

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS-EDITED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

B) Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Jones and Sterling

Absent: Trustee Winston- with notice and Trustee Sapp (entered during Executive Session)

C) Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Trustee Johnson made a motion to modify the Accounts Payable to include items for DelGaldo Law Group.

Mayor Mava asked to bring this up during Accounts Payable. At this time, we can remove agenda items we are not ready for.

Trustee Burns seconded the motion.

No second was needed. Attorney McGrath restated that this is the time to strike items to move the meeting and bring that motion up at the beginning of Accounts Payable.

Trustees stated this is the first time the Adoption of the Agenda has appeared on the agenda. Clarification is needed.

Mayor Marva stated this process has been on the agenda for a month.

Further discuss was held. Clerk Williams stated that has been in the agenda but those meetings may have been cancelled.

There were no changes to the agenda.

D) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss Pending

Litigation.

Motion: Trustee Johnson Second: Trustee Jones

The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 7:19 pm.

All ayes.

B) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Reconvene Regular Board Meeting at 7:57pm.

ROLL Call

Motion: Trustee Johnson Second: Trustee Sapp

Present: Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp and Sterling

Nays: None

ABSENT: WINSTON

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Clerk Debbie Williams asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for March 16, 2026 Special Board Meeting and March 16, 2026 Special Committee Meeting by Consensus Vote.

A) Approve Journal of Proceedings for March 16, 2026 Special Board Meeting

B) Approve Journal of Proceedings for March 16, 2026 Special Committee Meeting

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Motion: Johnson Second: Sapp

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp and Sterling

Nays:None

Trustee Jones

WINSTON

Abstain:

ABSENT:

Motion carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

All questions and comments must be directed to the mayor. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act the public is permitted to address the public body and each speaker may speak for up to three minutes on special agenda items only.

Frank Harvey commented on being advised not to approach the dais. Mayor Marva stated the Police Chief or officers will be asked to keep watch over the dais. No harm intended.

Francine Anderson- The mayor was attempting to appoint two more people to the Police and Fire Commission. It has been discovered that there can only be 3 people to the commission. Francine will be rendering her seat April 28th. Francine suggested recruiting from the residents of Sauk Village who have a stake in the community. Francine is interested in Interim appoints. Some have been in their position since the beginning of this administration. They should not be in that position that long. Francine asked to explain why Heritage is listed on the agenda in several spots. Mayor Marva stated that that is a gasoline supplier that supplies to multiple departments. The expense is broken down by department. Mayor Marva asked Attorney McGrath to answer the question of interim appointments. Attorney McGrath stated there is no time limit on interim appointments. The mayor has appointment power if the board does not give consent to the appointment. Mayor Marva stated that she has requested letters of interest on many occasions with no response. She would prefer Sauk Village residents but only these two highly qualified gentlemen have applied. There is no law that says she cannot appoint them. David Smith- Accounts Payable- questioned a T-Mobile charge that relates to tracking a cellphone. Was that a police function- if so, why isn't it under the Police Department? When did the board switch from Verizon to T-Mobile? Why are we paying Com Ed in 3 month increments? Is the mail being delayed? Are there late charges? Laptops, I-pads and tablets? Why are trustees getting different devices? Mayor Marva stated trustees were given a choice between I-pad or tablet and what service. Trustee Johnson stated the motion approved for laptops. Mayor Marva asked Mr. Finch to continue responding. The T-Mobile charge is billed to the Police Department. Then Heritage bills were being emailed to a former Public Works Director. There could be an occasion where invoices could go 60-90 days depending on the relationship with the vendor. The question remained if three or five is the correct amount of Police and Fire Commissioners. A memo from the attorney stated that we can have 5, After further research, it was determined the amount is three. When the commissioner comes down as she stated we will have an opening.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

- i. Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$708,704.32** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Approve a Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion: Sapp Second: Burns

Trustee Johnson motioned to amend the original amount to add on DelGaldo Law Group in the amount of \$12,358.82 making the combined total \$721,063.14.

Trustee Burns seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sapp and Sterling

Nays: None

Absent: Winston

Motion Carried

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Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sapp and Sterling

Nays: None

Absent: Winston

Motion Carried

Trustee Johnson was concerned that it was previously stated that this payment would not get paid.

Mayor Marva stated she can make the request that the motion and the business before the board is honored.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Mayor Marva commented on adopting a Village Seal. This seal will not take the place of the village logo. Renderings were submitted to the board for consideration. Mayor Marva recommended using the seal on stationary and place the names of the board members on the left-hand column of the paper. This is temporary. Stationary needs to be ordered now. The current letterhead has incorrect information on it. We no longer have a fax machine. The board agreed to move forward.

Mayor Marva read a letter regarding the discourse of last week.

FOR THE RECORD- PER MAYOR MARVA.

IN ALL FAIRNESS, THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING IS RECORDED BY VOICE DICTATION AND CAPTURED AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE RECORD

I have to state this for the record -as stated in the past and it's protocol before certifying the agenda. The mayor, administrator and clerk reach out to the heads of departments and the mayor is given advanced notice, awareness and communication of the programs to be presented by trustees. There should never be an instance when items are suggested when the mayor has no knowledge and I should not hear of the discussion at the same time as the public. Now I have stated that since I've been mayor. In an effort to assess the necessity and to prioritize the items that were submitted by the trustee I initiated communication with that trustee to determine which if any required immediate inclusion on last week's agenda. That outreach was acknowledged with the promise of a return phone call. No return communication was received. I subsequently sent 2 follow up messages, seeking to complete the discussion, as of this writing no response has been provided. As a result, the ability to finalize the agenda in a timely manner and to coordinate how it needed to be done we proceeded with the original agenda that was presented. I think that some of you could probably remember a resident or two who complained about how lengthy our meetings are. One person said there's never a reason to put all those items on one agenda. We should know better and asked do we know about how to plan a meeting. Another one stated, you bring the same thing forth even though it's been turned down. That is what was happening last week. I attempt to listen to our residents. I attempt to listen during public comments and I take notes during public comments. Last week's agenda already had six items that were confirmed by the time I received another six items from trustees. That would have been 12 items and then that would have given some of our residents the opportunity to say you don't listen to us -you just do whatever you want to do. I listened and I attempted to appease but then again, as I said, I attempted to contact the one trustee who sent all of the items on behalf of herself and another trustee. I attempted to call and ask which ones do we really need to move forward with. I never got a response so I could not do what was necessary. Again, for the record, last week's cancellation of the regularly scheduled meeting was called as I said, when we were presented with six additional items. OK -communication is so important and I know that I'm preaching to the choir when I say communication- 2 two- way communication is very important. Last week's scheduled meeting, as well as a special meeting that got cancelled, could have been avoided if people were just be willing to communicate with me. Again, when trustees cause cancellation of regularly scheduled meetings and then plan a special meeting, you will not get paid. If you're not attending a scheduled meeting, I can't tell you that you can't plan a special meeting because that's OMA you can do that is if you have 3 trustees. If you come to the special meeting and you didn't come to the regularly scheduled meeting you won't get paid for that but the meeting that you attend especially if you cause the regular meeting to be cancelled -we will not pay you for that now. I know that you acknowledge that when I became mayor you guys came to me and you asked me if I would go back and pay you for those special meetings that the then

mayor said you could not get paid for and what did I do? I paid you back. I went back and recalculated I spent time going through to see who came to those special meetings. when it was ordered that you not get paid. OK- part of the same thing. I am hoping that we won't go down the same path as what was imposed upon former mayor Derrick Burgess. Please people, I appeal to you, let us plan to work together in unity in unison. That is my desire and I will continue to remain hopeful that we can get to that point. Trustee Johnson: so you're telling us when we call a special meeting, you're not going to pay us for a special called meeting.

Mayor Marva: that's not what I said.

Trustee Johnson: So what did you say?

Mayor Marva: what I stated is that if you cause a regularly scheduled meeting to be cancelled because you do not show, then you can't turn around a day or two later and call a special meeting and expect to get paid for it. No different from what the former mayor did.

Trustee Johnson: You're saying if we call a special called meeting we're not getting paid for it. If we've missed a board meeting. I know we're going to do that same thing in the past and let's move forward with this new administration. Move forward with the board's items and don't cause any more regularly scheduled meetings to be cancelled that's how we can move forward. Everybody's in agreement with it and that's the thing they support . Otherwise, we will take you to court for money.

Mayor Marva: Do what you need to do.

Attorney McGrath stated it certainly is not best practice, and I think you acknowledge, that it's wasteful spending to cancel meetings at the last second when you have consultants, such as engineering, attorney and department heads, showing up in the meeting because people that planned not to appear in the meeting and then to call a Special Meeting, which is your right to do, if you have the proper number of trustees, but just because you don't have items on the agenda not showing up and then calling a special meeting- I think that's a tough sell to the public. I have to look at your ordinance. I think there's a strong argument or past practice the village has done in the past. If it ends up in litigation, I don't know how it's going to play out. I'm telling you again, it may be wasteful spending to file a lawsuit. I think it's better to appear at the regular meetings and then when you have trustees that feel like you're not getting items on the agenda than call a special meeting to address certain topics and then you should call a meeting and get paid for that special meeting also. It goes both ways, you have to attend to the other things and then here's the problem, even if you have the special meeting for items that for whatever reason are put on the agenda, you should know if you could pay for it.

Point of Information-Raven Johnson:

My question to you Mr. McGrath- so as the mayor said, the trustee sent an e-mail for a special meeting. My name was placed on that e-mail as well because I was in agreement with it. From my understanding, she declined putting any of those items on the agenda which is not right.

The agenda is set all for her, of what she wanted, so are we supposed to continue to allow the managers to put there items on there and we have no say? That's not fair, that's not what we got elected for OK. So now she's saying if we don't come to the regular meeting, she's not going to pay us for a special called meeting. Now technically it's her meeting because she's setting up the agenda but she is not giving the opportunity for the board of trustees to add their agenda items on there and it's not fair. My name was on the email and the mayor never emailed me or called me. You did not join my 6 items on the agenda- when you want to admit that -you're OK Trustee Johnson stated she reported her cellphone was not working and it is still not working. Mayor Marva: Please stick to the topic at hand. I'm going to move forward with everything we got to do. OK and I'm sorry that you are so upset. Village Clerk, please do you have a report? I don't need you to talk on anything unless it's important.

Village Clerk Williams: I do have a report-thank you.

First of all, Chili with the Chiefs will be taking place on Thursday at the library from 12:00 PM -2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and meet the chiefs of the Police Department and Fire Department. This is part of the 20th anniversary - 20 events for 20 years.

