

**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
July 21, 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 Johnson, Sapp, Sterling and Winston

Absent: Trustees Burns (Remote), Jones (entered the meeting at 7:15 PM)

Mayor Marva asked for a change to the agenda. The recognition of the Sauk Village Athletic Association will be rescheduled due to some players being unavailable.

2. DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

I. Paul Irby- Dimension Energy Proposed Agreement

Paul Irby was joined by a team of four other individuals to introduce the proposed energy agreement and to present to request a referral to the Zoning Board. Dimension to move forward with the land use request and get official review. The proposed land located in Sauk Plaza Industrial Park has been vacant for over 25 years. The owner of the property is Pacesetter Steel. Dimension will use 30 of the 35 acres of the property for solar development. There will be two projects on that site. All initial surveys, studies, engineering and a viability study have been completed. Dimension believes this land is a good fit for the project. The last step is working through approvals from the village. There are a couple of agreements in front of the board tonight. There is a reimbursement structure associated with it. They can do the \$8,000.00 deposit separately. The second is a host community benefit which has been reviewed by the mayor. The amount of the incentive was increased from before with the intent being to make sure the village and the residents can feel the positive impact of the project. The funds can be used however the village sees fit. Dimension is interested in feedback from the board and excited to move forward. Community Solar Benefits will be available at possibly no cost.

Dimension would also like to support local projects and initiatives while working with nonprofits. Dimension will make sure they hire people from the community. Contractors will be instructed to hire at least from workforce development programs like the American Job Center in Chicago Heights or interns from the local high school. Community Solar is clean energy accessible to everyone.

The property is Zoned M2. We are going to activate the site with something it is already somewhat intended for.

Dimension is not asking for project approval. A referral to the Zoning Board is needed to start the formal process. Dimension is open to discussing the project details with the engineer, attorney, trustees and Zoning Board.

Discussion:

What are you bringing to the community?

Proposed: 7 megawatt AC Community Solar Facility similar to the one across from the Village Hall on the vacant undeveloped property at the very southern part of the subdivision in the Business and Industrial Park. There will be a 10% savings (bill credit) for those that sign up to the project. There is a \$15,000.00 financial contribution and energy cost savings for the village.

The host community agreement does not outline the future impact in terms of job creation and other community initiatives. The community benefit amount over the course of 30 years is \$650,000.00.

Town Hall Meeting

This is the second presentation before the board. There is no decision from the board today other than to refer the project to the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board will organize a Town Hall Meeting for residents. A complete outreach to homes is needed.

Site Visit

Trustees asked for a site visit to get a better perspective of the location. A site visit was proposed for Monday, August 3, 2026 time to be determined.

II. Nick Camper- TESLA Transportation Corp.

Mayor Marva stated TESLA was here but they were not ready to present. They will be on a future agenda.

III. Recognition of the Sauk Village Athletic Associations Teams and Champions

Postponed

IV. Verizon Utility- Kalvaledge Easement Agreement

Verizon is asking to make an underground easement from the parent cell tower that is located at the Community Center. The attorney and engineer have reviewed their request to ensure this will not interfere with any future plans the village may have. They are asking for permission to put a table underneath the ground that will not be seen so they can have a stronger and better signal. They will pay the village \$5,000.00.

Discussion

There is a cell tower already there.

T-Mobile has a cell tower boxed in. Verizon wants to run a cable on the ground to make sure they get a stronger signal. This will have no impact on village phones or cellphones.

T-Mobile has agreed to let Verizon to use the tower.

It was discussed that the village used to get a monthly payment from T-Mobile. Verizon is asking permission to dig up the land and they will pay a flat fee of \$5,000.00. The attorneys felt that was reasonable. You will not see where the land was dug up. Trustees felt that T-Mobile should still be paying a rental fee for the land. The discussion has been going on with the attorney, engineer and the village for almost two months. Possible future issues were discussed as well as the lack of follow through on the new Police and Fire Station. Trustees asked about IT's involvement in the village and asked for further negotiation with Verizon and T-Mobile for additional money.

This matter will not move to the next board meeting agenda.

V. Chief Keith Damm

a. GEMT Amended Agreement

Chief Damm is asking for an amendment to an agreement the board already approved. For the GEMT ground emergency medical transport- the EMS management consultants. They receive the money from Medicaid as part of the bill. The amendment stated that they will receive 6% of our revenue stream from GEMT. Before GEMT we received no money for Medicare transport. The attorney has reviewed the agreement.

