could fail to pay vendors or provide a permit. Should allow a Trustee to view the bill and have a special meeting to pay the bills.

Motion failed, and the Mayor made the appointment

Trustee Burns advised that Atty Meza could be appointed for only 2 thirty-thirty-day terms. He would be on probation

2. PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- I. The Mayor's Veto of the Appointment of Anthony Finch as Internal Auditor in any Capacity so Stated
The Mayor presented the veto statement.

6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Derrick Burgess:

1. Announced the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting on December 7, 2024, and
2. Motion to appoint Atty. Meza

Trustee Johnson, and seconded by Trustee Carter

Questions/Discussion

There is no contract or paperwork. The Mayor was asked to bring back the subject to a Committee Meeting with a contract

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Carter, Johnson

NAYS: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp, Williams

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

The Mayor informed the Trustees of the appointment of Atty. Meza.

3. One more week for leaf pick up

B) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt:

1. Advised all that during the election process with both a lottery and Objections to the petitions It was labor intensive, and the Village require an attorney to assist with the Electoral Board process.
2. Mentioned the success of Thanksgiving Dinner, the great DJ services, and the residents joyfulness. She reminded all that the event was not funded.
3. She inquired if the Village would allocate funds for the Christmas Holiday Cheer.

C) Interim Village Administrator Mr. Kenneth Johnson was not present

7) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- A) Village Engineer –Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering was not present
- B) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White
 - 1. Reported CFS – 620 Arrests -32
 - 2. Will continue the Chat with the Chief and will have guest speakers on the third Thursday of the month
- C) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett:
 - 1. Reported CFS – 90
 - 2. Have smoke detectors
 - 3. Provided 25 baskets for Thanksgiving
 - 4. Dec 1, Anniversary for being Chief. He thanked the Mayor for the opportunity
- D) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis was not present
- E) Public Works – Director Dante' James was not present

8) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- A) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter had no report
- B) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman reported the next meeting at the start of the year, reported that Trustees do not receive invoices, audits not complete, and other items not The administration is rogue with no attention to the proper procedures. He reminded of a statement that the Mayor once stated that he wanted absolute authority, which
- C) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson had no report
- D) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations - Trustee Diane Sapp reported that a donation box for hats, coats, gloves and blankets will be at the library
- E) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams noted only two directors, no Interim Directors to provide a cash report, and the irresponsibility of directors providing mis information concerning the budge. She attended the Budget Review meeting but was not given a copy of the budget. She commented on the number of unanswered grievances. She spoke of a resident who has not been able to communicate with a staff. The resident experienced three bouts of water damage and the loss of furniture and appliances. She spoke of outside vendors being used while staff are on duty. She asked where the directors were.
- F) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns spoke of the Stopgap budget and asked for the list of salaries and budgets for departments from May 2021- April 2022. There should be no increases as they have not been approved by the Board of Trustees. In 2023 the Mayor stated that the Village has a positive credit rating of A-. yet the Comptroller has not received documents from the Village in three years. Two vendors changed their salaries She accused the Mayor and S. Douglas of embezzling \$125,000 for payment though she had been discharged. Who authorized the increase. She mentioned the lawsuit brought by V. Jones and the mismanagement realized and funds that were missing. She addressed those running for Trustee and the level of questions they ask towards the Village's finance. She called out the names of candidates and a couple of Trustees who are silent or ask non-productive questions.

9) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- A) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer
- B) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson
- C) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter

10) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A) Motion To Approve a Resolution Establishing Dates and Times of Official Meetings for Year 2025 of the Sauk Village Corporate Authorities

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded the motion
Questions

A question arose concerning the Friday after Thanksgiving. Mayor clarified that the calendar presented did not pertain to holidays of the Village, only on holidays that occur on Tuesdays.

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

The Mayor spoke on the discord and pointing of fingers to others and that he would cease the general comments

13) ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Trustee Burns moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Williams who left and Coleman who called for an Executive Privilege

Motion Carried

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Village Clerk

Minutes