Trustee Dr. Winston asked me to announce the CSN events happening every Saturday from 10:00 AM to noon at the McConathy Public Library. Police Chief Sanders will be there again to answer any public safety concerns.

We are currently updating the ordinances on the website to prepare for recodification and record retention. I need to know what records we have or do not have,

Obviously, with the records that are missing this will be very difficult to do.

February the 1st, I sent the resident handbook out to all the staff and the board asking for them to make their updates, send the pictures they want in there and whatever they want to update. This is now the middle of April and I still do not have those recommendations. The front desk is constantly telling me and residents were contacting me asking why they are still getting the handbook with Mayor Burgess' picture on it. If everybody could please cooperate with me so I can do my job, I would really appreciate it. I would also like to give my condolences and to let you know that Trustee Burns lost her sister last Wednesday. I have ask that all please pray for the family as they go through this difficult time. Arrangements will be forthcoming. Trustee Burns has been through a rough week trying to make the arrangements.

I am asking for time on next week's committee agenda to discuss those things I just mentioned. I was going to wait to discuss something but since it was brought it up by Madam Mayor, I just want clarification from the attorney before I go further. Are you saying that for regular meetings, because it's so difficult when we have to cancel all of the people that are coming, we should continue to go through with the regular meeting and get paid for that meeting and then turn around and call our special meeting for the items that were not put on the agenda from the trustees requests. If I heard that correctly, trustees would get paid for two meetings.

Attorney Mike: that's correct

OK. I just want to make sure that the trustees and I all understand you get paid for two weeks rather than one if your items are not recognized on the original agenda. Simply go through the meeting to keep the quorum.

Attorney McGrath: I would encourage the trustees to attend the first meeting to take care of the business of the village. Then take care of the business that they'd like to see at a special meeting.

I want to make sure everybody's on the same understanding that if the trustees' items are not recognized on the agenda they have to have their own meeting in order to recognize their agenda and they get paid for two meetings instead of 1 which to me is particularly cost prohibitive. I want to make sure everybody is on the same page. We went through a lot of this under the previous administration. This past couple of weeks, when I was notified of the items that Trustees Burns and Johnson wanted on the agenda, I was on the same e-mail with the mayor and the VA . We all three got notified at the same time. When I prepare the agenda, I take everybody items and then I send it to the mayor tells me to take this off, put this on, because none of us wants to sit through a 5 hour meeting. I don't want to do it. You have employees that have been here since 7am. I do my job and prepare the agenda and expect the mayor and the VA to move whittle down the agenda to their satisfaction. The mayor said to do what she needed and finish - which basically cut out the trustees' requests totally. Forgive me if I'm wrong residents, Mayor, you have ignored their requests, so therefore I asked to submit the entire agenda and said if you want to whittle those items off the agenda and you want just the items that Mr. Finch put on there then I will not be doing this agenda. Mayor interrupted- Clerk stated- you're being rude. Please do not interrupt me, Madam Mayor. We need to recognize the trustees' right to bring things to the agenda. As a former trustee, this happened to me more often than not and did I want to call a special meeting to get the business of the village taken care of? No. Did I have to? Yes. Part of the problem was on a regular basis that mayor was trying pay an employee well over \$100,000 who was working without a contract. You can slam that gavel all you want. You're being rude and taking away my opportunity to speak. Just like you take away the trustees' opportunity to do their job.

Mayor Marva-motion to adjourn. I can't stand people hollering and screaming at me.

Motion to adjourn. I have a motion to adjourn. Can I have a second?

OK, you want Debbie to finish? If she if she can calm down.

Anthony gave me a letter dated April the 14th, 2026, that is from Hills Property, LLC.

When I saw that on the agenda, I had absolutely no idea who Hills Property, LLC is and no one could tell me. That's why I stated earlier, I should not hear or know about something on the agenda at the time that the agenda is being operationalized.

Trustee Johnson: I just can't move because we're sitting here waiting on the clerk to finish and she needs to because that's her right. So let the clerk finish her segment. Why would you say no?

Mayor Marva: Because I'm the mayor.

Trustee Johnson: You're out of order.

Mayor Marva: Once again, we're not going to do this people.

Trustee Johnson: Excuse me: I've never had the chance to catch why the second would have been cancelled because the Clerk wasn't done with her statement.

Mayor Marva: people we need to continue the agenda.

(Village Clerk Williams attempted to leave the room a number of times but was asked to stay which she did after a few moments of people asking her to return.)

Trustee Johnson: you have to vote in a clerk Pro Tem if she walked out. Clerk would you please reconsider to come back to finish out the meeting?

Mayor Marva: I'm going to call the next agenda item.

Trustee Johnson: Clerk, we're still trying to get you to finish your statement. Give me one second clerk, can you please allow the clerk to finish talking? I'm pretty sure she doesn't have that much more to say.

Mayor Marva: we are moving toward reports of committees and committees and even though none are listed here ...

"Clerk, if you're going to leave -leave. Commissions- there was one that was not placed on there, however, I do have a report for the Police and Fire Commission. It was attached with the packet at last week's meeting, but then it's also attached to the document that I put on today's packet I know that Sharon is ill and she is hospitalized so she couldn't be here. However, there was an issue. Their spring 2026 seminar will take place May 2nd, and just like the trustees and the mayor, we could not register for IML until it was approved by the board. We've given that same to our Police chiefs, our Fire Chief and anyone else that must attend a conference. We must be notified and you approve it. Fire and Police Commission want to go to this training May 2nd. Neither of them have registered yet, but it's important that they register, as well as get hotel accommodations, so I'm sharing this with you.

Trustee Burns: No one has spoken in this meeting at all this evening except one person and that is the mayor. I want to say also this is never personal. Since Mayor Marva took office, I have supported her and my faith and my only goal was to move this village forward. But let me be very, very clear. Support does not mean that I'm going to support when you're not following the law with the open meetings act, the state statutes, and village ordinances. This week we trustees tried placing items on the agenda and they were not. That is not governance, that is control. We have just witnessed control up here just now. The clerk has every right, as we all do, as the public comments do, to speak what we have to speak. When it is our turn to properly speak no one is opposed to intervene, interfere or disrupt our opportunity when it is there. OK, now when that happens when our items are not placed on the agenda the clerk just confirmed our items were all submitted at the same time. That the mayor did in fact see our items when she said she did not. It was confirmed, there is a process. The process is not to reach any of us individually as trustees to deal with our agenda, the process is that we call our clerk, we submit our entries for the agenda and for the mayor's review. At that time the mayor chooses who she wants or does not want on that agenda and at no time should the trustees be eliminated or disregarded from putting business of the village and your business on this agenda. It has been confirmed that what the mayor is saying and what the clerk is saying and what I am saying there is a conflict on three ways. I have an e-mail that I sent to the mayor asking her to put our items on the

agenda and please not to disregard us. I also informed the mayor that if you decided to take this course of action we will have no other choice but to call a special meeting. We also said in that e-mail- this is not our desire to call a special meeting. We desired to attend the regularly scheduled board meeting but we were ignored and disregarded. Now I'm sitting here listening to the mayor say that she did not get our items and that is just not factually correct. OK, I also want to say we made every effort to do this in private -the mayor knows that. There's a lot of social media stuff going on and she's one in particular that continuously encourages us not to get involved in social media, but the person who got involved in social media was her.

She put it on social media. This is a private matter between the mayor and the corporate authorities; it was not to go out to the public and discuss with the public. This is a board agenda item not a public agenda item. So listen it's not about personal or any of that now, the mayor is trying to say that if we're excluded from the agenda whoever calls in I have no control over that. I never have and I never will. I only know when the meeting is cancelled, when I get a e-mail from the clerk to tell me that the meeting is cancelled because there is no quorum, who calls in, why they call in, when they call in has nothing to do with us individually. That is each individual trustees' reason why they call in. So we cannot sit here and say because there was no quorum because whomever called in for whatever reason is not legitimate that they can't be here now- she just also said that when she was the clerk and the mayor erroneously tried not to pay the trustees because our agenda items were left off of the agenda. She herself, as the clerk, said that the mayor was wrong. As the clerk, at that time told, the mayor felt that these trustees should not be paid. Now that you're the mayor, you're not going to pay us when you said that that was wrong. Now you're the mayor and you're going to turn around and do the same thing to the trustees that the previous administration did to us and at that time you were not in agreement with it but you are now. It doesn't matter about the length of time we can discuss that, we could table things, we can put things through committee or we could just not do it.

There are protocols that we follow as a board that if that agenda is too long we do it right here, the board together- not individually to control the board, but together we can table things. We can recess the meeting and pick those agenda items up at the next meeting. There are protocols to follow. Please do not sit here and listen to the rhetoric. When we are saying the clerk is saying and the trustees are saying that the mayor did not follow the protocol we are legislators and when the laws are broken that is our job at that point to step in and to make sure that policies, procedures, and protocols are put in place and that was not done. We're seeing it tonight. Protocols are just dismissed because it's something we don't want to hear or because of what someone else is saying- whether I like what I hear or not or whether I like what is being put on the agenda or not. Every one of us has the right to put it in and the right to say it. You will all have your opportunity to make your discussion, your debate and your rebuttal but please do not try to blame the trustees that if we're not on the agenda we make a special meeting. It's not fair to trustees not to pay us because of optics and how it's looked. We did not have to go down this road because the trustees asked to keep us on the agenda, include us in the process because that is law. Anytime we're not following

the law, then that has to be corrected. The mayor can speak as long as she desires and all of us sit here including your residents and we listen for when it's our turn and we're always interrupted. That is not going to be accepted and we're not going to stand for it. If you want the respect the respect must be double folded now. I am sad she did know about the agenda items. It is in the minutes and it is on record from the clerk, she did deny us. It is on record from the clerk, we did ask her not to do that and to please include us. She denied that. It's on record - to say anything else is being disingenuous. It is not being honest and as a legislator here in this village, I am here to be a voice for you and to absolutely be a voice for myself, thank you. We should never have to ever, ever, according to the mayor and I totally agree with the mayor, we should never get to this point ever again. Never ever because we understand what it causes and if you don't want the drama then let's be in order- thank you. If the trustees asked to be placed on the agenda, I am going on record tonight to say please do not ever deny us again and we can proceed in clarity and civility and decorum as you so wonderfully preach to us every week.

Mayor Marva: thank you. I can't make that promise to you. I attempt to work with you whenever I can, but I still maintain the very first item that you had on that agenda for last week was someone by the name of Hills Property.