No questions. This will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

b. Illinois State Small Tools and Equipment Grant Purchase

Chief Damm stated that we received the maximum amount of the grant \$26,000.00. The equipment to be purchased cost \$28,885.00 but is worth \$52,000.00. The equipment has a lifespan of 15-20 years. We have already received a check from the state. Chief Damm is asking to pay the difference of \$2,885.00 out of EMS billing. This apparatus will allow firefighters to do off-the-road extrications. This will move forward to the next agenda for approval.

3. IML Conference Logistics- Open Dialogue

Clerk Williams stated the IML conference will be September 17th through the 19th this year. If you agree to go and the village pays any money for you, but you do not attend you will be charged. The hotel deadline is August 26th. Rooms fill up quickly. The advanced registration deadline is September 4th. Same scenario, if you say you attending but do not show you will be responsible for reimbursing the village for the payment for registration fees. Please contact the clerk to verify your attendance.

The ordinance referring to travel and reimbursement was discussed. Ordinance 25-006 will need to be amended to state the advance payment is \$500.00 flat. Receipts must be given after the conference for any monies spent and the difference paid back to the village.

Mayor Marva stated she received a email from the vendor that has a dinner meeting on a tact during the conference period.

The discussion of whether the board could afford IML this year had some ready to decline because the money could be spent on elsewhere.

Mayor Marva stated every one who attends will be expected to report on at least one session they attended.

Discussion

Should the Police and Fire Chiefs attend. No, they have their own conferences.

Who will attend, the amount of advance, amended resolution, etc. will be discussed at the August 4th Committee of the Whole meeting. This is time sensitive – deadlines are approaching.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernard Branard, School board member and 20 year resident, asked about having the street light at 225th Street repaired and questioned who pays for the ground hardening from where the village cut down a tree.

Marketta Smith stated she felt there was injustice that took place against her when she was sworn in last week as Deputy Clerk. Marketta understands this is a volunteer position stated she was proud to work in Sauk Village in any capacity. Marketta felt disrespected that after the swearing in she was unable to take pictures with her family while others in the past that were sworn in were given that opportunity. Also, she reserved the Senior Center for a reception but it was unbearably hot in there causing guests to leave. The seniors should not be subjected to those high temps as they attend their programs. That is a liability. Marketta stated she has tried to work with the mayor on many occasions but has been disrespected and disregarded.

David asked that signs be placed at the beginning of the block and the end of the block stating there is no parking on the odd side of the street. Also, David is asking for an ordinance that will state that signs can be posted that Constance has a block club. The Block Club will purchase the signs that will say that no loud music at certain times, no auto repairs, no barbecuing in the front, etc. and ask that Public Works erect them. Mayor Marva will check on getting that done.

Willie Miller stated his concern over inaccurate water bills. Mayor Marva will address this, Francine Anderson welcomed Trustee Sapp back. Francine is concerned about the finances in the village but feels IML is important – training could avoid some of the things that happen here. Francine stated attorney cost are high- using them should be cut down, like not sending resolutions to them to review. Francine suggested recouping the \$100,000.00 by eliminating the Village Administrator position.

Mayor Marva stated the number of referrals to the trustees has been cut down considerably, they do not attend all meetings anymore, the attorneys draft and amend the resolutions, and agreed the amount of attorney fees are astronomical.

David Smith agreed with what the Deputy Clerk said, It was disrespectful that she could not take a picture with her family.

He spoke of disrespect from the Village Administrator and asked why the mayor hired thieves and felons. David spoke about the process of the water bills. All trustees should have the opportunity to attend IML. It is very informative if you attend the sessions.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION-NONE

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4. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND MAYOR

Trustee Winston was appreciative of the Financial Policy, Procurement Policy and Forensic audit being addressed. These items were supposed to be returned with revisions. A final revised scope of work should be discussed for the forensic audit. The Standing Committees Ordinance has been discussed several times. The board should go with the latest approved ordinance and get the committees going. Mayor Marva mentioned the large screen tv's on the wall. There will be live streamed meetings in the near future. There will be no meeting on August 4th. Everyone is invited to National Night Out from 5pm -7pm.

Mayor Marva told the trustees we are in a financial crisis- just trying to figure out how to meet payroll has been difficult. All input is appreciated. Mayor Marve received many emails today and apologized if she did return some.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

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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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Clerk Williams stated Trustee Burns and Trustee Winston asked for remote access to the meeting.

B) Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Burns (Remote 7:04 pm), Johnson, Sapp, and Sterling

Absent: Trustee Dr. Winston will call in when available (Trustee Winston came in the meeting at 7:45 pm)

C) Adoption of the Agenda- Move forward

D) Meditation: David Fields provided meditation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie/ Verizon regarding the easement requested on July 24th. They are looking for 2 ft. wide easement in order to bring utilities to the existing cell tower. The easement will allow Verizon to put their utilities online which will improve community coverage and critical 911 communications.

