

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330**

1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with three trustees and the mayor present which represented a physical quorum. The mayor was only allowed to break a tie if necessary.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Sapp, Sterling and Winston.

Trustee Johnson attempted to call in remotely at 7:11pm.

Mayor Marva asked what the reason was that Trustee Johnson had to call in remote.

Clerk's response: she had to work.

Mayor Marva asked the trustees if they would allow Trustee Johnson to call in remotely because she has to work.

Trustee Sterling -Yes

Trustees Sapp and Winston- No

Trustees Jones and Burns were walking in at 7:13 immediately after the trustees' 1 Yes – 2 No consensus was stated.

Village Clerk Williams acknowledged their presence and asked to wait a minute and include them in the consensus. Mayor Marva said no because we did not have time.

Present: Trustee Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustee Johnson (Not allowed to join remotely due the majority of the consensus not consenting to the trustee calling in remote.)

Also Present: Attorney Tillman, Fire Chief Damm, Police Chief Sanders and Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch

Mayor Marva asked to remove two items by common consent.

2B- Mr. John Thompson- Economic & Grant Consultant- Not present due to an emergency

2C- Review previously submitted ordinance Amending Section 2-68 of the Municipal Code – Standing Committees. The ordinance is not in the packet.

Common consent was given to amend the agenda.

2. Discussions and Presentations

A) Dolton Fire Chief Quentin Curtis- The Black Fire Brigade – Chicago

Chief Quentin Davis provided information on his hopes of bringing the Black Fire Brigade to Sauk Village. They will make a full presentation and help recruit Sauk Village youth 18-30 in order to qualify for a license. Chief Q introduced members of the Black Brigade and Ms. Terry. They stated they take classes at Prairie State College. They are like family and stated it was life changing. Miles met Ms. Terry in late October and is grateful to give back to the community. The program is very successful. It helps to get young people's lives back on track. They provide all the materials you need. EMT classes are 90-120 days. You have to be an EMT before you can be a Police Officer or go into whatever direction they want to work with First Responders. There is a 50/50 mix of female and male.

Mayor Marva suggested they meet with Chief Damm and Chief Sanders and stage a training center in Sauk Village. Chief Damm stated he is excited to partner with Chief Q. Chief Sanders will speak with him after the meeting.

Chief Q. invited everyone to the training center located

Mayor Marva stated an MOU can be provided to the board to be approved next Tuesday. Mayor Marva will email Ms. Terry the next day.

2D) Interim Village Administrator – Anthony Finch (Items 1-4 presented out of agenda order)

• Fitness Court

Interim Village Administrator Finch stated the Fitness Court would be part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant.

A three-minute video was shown that displayed the World Class 7 -minute workout field that all ages and fitness levels can take advantage of at their own pace and timeframe for free.

Glenwood installed this Fitness Center and another on 175th and Dixie Highway.

Trustee Jones inquired about the grant and the need for a staff person being needed out there. Is this a dire need right now? Our budget is tight. What will be annual cost for Public Works to maintain it.

Mayor Marva stated the grant is 50/50 50% BCBS= \$50, 000-\$75,000. And the Village \$75,000.- \$125,000. No staff person is needed. There is no time limit to being on the field.

Mr. Finch stated funds will be used from accounts that have available cash. The CN Fund could offset costs by \$28,000-29,000. Public Works will include this in their schedule during normal business hours. This item will be discussed during 2027 budget meetings.

Trustee Sterling was concerned that we need more public works staff and we still don't have a union contract.

Trustee Burns stated the liability would be the same as the outdoor basketball hoops- play at your own risk. Should be covered by village insurance – put a sign out there.

Mr. Fich stated there was \$10,000. allocated in this Parks and Rec budget for an ice rink that cannot be built.

• See My Legacy- Chris

A Zoom call presentation provided information on a program that lists events throughout the year and provides a place to receive and track funding, sponsorship and registration throughout the year all in one place. Best practices and ideas from other clients will be shared with Sauk Village to give them additional events to consider. Everything including recognition for sponsors is handled through this program all in one place. Unlimited campaigns with no additional charge.

Dedicated assistance is provided. The subscription cost of \$2,250 per month includes a discount good until February 11th to onboard right away and fill out a custom marketing plan. Several sample campaigns, marketing, volunteer tracking and sponsorship tools were shown. They handle it all and provide a spreadsheet with updates. We can go live in 3-5 days.

Trustee Winston asked about the success rate of corporate sponsorship. Generally, there is 100 a return in the first three months.

Additional discussion was held on the logistics and maintenance of the program. This program will have a link on the Sauk Village website and be maintained separately.

Mayor Marva told the trustees to send any questions to her and she will share with Chris.

- **Mini Golf Presentation**

Mr. Finch stated there is an area on Sauk Trail and 394 that is wetland. There is not much that can be done on that land. We have very little for the kids to do. There are 11 acres available. A presentation for a miniature golf course on that land will absorb 1 acre. The total cost to build the mini golf is approximately \$250,000.00. landscaping, moving bushes, etc. In three years the mini golf will pay for itself. All revenue after that will be profit except staff and maintenance and those funds could be used for other recreational activities.

Mr. Finch asked if the board was interested in moving forward before he continues to reach out to IDOT. It will take 3-4 months to build out and another month to have the land dry out.

Trustee Jones stated this is a good idea for the kids. We need something else included like an arcade.

Trustee Burns stated that we had a vendor planning on building activities up in the area. A dispute started regarding when that proposal started and exactly what was offered along with the grocery store and the dispensary.

Mr. Finch stated there is also an electrical easement that divides the land. Further research will be conducted upon trustee direction. There will be an inside concession stand. One was just built at Navy Pier.

- **A Resolution of the Village of Sauk Village Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal**

3. Executive Closed Session

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to closed session.

Motion: Trustee Winston Second: Trustee Burns

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:47 pm.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session.

Motion: Winston Second: Jones

The meeting reconvened from executive session at 9:00 pm.

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston
Absent: Trustee Johnson

Mayor Marva asked for roll call.

Roll call

Present: Trustees Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston
Absent: Trustee Johnson

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

There were no trustee comments.

Mayor Marva stated

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Trustee Winston Second: Trustee Sapp

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 pm.

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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
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

B) Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Burns

Mayor Marva asked for prayer for Pastor John Pitts and Deputy Chief Stephen Barrett who are both recovering.

Also in Attendance: Melanie Arnold

C) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

Ms. Earnestine Blackmon provided the meditation in Pastor Pitts' absence.

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zoning Commissioner Sharon Davenport appealed for a STOP sign or YIELD sign on 218th St & Jeffrey. When the cars park at the curb it creates a blind spot.

Mayor Marva will submit this request to Public Works.

Vickie Jankovic reported drivers zoom down her street 217th St & Jeffrey to avoid humongous speed bumps on Carol Ave and Peterson. She has lots of kids on her block.

Village Clerk Williams and Mayor Marva attempted to contact Trustee Burns at 7:17pm using the dial phone on the dais and a new free dial up system. The mayor explained we started a new process last week. We will dial the number in order to connect with the trustee. Once the connection is made a vote will be taken among the trustees present whether to allow the incoming trustee to participate. Even though there was a message

saying there was one more person on the line there was no contact made. Mayor Marva disconnected the call at 7:20 pm after asking if anyone else on the line with no response.