Trustee Johnson: It doesn't matter ma'am. I know she had items and it should have been placed on the agenda. You deny this trustees' items on the agenda. The clerk's tells these things to others and if you don't want it to come back to you, you don't like how you look. I'm not threatening anybody and I'm not a threatened trustee. Now let's tell the residents the truth about why the special called meeting was cancelled. Yes, I'm sorry, but she can't take the heat. I told Debbie you should be able to be a woman and the mayor that we voted to win and sit here and take it but we are going to take what you thought about us. You'll be a woman and sit here and take it from your boy -think again. You think it's just you. It's not you- it's the board of trustees and Marva Campbell-Pruitt and the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Marva walked out of the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Trustee Johnson: so now that the mayor has left, I need to make a motion to appoint a mayor Pro Tem and I motion to appoint Trustee Burns because she's the first senior trustee. Everyone, I'm asking for a motion to appoint Trustee Burn mayor Pro Tem. I need a second. Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

We're voting on making Trustee Burns Mayor ProTem. In the absence of the mayor, who left the meeting at 9:11 the entire board voted yes. That's the majority.

Village Clerk Debbie Williams: thank you, so Mayor ProTem. What's going through my mind all day today they say if you love your job you never work a day in your life and up until the last few years, I loved my job. I mean, I still do, but the days like this when I have to leave a meeting with my heart racing and having second thoughts about am I really being effective in my position, it's days like that that make me think not only do I not like being in this position but I don't know if I want to come here the next day. But I will tell you this, everything that was said by the trustees is true. If two or more trustees ask for something to be on the agenda, they must be recognized. I'm not saying it has to go on the agenda, because legitimately if there's 10 items on the agenda we need to do

something about that, we need to scale back a little bit. Such as the village seal that was presented tonight, That was on their agenda. Trustee Burns had something and Trustee Johnson had something just a little bit more important. Maybe it was the mayor that could have said you know what- I could wait. Is the seal really that important that we stationary or is it important because it's our trustees. As a fellow trustee and as a fellow clerk, I took offense when the former village clerk listened to the former mayor and when he said don't put their items on the agenda she did not. I took a stance. I'm not going to do that to my fellow trustees because I've been in there place. I know what they're entitled to do and I'm not going to jeopardize my principles and my character by cutting them out because the first thing they're going to do is call me back. So, yes, she knew at the same time we did. She refused to put it on the agenda. Yes, I decided not to do the agenda. That's the that's the way you want it- you do the agenda. I'm going on record tonight to tell you at the very beginning Mayor Campbell Pruitt wanted to continue doing the agenda. I fought to get the agenda back. It's my job and it's my duty. I am tonight resigning from doing the agenda any further. I will have no part of the agenda- she can write it, she can type it, she could put it together, she could put your packets in your box. I'm not doing that anymore. I'm not going through this anymore. I barely get a chance to give my reports. Every single time, I'm caught off. She said many months ago that she has no respect for me. This is blatant- absolutely every single week. Today, when I said that the handbook is still is not out and I'm putting it out tomorrow regardless of who has their stuff in- she said "no, you will not! I haven't put my stuff in there." I said mayor you've had since February 1st. It looks like I'm not doing my job. When you're passing out handbooks in the front office for the residents they shouldn't be getting their old information or have the former trustees in there. There's information about committees and we don't even have committees anymore. So what I'm saying to the residents is- I don't mean to go off on everybody. I take my job very seriously. I deserve respect, not only for me, but for my fellow board members because I love each and every one of them. and they each.

and every one of them why don't you something it starts that they not be down there to the person she was talking about committee meeting agenda starts bringing people to the table but all of a sudden trustee standard things to the table I could go on to manage this section 87 tell me when I first came here from someone today and introduce them to the table that's what the translation be able to introduce a business writing while introducing the medication helps you don't know what's happening but things are being eliminated behind the doors because they're not OK and now we found out about this even squashed words did OK like that and as a former trustee that took place as a clerk I take offense from my board this is my work and I respect them to the outpost and they come to me they ask that question again my answer and we are going to work like that but I refuse is this where I'm going to break the law by ignoring the trustees when I got the same e-mail that there would be a guy and she said just do the 57 so I'm gonna keep you involved I'm getting ready to go and then you'll have a nice night thank you very much for you haven't I record our Lord with joy agendas so

You can turn all your information over to the mayor for them agenda. Let her do what she wants to do. She finally got what she wanted-She's still the Clerk!

Mayor ProTem Burns: I appreciate that and I want you to calm down because I definitely don't want your heart to be racing. I don't want any of our hearts to be racing because it's not necessary. We want to move forward. I want to call the next person on the agenda is Trustee Raven Johnson.

Trustee Johnson: The part that was missing from this whole scenario was why the trustees had to cancel our special called meeting which was not stated. The trustees received the e-mail from the attorney firm that it was an illegal meeting. That's why it was cancelled. I will follow all the laws of the State of Illinois no matter what. If the attorneys are saying that it's illegal, we're going to hold off and do whatever the correct way. That was not being told on social media and up here. We the trustees went back and forth trying to make the proper decisions but in the meanwhile we still get disrespect from our mayor. You don't like to sit up here and have with the board of trustees or the mayor but she feels that she could control the village and the interim village administrator. It was told to us in the back and that's why I had to make a comment during accounts payable. Even if we approve a payment for the DelGaldo it was not going to get paid. That came out of the interim Village Administrator's mouth. We didn't vote for him to do finances- we voted Freddy to do finances -am I correct board members? I have to find out who informed the lawyers and asked them to send us a letter saying that our special called meeting was illegal. So who's going to be bold enough to say they contacted you though because what's done in the dark is going to come out in the light. Once we ask for the invoices and in full detail it should tell us who contacted who and what day and time. I don't know if y'all think this board is stupid, slow or just because the new trustees just don't know nothing but they're smart. Can you tell us who contacted y'all to drop a letter stating that our special call meeting was illegal?

Attorney McGrath: I don't know that, I honestly don't know. Do you have a copy of that? for some people you don't have knowledge about getting a letter to us stating that the the reading was illegal this is something similar you have to be careful to request the account to start our meeting says come on anyway then it was stated to me that compliment shall had we can't let shall vote the clerk will give that to you like you said you can't do that poor thing terminate any properly appointed official in your agreement.

Trustee Johnson: do you recall your agreement, Sir? Do you recall at the bottom of your agreement and what it states? I know. It's a 30 days' notice. My whole point is Marva Campbell- Pruitt is disrespecting this board and if she is going to tell it, she needs to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. At this time mayor Pro Tem, I'm done with my comments for tonight. Mayor Pro Tem Burns-thank you Trustee Johnson. Trustee Jones do you have any comments? Trustee Jones does not have comments. Trustee Sapp do you have comments?

Trustee Sapp: My question is to the clerk. You say that you will no longer be doing the agendas, but that is your job. At the very beginning she told me she would be doing the agenda. I told her that's my job to do the agendas.

I will continue to send you your packets by e-mail as I have from the day I became clerk. I will have impacted and I will e-mail you your package I will feel like I have done my job but as far as putting the agenda together I will not jeopardize my principles to do things I know are not right. I hope this answers your question.

Village Clerk Williams: Attorney McGrath, I'm looking for the e-mail this from the attorneys and there is a lot of back and forth. I will make sure you get it first thing in the morning. Before we cancelled the meeting, we were told specifically what's wrong with the items.

Mayor ProTem Burns: one year already and we have lived like this for one year. This is your house people. This is Trustee Burns working with Trustee Johnson. This is the clerk working with everybody. This is unity and we're going to be unified if it kills us. We've talked about unity and clarity and that's not happening here. It's just about disparity- the basis that the enemy within our people. I would like to attend the meeting where it's peaceful and resourceful so we actually get some things accomplished. yeah hold on. Fighting crushing attacks is something we need to work on. Thank you so much Justice Scalia. You know politics is not easy and change it's not easy. When change is involved you're going to have things like this that happened today. I think that the things that were said needed to be said. I think that we all want unity but to have unity you have to get rid of the things. That's in the past. You have to solve those things that happened in the past. What's happening here for everybody, I'll speak for myself as well, I can't speak too much of the past but a lot of the past is still being held with the decisions that we're making so until we can solve that I'm going to probably have some more of these things. It's not a good look, but sometimes you have to get it out for us to be able to solve it because of course I want unity like you and the trustee staff is a historical thing that we have right here with the all-women's board. The residents are seeing us being all women. You're seeing it being difficult but what we're doing is not difficult. We just want respect -that's all we want. We want things to be done in the right manner. That's all. Thank you, mayor - thank you trustees-! yes that's correct.

Mayor Pro Tem acknowledge Village Clerk Williams: I know we've opened in prayer and this came into my heart for you this morning.

Philippians -4 final exhortations

Rejoice in the Lord always and will say again; Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation by prayer and petition, your thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or

received or heard from me, or seen in me- put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Amen

Mayor Pro-Tem Burns: and on that note I have nothing else to say. I hope we all have taken that in. I would like to have a motion to adjourn the meeting .

May I have a second please second

All Ayes

Goodnight! Meeting is dismissed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330**

1) Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, and Winston

Absent: Trustee Jones absent w/notice/ Trustee Burns entered the meeting at 7:10)

Mayor Marva stated that due to the robust agenda please limit your presentations to 15 Minutes.

2) DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A) Discussion of Proposal to Conduct a Sauk Village Festival and After Mother's Day Event-Al Bullitt and Mrs. Bullitt (Terrance Franklin appeared in the past, but was unable to attend this meeting)

Mr. Bullitt stated he and his wife are Sauk Village residents and have over 30 years' experience in entertainment and have performed worldwide.

They will provide the entertainment and cover the cost of the production at a reduced private offer of \$34,800.00 which will be covered by Terrance Franklin's foundation fund for his mother.

They are asking the village to provide necessary provisions that may cost \$6,000.- \$7,000.

Assistance with parking, the generator, etc. will be provided by the village at a cost of less than \$10,000. Mayor Marva stated that there is \$6,000.-\$7,000. left in the budget for special events.

The acts are all open the weekend of June 27th. Research is needed to see if other neighborhood towns will be hosting an event at the same time.

This event is open to all communities. There are five tribute acts. The village could charge a nominal entrance fee, such as, \$5-\$15. The event should be free. Whether there will be a charge has yet to be determined. A beer garden and vendors will also be profitable.

This group has performed in the village before to a crowd of 800 people.