David Fields spoke regarding the State of Emergency Declaration- wasn't there already a declaration in place? Emergency Response- don't we already have one in place? David never heard of a Recovery Action Plan. The agenda had a long list of things to discuss- meetings should be shortened. Can anything be put off until next week?

Mayor Marva stated the Emergency Declaration lasts for 30 days, and it is specific to the emergency. Mayor Marva stated the Emergency Action Plan was to comfort the residents in times like this where the village was totally up in arms.

We could not meet last week, and we need to take care of business.

Francine Anderson commended and complimented all of the First Responders. The dedication of the staff has been wonderful dealing with a storm that she has never seen in 40 years in Sauk Village. Accounts Payable is dated June 23rd. Is there a newer one.

National Night Out was great; there is always a cost but hopefully we can cut it down and it will not affect the village. Two sets of speed bumps are placed at 216th Pl. Ms.

Jankovich asked for speed bumps on 217th St. Can one set be relocated to 217th St?

B) Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Jones

Village Clerk Williams reconnected Trustee Burns and connected Trustee Dr. Winston at 8:31 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – VILLAGE CLERK DEBBIE WILLIAMS ASKED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 16TH COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 23RD REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND REMOVE ITEM C- JULY 7TH COMMITTEE MEETING.

A) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for June 16, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion: Johnson Second: Sterling

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

ABSTAIN: TRUSTEE SAPP

Motion carried

B) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for June 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Sterling Second: Burns

Ayes: Burns, Johnson, Sapp, Sterling, Winston

Nays: None

ABSTAIN: TRUSTEES SAPP AND JOHNSON

ABSENT: TRUSTEE JONES

ABSTENTIONS GO WITH THE MAJORITY

Motion carried

C) Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the Journal of Proceedings for July 7, 2026 Committee Meeting

Removed from Consideration

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Financial Matters:

things above and beyond. When she was not here she was going out into the community assisting where needed. Clerk Williams thanked the Deputy Clerk who came in ready to work, boots on the ground and thanked her for her dedication. There will be a presenter explaining the record retention policy next week. You will get paperwork ahead of time to prepare your questions. The final proposal for the recodification will also be presented. Village Clerk Williams requested that all agenda items must be emailed to the clerk, no exceptions, meaning agenda, reports, AP, etc. to avoid situations similar to what happened earlier today (Prior to the meeting). Everything the Clerk gets will be documented by email- otherwise it does not exist. Clerk Williams hoped that everyone would respect her in her position to avoid not getting necessary paperwork that may have been put in her box and she is unaware of it. Especially during the time of the storm cleanup when she was out of the office and working in the streets instead of her office. The blood drive is this Saturday. The goal is 25 donors- we have 2 appointments. These donations stay local. We were very lucky no one got hurt during these storms when you look at the houses and trees. If blood was not available when 15 communities had these horrendous storms where would we be? If you cannot donate, please ask someone else. Thank you all again!

Trustee Johnson asked for clarification who trustees should give their paperwork to. The Clerk or the Mayor? Village Clerk Williams said everything should go to the Mayor for her to make the packet and then the packet goes to her. Emailing will prevent the loss of paperwork from occurring. Mayor Marva stated her and Mr. Finch do the full agenda and hand it to the clerk and that is the way it will continue to be done. Village Clerk Williams verified that the mayor will not work with her and honor her request.

C) Legal Counsel- Odelson, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath-Village Attorney Mike McGrath updated the public with items his office has been dealing with and specifically litigation.

Dr. Jones v. Village of Sauk Village-hampered in defending due to not being able to locate village emails, files and other documents that are requested by the plaintiff's attorneys. We advised her attorneys that we could not turn over certain documents that they requested- they cannot be located. The belief is that the prior administration deleted emails, destroyed or shredded documents that belong to the village. The attorneys issued subpoenas to outside entities. After the April 8th election Shred-It was subpoenaed to provide information on shredding that took place at the Village Hall. Last week we received the response that documentation showed that former Mayor Burgess' assistant contacted them on April 9th, the day after the election, and asked them to come to the village to shred documents. Records indicate that documents were shredded on 4 separate dates over the following two weeks, April 11th, April 16th, April 18th and April 25th. Over those four days, the detail of the amount of the 14 totes that were shredded was the equivalent of 38 trees of shredding. Each tree that is saved is the equivalent of 8,333 documents according to their formula- $14 \times 8,333 = 316,000$ of documents shredded within that short period of time before this administration took office which supports the fact that the documentation we are requesting does not exist because it was all shredded on the way out the door. Another subpoena was for NTG- the former IT company that was hired under the Burgess administration. The election was April 8th. The new board got sworn in on Monday, April 28th at 7pm. We have a copy of an email that was sent by former Mayor Burgess on Monday, April 28th, less than an hour and a half before the new board was to be sworn in that states it was a pleasure working with them and their team and it was truly appreciated. Mayor Burgess requested that at 7pm tonight, April 28, 2025 the following be completed-delete account dburgess@saukvillage, hr@saukvillage, mklopp@saukvillage, mayor@saukvillage and signed off