Francine Anderson reported a problem with the potholes on 216th Place, Jeffrey and Peterson. The Accounts Payable report was not on the table. After being given a copy of the Accounts Payable she questioned if the \$109,000.00 was for Robinson Engineering from the Merrill Avenue Project, the Odelson bill for \$79,749.65 with invoices dated back to July 2025 through December 2025. Why are we just now paying them? They have been our corporate attorney since April.

Mayor Marva stated she will refer the pothole issue to Public Works and we do not get all the invoices immediately; sometimes 8-9 at a time covering a large period of time. When they come in they go on the aging report. Robinson pays for the grants and we reimburse them.

David Fields stated it is offensive that as residents of Sauk Village we don't know what is going on. That is a concern. Also, his job was brought into this situation and that has nothing to do with when he comes to the meetings. He did not appreciate that. David stated he recommended Larry Sapp as Zoning Chair after a chat with Mayor Marva as his own opinion. The Commission will appoint a chair when they get together. Mayor Marva said that has not how the chairman gets appointed. The mayor always makes the appointment in all fairness. Her appointment stands.

David Smith asked when we started voting to allow trustees to attend meetings remotely. They should be allowed to attend remotely if they have a qualifying reason. The State Statute says the only reason you would vote is if one of the qualifying reasons have not been met. The board never voted to change it. We should not have had to pay for a settlement for Steve Larock. The FOIA should have been done on time. What are we doing to ensure this does not happen again? Referring to the \$79,000.00 payment due to Odelson, he asked what are we doing to get the legal fees restrained?

Mayor Marva stated remote call in policy will be addressed next week. The settlement will not be called for a vote tonight. The FOIA request went to FOIA .gov instead of the Village Clerk. When it was brought to our attention we communicated with the website and IT. That has been corrected. FOIA.org now transfers to the Clerk. The \$79,000.00 is a drop in the bucket. We have lawsuits with the 3rd party attorneys and Odelson responding to lawsuits dated back to 2022 that this administration inherited from the previous administration. We are doing our best. Invoices are not submitted timely.

4. 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 \$526452.61 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Winston

Second: Sapp

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion carried

5. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Direct the Administration to continue research on logistics and funding opportunities for the National Fitness Team.

Point of Information-Trustee Jones asked if there would be a cost to do the research. The mayor said we are looking for grants. Mr. Finch stated researching for grants will not cost money but will cost time. There may be a cost if Robinson Engineering or another company has to come in to provide information.

Mayor Marva asked that questions begin after a motion and a second is called.

Motion: Sapp

Second: Winston

Mayor Marva stated trustee agreement is needed in order to allow the administration to take the time to do the research. If the board is not in favor at this time they will continue. They will come back with updated information before going any further. There is no written agreement at this time. Just research only.

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Sapp, and Winston

Nays: Trustees Johnson and Sterling

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

C) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Direct the Administration to continue research on logistics and funding opportunities for the Miniature Golf Course.

Motion: Sapp

Second: Winston

Trustee Sterling stated we are on a spending freeze which allows spending on essentials only. If we are doing surveys that will be at a cost. We should not go forward.

Mayor Marva asked for additional comments. Hearing none she asked for roll call.

Ayes: Trustees Sapp, and Winston

Nays: Trustees Johnson, Jones and Sterling
Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Failed

D) Motion to Approve a Settlement in the matter of Steve LaRock V. Village of Sauk Village in the amount of \$5,500.00

As stated during Public Comment Item D. was removed from the agenda due to the fact there is no agreement in place at this time. An agenda amendment was not stated at the beginning of the agenda, but the item will be removed based on past practice.

5) ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) Motion to Approve a Resolution of the Village of Sauk Village Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: Trustee

Johnson

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

i. Appoint two Commissioners to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint Elder Reggie Robinson as Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner.

Trustee Sterling asked for Reggie Robinson to be identified to the board.

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Sapp, and Winston

Nays: Trustee Johnson and Jones

Abstain: Trustee Sterling

Absent: Trustee Burns

The vote was a tie. Abstentions go with the majority. Seeing no majority Mayor Marva votes Aye.

Motion Carried

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Village Clerk Debbie Williams provided the oath of office to Elder Reggie Robinson.
This commission expires April 30, 2029.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to appoint Earnestine Blackmon as Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner.

Motion: Winston Second: Sapp

Ayes: Trustees Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: Trustee Johnson

Absent: Trustee Burns

Motion Carried

Village Clerk Debbie Williams provided the oath of office to Earnestine Blackmon. This commission expires April 30, 2029.

The Zoning Board of Appeals now has a fully seated board.

ii. Bid Opening- IT Proposals

Mayor Marva stated Mr. Finch, Clerk Williams and herself will open the bids, and the trustees will check off or comment according to various categories. Each bid has three copies.

After the bid opening, three people will rate what the trustees stated. They will then make a recommendation to the board. Mayor Marva asked if any trustees wanted to help rate the bids. Trustee Sapp agreed.

Submitted bids were reviewed from:

Proven IT

AlTek Digital Solutions

Sharp – follow up required

Pace Systems- follow up required

(Due to the variations of stages of work to be performed and the follow up required the final bid tabulations will be shared after the review.)

Clerk Williams

Mayor Marva asked how the trustees was received by the trustees. Instead of one person opening bids it a variety of opinions. Trustee Sterling stated she has nothing to compare it to. Trustee Winston said it was transparent.

Mayor Marva stated there is a letter to the residents that is also included in the water bill and on Facebook that addresses not completing the water bill issue within the 6 months that was anticipated. We are getting closer to the end.

Save the dates are also mentioned:

Meals in the Meantime- Drive up food pantry this Saturday 10am -12pm

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Next Town Hall Meeting February 28th from 10 am – noon will provide free energy resources from ComEd, Nicor, Li Heap and Respond Now.

March 31st is focusing on emergency response teams and conserving home energy. All board members and department heads have been invited to School District 168's Black History Month Program which is always very good. Please consider attending at 5pm on February 26th.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated she is pleased with the difference of the website from July through now. If there are any comments or suggestions to dwilliams@saukville.org.

The search bar is on front page to direct you. The message bar on the top lists current events. The minutes, agendas and ordinances are updated from April until now. The website is very comprehensive and we are still moving forward. The entire site can be translated into 8 different languages. The Sauk Talk is also on the website.

The Library is hosting the Clerk of the Circuit Court from 2-5pm expungements, protective orders, e-filings, passports, wills, garnishes, foreclosures and more.

You can file your tax appeal before February 18th at the Cook County Board of Appeals or online. You can schedule an appointment by calling 312/443-7550.

Early voting starts soon. Election judges are needed. Bilingual is important. Judges are paid \$250.00 for the day and \$400.00 for a polling place technician. Please pass this on. Contact the Cook County Clerk's office or use scan the flyer on the table. This information is also in the website.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A) Senior Advisory Committee- Chairperson Carol Coleman-Not present

B) Zoning Board of Appeals- Chairperson Larry Sapp

Chairperson Sapp stating they will be rescheduling their meeting date. The agenda will be posted as soon as possible.