There will be a Memorandum of Understanding prepared and reviewed by the attorneys. A list of necessary permits will also be available for next week's agenda.

Mayor Marva thanked Terrance Franklin for choosing Sauk Village to acknowledge the memory of his mother and the Bullitt's for presenting them opportunity.

B) Discussion of Solar Opportunities

Mayor Marva stated there are three companies interested in presenting solar options.

a) Paul Irby, Dimension Energy

Mr. Irby provided a presentation for a community solar project to be located at the Sauk Trail Industrial Park. The next steps would be permitting and fees, including the Development Fee Agreement to cover review costs for the Village. Dimension Energy will purchase the property to install two sites which will provide power up to 1400 homes and provide savings of approximately 10% to the subdivision. There is a ComEd line running through the property. After attorney review, they are hoping to replat the 35-acre property. They need to build over existing real estate. The property is under a purchase option with Pacesetter Steel (current owner).

There are Community Solar subscription savings and a community benefit agreement that includes assisting the village to address and support their needs. This is a 16-million-dollar investment during construction which includes 30 jobs. In developing this land there will work force and business development programs and STEM programs.

Discussion of the TIF the project is located in and the amount the village could render from the project. Paul stated that after attorney review and final numbers are presented the contribution can be negotiated. Proposed- 50K in 2026, 150K in 2027 and 15K through 2058. There should be no expenses paid by the village.

Termination terms include that any unused funds would have to be returned.

The area is already zoned for M-2. Greater research with the Zoning Department necessary at a later time to determine if it needs to be rezoned.

b) WinPak Solar- Was not present

This project is located directly across from the previous presentation. Mayor Marva suggested the board review and compare all three presentations before making a decision.

C) Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

a) Referendum, Procedures and Timelines

b) Meeting Protocols

Mayor Marva asked the trustees to review the information in their packets and asked what referendum they may want to bring forward. Referendums require a lot of review by the attorneys before they can be placed on the November 2nd ballot. A lot of educational opportunities must be presented to the residents in order for them to provide feedback.

The trustees have brought up a referendum for an increase in salaries in the past.

The Police and Fire Departments are proposing a project that will require a referendum. This project is very much needed but will be very costly. This has been brought before with past boards. If we move forward with this project a bond will be required which will increase taxes.

D) Fire Chief Keith Damm and Police Chief Mack Sanders

a) Combined Public Safety Complex Project

Plans were produced and discussion was held to introduce a combined Public Safety Complex Project.

Fire Chief Damm explained that both the Police Station and the Fire Station were only built for a 50-75 year life expectancy. The Fire Station is pushing 75 years, and the Police Station is pushing 50 years. The Fire Department was meant to be a combined building with Police, Fire

and the Village Hall before Police and Village Hall moved out. An addition was built in 1969, but it was not built for today's modern apparatus. The floor is sinking from the weight of the trucks. It was mud jacked in the past and still down about one inch. The bricks are falling apart, having heating and cooling issues, the roof was repaired last year so no water issues. The station is landlocked. Three locations were presented. 1) Right behind the Village Hall. Would require land acquisition from the Forest Preserve. 2) Sauk Trail-South Side between Prairie Ave and Cornell Avenue- smaller footprint. 3) The old bowling alley by Popeye's- north side of the street. This will curve around the existing businesses just like the bowling alley did. A fourth site considered separating the Police and Fire Stations at the Sauk Trail. A combined structure is preferred for shared programming.

Chief Sanders stated that this was discussed before but at this time the Police Department is included. This is an exploratory session to gather numbers and look for direction. These buildings will only get worse over time. We have to work together.

Chief Damm stated the next step is engineering. A past project was denied because there was wetlands.

Chief Sanders stated past research was used in the preparation of these drawings. We need to plan for the future. Combining stations would be the best route to take.

The location has not been determined. They are looking at every option.

A referendum is needed for resident input. This will require a bond and raising taxes.

Attorney Tillman stated a resolution with the necessary language – an advisory question-would need to be given to the clerk 79 days before the next election.

Trustee Burns suggested an exploratory committee is needed before continuing.

Mayor Marva stated the chiefs could lead the committee with those who have interest in the project, however, there is an election in November and then two years after that. To put this off until 2027 and 2029 we are pushing the ball down the road. Without a referendum we can't move forward. If the referendum passes it only gets it moved to the ballot. Mayor Marva suggested reading through the packet and conduct more research on their own.

Attorney Tillman stated if you can find another financial source a bond is not needed. If a bond is needed the referendum is necessary.

Chief Damm stated there are no funding opportunities at this time but they will continue to research this.

Fundraisers could assist but cannot cover the cost. The last time it cost 8-10 million dollars. It was suggested that the chiefs pull a committee together soon and explore the taxes that could evolve from this.

Chief Sanders was unsure if this was moving forward.

Trustee Johnson was not in favor of raising taxes.

Mayor Marva stated this needs to be totally flushed out because these buildings are not safe. Everyone needs to work together now and later- feet on the ground.

E) Clerk Debbie Williams

a) Clerk's Report and Updates

Clerk Williams stated next week's meeting is Student Government Day. Officials and staff are asked to be present at 6pm for pictures. The meeting will start at 7pm. Refreshments will be available in the Senior Center following the meeting.

The two projects the clerk is working on include record retention and recodification. Please leave room in the budget for those necessary items.

b) Meeting Procedures

In the interest of time, this was postponed until another time.

F) Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch

a) Acceptance of A2N Engineering Group for Phase 1 and Phase 11 Design and Engineering Services for SSMMA STP-funded Cornell Avenue and 223rd Street Resurfacing Project- from Sauk Trail to Torrence Avenue- CMAP ID 07-22-0045 (PROJECT)

Interim VA Finch discussed the need to place this on the next agenda for approval. This should have been done a while ago in order to get done before winter. Three months ago, Cook County offered to do road work in Sauk Village. We were tasked with sending out an RFQ. Three companies responded. Trustees were concerned they lack knowledge or input on this project and questioned how A2N was chosen and why Robinson Engineering wasn't given the project. This bid project was for work to be conducted by Cook County which is different from when Robinson presents a RFQ for work to be done. This time, Robinson is one of the bidders. An RFQ is a request for proposals. A scoring matrix scale provided by Cook County was used by Mr. Finch. Cook County will receive the matrix after board approval. The board was concerned they did not see the matrix to review. Please inform the board when things change. Even with the unrest from the board, it was agreed to place this on the next agenda.

b) New Beginnings Update

Interim Finch stated New Beginnings has been here several times and they came back with an agreement of 30% of the net profit. The original amount was 20%. The attorneys have reviewed the packet which will be ready for board review. The board agreed to postpone this item.

c) ELEVATE Amended Agreement

Interim Finch stated ELEVATE was provided about 1,000 homes that need water relief. Trustee Johnson stated this agreement needs attorney review. Attorney Tillman just received it today. This item will be postponed.

d) Consideration for the commission of a financial forensic audit for the period of 2021 to present

Trustee Burns stated at the last audit it was stated that 2021, 2022 and 2023 will most likely be the same information due to lack of records. Interim VA Finch stated this forensic audit will focus mainly on bank statement which you can obtain from the bank. It has been rumored \$78,000. is missing (stolen) from the bank and ghost payrolling. The previous auditor was not able to get payroll information. The forensic auditor can get the information through Paylocity. Forensic audits are more detailed. Trustee Winston said there was a huge red flag with no

internal controls in the payroll department. Mr. Finch stated the auditor will be able to find fraud in the payroll. Trustee Johnson stated she agreed with the forensic audit but would like the board to decide the scope of the audits.

Mayor Marva asked the trustees to provide her personally with what they would like to see in the forensic audits by April 30th. This will be reviewed by the attorney to prepare a resolution.

Mr. Finch will not be involved with providing the scope; consult with Finance Director McMillon.

This will not delay the ongoing audits.

The resolution will be on the May 5th agenda.

e) Copier Options

1. SHARP or Proven

Mayor Marva stated the copier needs to be replaced. We have worked with Proven for 8-10 years. Interim Village Administration Finch stated that Proven provided a quote that was much higher than the SHARP quote. With SHARP we will save \$500.00 a month (\$6,000. p/year) for the same machine. The decision is to go with SHARP. The board will be given a five-year contract for approval by tonight by email. This includes one in the Village Hall and two in the Police Department. This item will be on the next agenda.

G) Trustee Aretha Burns

a) Hills Property LLC-Mohammed Abdullah Fuel Management, LLC (Installation of Gas Station) Location 2700 Sauk Trail Sauk Village, IL

Hills Property has entered into an agreement with the owners of the property located at 2700 Sauk Trail in Sauk Village to purchase the property and put a gas station and convenient store in that space. Ned Malley- real estate broker- was also present.

The deed is contingent on the zoning approval. The investment is approximately 1.5 million dollars. New storage tanks will be installed per the diagram. Five types of gasoline will be available- Premium, Unleaded, Diesel, E-85 and EV stands. Free wi-fi and snacks will be available inside. The station will run 24 hours. They will provide strong community engagement with the village with programs like Back-to-School shoes, scholarships and more.

The timeline is approximately 90- 120 days turnaround using approved contractors.

The fact that there are already multiple gas stations in the area. Mr. Malley said the best possible use for that location is a gas station. Everyone interested in that property are gas station owners. Mayor Marva stated that is a prime piece of land and disagreed that only a gas station should go there.

Mr. Malley said high volume numbers will be generated from that area. Mr. Abdullah stated that the property has been vacant for over 5 years. This will generate business.

Mayor Marva stated she received a letter last week asking for a zoning designation change for proposed convenience store development.

Discussion was held on the layout and miscommunications between them about how the corner is zoned. There was a gas station/ convenience store there previously. (Trustee Johnson called point of privilege. Village Clerk left as well at 9:30 pm.) The property is zoned C-2 and asked why he would want C-3. The zoning descriptions for C-2 and C-3 were read. The C-2 zoning

designation is perfectly zoned already. Mr. Abdullah stated he was under the impression that a C-3 was needed. He understands that it is properly zoned and no zoning change is needed. Trustee Burns stated in the emails the mayor did say she would bypass the zoning process and bring them before the board. No one who has come before the board to present where a gas station was presented anything other than a gas station, Mr. Mohammed stated he was prepared to meet with the mayor. Mayor Marva stated there was a lack of readiness at that time. Mayor Marva then did the research.

Trustee input-

Trustee Johnson-What are they asking for? Trustee Burns-to give them permission to bring the gas station here and get direction from the board.

Trustee Sapp stated that property has been an eyesore for years. Anything is better than having an eyesore on that corner.