Motion: Johnson Second: Sterling

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motioned carried

B) Motion to Approve the Purchase Request for the Illinois State Small Tools and Equipment Grant

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motioned carried

C) Motion to Accept and Place on the Records, and Implementation of:

- i. Declaration of the Local State of Emergency Response Following the July 27, 2026 Severe Storm Event
- ii. Implementation of Emergency Response Measures Following the July 27, 2026 Severe Storm Event Executive Order No. 2026-01
- iii. Emergency Recovery Action Plan Response

Motion: Johnson Second: Winston

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Jones

Motioned carried

10) COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns

Trustee Burns gave a round of applause to the staff and the emergency team, residents and all organizations who came to stand up to this challenge. Many residents, including herself, have been displaced. Trustee Burns is working to get resources to the community. The back-to-school event will still be going on with Dr. Dorothy, village business, Trustee Jones this Saturday from

Motion: Johnson Second: Sterling

All Trustees vote Aye to adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

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August 18, 2026 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marva informed the trustees of Trustee Burns' request to attend remotely. The board agreed to allow the remote participation.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
Mayor Marva asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On Roll call

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

Absent: Trustees Jones (Absent with Notice)

2. DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Village Clerk Debbie Williams

a) Local Records Management How Can We Help

Mr. Kimray Richards provided an overview of the records presentation process. This process has not been done completely since 1987. Record retention is necessary and required in a municipal setting. There is a set schedule of what may or may not be disposed of and the length of time specific records must be kept. The process of storing those records was discussed. Purposefully destroying certain files is a felony offense.

Clerk Williams will start the process by reviewing what was done in the past and begin notifying departments heads of what is required by them.

b) IML Conference Participation

IML is approaching fast. The previous ordinance that detailed hotel, mileage and daily expenses was reviewed. An amendment is needed to restate the cash advance from \$300-\$500 and make it a flat \$500.00. Parking is \$90.00 per day alone. Also, the mileage rate changes every year. That amended ordinance will be available for the board packets and be on the next board agenda for approval. Clerk Williams will accept all IML reservation forms and register everyone accordingly as well as make hotel accommodations for all. Trustees were reminded of the deadlines to cancel without penalties. Penalties are the responsibility of the trustees.

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Further discussion: Whether to include Deputy Clerk Smith's registration. Mayor Marva stated the Deputy Clerk has very limited duties and does not need to attend.

c) Final Proposal for Recodification

Clerk Williams presented the final proposal for recodification that would include all ordinances up until this date along with the legal review of all ordinances in the codebook. There were concerns that this is not the final cost. Since ordinances get approved all year long there is no way to get a final cost until the board determines the shut of time. The likelihood that more ordinances will be added is quite possible because this is a lengthy process. The total cost of recodification can be divided between two budget years. Mayor Marva recalled vetting out more than one company and at the time this was the best option.

Under consideration:

Consider not doing the legal review- just do supplements from the last codification. Quicker, simpler and less costly.

Table this until after IML where the trustees can meet with American Legal Publishing and CIVIC before deciding. Trustees will report on their findings at an upcoming committee meeting.

B. Interim Village Administrator Anthony Finch & Chief Keith Damm

a) Emergency Recovery Action Plan

Chief Damm recalled the immediate priorities from the last two serious storms.

Removing the trees and limbs for safe passage for residents and emergency vehicles was done within 24 hours- totally removed from streets in 72 hours.

Co-ordinated with ComEd regarding electrical restoration.

Notified all utilities to provide regular updates through normal platforms.

Assisted elderly and vulnerable residents with resources as they were permitted.

Numerous people came to the Fire Station.

Intermediate priorities- days 3-5

Continuing debris removal operations. Due to the number of trees and branches that have come down that will be a long-term effort.