C) Police and Fire Commission-

Commissioner Davenport stated the Police and Fire Commission did meet on January 29th.

One qualified candidate for hire for Fire Department. The Police and Fire list is exhausted. A new list must be posted ASAP. There will be an upcoming Sergeant exam date possibly March 28th. Hoping to receive Lateral applications. The minutes will be provided to the mayor and the clerk. The 2026 meeting calendar will be posted. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026.

8. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A) Trustee Aretha Burns -none
- B) Trustee Raven Johnson-none
- C) Trustee Tyesha Jones-none
- D) Trustee Diane Sapp-none
- E) Trustee Michelle Sterling-none

Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston-

Trustee Dr. Winston reminded everyone of the 1st meeting of the CSN Community Support Network at the library 10 am -noon the third Saturday of the month.

9. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL- PRUITT- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Sapp Second: Jones

All trustees responded in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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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
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

B) Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Burns (entered the meeting at 7:06 pm)

Also in Attendance: Melanie Arnold, Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch, Chief Mack Sanders, Chief Keith Damm, Fred McMillon, and Attorney Mike McGrath

Trustee Jones asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove #6. Trustee Sterling seconded the motion.

All Ayes

Motion passed

The necessary correction that was discussed in past meetings will be ready for the next board meeting.

C) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

Pastor Pitts provided the meditation.

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS

A) Motion to Approve the Journal of Proceedings for January 27, 2026 Board Meeting

Motion: Johnson

Second: Burns

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Motion carried

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B) Motion to Approve the Journal of Proceedings for February 3, 2026 Committee Meeting

Motion: Burns

Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Earnestine Blackmon – 1609 Constance-stated she had a fire and several inspections by B&F Code Service. Reports have been requested but B& F will not release them because they have not been paid. The judge is requiring the documents from B&F by the end of the month.

Mayor Marva will research this.

Francine Anderson asked about road repairs on 216th and Jeffrey. It is getting worse. Please stand in prayer for Ida Scott. There is no Accounts Payable in the back.

David Fields referred to Trustee Johnson calling Point of Information. It does not say you cannot say someone's name in state statute.

David Smith stated Mayor Marva stated the water bills would be fixed when she took office. It has been almost a year and they are worse. David mentioned Baker Tilly has been here twice since the VA started. He requested an update. Also needs an update on leaf pick. Residents are complaining and the leaves can clog the drains. Mayor Marva stated it will be done by the end of the year.

Mayor Marva will refer to the VA.

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 \$511,546.38 and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Burns

Trustee Sapp asked where the money will come from to pay the \$385,000.00 settlement.

Mayor Marva stated the insurance will cover that, but we will take a hit at renewal time.

Trustee Burns asked why we have to pay for a FOIA settlement. Was the paperwork received or followed up?

Mayor Marva stated the FOIA was not received until it came through the State's Attorney's office. The amount is the same. We did not have the written agreement in time.

Mayor Marva stated the FOIA was sent to an email that was not operating and not forwarding to the Clerk's office. The Clerk is receiving all FOIA's now. Attorney McGrath stated they were happy to settle these three cases. A lot will be cleared in the next few months.

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Motion carried

B) Motion to approve Settlement in Shaquille Wright v. Village of Sauk Village and Officer Grossman et al. (Case No. 2023 L011199) in the amount of \$385,000.00.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Jones

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: Trustees Sapp and Winston

Abstain: Trustee Burns

Motion carried

C) Motion to approve Settlement in SAFEbuilt v. Village of Sauk Village (Case No. 2024 L01148) in the amount of \$72,000.00.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Winston

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling, Winston

Nays: Trustee Sapp

Abstain: Trustee Burns

Motion carried

D) Motion to approve Settlement in Steve LaRock v. Village of Sauk Village (Case No. 2025 CH 12003) in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Jones

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Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Jones, Sterling, Winston

Nays: Trustee Sapp

Abstain: Trustee Burns

Motion carried

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- Removed from the agenda

7) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Mayor Marva reported attending several events in and around Sauk Village. The Town Hall forums have begun to assist with energy resources and assistance for low-income residents. The next Town Hall is scheduled for this Saturday in the Community Center. This Thursday the village will host Business After Hours during the same time the school district will be holding their Black History program.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated the Sauk Talk article are due Friday. Sauk Talk will be released March 1st. The majority of the Sauk Talk will be focusing on the upcoming Primary election. Village Clerk Williams reported an upcoming calendar of events:

Village Stickers on sale May 1st.

Student Government Day April 28th. Calls to the school to ask for their participation have gone unanswered. Clerk Williams asked everyone to save the date- April 28th and will speak to the new staff and board members to explain what that entails.

The focus on the Clerk's events will be relating to family; there is so much sadness and sickness in the world today.

May- Mother/ Son Dance

June – Father / Daughter Dance

July- Old Fashioned Community Picnic

Trustees have been asked to work on these events with the Clerk, understanding others will also be hosting events as well.

August is Back to School- it is not known who will be doing that event.

Holiday events follow throughout the rest of the year.

C) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier & McGrath, LLC
Mayor Marva asked how we can keep up with who is paid or not and prevent double billing. We still owe money. Attorney McGrath stated Attorney McGrath stated they were happy to settle these three cases. A lot will be cleared in the next few months. Ancel and Glink cases are over; no more billing. They may have older billing coming through. He will review with Mr. Finch

D) Village Engineer- Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering-No report

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A) Police Department- Chief Mack Sanders- not present at report time; entered later in the meeting and read his report. Report is attached.

Chief Sanders stated he has been here for 6 months, and he is here for the people keeping pride and progress until he leaves. We can all build. Chief thanked everyone for their support getting the heat working. He has an open-door policy. There are certain things we can do and mistakes can happen. Let's work together. If you see something say something.

Chief explained the last time police cars were paid for was in 2022. They run 24 hours a day. Three grants were used to pay for the new vehicles, tow fund and DEA fund.

Chief attached a photo of a walk out at Bloom Trail because of ICE in his report. The peaceful march took place from Bloom Trail to Gash and Wash. Teachers were present. Mayor Marva stated if the Police Chief cannot be here to read the report he should send someone. There was talk of another one. They are exercising their 1st Amendment rights. There were no arrests. Rickover talked about doing a walk out. Trustee Winston did a ride along with Chief. Chief invited all board members to ride along.

B) Fire Department- Chief Keith Damm

Report is attached.

Chief Damm stated he was not in attendance last week because there was a fire in Ford Heights. Chief Damm thanked WinPak for hosting them. There was a dryer fire Sunday night. Chief reminded everyone to clean their dryer filter once a year to avoid a fire. Trustee Winston asked if there was anyone to assist residents with cleaning out the filter. Chief will investigate. Village Clerk Williams thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with getting her hospital this weekend. They were very helpful and professional.

C) Finance Department- Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon

Report is attached

Interim Director McMillon answered questions after reading his report.