Trustee Johnson there is no agreement provided to the board.

Mayor Marva stated they can move forward with their plans and bring an agreement to the board. Is there a deadline?

The seller does not want to give another extension. They need to move forward with permits. Mayor Marva stated they will need the majority of the board to push this through to move forward.

Mr. Mohammed stated the owner has been paying property taxes for many years. Others have tried to come before the board for months with no results. Mr. Abdullah stated he always goes to the village for their blessings.

Mayor Marva moved on with the agenda and asked them to move from their seats.

Confusion erupted when the mayor attempted to call a recess.

b) Maki Aki Sauk Trail (Presentation -Sauk Village Trucking Company Seeking to Purchase the Wetlands)

Sasha Kovic – owner of Marco Transport and Bo Ilic presented a proposal to purchase property across from Paragon at Sauk Trail and Sauk Pointe. The property they are seeking is wetlands. Their current property is close to wetlands. When it rains there is flooding and corrosion occurring. If they purchase the wetland, they can create a pond to accept the runoff water. The MWRD wants this matter resolved.

Today's proposal is \$125,000- \$150,000. for all the parcels.

There is another parcel across the street that the village needs to purchase from a different owner and Sasha will purchase from the village.

There is an agreement needed for each proposal to be reviewed by the attorney and brought back to the table.

c) Police and Fire Commission

Trustee Burns stated the state statute states we can only have 3 Police and Fire Commissioners because we are not home rule. We were about to violate OMA by swearing in two more commissioners. An ordinance will be brought forth to bring clarity. This item is tabled for now. Village Attorney Tillman will follow up.

d) An Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Fire and Police Commission Appointment, selection, Public Posting Requirements, Mandatory Timelines, Clerk Enforcement and Written Notice of Non-Compliance

This item is tabled for now.

Village Attorney Tillman will follow up.

e) Business Community

f) An Ordinance Establishing Uniform Standards for Business Approvals, Clarifying Legislative and Administrative Authority, Requiring Transparency in Applications and Fees, Regulating Liquor License Renewal, and Prohibiting Unauthorized Interference in Lawful Business Operations

There is a lot of discrepancy on how new businesses are handled. Most businesses do not need zoning and may only need Code Enforcement and not have to come before the board. Businesses are being held up while still paying rent for the property. There is a lot of confusion, and some are being fined unnecessarily.

Eruption and confusion followed-

Trustee Johnson stated these are the attorney's recommendations.

g) Standing Committees- Move Forward to Vote 4/28/26 BOW Meeting

Trustee Burns stated there is already an ordinance on the books. All we need is to be assigned a committee. More disruption regarding whether there is a current ordinance or the ordinance the mayor brought to the table which was voted down are they working on.

Trustee Johnson stated they need to either amend the current ordinance or amend it. The amendments from Mayor Marva so far have been voted down. Mayor Marva stated the ordinance changes from mayor to mayor.

Trustee Burns would like the ordinance Attorney Frazier prepared.

Mayor Marva stated April 28th is Student Government Day. We can put the most recent ordinance on the agenda for a yes or no vote and no discussion.

Mayor Marva moved on.

3) EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

4) PUBLIC COMMENTSS

(Village Clerk) Debbie Williams spoke from the podium as a resident to speak about the conditions of both the Police and Fire Stations. As a former trustee and clerk since 2009, this has been discussed and added to the budget and removed from the budget as they continue to deteriorate. If the referendum is not presented now, it will be two more years. The safety of our staff and residents are priority. Debbie also asked the board and residents to make a visit to both stations prior to the referendum to see the destruction. Millions dollars of equipment leaving the station with sinking floors, mold in the police department, our staff in those buildings and our equipment should be protected.

Melissa stated we do not need another gas station and asked what gs stations gave out scholarships.

Francine Anderson agreed with Melissa. No gas station is needed. We have other priorities. We need a gas station. The auditor said the same thing would come out in a forensic audit so why do it? The state statute states that no person shall be appointed to an office if they are not a resident. New Beginnings- if they are getting the property at a minimum cost and we only get 30%.

Residents should be allowed to buy those properties.

John Flory, 65 year resident, is interested in being on the Police and Fire Commission. Many of his family members have been involved with the police and fire departments.

Mayor Marva asked him to write a letter of interest. John said he did that and handed it in to the front desk.

David Fields spoke on New Beginnings and the gas station. It seems the trustees are fighting too hard for them. These deals aren't right.

David Smith asked why the bidding system for IT services is being circumvented. One vendor that was voted down has been brought back for emergencies. David is not convinced they do good work. We are paying item by item instead of working with a vendor. Elected officials cannot open their emails. Bidding processes should be fair and competitive.

Committees under Mayor Burgess were voted in with Mayor Burgess breaking a 3-3 tie. We need committees to get things done. Ordinances that were amended are still in place.

5) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE TRUSTEES AND THE MAYOR

Trustee Winston said meetings lasting until 11:00 pm is a disservice. Once we get past 4-5 items it needs to stop.

Trustee Burns stated that businesses contact trustees, pass out business cards, etc so they can talk about bringing businesses to the village. She suggested exploratory committees that will do the background check and do the due diligence about who they are and what they are. Businesses come here and leave and never come back. Nothing gets done.

Trustee Sterling -No comment

Trustee Johnson stated the Illinois flag on 394 is flying low.

Trustee Sapp- No Comment

Mayor Marva asked everyone to please hand in their board reports for Student Government Day by tomorrow. The Town Hall meeting for 4-25-26 is cancelled.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 pm.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Sapp

All Ayes

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS**

**May 5, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 p.m.
ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees: Burns, Johnson, Jones (late Arrival), Sapp, Sterling, and Winston. There were no absences.

In the absence of a willingness of Trustees, the Mayor called for a motion to serve as Clerk Pro Temp. It was approved by common consent.

- **Acknowledge that the Mayor developed the meeting minutes in accordance with Parliamentary Procedures (Robert's Rules of Order Version 12, Section 48:1-6 which dictates how meeting minutes should be kept, emphasizing that they must be an accurate record of actions taken, not a verbatim transcript of what was said. The attempt to record the meeting in the absence of the Village Clerk was met with technical difficulties caused by unrecognized equipment failure**

2. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A) **Melanie Arnold, Village Engineer**, reviewed the IDOT 2026 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) documents, including the Resolution for Maintenance, Estimate of Maintenance Costs, and Maintenance Engineering Agreement. She identified the streets proposed for repaving and the locations for LED lighting. The Resolution and supporting documents were explained and will be placed on the May 12, 2026, Board Meeting agenda for consideration and adoption. Engineer Arnold responded to questions about how streets were selected for the project and explained the color-coded board identifying the streets, which were posted inside the Rotunda entrance.
- B) **Trustee Dr. Winston and Interim Director McMillon** discussed the following points on Policies and Procedures:
- a. & b. Dr. Trustee Winston, Interim Director McMillon, and Finch asked that the proposed Financial Policies and Procedures be previously requested in November 2025. Trustee Winston explained why she requested the item and requested that they be adopted or amended. Interim McMillon addressed Trustee Burns' question on how he asked for changes and recommendations to be presented; no appointment was needed for their feedback. The Mayor asked that notifications be provided to accommodate the Trustees' availability. His phone number and email were provided.
 - b. CD Renewal Considerations were discussed. Interim McMillon asked that Trustees consider a six-month CD. The maturity date was asked. This topic is scheduled for the Special Meeting later that evening. The rate could only be determined on the date of approval. Trustee Johnson suggested a one-year rate.
- C) **Recommendations for the Scope of the Forensic Audit**
- a. Three Trustees provided quality recommendations on the nature of expectations for the Forensic Audit. Trustee Johnson asked for additional time to review each. Trustee Jones had questions and

sought clarification. Trustee Johnson provided that she suggested the audit. Trustee Sterling sought the difference between the financial audit and the forensic audit. The Mayor provided the difference, and McMillon provided greater clarity, stating how costly the ventures would be. The Village would have to write letters to the banking establishments requesting documents and provide information. Trustee Winston stated the need to conduct due diligence to determine the extent of our lack and move forward in addressing it. Trustee Burns addressed the need and information that may be lacking. It was suggested that the Board provide input on the continuation of the audit and asked whether the Trustees had read her suggestions and, if not, to do so. This item will be brought back on the May 19th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- b. **Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt** presented the Ordinance for the Juneteenth Holiday and asked that it be brought back as an official holiday. The disposition is that the subject would be on the Special Board Agenda to determine whether to refer it to the attorney.

3. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

There was no meeting

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were four individuals who shared comments on the forensic audit, the CD, water quality, and a lawsuit.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

- The Mayor spoke of a letter she had written to Trustees and asked for feedback. She appealed to the Trustees to attend the Special Meeting to at least approve Accounts Payable. She called upon McMillon to explain the necessity of approving it.
 - Trustees Johnson and Burns responded to the comments

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
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(708) 758-3330**

1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Mayor Marva stated Trustee Burns asked to join remotely because she is not feeling well.
All trustees were in favor.**

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Burns (by remote), Jones, Johnson, Sapp and Winston.

Absent: Trustee Sterling (entered the meeting at 7:10 pm)

2. Discussion & Presentations

A) Juan Gonzalez

a. Resolution Supporting, Approving and Consenting to an Application by Los Gonzalez Market, LLC for a Class 8 Designation Sauk Trail Road Pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance

Attorney Jorge Reveliotis represented on behalf of Los Gonzales Market. Juan Gonzalez was also present. Los Gonzalez Market, LLC is requesting the approval of a Class 8 designation for the property listed as 2707 Sauk Trail Road (old Mc Donalds property). The property has been vacant a long time. The intent is to establish a food market which will include prepared foods. This venture will bring seven to nine jobs, sales taxes and involvement in the community. The total investment will be between \$700,000.00 and \$800,00.00.

Mayor Marva stated a letter of support for this business is requested to be sent to Cook County. The county sends an affidavit to the recipient every 3 years asking if the business is still operating and being used as initially described.

Previously, pictures were presented to the board with a store layout and outdoor seating area.

Hours of operation will be 9am – 10pm.

The Class 8 cannot be implemented until all the criteria that is set forth by the issuance of an occupancy permit is met.

B) Sasha Kostich

a. Land Purchase Proposal for 31251 Mark Collins Dr. (Correction: 23151 Mark Collins Drive)
Sasha Kostich stated he is a 27-year business owner in Sauk Village. MWRD has issued a citation for some work that was never done on his property. This was a mistake of the previous administration. Sasha is asking to purchase the parcel north of his existing parcel and make it a retention pond to prevent flooding of his existing building which will cause him to no longer stay there. The MWRD inspection report wants to penalize him for work that was never done. Sasha has hired an attorney and two engineers to work on this project.