Document all public and private damage as best as we can

Co-ordinate with County and State Emergency Management officials

Compile all emergency expenses and damages and provide documentation- in process

Begin repairs to municipal property and infrastructure

Roof damage with leaking water is seen at the Police Station, Fire Station and Community Center

Long term recovery-

Continuing debris removal

Complete restoration of municipal operations

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Pursue reimbursement through all possible disaster programs
Evaluate emergency response procedures
Update emergency preparedness plans
Prepare after action report for the mayor and board of trustees after the two-week period
Recognize village employees, volunteers, first responders, utility workers and community partners for their extraordinary service. Everyone has been fantastic in their response.
Utility workers are still in town. The Fire Department is able to locate them in an emergency.

Appendix to the ERP-

Prepare final damage assessment and expenditure data for submission to appropriate authorities for possible reimbursement.

As soon as possible following the closure of emergency operations, Crisis Management Team personnel should meet to critique the operations and, if necessary, modify operational procedures.

Mr. Finch stated this report is the result of meeting with all departments heads. The village will attempt to get a Bridge Loan to offset some of these costs. The Bridge Loan will be paid with the property taxes. Please be patient as we go through this process. Public Works did a great job being out 24/7 during the first couple of days to open up the streets.

Trustee Dr. Winston reminded the board that she brought ONE CALL NOW to board after last year's IML conference. Cost- \$9,000. for 100,000 calls. We need to be proactive when communicating with our residents. Mayor Marva stated communication was happening throughout the event. This has never happened in our region. What we needed was electricity. We are learning from this experience. The actions of neighbors helping neighbors warmed our heart. Volunteers and outside organizations were everywhere but we had no casualties.

Mayor Marva asked if anyone present did not get a ComEd Emergency bag. They will receive one tonight.

C. Interim Finance Director Fred McMillon

- a) Cook County Bridge Loan Application
- b) Recovery Expenses

Mr. McMillon agreed that it was heartwarming to see everyone working together. The storm recovery will cost the village around \$318,000.00, consisting of a lot of fuel charges to keep our vehicles up and running, outside tree services were called in, (typically \$3,000. per tree), equipment, overtime, etc. Tree removal expense will continue.

A plan on how to pay for this will be brought to the board next week.

Cook County has not mailed out property tax bills. They may be mailed September 1st. Cook County has offered no interest loans to each taxing entity that will have to be paid back with the property taxes. The village is still owed 2025 second distribution. This is where the loan will be from. The mayor directed him to apply for two months of our anticipated distribution which totals \$233,123.58. The application was received yesterday. At the upcoming special meeting the board will be asked to sign the documents for the loan. The deadline for the application is August 24th, and the next board meeting is August 25th. The amount is based on property tax payments and the total amount may not be received.

The board will be asked to give the mayor the authority to sign those documents to turn into the county for review. If the county approves, the bond issuer will send in forms for the mayor to sign and be submitted. When tax receipts come in, they will take the money back.

Updated copies of the stipulations for the bridge loan were copied and passed to the board.

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

- a) Consultation Fee Schedule for Expert Witness John Ryan in the Case of Godinez V. Sauk Village

Mayor Marva stated the board reviewed this fee schedule in executive session. The expert witness must begin on Monday. The village attorney signed the agreement based on the executive session discussion.

Trustee Johnson stated the village attorney signing that document was unacceptable without board approval.

The next item was taken out of order while trying to reconnect with Trustee Burns.

D. Trustee Aretha Burns

- a) A request to purchase the Village owned property to Maki Aki Sauk Pointe LLC 21933 Olivia Ave, Sauk Village, IL 60411, PIN:32-26-401-012-0000- Ms. Kelli Hubbard

Mayor Marva introduced the presenter. Ms. Hubbard passed out paperwork to each board member requesting the village's consideration and acquisition of the parcel located at 21933 Olivia Avenue. This is wetland with no proposed development. Mayor Marva and some board members stated this matter was discussed and tabled in executive session some time ago due to varying concerns and Attorney Tillman recommended that we not move forward with it. Sauk Village would have to purchase the land and possibly pay old property taxes.

Mayor Marva stated Trustee Burns asked to have it brought back to the table. The matter was concluded at that point.

Trustee Burns reconnected at this point and asked that Kelli proceed with the presentation.

Mayor Marva stated that Kelli left the building. Trustee Burns disagreed saying she heard her.

There was disagreement about whether this is the same topic that was discussed two or three times before. Trustee Burns stated Kelli was there when she called in and she should have been able to hear her discussion.