Getting the audits performed concerns reconciliations that have been neglected through the years. Documents are being pulled and complied. The year end audits, MFT Audit for 2017 and the TIF Audits are all past due. A letter was received from the Illinois State Comptrollers Office that if we can't complete the audits timely they will send their auditors in at a much higher cost. The village replied that those auditors will be prepare the audit with the same papers we are trying to recover. Hopefully, we will have extra time through September. There is a lot of paperwork to find and create new documents. Such as bank reconciliations, money cleared the bank but there were no entries in the system. Five years of bank recs for 30 accounts X 12 months= 360 bank recs. 360 X 5 years is 1800 bank recs that have not been done. Bank recs should be completed monthly. They just did not do the work in the past. We have to start over to have paperwork to present to the auditor. The auditors will be reporting on FY 2021 soon and the report is not good.

D) Village Administrator- Interim Director Anthony Finch

Mr. Finch distributed a report listing over 600 addresses (out of 3000) homes) where the meters are not operable. Some meters were installed incorrectly and give no readings. The meters will be replaced as time goes on. Each meter cost \$165.00 per meter and we have to buy a transmitter. Appointments have to be made with the residents to install the meters. Many things have caused the issue we are facing now. This has gone on for more than two years. Incorrect readings have caused the bills to go out incorrectly in the past without being reconciled or trying to find and fix the problem which is what is being done now. Water bills were shut off in the past. Recently it was determined that a resident did not pay their bills for 24 months.

Mr. Finch stated he did attempt to bring in assistance for the audits- Sheldon Fox and Lauterbach. The board refused to allow them to assist. The current auditors are uncomfortable with what they need to report on. For instance- one account was \$700,000. negative for the 2021 audit and it did not make sense. Staff has been hired. It will be done correctly. We are sending information to the state, worker comp audits, MFT audits are being done. It will take a lot of time. A staff of six got paid to do the work that did not get done and now we have to do it with less staff. We lost two senior staff members from Public Works. One machine that is needed to clean the streets has needed repair since prior to this administration.

E) Community Development – Interim Director Hilda Fernandez- absent

Mayor Marva read the Community Development report.

Issued or reviewed 38 building permits

Issued 19 contractor licenses

Issued 7 stop work orders- working without a permit

Answered 6 citizen's complaints.

Business licenses packages will be going out next month.

The fee schedule is under review and will be brought before the board at a later date.

F) Public Works- Interim Director Adam Winiecki- absent

9. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns –

Trustee Burns asked what type of work requires a permit. Trustee Burns spoke of a place of business with no changes.

Mayor Marva stated it could also include flooring, heating and air conditioning.

Mayor Marva suggested Trustee Burns look through the village code.

Mayor Marva discussed the need for staff reports on Friday at 10:00 am. Staff must be present to give their reports to the trustees.

Mayor Marva stated anything that was not already existing requires a permit.

B) Trustee Raven Johnson-none

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones-Report attached

D) Trustee Diane Sapp-none

E) Trustee Michelle Sterling-Thanked Trustee Jones for her report and agreed with what she said.

F) Trustee Dr. Winston - none

10. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL- PRUITT-

Mayor Marva reported Meals in the Meantime went off without a hitch. They were a fine- tuned machine. The scheduled time was 10am-noon and it was over at 11 am. One hundred fifty people received meals with the mayor and the clerk handling traffic control. Residents were happy to get food. The food was excellent.

The FY 21 audit report is ready. The auditor will bring bound copies of the report on March 3rd rather than send copies. The audits will continue. Staff are doing double duty.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Johnson Second: Sapp

All trustees responded in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
Monday, March 16, 2026
Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411
(708) 758-3330**

Prior to Roll Call Mayor Marva announced today is the birthday of Pastor John Pitts. His church celebrated him yesterday. Trustee Dr. Winston was in attendance and provided a Resolution (unofficially) naming the day "Pastor Pitt's Day" in Sauk Village.

1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Johnson, Sapp, and Winston.

Absent: Trustee Burns (entered at 7:03 pm), Jones (entered at 7:05 pm) and Sterling (entered at 7:32 pm)

Also Present: Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch, Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon, Police Chief Mac Sanders and Attorney Tillman.

3. Review Village Insurance- Insure One/ Cliff Taylor

Cliff Taylor began the annual review of Worker's Comp and General Liability Insurance Renewal. Renewals have been tough through some years but the renewal this year is pretty good. A full-scale marketing assessment was entertained. Some carriers are no longer entertaining Cook County. The insurance is spread over three different carriers. The proposal contained last year's rates and current proposed rates which came in with 5% increase including listing those that declined to quote. The Village is self-insured up to a certain amount. After you reach the SIR the insurance company picks up. The SIR for General Liability and Auto is \$250,000.00. Law Enforcement and Public Officials' SIR is \$500,000.00. (SIR- Self Insured Retention). Different scenarios were discussed to attempt to save costs. Trustee Burns asked Cliff to make an adjustment on the flood insurance.

The SIR for Law Enforcement has increased over time due to the number of claims occurred. Each occurrence has it's own SIR- not cumulative.

Over the last six renewal cycles the village has paid over \$4.5 Million in premiums over the cost of \$7.8 million that that insurance company paid out which is a 174 % loss ratio. The renewal this year is good considering the loss ratio.

Deductibles have gone up all over Cook County. Sauk Village is one of the lowest for deductibles. SIR is paid out according to how the claim develops. Some claims may not reach beyond the SIR.

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Trustee Sapp asked why the deductible is so costly. The amount of the SIR affects the deductible. Cliff recommended not changing it.

Going to \$500,000.00 SIR across the board would result in a 7% increase from current premiums,

Trustee Dr. Winston inquired about the loss run report.

The loss run report can be provided to the village upon asking and does contain a lot of sensitive information- a lot of open claims and open litigation is in there. Mr. Finch can request this to share with the board.

Trustee Jones asked how much the Village has paid out in SIR in the last 5 years. The village has paid out \$1,181,126.00 in SIR in the past 5 years.

Ten-year retroactive dates were discussed. If a claim comes today that happened three years ago, the SIR from that time will be included.

Trustee Winston asked for any claims for stolen money for the past five years.

Generally, the village is under a very short timeline to approve this. The insurance expires March 27, 2026. The approval will be included on the agenda on March 24th.

Mayor Marva asked that trustees can have the option of review and option 1 or option 2 prior to approving.

Trustee Sterling also asked for the loss run report. That can be discussed in executive session.

Mayor Marva asked the trustees to send their questions to her or the clerk so the list can be sent to Cliff at one time.

4. Public Comment-

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 agenda items only.

Jeffrey Burns asked why we wait until the 9th hour every year. Trustees don't have the option to review for very long. Mayor Marva agreed. She brings that to him every year that it is totally unacceptable. Cliff says the companies are not always forthcoming and he is trying to get the best possible quote.

Cliff stated he starts the renewal process 60-90 days out and wait for underwriters to respond and then negotiate. Liberty Mutual not renewing caused a delay.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Marva adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm after the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Burns.