May 19, 2026

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Sasha stated the property is currently owned by a collection company located in Ohio. He would like the village to purchase the land from them for \$100,000.00 and he would then buy the property from the village for \$250,000.00 and build the retention pond. He is currently being penalized by the MWRD.

The previous owner of the property gave up the property and signed off of the taxes which had not been paid for over 13 years and is now \$1.5 million dollars which is five times more than the value of the property.

Trustee Jones asked why the village is a third party in this.

MWRD explained to Sasha that if the village buys the property the taxes will be forgiven.

Attorney Tillman stated he looked into this and he can discuss this with the trustees in executive session.

Trustee Winston had several questions for Attorney Tillman.

Among those questions-

Would the village inherit any environmental liabilities?

Potential legal or financial liability exposure?

Has the property been appraised?

The use of a quit claim deed rather than a warranty deed?

For the Finance Director-Is there any financial risk if the second transaction fails?

Trustee Johnson asked if there was a deadline. Saha stated the deadline has already passed. If this does not move forward, he will have to move out of there. MWRD sends a letter every week.

Something needs to be presented to the MWRD within two weeks.

Trustee Johnson stated this requires attorney review and time to be placed on the agenda.

The question of whether this will

cause flooding for other properties nearby was asked.

This conversation will be readdressed after attorney review.

C) Fire Chief Keith Damm

a. A Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Battery – Powered Extrication Equipment

Fire Chief Damm stated Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded \$38,150.00 for the purchase of Battery – Powered Extrication Equipment with no matching funds required. Chief Damm is requesting approval of the resolution which will be used to accept the grant. This will enhance the safety of our residents and anyone traveling through Sauk Village. The resolution will be included on the next board agenda.

D) Interim Director Anthony Finch

a. Request for Bids – Lawn Service

In Mr. Finch's absence, Mayor Marva stated that there are two bids that Mr. Finch is requesting for the newspaper to be listed as a legal posting. The documents asking for insurance, their qualifications and proof of insurance were distributed for board review.

Clerk Williams stated we used to rely on an IDHA grant to help with cutting the vacant lawns in the village. We lost that grant and must now do it ourselves. By the time we finish one area, in one or two months the grass has already grown back. Three or four companies are needed, which is the purpose of the RFQ. Reports will be provided by the landscapers, and the Cide Department will spot check the properties.

Mayor Marva stated this was discussed last week. The bid opening will take place next week. This item will be on next week's agenda.

b. Request for Qualifications and Proposals- Economic Development Consultant

This RFQ for Economic Development Consultant was also posted. The bid opening will take place next week.

3) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to executive session for Real Estate issues and pending litigation.

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to Executive session at 8:06 pm.

Trustee Burns will not be included in executive session.

B) Reconvene Committee of the Whole Meeting

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:11 pm.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Roll call

Present: Trustees Burns (by remote), Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston.

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Francine Anderson commented on the bid process and asked why the trustees were given laptops and phones not working properly. Francine does not remember voting on a permanent IT company.

David Fields spoke about his dissatisfaction with the Interim Village Administrator.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

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Trustee Johnson spoke about the CD being moved and needing two signatures and the Mayor and the Clerk stated they did not sign off on it. That is our emergency money, and she still has not received a response.

Mayor Marva stated Mr. Finch will respond when he gets back tomorrow. Mayor Marva stated had the CD not been moved to a restricted account the bank would have shut down the CD operations. The bank recommended putting it there until the trustees can decide what and how to deal with it at the close. Mayor Marva stated she does not remember signing off and the clerk usually signs too. It may have been a verbal approval.

Trustee Johnson asked if a special meeting can be called to replace Monday's special meeting that did not move forward due to lack of quorum. We need to discuss the CD and Accounts Payable. We need a written record of what is going on.

Trustee Sterling asked for the balances of all accounts and the CD information.

Mayor Marva stated that everyone should be included in all emails

Trustee Johnson stated her email was hacked when the special meeting agenda was sent. This is the second time this happened.

Why did the mayor send a question to the attorney to inform her that the board could not hold a special meeting It was a waste of time and money for the attorney. The mayor should have sent the email herself.

A disagreement occurred regarding the statement the mayor made on the news made about the Accounts Payable not being paid by the board. The trustees did not even know that the phones were working until hearing it on the news.

Mayor Marva took executive privilege at 9:35 returning at 9:39.

Trustee Sterling- written report attached.

Trustee Sapp stated we are so quick to point out his flaws, but he is a knowledgeable individual, and he supported the village since he's been here. It's only fair to give him an opportunity to defend himself. She is not in support of terminating his services. He kept the village afloat when this administration started and we had nothing to work with.

Trustee Winston commented on Cop on Top and stated everyone did an awesome job in Chief Mack's absence.

CSN-Community Support Network- May is mental health awareness month. Clinical clinicians brought Inside Out along with Chief Sanders, Chief Damm and Officer Serrell in attendance.

Chief Damm talked about how we are not able to handle our emotions and how they can impact us internally as well as external. One resident asked if this program can be offered to the board.

Mayor Marva stated Cop on Rooftop was very successful and mentioned the Fire Department as well. The camaraderie between the police and fire departments is such a blessing for our village.

Chief Sanders stated a little over three grand was raised for Illinois Special Olympics.

Trustee Johnson wrote a letter requesting details regarding the executive order for the vendor payments. There is an issue with some trustees getting emails, so Mayor Marva passed out the information. There is a memo along with check requests, the actual check, the invoices and everything to show what was being paid. Trustees can come into the Village Hall any time they want to get information, unlike in the past. Insurance payments must be paid. Our staff pays in to that, and we do not want a break in coverage.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the email asking about payments on AP not the 21 questions about the CD.

Mayor Marva stated it is impossible to continue to work with all of the lawsuits, individuals that want to get paid from years ago, preparing for depositions, etc. Mayor Marva will ask the administrative staff to try to work out a deal with the vendors, but we don't know who did the work for the village or the names of lawsuits that were filed. We need to pay all. Do we pay all without checking or continue to verify the information? We have one attorney who charged \$700.00 an hour when our ordinance caps the attorney fees at \$200.00. The trustees never approved that expense. There is an ordinance that needs to be addressed regarding the OMA requirement of what the posting requirements are. The Memorial Service is May 25th at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments served afterward.

Trustee Burns stated we had agreed that we would not keep the meetings so long.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva adjourned the meeting by common consent at 10:03 p.m.

All Ayes

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

B) Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustee Burns (Entered at 8:31 pm) and Sapp (With notice)

C) Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Marva asked if there were any changes to the agenda needed. Hearing none- Mayor Marva asked who was in favor of moving forward with the adoption of the agenda.

Ayes: Trustee Jones and Trustee Winston

Nays: Trustees Johnson and Sterling

Mayor Marva broke the tie by voting in favor of adopting the agenda.

D) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts provided the meditation at this time.

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION- NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

All questions and comments must be directed to the mayor. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act the public is permitted to address the public body and each speaker may speak for up to three minutes on special agenda items only.

David Fields stated the agenda is full again, which will keep the meeting running long.

Mr. Fields questioned the CD once again and asked who signed off on the CD. It could not have happened without a signature.

David Smith asked why the village website was down. Was the domain paid?

Glad to see the DelGaldo Law Group on the Accounts Payable since Trustee Johnson sent the invoices a month and a half ago.

Mr. Smith questioned who signed off on the CD? It would have required two signatures and asked how much was exactly withdrawn.

What was the selection process of selecting an IT company? Were any trustees involved? What criteria was involved?

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Mayor Marva stated there will be two bid openings today that were tabled previously. Mayor Marva explained the bid process and asked the trustees to make notations on the bid sheets provided by the clerk as she opens each bid.

- i. Bid Opening for Lawn Maintenance
 - First Bidder- DJ Remodeling
 - Second Bidder- Larrell Four Seasons Lawn Care

Mayor Marva stated one trustee can be apart of the evaluation team to review the bids. Contact Mayor Marva by tomorrow morning if interested in being a part of the evaluation team.

- ii. Bid Opening for Economic Development Consultant

Mayor Marva stated this not a bid opening. This is a request for proposals (RFQ). Mr. Finch explained the process which is looking for their experience working in other municipalities and a 120 Day Execution Plan.

Mayor Marva stated the RFQ's are very extensive and require time to review.

Trustee Johnson made a motion to table seconded by Trustee Sterling.

All trustees agreed to tabling this motion until next week.

- iii. Appointment of Commissioner to Fire and Police Commission

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint Jeffrey Morden to the position of Police and Fire Commissioner. Mr. Morden was not present. The approval will call for an oath swearing him into office before he can assume his position.

Jeffrey is working with the MWRD currently, a former trustee and is very dedicated to Sauk Village.

Trustee Johnson stated this was tabled previously because this needs to be discussed prior to an appointment. Trustee Jones seconded the motion to table.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones and Sterling

Nays: Trustee Winston

Absent: Trustee Burns and Sapp

Motion carried to table

The discussion will take place at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Mayor Marva said the Memorial Day Celebration was remarkable. Pictures shared by others are on the Facebook E-News page. Veterans invited their families to the event. Many young people attended. Thanks to all elected officials and staff members that attended.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated the Memorial Day event was very well attended and she was glad to attend. The Blood Drive was not well attended, and we did not meet our numbers which may cause cancellation of future drives.

There was no Sauk Tak in May due to the lack of articles submitted. The deadline has passed for June now. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm in the Sauk Talk, which is disappointing.

The website is down. The agenda could not be posted but is always available at the Village Hall entrances before 7pm on Sunday evening.

Emails from the past were sent to the trustees because many trustees and staff members are not aware of the past, which has created issues in the current times. This was not to stir the pot but to be open and transparent regarding matters that may be in litigation at this time. It is important that all trustees have the same information at the same time.

Mayor Marva asked if the clerk reached out to her contact. Clerk Williams did reach out to the contact with no response. Mayor Marva stated the trustees in the past would specifically request that their email be shared. Please continue this practice.

This will be discussed between the board members in a future agenda.

C) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier & McGrath, LLC-Attorney DeAndre Tillman

Attorney Tillman asked if there will be an executive session as was discussed last week.

Mayor Marva asked if it could wait until next week. Please communicate the need for executive session in advance.