Trustee Burns commented on how special meetings are inconvenient. Trustee Burns stated that she knows that Kelli was there when she tried to speak. She had technical difficulties. Updated equipment is needed to better communicate remotely and get information to them on time.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Sapp. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:49 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, August 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:04 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) Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Marva asked if there were any changes to the agenda needed and asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Marva asked who was in favor of moving forward with the adoption of the agenda by common consent.

The board consented to move forward.

D) Meditation: David Fields provided meditation at this time.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosie Williams-Baig asked to approach the board to provide paperwork. Rosie stated she is appearing as a resident and as director of the library. Rosie invited everyone to the library Halloween event and Touch a Truck for the Fire Department. The library would like to coordinate a Touch-a-Truck event for Fire Prevention Week. Trick or Treat at the library is October 31st. Those who were unable to be present last year donated candy and that was much appreciated. Everyone is invited to attend.

As a resident living on 215th Place, right down the street from the school, Rosie stated it looks like a forest behind her house after the two recent tornados (storms).

Neighbors on both sides of her had their electrical pole fall down. There is too much vegetation behind their property lines. Rosie spoke about this during her terms as trustee and as a resident. This is village property that needs to be maintained. Her street was one of the last streets to have power restored both times because of the downed lines. Rosie stated her trampoline was destroyed. Both neighbors' fences got damaged.

There is all types of vermin behind there and everything else because it is a literal rain forest. It is marshland. No regular lawnmower can touch it. Rosie stated she has lived there since 2012 and showed pictures from when she first moved in and now. Rosie also attached an article about a class action lawsuit against Indiana because they failed to maintain their vegetation and it caused power lines to fall just like behind her house. Rosie suggested setting up a type of panel to address this. The neighbors are concerned since Illinois has been turned into a tornado alley. This is not the last storm we will have. Mayor Marva asked Rosie to give Director Conway her address.

Frank Harvey expressed his concern about the branches piling up and the broken tree limbs that are causing hazards since the last storms. Mr. Harvey asked that this be addressed. Mayor Marva asked Rosie to give Director Conway her address. Mayor Marva asked Mr. Harvey to give Director Conway her address.

Natalie Hinko commented on the pothole in front of her house. It was filled with rocks previously but now the rocks are in her driveway. The hole is about 16 inches deep. Natalie commented on the firehouse not being open 24 hours during the power outage. Her father needs oxygen 24/7. The firehouse is manned until they get a call. Is there an alternative to the fire station? Mayor Marva stated there was an emergency management meeting last week and this was discussed. Natalie suggested a citizen's committee. Mayor Marva stated there may be a resident included in the safety meetings.

Francine Anderson thanked Public Works and all of the volunteers that help to restore the village to some type of normalcy after the storms. Francine thanked Trustee Burns and Trustee Sterling for the Back to School Bash, Trustee Jones and Clerk Williams for their participation and the mayor for stopping by. The program was very successful, and many families were blessed by the many items that were passed out. Francine asked who gave the attorney authority to public announce evidence in an ongoing lawsuit? The intention was to embarrass Mayor Burgess and that was a waste of village funds. Current board members were on the board when these actions occurred. Everyone needs to take responsibility when right or wrong. Francine addressed the branches on the south side not being picked up but the north side has been. The branches have caused mosquitoes, rodents and other animals because of no significant cleanup in our area.

Ramanda stated outside of her house the streets are terrible. There are mosquitoes and roaches that she has never had before. The branches need to be picked up before winter. They won't pick the branches up if the house is vacant.

David Fields thanked Mayor Marva, Chief Sanders, Chief Damm and Public Works for their engagement in the Constance Avenue Block Club Party. David commented that 1600 Constance starts at the beginning of the block- her door faces Peterson but everything else is on Constance. Please include that house when the village does anything on Constance.

Sebastian thanked whoever picked up his branches. Sebastian stated he got a ticket for parking across the sidewalk. He drove around and noticed another home where the sidewalk was blocked by a trustee. He asked that his ticket be eliminated. When he asked about it he was told that it officer's discretion who to ticket. Then he got a ticket for parking in the handicapped spot in front of the Village Hall even though he has a handicapped plate. The officer never checked his plate and there were words exchanged between him and the officer.

Rosie East, Lincoln Meadows resident, stated an issue that is over 15 years. She has been told to be patient, but her patience has run out. Her neighbors were present to support the fact that it is costing money to deal with issue. The lot behind the causes mud to come into her basement whether it is just rainy or a heavy rain. The development is the highest taxed development in Sauk Village. She is concerned about her foundation. What is it going to take to get this repaired. They did put dirt down fifteen years ago. The properties are damaged. The window well fills up and the water gets in the basement through the windows. Rosie has the phone number for the builder of Lincoln Meadows. She will give the number to Mayor Marva.