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SPECIAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Monday, March 16, 2026 – 7:30 PM

Rescheduled from 3-10-26

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

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

B) Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

C) Meditation: Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to recess to executive session to discuss employment and litigation.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Burns

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Motioned carried

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:52 pm.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Burns

All were in favor of reconvening the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:53 pm.

Roll Call

B) Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS ASKED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 10TH BOARD MEETING AND FEBRUARY 17TH COMMITTEE MEETING. VILLAGE CLERK WILLIAMS ASKED TO REMOVE FEBRUARY 24TH TO A LATER DATE.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to remove item 3C from the agenda.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

All Ayes to remove item 3C.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

A) Approve Journal of Proceedings for February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Motion carried

B) Approve Journal of Proceedings for February 17, 2026 Committee Meeting

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for February 17, 2026 Committee Meeting

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Jones, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Motion carried

C) Approve Journal of Proceedings for February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting-
Removed from the agenda.

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.

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 **\$262,656.88** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Approve a Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Winston

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Motion Carried

B) Motion to Accept the Recording and Insights of the 2021 Audit as presented by Baker, Tilly.

Mayor Marva stated we are not accepting the audit itself but rather accepting the Recording and Insights provided by the auditor.

Trustee Jones stated that due to the opinion that there is no opinion which is worse than having an opinion, what is the action plan moving forward? We have a procurement policy and financial policy. Are we getting started with that?

Mayor Marva stated when the procurement plan was presented to trustees were instructed to give feedback to the VA and Finance Director by email. That has not happened yet. The next audit will still have many missing files so the audit report may be similar to the current one. Putting the corrective action in place will help moving forward.

Motion: Winston

Second: Sapp

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Sapp, and Winston

Nays: Trustees Jones, Johnson and Sterling

Mayor Marva broke the tie with the vote of AYE,

Motion Carried

6. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve a Resolution to Authorize the Submission of an Application to Request Cook County CDBG Funds for Program Year 2026.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Jones

Ayes: Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston
Nays: None
Motion Carried

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Mayor Marva stated flyers are available for upcoming events on the back table. March 28th there will be a recycling event in the parking lot from 9am – noon sponsored by the Cook County Sheriff's office. Paper will be accepted for offsite shredding. Medication drugs will be accepted and disposed of by the Sauk Village Police Department.

The next Town Hall meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm in the Community Center. Bags and refreshments We will focus on energy efficiency and resources. Deputy Chief Stephen Barrett will be the presenter. This will be at no cost to the residents. Gift bags and refreshments are generally available.

Please fill out the email request slip on the back table in order to receive emails from the village.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk the library asked if anyone would like to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Bikes and baskets are already secured. If anyone wants to donate candy or to participate, please contact the library.

Village Clerk Williams stated there was a new idea to create the village sticker this year. Village Clerk Williams asked the trustees if they wanted to submit drawings of a sticker that would promote family and community. Three trustees designed three designs each using their own idea of family and community. They are all great! The picture of all three is on the back table. There were five judges. Village Clerk Williams did not judge. The winner is- Trustee Aretha Burns. The bottom right- hand corner shows the new sticker which says- Village of Sauk Village- Rising Together- in Service to Community- Building to the Spirit of Excellence- Commemorative Trustee Edition- Love- Unity- Leadership and Community.

Great Job everyone. Village stickers are on order and will go on sale May 1st.

Village Clerk Williams stated this is a Special Board meeting and public comment is open to special agenda items only. Normally residents can comment on anything at a board meeting. Village Clerk Williams asked for clarification that only special meeting items can be discussed at Special Meetings. Mayor Marva concurred.

C) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath-No Comment

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A) Senior Advisory Committee- Chairperson Carol Coleman- not present

B) Zoning Board of Appeals-Chairperson Larry Sapp- No report

Everyone wished Commissioner Sapp Happy Birthday.

C) Police and Fire Commission- Chairperson Dr. Sharon Davenport- not present

9. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns

Trustee Burns excitedly shared a new business- Courtyard Tech Café that will be open for the residents to gather. Trustee Burns acknowledge the small businesses in Sauk Village and asked that we support our small businesses. Together we Rise! Please keep our dollars in Sauk Village.

Mayor Marva stated that this board has stated that we will not give a business license or allow a business to open without coming to the board at a committee of the whole meeting. Thank you for giving an expose of all of the other businesses here, but we are not doing what we have asked our other businesses to do. We must be fair.

Mayor Burns stated she is not aware of any policy or procedure in place. In the past, only businesses that needed permits and major structural changes have come before the board or new business building from the ground up. Also, businesses open up in the malls. We need a policy with direction. Each business could fall under a different policy. Several businesses have opened without coming to the board. We do not need to know the names of the business owners which could include partnerships. That should remain confidential.

Trustee Burns stated she did come to the mayor and secured all necessary permits. When businesses start renting a mall space they start paying the bills immediately.

Mayor Marva stated policies and procedures are needed in a lot of places and acknowledging meeting with the Burns' and shared the steps. These discussions should be held in committee meetings. The license has not be turned over yet.

B) Trustee Raven Johnson- No comment

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones- Trustee Jones stated Public comment requires transparency, accountability and respect. Trustee Jones asked for information on the hiring of individuals. She understands that records from the previous administration no longer exist. Illinois law states that municipalities cannot destroy record without written authorization from the Local Records Commission. This not optional. Ou residents deserve nothing less. Trustee Jones asked what follow up action was taken? Mayor Marva stated it was reported to the Illinois State's Attorneys Office more than one time. Other infractions were also reported to that office.

Trustee Jones asked how did the village provide financial records and get notified there was no response to the audit? Also asked if anyone checked out the files in the Police Department basement. Mayor Marva stated the auditor said he did not get records from 2021 through 2023. The records are not here. They were destroyed. Only files from 2007 and before are filed in that basement.

D) Trustee Diane Sapp

Trustee Sapp asked if the Tech Café business open for business. Mayor Marva stated she has signed no licences.

E) Trustee Michelle Sterling

Trustee Sterling asked if the village has a record retention policy in place? Mayor Marva stated the record retention policy is governed by the state. She has contacted them before because we are landlocked here. They have not scheduled a meeting yet to determine which records can be destroyed or retained,

Trustee Sterling mentioned the drains being backed up and asked if there is a set time to clear the drains. Mayor Marva stated residents have been asked to help clear the drains in the past. There has been a lot of snow and rain in recent months. Mr. Finch said they were out Saturday night and Public Works is short- staffed. Resident assistance is appreciated.

F) Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston

Trustee Winston agreed with the drain problem and reminded everyone that the Community Support Network will be at the library on Saturday from 10am – noon. Kidney awareness is the topic. Chief Sanders will be on hand to meet and greet residents and discuss public safety.

10) General Comments from Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt- Comments are above

11) Adjournment

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Trustee Sapp asked what is required for a business to open in Sauk Village.

Mayor Marva stated the person who brought the subject up asked for confidentiality and she will not discuss that in the open meeting.