Trustee Johnson asked Attorney Tillman if he was aware of the issue with the CD.

Mayor Marva stated information will be discussed later in the meeting.

D) Village Engineer-Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering- Written report provided

E) Interim Village Administrator- Anthony Finch- Written reports provided

Executive Cash Flow Summary- June 2026 and attorney bills that exceeded the \$200.00 cap on attorney bills were submitted. Interim VA Finch explained that bills come in and must be verified before paid. Delay in property taxes affect the ability to pay bills. Bills are submitted late. Feel free to look at invoices and ask questions at any time. The answers to Trustee Johnson 21 questions were provided.

This Accounts Payable will pay all bills due and payable at this time including the two attorney bills that exceeded the \$200.00 cap on attorney bills. All bills are on the AP and Aging Report. The board can remove any payments at this time that they do not want to be paid. This will prevent further accusations that the board or the administration is not paying bills.

Trustee Johnson stated the Interim Village Administrator should not be making financial decisions on behalf of the board. Mr. Finch further explained the payables process among additional questions from the board. Mr. Finch explained the CD expired and was left in the bank and placed in an inactive account which is a restricted account rather than remove the million dollars and leave it in a safe at the Village Hall. The board will decide what will be done with the CD moving forward.

Trustee Jones stated the trustees often find things out the same time as the residents do. Mayor Marva stated the trustees have had plenty of time to ask questions or ask for something to be changed.

Mayor Marva suggested moving this matter to a committee meeting where a thorough discussion can be held and all board members can be heard. Board meetings are for taking action.

Trustee Johnson asked if we have money available to pay the Accounts Payable in its entirety.

Trustee Johnson asked for a motion to table the memo provided by Mr. Finch. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Marva did not allow roll to be called. The memo is not an agenda item and cannot be tabled.

Mayor Marva stated this discussion regarding the memo and the CD will resume at the next committee meeting. Trustees should have all their questions ready at that time.

6. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

A) Interim Finance Director-Fred McMillon- Written report provided

B) Police Chief- Mack Sanders- Written report provided

C) Fire Chief- Keith Damm- Written report provided

D) Public Works Director-John Conway- Written report provided

E) Community Development/ Code Enforcement-Hilda Fernandez- Written report provided-
Read by Cathy Boettcher.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

i. Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$2,464,991.01** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Burns Second: Winston

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

B) Ordinances and Resolutions

i. Motion to Approve a Resolution Supporting, Approving and Consenting to an Application by Los Gonzales Market, LLC for a Class 8 Designation for 2707 Sauk Trail Road Pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

ii. Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Battery Powered Extrication Equipment

Approve a Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

iii. Motion to Approve an Amendment to Value Lease Agreement for SHARP copiers

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

Trustee Sterling read a prepared statement which is attached for the record.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

8. Petitions, Agreements and Action Items

A) Motion to Renew the Village's CD for One Year at the Prevailing Rate

Mayor Marva asked to table item 8A

No motion to table- vote was taken.

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Sapp

Mayor Marva asked to table the renewal of the Village's CD pending discussion at the next committee meeting.

Trustee Johnson made a motion to table this matter.

Motion: Johnson Second: Sterling

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Sapp

Motion Carried

B) Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Evaluation Team to appoint Altech to Provide IT Services to the Village of Sauk Village

Motion: Winston Second: None

Motion Failed due to no second.

9. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns – No Comment

B) Trustee Raven Johnson

Trustee Johnson asked for a status update on her village phone.

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones-

Trustee Jones read a report on Memorial Day and acknowledged the Village Clerk. The packets are missed but thank you for putting your position first.

D) Trustee Diane Sapp- absent

E) Trustee Michelle Sterling

Trustee Sterling provided a written report for the record.

F) Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston

Trustee Winston commented on pointing fingers but to come together to talk about resolving the conflict. There is lack of character, integrity and decorum during these meetings. The residents want to hear about village business. The community will not line up if the leaders do not.

10) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL-PRUITT

Mayor Marva agreed that a board should be self – regulated. We have to come together and be respectful. Mayor Marva appealed to everyone to take ownership where we may be failing. The purpose of the meetings is to take care of the business of the village.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Burns Second: Johnson

All Trustees vote Aye to adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE
SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
June 2, 2026 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
Mayor Marva asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On Roll call

Present: Trustees: Burns, Johnson, and Sterling

Absent: Trustees Sapp, Winston (both with notice) and Jones (joined in executive session)

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

Motion: Johnson Second: Burns

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, and Sterling

Absent: Trustees Sapp, Winston and Jones

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:12 pm.

B) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to reconvene.

Motion: Johnson Seconded: Sterling

The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 pm.

DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A) Melanie Arnold, Engineer

a) Annual NPDES Hearing and MS4 Report

Melanie read the Annual Report and stated some additional requirements may be needed. Melanie will return in a couple of weeks to update the Stormwater Management Plan due to random audits. Trustee Burns asked if we were current with systems. Melanie replied she will work with Public Works. If audited, the audits will be due in 30 days.

Mayor Marva stated there was no Earth Day event this year, but Trustee Sterling has established neighborhood cleanups.

B) Anthony Finch, Interim Village Administrator

a) CD Origination and other Renewal Details

Mr. Finch replied to the 21 questions regarding the CD.

Mayor Marva will review this and get back to the board. The CD money is still in Old National Bank in a restricted (dormant) fund and funds cannot be removed. The bank gave the village the choice to put the money in another account or remove it from the bank once the CD matured. Closure is needed.

Mayor Marva stated it was placed in the restricted (dormant) account where no one could touch it rather than the General Fund where it could be used. It was not intended to be to be held up that long.

Followed the bank recommendation.

Discussion: Key bank info not available- bank recs and transfer paperwork.

Verbal communication with the bank to move money when the CD matured. Needed to move it or take it out of the bank. The money was placed in an account that is not currently in use. (in May) Money placed in the CD by former Village Administrator and Finance Director was not approved by the board in 2024.

There was a balance of \$29,000. plus interest in the CN Account prior to adding the CD money. The CN account was used for noise reduction in 2019.

How documents were retrieved. IT was asked to find emails from Derrick Burgess- no access. Emails from Renee Lewis were retrieved by peer- to – peer.

Mr. Finch stated cash flow is slow. The original amount of \$173,000. was removed from the water fund without board approval in the past.

How will the money be paid back?

Need water fund info 2x per month.

b) Request for Qualifications for Economic Development Consultant

Three companies requested information but only one company provided information. This information will be reviewed before going with this company. References were provided.

Mr. Lockman's company focuses on outreach, very little on cost, hourly rate and travel numbers.

C) Marva Campbell-Pruitt- Mayor

a) Appointment of Commissioner to Fire and Police Commission

Asked to extend the time for the existing committee prior to this meeting. This was opposed. Police and Fire Departments both need new staff. Don't want to let them get away.

The recommendation should come from the Police and Fire Commissioners themselves and given to the mayor.

Mayor Marva stated that Illinois State Statutes and Sauk Village Code states that the mayor appoints with trustee approval.

Trustees did not approve of the individual the mayor attempted to appoint.

b) Quick Reference – Parliamentary Procedures

I. Point of Order vs. Point of Information/ Request for Information

A quick reference guide was provided from the Robert's Order.

II. Email Distribution / Communication Between Trustees

Trustees initiated emails should state specifically who they want the email shared with.

D) Fred Mc Millon, Interim Finance Director

I. Alternate Recommendations for IT Services

Trustee Jones asked that this item be tabled. The Finance Director should not be leading this discussion. Mayor Marva stated Mr. McMillon was part of the evaluation team. Trustees were asked to participate.

Discussion: Pace was chosen in the evaluations. Who was on the evaluation team? Why did the companies not come before the board?

Mr. McMillon stated the company chosen after the team evaluation made the decision is given a contract. The contract comes before the board.

E) Debbie Williams, Village Clerk

- a. Meeting Preparations- tabled
- b. Meeting Rules and Procedures- tabled
- c. Meeting Call Offs/ Late Attendance

Clerk Williams asked for clarification on late attendance or call off policy and procedure. How much meeting time is required to get paid for the meeting. No definitive information was provided.

- d. Deputy Clerk/ FOIA Clerk- tabled

F) Keith Damm, Fire Chief

a) Proposals (s) for Grants

Fire Chief Damm spoke on fire protection safety grant \$20,000. - \$30,000. Grants. The Federal government picks up 95% of the costs.

Training grant-basic fire fighter training. The Federal government picks up 95% of the costs.

Do not need board approval.

Replace squad pumper. 22 years old- exceeding 20 -year life span. Federal government will pick up \$1 million dollars. Village covers \$200,000.

Safer Grant- required for Shift Commander- three full- time positions. One assigned to each 24 hours shift to provide continuous supervision which includes the full standard benefit package.

Years 1 and 2: FEMA funds up to 75% of the "usual annual cost" of a first year firefighter; the Village is responsible for 25%.

Year 3: FEMA funds up to 35%; the village is responsible for 65%.

These positions must be fully sustained thereafter.

Regional gran- Sauk Village cannot proceed with the previously approved lease-to- own financing due to the Village's audit status.

Sauk Village proposes participating in a regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application being submitted by the City of Harvey Fire Department.

Under this structure:

- Sauk Village would be included as a regional partner
- If awarded, the Village would be responsible for a 10% match, or approximately \$24,607 based on the current quote.
- The grant would cover the remaining 90% of the cost.

This approach allows the Village to move forward with replacing aging and increasingly unreliable communications equipment without requiring lease financing or full upfront capital.

The Fire Department awaits direction to participate in the regional AFG grant, commit to the 10% cost match and suspend previously approved lease to own agreement.

The total project cost is \$246,072.38 with a Village match of \$24,607. which includes Motorola 20 all-band radios, 8 all-band mobile radios and essential service coverage.

Chief Damm requests authorization for another Safer Grant to cover public education capabilities and strengthen fire safety across the community, including a fire extinguisher simulator. A 5% match based on the final FEMA guidance is required.

All of these grants will be on the next board meeting agenda. The resolutions will be ready by Thursday.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Dr. Sharon Davenport stated the Police and Fire omission needs three people – two people to move things. The commission still has to vote for Chair.

Police and Fire Commissioner Anderson stated they are moving forward with opening applications for lateral hiring June 6th. The seven applicants will interview June 7th. The emails cannot be accessed.

The current commission needs to stay in place to be seated or be held up a year later- in 2027.

Francine spoke of the finances in the village and the money from the CD going into an account meant for fixing up Peterson Avenue homes.

2 firefighters were approved.