Mayor Marva asked Mr. Finch to provide an update on what has been done in Lincoln Meadows in the last couple of weeks. Mr. Finch stated that the Public Works Director, Lincoln Lansing Drainage District rep and himself went out. Lincoln Meadows will have the manholes cleared to see if the water will go down. It was noticed that some were closed. Then the culverts will be examined to see if they are blocked and need to be repaired. Some dirt needs to be built up around the berm. Mr. Finch stated he is available to talk with the residents. They spoke to the developer. They will check to see if the developer did what was required in the late 90's. There should be answers within the next couple of weeks.

Willie Miller, Lincoln Meadows resident, stated both Mr. Finch and the LLDD commissioner stated this is a village problem, along with the developer. There is only one drain back there. His house sits the lowest. He has been trying to reach Mr. Finch. Legal action may be the next step.

Mr. Harris, Lincoln Meadows resident, stated he is concerned about his foundation. People can volunteer to help each other. He can volunteer to help pick up branches. Since they put the new gas station in it floods on both sides.

David Smith thanked Public Works for knocking down the trees for them. David referred to bills from 2024 that are now being paid. Why do the Odelson bills come so late, so they pile up. David referred to the letter from the Mayor stating some residents will get a credit on their water bills from Cook County. David asked if the mayor was aware some people got the letter that are not behind in their bills? Residents have asked why they were given this blessing instead of someone behind on their bills. David stated the village owns 26 properties. It has been stated that the deeds are not available. He has found some of the deeds. We can sell these properties since we are in a financial crunch and avoid paying property taxes before we lose the properties to nonpayment.

Mr. Finch stated Cook County asked for a list of all village properties. They made the decision which houses would receive the credit if their balance was below \$2,000. whether they were behind or not. The village had no say about it. The taxes on the houses are waived because they belong to the village. A process to address 10 houses in the past was rejected by the board. A new process will start soon in an equitable way instead of to someone to use as a landlord. They will have to live in the houses for a certain amount of time. When the houses are sold, they must be brought up to code.

Attorney Tillman was asked to share with the Accounting Department to bill more timely.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Village Clerk Williams asked for approval of the Journal of proceedings listed below.

A) Motion to approve the Journal of proceedings for the Committee Meeting of the Whole meeting of July 7, 2026

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Sapp

Motion carried

B) Motion to approve the Journal of proceedings for the Board Meeting of July 14, 2026

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones
On Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustees Burns, Jones, Johnson, Sterling and Winston
Nays: None
Abstain: Trustee Sapp
Motion carried

C) Motion to approve the Journal of proceedings for the Committee Meeting of the Whole meeting of July 21, 2026

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve

Motion: Johnson Second: Jones

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

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 **\$1,051,836.36** and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments.

Trustee Johnson asked if there is enough funds to pay the AP and Payroll. Mayor Marva stated Payroll has already been paid. Mr. McMillion stated the Bridge Loan was approved and if the board agrees to transfer the \$173,000. From the CD account to the General Fund there should be enough to pay this.

Trustee Johnson stated just now hearing about the transfer is unacceptable. What if the Bridge Loan is not received. Mr. Finch stated the Cash Report states \$790,000. In available cash. Payroll has already come out of the account leaving an AP balance of 679,000. The transfer was mentioned several months ago and the Bridge Loan will provide coverage.

Trustee Johnson asked what is the plan moving forward. Mr. Finch stated the board needs to decide if the money from the matured 2019 CD will be used as a rainy day account or sit in an account gaining no interest. The \$173,000. was moved to the water fund in 2024. The account needs to be in an account gaining interest.

Mayor Marva stated the CD money is not being used in this transaction. The discussion of the \$173,000. will be discussed at the budget meeting discussion.

Trustee Jones stated updates are not being provided to the board. They get last minute notice. Trustee Jones arranged to meet with Mr. Finch in the morning to gather information.

Trustee Winston stated that it was reported months ago that the \$173,000. was removed from the account by the previous administration and never put back and gave the board an email to support that information. At that time it was discussed whether we would use it for another CD or how we would use it.

Mayor Marva stated the \$173,000. is still listed in the CN Account on the Cash Report.

Motion: Sapp Second: Winston

On roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Marva stated that the next two ordinances look very similar. One speaks to the General Fund and the other addresses the Police Fund. These ordinances have been reviewed by the attorneys. These motions refer to an interest free loan based on the monies we received from 2025. This is an advance based on 2025 taxes so that we can make it through the lean period. Cook County has collected all of the taxes, but they have not relinquished the funds yet to all of Cook County.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve the first ordinance relating to the General Fund.