All Trustees vote Aye to adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE Tuesday, March 17, 2026
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1. Mayor Marva called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Sterling, and Winston

Absent: Sapp (entered the meeting at 7:05 pm) Trustee Jones (arrived at 7:12 pm)

Mayor Marva asked to amend the agenda after 2A to remove Item 2D Quick Service Restaurant (they are not ready to present) and remove item 2E Sauk Village Athletic Association (pending additional information)

Motion to amend the agenda

Motion: Johnson Second: Sterling

All Ayes

Motion carried

2. Discussions and Presentations

A) Review 2021 Audit- Mike Mallot, Baker- Tilly

Mr. Mallot will present the 2021 audit. The mayor and staff will have the opportunity to ask Mr. Mallot questions. Mr. Mallot will then answer questions from the residents.

The entire audit is available on the village website www.saukvillage.org.

Review Financial statements-

Auditor reports what they did and what is their opinion.

This year's report includes a disclaimer of opinion.

The information was not available or could not be validated. Rough guesses were made. Nothing drastically wrong but this is a starting point to moving forward.

The entire booklets were reviewed. Explanations were given when asked.

Items of note:

TIF auditing- there are three TIF's. A compliance report naming suggestions on how things can be done differently could not be done because there were no findings because there was nothing to review.

No financial statements available.

The Illinois State Comptroller requires an annual financial report (AFR) to be submitted on the Comptroller's website. That has been filed by Baker Tilly and accepted.

A planning letter was sent way back of what was needed from the village and what the auditor's responsibilities are.

All findings were placed in one spot.

The internal controls won't change for a few years due to how long the internal controls were not being done. This will repeat until corrected.

Need to work on a solution due to the lack of internal controls. It will take 3 years or more to correct.

2021 is closed out. The 2022 report will look pretty much the same while working to minimize risk.

A management response will be added to address what has been done.

Trustee Jones stated the report shows that due to substantial turnover and failure to provide village financial records in a timely manner they were unable to verify them in the audit, such as bank recs and other financial records. Trustee Jones requested a detailed corrective action plan to be completed within 60 days listing who is responsible for what action, etc... When deficiencies are identified they must be corrected before moving forward confidently. Mayor Marva stated he clearly stated the administration can provide a rebuttal as to what methods will be taken not looking at 2022, 2023, etc. without records on the premises. 2021 cannot be rectified. We can say what is going on moving forward.

If the records are not available in 2022, 2023 and 2024 the audit could look the same.

Auditors cannot force an opinion. The auditors will continue to work with the staff to minimize risk. Transparency and documents were insufficient. They spent three years trying to access information the village does not have. Bank statements have been provided for third party accounts without underlying supporting documentation. Bank reconciliations were not done for other cash accounts.

The state wants the village to get caught up on their audits. Close out 2021 and begin 2022. They don't know when they will get to the point to provide a qualified opinion. The records are not there, and some cannot be retrieved or recreated. It will take a lot more time to even attempt that. Not sure what records exist for 2022. Hopefully, by 2023 there can be a qualified opinion.

Mayor Marva stated the Comptroller sent a letter to the village last year stating that if they did not turn the audit in they would have to send in their own auditors charging their fees. The trustees agreed to work with Baker Tilly to move forward at that time.

That same letter was received last week stating that the audits need to be done or they would send the auditors at an exorbitant fee. The village responded with an action plan.

Trustee Sterling asked what else is missing in the village. Is there a risk moving into 2022 using the numbers from 2021. Will a forensic audit be helpful?

Response: Certain invoices, utility bill reports, personnel records, etc. were not obtainable. The goal for 2022 is to have more precise numbers to work with. They do an audit as far as they can go until they have to stop. No more records exist. Internal controls need to improve. 2022 there will be some risk. They will feel better going forward.

Further discussion was repetitious.

Trustee Winston stated the employees were doing what they were doing because there were no policies or internal controls in place. Policies and procedures must be put in place.

We have no financial policy or procurement policy in place.

Trustee Winston asked what significant difficulties did you have?

Baker Tilly was engaged in January 2023.

Heard nothing from the staff for 6 months. Follow up request- no response.

Asked for basic general ledger data- not able to get information for the first couple of years. First bit of information came through last Spring.

Different people in different places. Told certain information just not available.

Amalgamated bank statements not available (TIF accounts). Had to get them from the bank. It took a long time.

Fraud- No information to validate the claim of fraud. The audit is not intended to find fraud. If they are made aware that fraud exists, they need to research that.

The records were so poor he could not tell if there was fraud. Lack of controls and human error could have been on purpose but you can't tell.

Trustee Johnson asked for a forensic audit.

Mayor Marva stated that was discussed in 2025 and may be a likelihood.

Trustee Burns asked if the auditor did not have the records how will the forensic auditor be able to do it.

Mike Mallot agreed it could be a lot of money spent on nothing. That's a board decision. They do a deeper dive. They may look at something we did not see. But is it worth the cost.

Trustee Jones- point of privilege at 8:15pm- 8:20pm.

Other comments-

No TIF audit or report in since 2017. Village failed to do their due diligence.

Two deficits in TIFS- we have bank recs but no invoices.

Money went between one TIF to Debt Service.

Mayor Marva-Past experience- the forensic audit will not be done during the same period. Do you want to stop Baker/ Tilly and do a forensic audit? Can't fix everything at one time due to staffing-Accounts payable/ Utility bills/ IT/ Bank Recs should be done within 3 days after month end.

Mike Mallot stated the bank recs must get done on a timely basis to know where your money is. Need to create monitoring and oversight in Payroll Department. One person is doing that now. Control what money leaves the door between payroll and accounts payable.

The ability of the team to clean up the general ledger- money in money out. What records exist to validate those transactions?

2022 probably not a clean opinion because 2021 was a mess. Beyond 2023 and moving forward more likely to get a clean opinion if records are maintained and the capacity to do day to day operations continue while doing the substantial undertaking of catching up but you don't have the staffing. The power of the people to do it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Audit findings only-

David Greene asked if there is copy of the audit. The audit is available on www.saukville.org. He suggested taking volunteers. He has people who like to volunteer.

David Fields stated there are a lot of challenges. 2021 is difficult. How do you move forward if you don't know your ending balance?

Mike responded- there is an ending balance but cannot validate there is no error. This will be our starting point as of April 30, 2021.

Francine Anderson thanked Mike for the disclaimer. Citizens understand there is a lot of misinformation- disclaimer rather than an opinion. What can you do with 22 and 23 to help get real numbers, increase capacity provide controls etc.

Mike stated they will advise the finance team as much as possible- guidance and insights. Can't go back but we do hound people to get information. We can't audit what does not exist or is

not given to us. The disclaimer comes after we just cannot get access after asking dozens of times.

David Smith asked if the missing documents were paper or electronic. Mike answered mostly paper, like payroll, invoices, bank statement, etc. Cannot retrieve invoices from vendors- they have gone out of business or their records don't go back that far and cannot go back and rerun. What departments were a part of this process. Was record retention suggested to the board?

Record retention is one control that helps. Some electronic items are not retrievable. Mr. Finch was a part of the end of the audit. Dr. Jones and others were part from the beginning of the process.