David Smith spoke of illogical and improper actions being taken. Actions taken without board approval.

David Fields stated Sauk Trail to 215th Street is racetrack with only one speed bump- need 7-8 speed bumps and spoke of how the board has no idea about transfers.

4. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

Mayor Marva stated she is still collecting information on Juneteenth.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Burns. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:47 p.m.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Village Clerk Debbie Williams asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt who is ill tonight.

Trustee Sterling made a motion to appoint Trustee Raven Johnson as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Second: Trustee Jones

On Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Sterling and Winston

Abstain: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

A) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp (both with notice)

C) Adoption of the Agenda

Village Clerk Williams asked for the removal items 3A, 3D, G (1) and C (A) from the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to remove those items.

Motion: Sterling Second: Jones

Point of Information- Trustee Winston

Why is G(1) being removed.

Village Clerk Williams stated that passed on May 12th. It was listed as an ordinance on the agenda and amended as a resolution in that meeting and approved as a resolution.

D) Meditation

David Fields provided meditation.

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

A) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to recess to executive session to discuss

Personnel Matters and Pending Litigation.

Motion: Sterling Second: Jones

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:30 pm.

B) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session.

Motion: Sterling Second: Jones

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

The meeting was reconvened at 7:48 pm.

3. Approval of Minutes- Village Clerk Debbie Williams presented the following journal of proceedings for approval:

A) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for May 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion Tabled

B1) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the resubmitted Journal of Proceedings for April 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Sterling Second: Jones

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

B2) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the resubmitted Journal of Proceedings for April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston

June 9, 2026

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

B3) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the resubmitted Journal of Proceedings for April 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Sterling

Second: Jones

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Abstain: Johnson

Motion carried

C) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Sterling

Second: Jones

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

D) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for May 19, 2026 Committee Meeting

Motion Tabled

E) Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Release of Executive Session Minutes for December 9, 2025

Motion: Sterling

Second: Jones

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones and Sterling

Nays: None

Abstain: Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated that Mayor Marva will respond to the comments at another time.

Vickie Jankovich commented on the lack of speed bumps on her block. There are a lot of children on her block. Vickie asked about lawn services for the overgrown lawns.

Francine commented on Accounts Payable- residents should be packing the room to ask questions.

Francine commented on the amount of Accounts Payables compared to how much was stated that we have in the bank. Did additional income show up? All bills were paid?

David Smith stated it was suspicious that the week after the CD information was released – the mayor, Interim VA and Interim Finance Director are absent tonight. Has anyone received information on the CD? If we paid all the bills, why are there bills on tonight's AP from 2025.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she has not received any information.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

i) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt- Absent

ii) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported Village Stickers are still on sale. Stickers must be displayed by midnight on June 30th to avoid fines and double the sticker price.

iii) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath-No Report

iv Village Engineer- Melanie Arnold- Absent

v) Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch- Absent

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

i. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for a motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$508,330.27** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Sterling

Second: Jones

Trustee Jones questioned the 2.5 million – after paying Accounts Payable we had \$35,000. Can we afford to pay Accounts Payable? Where will the money come from to pay this Accounts Payable? Can we table this?

Trustee Jones made a motion to table AP. Second: Trustee Johnson

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones and Sterling

Nays: Trustee Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns and Sapp

Motion carried

**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
June 16, 2026 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Marva asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On Roll call

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

Absent: Trustees Sapp (with notice)

2. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A) John Lees, Account Executive

a) Cloudpermit- Local Government Building and Code Proposal

A presentation was made to provide information on how Cloudpermit can save the village time and money while providing timely, accurate reporting with unlimited data storage.

Unlimited user license fees for municipal staff

Online portal for public users to submit

Access to all software (including mobile features)

Implementation typically takes 4-8 weeks with little or no IT support

Maintenance is included with the annual subscription fee

Software updated every 3-4 weeks- minimum of 12 updates per year- with no effort from the client's end user or IT staff with no system downtime.

Cloudpermit supports ticketing portal for clients, self-help for municipal end-users as well as public applicants (builders/ developers)

The support portal is updated online with monthly releases and is available to the public by accessing the link

The software is configured with the features and functionalities the customer needs

A change request is made if additional needs are identified during the implementation process according to the price list

All data is encrypted both in transit and at rest/ System backups are done hourly

Guarantees 99.99% uptime annually

Other uses:

Use anywhere- anytime

Accept, Review and Issue Permits
Receive complete permit applications

Conduct on-site Mobile Inspections

Use Maps integrated with your GPS

Workflow modifications, create reports, enable online and over the counter payments

Keep all communication in one place

And many other code department duties like online registrations, license renewals, expiration date notices.

This service is in addition to Code Department staff- not in place of it. Keeps all communication in one place with securely storing data that is owned by the municipality but hosted by Cloudpermit

Costs and budget placement were discussed for the annual subscription. There is flexibility to pay the \$8,000. fee for the first year- monthly, quarterly or upfront.

If the board agrees to move forward the attorneys will review and provide a resolution for next week's agenda

B) Chief Keith Damm

a) Review a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall Small Equipment Grant Program

Mayor Marva stated this grant was discussed last week and was awaiting a resolution for review.

The village was awarded a Small Equipment Grant for \$26,000 similar to what we received from Firehouse Subs. There is matching funds required but do need to follow the guidelines on what needs to be purchased, such as a cutter, spreader, etc. for extraction. This will allow for equipment on two vehicles. We will purchase and get reimbursed by the state.

Fire Chief will authorize grant spending and provide an expense report.

All funds do not have to be used. All unused funds will be returned to the State. Inclement weather is predicted for tomorrow- tornado and heavy rains.

The resolution will appear on next week's agenda for consideration.

C) Clerk Debra Williams

a) Consideration of a Company (American Legal Publishing) for Recodification of Ordinances
Clerk Williams reviewed an updated proposal dated June 15, 2026 for Recodification of Ordinances and explained the need to recodify often to have the most updated information available to everyone The last recodification was 2023.

Clerk Williams explained that the recodification can consist of adding ordinances since the last codification and receiving copies of the supplements for the main individuals and make copies for others or total recodification that will insert the new ordinances as needed within the code book. All ordinances since the last codification (2023) are on the website. There is also an option to have the codification company conduct a legal review of outdated ordinances that may require updating. No estimate of cost can be completed until direction is given on how to proceed and work begins. The cost can be split between two budget years. The board will review the proposal and bring this back for

further discussion. The quote may be done before the budget. Mayor Marva stated this will require a lot of work.

Village Clerk Williams suggested total recodification – the cost could be between \$11,000-\$13,000. The number of ordinances done per year has decreased since the past. There have been no ordinances in 2026. Village Clerk Williams is seeking direction. A quote for total recodification was requested.

b) Consideration of a Deputy Clerk

Clerk Williams stated she had a Deputy Clerk during her previous term. Everyone has a backup but the Clerk. In her absence this weekend no one has agreed to prepare the packets and post the agenda. Clerk Williams was seeking the board's recommendation on how and when to appoint a Deputy Clerk. It was determined that Clerk Williams will bring suggestions of who the appointees may be at the next board meeting for board consideration and for having the Deputy be sworn in at a Regular Board meeting. The Deputy Clerk is only used in the absence of the Clerk. This is a voluntary position. Mayor Marva asked someone to take on the Clerk's responsibilities for this weekend. Mayor Marva does the agenda and paper packets are processed for the board. No one volunteered. It was suggested that the Interim VA take on those duties. It was decided that Village Clerk Williams will email the packets like usual and post the agenda on Sunday.

c) Adherence to the State of Illinois Statute on Record Retention and How to Proceed

Village Clerk William stated the Village is not in compliance with the Record Retention Act. Paperwork was distributed for board review. Clerk Williams is working on starting this project soon, which will involve the cooperation of all departments to locate files and show which may have been destroyed or can be destroyed according to the Record Retention Act. There is a process for destroying documents and a penalty/fine if documents are not on the premises until which time they can be stored or destroyed appropriately. Destroying public records is a Class 4 Felony.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Marva referenced a comment made on Sauk Village E-News and stated the title referred to has been corrected.

Francine still mentioned the comment made on E-News asking if the mayor ever gives authority to speak on behalf of the mayor and trustees. A particular event was sponsored by a local vendor. Francine stated she is not in favor of Cloudpermit if it means losing a staff member or getting more staff and asked what the annual fee was. Francine mentioned a truck that has been on the grass on 21742 Peterson for two weeks. Francine stated a previous Police and Fire Commissioner did contact the Retention Board and after three years still did not get an appointment.

Mayor Marva replied the cost is \$8,000 annually for the very first year. This will make us more accountable, efficient and transparent. We will not lose any staff. The issue with the truck will be referred to that department tomorrow.

David Fields commented on the CD and asked if the mayor signed to have the CD moved? The mayor and the clerk both said no previously. David Fields stated he did not believe that the mayor did not

know about the CD being moved on the first of May. It was not necessary to be moved because after ten days it would have been renewed automatically. The mayor did say that she was advised to move it. The water fund money - \$173,000. Came out also. No one mentioned that previously. Where is the money? What was it used for?

David Smith stated there seems to be a gap on the village website between the years 2023 and 2024-ordinances and resolutions. Clerk Williams recently added some 2023 ordinances. Why weren't they posted when you were the Clerk?

David stated that the mayor acknowledged that she did the notes/ minutes for May 5th. The Finance Director did a report that was very misleading at that time stating that the CD money was still in that account when everyone knew it had already been moved May 1st. He is waiting for the minutes to verify what the Village Finance Director said. Why have you not gotten back to the board with the documents. Record retention- there is no paperwork on the CD. Where are the documents?

Mayor Marva stated he takes videos and posts them on Youtube with rebuttals.

4. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION- None

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

Trustee Jones read a statement that will be placed on record with these minutes.

Bank records and other paperwork are not being given to the board.

Discussion continued regarding the large amount of Accounts Payable approved previously with checks that may not have actually been sent to the vendor- why? Comcast was included in that Accounts Payable- why is Comcast disconnected? Why are some vendors still showing the exact same amounts still due on the aging report? Exactly how much money is available to pay bills. The trustees are approving to pay bills but they don't get paid.

Mayor Marva stated that those records are in the Finance Department offices and you can view or make copies any time you want. The mayor and staff does not have the time to copy and scan them. Trustees in the past were not given that opportunity.

Mayor Marva asked for specific examples and will research it. Many times, invoices come in long after they are due for whatever reason. Invoices also must be validated before paid.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Jones. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:55 p.m.