Anthony Finch asked how difficult it is for a Senior Accountant to do a bank rec? It was stated that you started the audit in 2023. Trustee Winston mentioned last week that we have approximately 1500 bank recs that need to be done- roughly 300 a year. How many bank recs were done during the time the 2021 audit was performed? Does it take three years to get bank recs done for one specific audit year?

Fraud- was the former (director) interviewed about the alleged \$78,000.00 that was reported stolen money from 2023? Was there any evidence? If not, why not and if you were told about it why is it not part of the disclaimer? Did anyone from administration notify you of the \$78,000. Are you aware that the former HR consultant alleges in a whistleblower suit that money was stolen from the state revenue? How is money from the state received in a bank account and how can it be stolen?

Do you have the whistleblower lawsuit in your disclaimer, or would you modify it as a potential cover up? Did you talk to the former mayor and ask why he did not file a Surety Bond claim? Mike's response- A qualified Senior Accountant should be able to complete bank recs. It's one of the first things that an accountant in an organization is supposed to do. The most important thing to know. Should it take three years to do bank recs for one year? No bank recs should be done within 30 days of the month end.

That number was released – multiple conversations were had with that individual and then she was no longer there. While we attempted to get more information, we were not given information. The dollar amount was not enough for us to stop our work. If fraud happened – fraud happened. Our job is to see if there was additional risk – we were not provided additional information. Not aware of the HR whistleblower case. It would take a long time to get to us. There were no bank recs completed in the three- year periods. There were elements of a bank rec but nothing in the general ledger.

Arnold Coleman- will the village be providing copies of this meeting to the library for the residents' reference? Mayor Marva said it could be.

Jeffrey Burns has noticed selective outrage. The previous mayor shredded all the documents in the building. The records don't exist. You can't give a clear answer- you can't fix it.

If a forensic audit is done and fraud is found – can the previous mayor be prosecuted?

Response- If fraudulent activity is discovered the legal authorities will be called in.

Mayor Marva thanked Mike Mallot for coming out. Mike said he would come out for 8-9 minutes, but he spent almost two hours here. Mayor Marva thanked the residents for coming out to hear firsthand what is going on with the village.

B) Review Resolution to Authorize the Submission of an Application to Request Cook County CDBG Funds for Program Year 2026- Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering

Melanie asked to have the resolution on the next agenda for approval. We are submitting the grant because we did not get the grant money.

Remove and repair/ resurfacing 215th PL- 218th St and Gailine/ 218th Pl and 219th Pl. This is the area where the Buildup Cook grant was recently completed by removing sidewalks. There is 2200 lineal feet of roadway, utility reconstruction as needed included.

Trustee Burns stated 219th and Orion was completed last year. Will work in that area continue? Why did we not get the funding.

Response- awards are not promised every year- in our favor is the proximity to Wagoner School and the fact that road work was recently completed. Not having audits done does not work in our favor.

The grant is due next week. A 10% match is looked upon favorably. The matching funds will come from the next budget cycle.

These funds are administered through Cook County.

Grants will not be awarded until November. This item will be included on the next agenda.

C) Economic Development Consultant- John Thompson

Mr. Thompson and Charles Collins worked to develop Amazon in Markham. The pair presented information on their experience and how they want to work with Sauk Village to help work through projects coming to the board and create deals. They can seek the developers who will then come before the board.

They met Mr. Finch and Mayor Marva at a comptroller's event and were informed that the village was short-staffed and wanted to work in a consultant capacity. We do what the officials want us to do. Land acquisitions, work through deals, well versed in all areas. We make the deal – you are the beneficiary.

Trustee Burns asked if they were able to assist getting grant funds. Can they provide bank statements and tax statements?

They have work with Robinson Engineering for other municipalities. There is no guarantee. Yes, they will provide income information.

They can work with our Economic Development staff.

Additional Q and A was done to decide what would be best for them to focus on.

If the board agrees to moving forward, they will provide a proposal.

Whether or not they need to be in the building, what work is expected to be directed from the board, and costs specified, should be decided before a proposal is written. Most importantly, the board must be interested in them coming back before expenses are incurred preparing paperwork which will need to be reviewed by the attorney. Trustees can communicate with Mr. Finch and he can work with them.

Trustee Sterling asked if we are on a spending freeze or can the village keep entertaining new projects? Finance Director McMillon stated an RFP would be required before considering a company to do work in the village. Fair and competitive process cannot be done by Mr. Finch without an RFP.

ITEMS D & E WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

D) Quick Service Restaurant Business Proposal

E) Sauk Village Athletic Association - George Green and Kalvin Haney

F) New Beginnings- Trustee Diane Sapp

Review Resolution Authorizing a Community Revitalization Agreement Between New Beginnings Affordable Homes, Inc. and the Village of Sauk Village

Trustee Johnson asked how this resolution came before the board without them coming before the board. Mayor Marva stated they have been here before. She does not recall if they were directed to draw up a resolution. The clerk will do a records review.

Having a discussion does not mean we are moving forward.

Trustee Sapp stated New Beginnings has been here before. They are not asking for money, they want to fix our abandoned homes and the village will profit.

Trustee Johnson asked why we are reading a resolution when we have not seen a proposal first?

Trustee Sapp stated that she did not ask for the resolution. Mr. Finch stated he was directed to contact the attorney after the last time they presented after they agreed to 30% profit for the village.

Village Clerk Williams stated the minutes of September 16th say that New Beginnings was here with a proposal that states they take homes and make them marketable. Sauk Village would partner with New Beginnings – a 5401C3 organization. Other important matters were discussed at that time. (See the minutes of September 16, 2025.)

The financial overview included a profit to the village negotiated to 25%.

Although this was reviewed by the village we need to make sure the village is indemnified.

Research needs to be done on available houses the village owns, the indemnification and the availability of the deeds.

Village Clerk Williams stated the supporting documents from September 16th are available, This resolution was in her box, and she was asked to put this on the agenda.

Mayor Marva asked if they could come back at a later date,

G) Review the Proposed Procurement Policy – Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon

Interim Finance Director McMillon stated the proposed procurement policy is the first step to help with AP and get some control with our accounting. It provides structure for the finance department. The previous proposal with New Beginnings should have been on a RFP. You are not following a purchasing policy, which is why you have so many problems with Accounts Payable. The village has to follow basic procurement requirements per federal, state and local laws. Opening up RFP's in an open meeting is a no no. They must be scored. You can open up sealed bids because the lowest price wins no discussion unless you have a reason to reject it. Lastly, a procurement policy ensures effective, competitive, fair and compliant procurement to be transparent.

Fred recommended approving this policy.

Mayor Marva asked how this policy compares with the finance policy. The finance policy relates to financial duties, and this is for procurement only. RFP's allow you to come up with what you want to do. It gets competition to lower their price. It's too late to start this process now before the policy is in place. Full solicitation is needed to get services for the village.

Trustee Johnson asked for an ordinance to put the procurement policy in the books. Mayor

Marva stated that is the next steps after trustee review and comment.

Fred asked if an ordinance is needed to adopt a policy?

Mayor Marva stated if the trustees require it.
Trustee Burns is not ready to move forward.
Trustee Winston stated this was sent out last year.
Trustee Johnson stated if this was reviewed it should go to the ordinance review board.
It was reviewed by the board. That is one of the next steps.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION- NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Francine Anderson asked remarked about the interim appointments. When will the board make the decision to move forward with these people or not. The Economic Development Director cannot be hired during a freeze. New Beginnings was discussed before, but we have residents who may be interested in buying these homes. Do we have a finance department that only has one person? Are we going to get him so help in the finance department?

David Fields stated he has not heard anything about a grocery store, a laundromat or a beauty shop. That's what the residents want. A housing company ruined Ford Heights.

David Smith stated he did not agree with the process of the housing proposal. He agrees that you should have gone to an RFP. Staff should not be bringing in outside contractors or vendors. There is a process. A sealed bid process. Are we doing anything to stop all of the paperwork in the village? What has the VA done to prove himself that you would pick him again? Same lawyer is back.

Anthony Finch agreed it starts at the top. The last administration did not get the 2021 audit done in the appropriate time and he had five individuals to get it done.

Interim staff – Renee Lewis was Interim for 2 years. Mr. Finch stated his reputation has been destroyed. A memo dated February 8, 2023, but the person who claimed fraud did not have any evidence. Mr. Finch will sue if an individual publicly states that he stole \$78,000 but he will probably do it on Facebook.

In 2019, with two non-accountants, he got two audits done in less than a year without a disclaimer of opinion. Something that three people could not do.

During his employment in various positions the village did not get one letter from the state or the IMRF or the Comptroller, They got all of that.

Water bills- he had issues with the finance department but never had a resident with a \$100,000. Water bill or have residents coming in every day with past due bills because the payments were not applied to their accounts. Mr. Finch thanked the former trustees that saw the evidence back in 2023 but there are puppets being told what to think. The memo said there was evidence of theft why wasn't it produced?

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

Trustee Burns stated that when trustees are active in committees they are trying to interfere with the administration. We are doing our job to see what is happening in our village. A lot going on is because we don't know what's going on behind closed doors. She is under Housing, but she is never included in the meetings from beginning to end. Trustees really don't know what is going on in the village until we get to this table at the last minute. New Beginnings should be discussed with the mayor and trustee before bringing it to the board. We are a legislative body. We create ordinances, policies and procedures. We cannot create strong policies unless we are fully aware of what is being planned in this village, Economic Development cannot be brought into the village because we do not have an Economic Development team. If trustees were more involved this would not happen. We need our committees up and running.

Trustee Johnson did not appreciate the chair allowing the Village Administrator to call people by name. The mayor should have more control over him. She could sue him for attacking a resident. You need to be accountable. She researched stuff. She is on the Ordinance Committee, but the mayor and the board do not adhere to the ordinances. Acknowledge her and her Point of Order when she calls it. If a trustee calls for a Point of Information and she will second it. Mayor Marva stated she tried to stop him.

Mayor Marva adjourned the meeting without trustee participation. Trustee Burns motioned to adjourn, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion to adjourn. All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, March 24 , 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

B) Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Jones- with notice

C) Meditation: Pastor John Pitts

2. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS ASKED TO HAVE THE MINUTES APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY 24 , 2026 BOARD MEETING AND MARCH 3, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING.

A) Approve Journal of Proceedings for February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Johnson Second: Sapp

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

ABSENT: JONES

Motion carried

B) Approve Journal of Proceedings for March 3, 2026 Committee Meeting

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for March 3, 2026 Committee Meeting

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Jones

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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.

MR. JAMES HARVEY STATED MEETINGS SHOULD BE CALM AND FRIENDLY. NO GROCERY STORE IN 7-8 YEARS. FRANCINE ANDERSON ASKED HOW YOU CAN APPOINT A POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONER IF THERE IS NO OPEN SEAT? YOU CAN ONLY HAVE 3 COMMISSIONERS PER STATE STATUTE.

MAYOR MARVA STATED THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY PRESENTED A LETTER STATING THAT WE ARE NOT HOME RULE AND SHOULD HAVE 5 SEATED FOR EVERY COMMISSION. THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN IN NON – COMPLIANCE FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS.

PASTOR PITTS THANKED MAYOR MARVA FOR THE PROCLAMATION FOR HIS BIRTHDAY AND TRUSTEE DR. WINSTON FOR ATTENDING AND SPEAKING AT THE CELEBRATION.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of **\$502,792.89** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Approve a Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion: Winston

Second: Sapp

On roll call:

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Jones

Motion Carried

B) Motion to Approve the Recommendation by Insure Source for the General Liability, Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal Option 1- \$1,236.716.00.

Motion: Sapp

Second: Winston

Point of Information- Trustee Dr. Winston stated there were two options presented last week. The agenda is only asking for Option 1 which causes us to go from \$200,000. SIR to \$350,000. And add \$150.00 per claim with a \$62,000.00 savings. A different option was proposed last week with a 5% increase with no change. Option 1 would increase 70% of current rate. Once you go away you can't get it back. Finance Director McMillon stated if you change now any open claims will be at the new SIR. No change – the SIR follows the claim until the end.

Motion was made to amend the motion to approve Option one and strike to replace with the proposed option.

Motion: Winston Second: Sapp

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Sapp, and Winston

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motion Carried

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

i. Appointment (s) to the Police and Fire Board

Marva Marva stated per the memo from the attorneys and their recommendation to appoint one or to members to the Police and Fire Commission for a period of 3 years she motioned to appoint two members.

Motion: Winston Second: Sapp

Trustee Johnson motioned to table; Trustee Sterling seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burns, Johnson, Sapp and Sterling

Nays: Trustee Winston

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motion Carried

Mayor Marva stated further research will be done. One Commissioner is leaving in April. The next Town Hall meeting is March 28th. Com Ed savings and a presentation from Deputy Chief Barrett is planned.

B) Village Clerk – Debbie Williams

Village Clerk announced the library Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at 11 am. Sauk Talk articles are due Friday.

C) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath-Not present

D) Village Engineer- Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering- Report attached

7. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

A) Police Department- Chief Mack Sanders-Report attached

B) Fire Department- Chief Keith Damm- Report attached

C) Finance Department- Interim Director Fred McMillon- Report attached

D) Village Administrator- Interim Director Anthony Finch- Not present

E) Community Development- Interim Director Hilda Fernandez- Not present- Mayor read her report- Attached

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F) Public Works – Interim Director John Conway- Not present

TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns

Trustee stated we are not able to move forward without committee appointments.

B) Trustee Raven Johnson- Agreed with Trustee Burns

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones- absent

D) Trustee Diane Sapp- stated she has no official committee, but she continues to reach out to developers to rehab abandoned homes.

E) Trustee Michelle Sterling - No Comment

F) Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston

Trustee Winston announced CSN meets at the library every 3rd Saturday from 10am -noon.
April's topic will be donor awareness. Chief Sanders will be present to discuss public safety.

10) General Comments from Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt- No Comment

11) Adjournment

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Winston Second: Sapp

All Trustees vote Aye to adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.