A) Motion to Approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2025 by the President and Board of the Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois, **for corporate purposes**, directing the County Treasurer and ex-officio Cook County Collector of the County of Cook, Illinois, to deposit amounts collected from said taxes directly into a fund held by tax escrow and authorizing the sale of said warrants to the County of Cook, Illinois.

Trustee Sterling asked that the Finance Department provide the board with cash flow projection through March of 2027 (maturity date of the loan) showing anticipate property tax receipts, repayment of these receipts, warrants, payroll, accounts payable and any other major obligations.

Trustee Johnson stated this ordinance was not properly done. The clerk will provide the ordinance in the proper format.

Motion: Trustee Winston Second: Trustee Sapp

On Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

B) Motion to Approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2025 by the President and Board of the Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois, **for police protection purposes**, directing the County Treasurer and ex-officio Cook County Collector of the County of Cook, Illinois, to deposit amounts collected from said taxes directly into a fund held by tax escrow and authorizing the sale of said warrants to the County of Cook, Illinois.

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to approve this ordinance that applies to the police protection purposes.

Trustee Sterling mentioned this money is in a restricted account for the police department only and asked if there are any other fees.

Motion: Trustee Johnson Second: Trustee Winston

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

C) Motion to Approve the Amendment of Ordinance 25-006 an Ordinance amending Section 5 Compensation/ Employee Travel and Reimbursement in the Village of Sauk Village 2017 Employee Handbook for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois to Reflect the Advance Check for Trustees to Attend the 2026 IML Conference in the amount of \$500.00.

Mayor Marva asked the board to approve the following amendment.

Motion: Trustee Johnson Second: Trustee Sterling

On Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Winston

Motion Carried

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Trustee Johnson stated that Village Clerk Williams had suggested that Deputy Clerk Smith take her place at the IML and it has been stated that Mayor Marva denied that request.

Mayor Marva asked Trustee Johnson to bring that back up during her Trustee comments.

7.REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt

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Mayor Marva asked everyone to share the Electronic Recycling Event happening this Saturday. This time free Emmission Testing will be included. Everything starts at 9am. Electronic Recycling will end close to 3 pm. The Recycling will end about 11am or when the truck is full.

Mayor Marva stated next week's Committee of the Whole Meeting will be dedicated to Budget Review only. No other items will be on the agenda. Departments Heads will justify their budget request. There will be no vote until a number of steps take place. Parliamentary procedure will be followed. Residents will be able to comment on the budget and any other items because it is not a Special Meeting. The process will include more budget discussion and a 10-day review at the front desk for residents once it is ready. Then there will be a Public Hearing before passing the budget.

B) Village Clerk Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated candidate petitions for three open positions in the 2027 Consolidated Election began circulating today. The opportunity to run for Trustee is open to everyone. Information can be found at www.cookcountyclerk/elections or the State Board of Elections website where there is a plethora of information that tells you everything you need to do. Packets will not be prepared by the Clerk's office. There were several objections and several comments made by others that were issues that could have been avoided. Please consult an attorney for election related questions. The petitions with the required amount of signatures will be due in November and turned into the Village Clerk who is the local election authority. Village Clerk Williams will be available to answer general questions but not questions pertaining to the petitions. As stated – there are three trustees seats up for election in April.

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Williams stated the discussion of packets comes up almost every week. The procedure for packets is as follows:

Village Clerk emails the packets to the board and department heads after the mayor places it in her box. This is generally Friday evening. This ensures that everyone receives the information at the same time. Those that do not have email access will need an alternative delivery method. Every Sunday the agenda is posted before 7 pm as per OMA guidelines and packets are placed in the board's boxes usually before 2pm.

Everyone should receive the same information. In the event that anyone feels they are missing something or do not understand something please call the clerk who is available 24/7. It is the clerk's job to make sure that everyone has everything they need to do their job. If you do not get email on Friday- call the clerk. An alternative will be considered. If you can't get to the Village Hall on Sunday- call the clerk. I will deliver it. The board, mayor and department heads have to be on one accord.

Village Clerk Williams stated that we have been through some stuff. Village Clerk thanked Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department- Phenomenal. We have had people come from out of state to help us to get our power together. There is no way we could handle all that after back-to-back storms of the magnitude we experienced. Village Clerk Williams thanked Red Cross for providing meals and storm cleanup. They are still here assisting our residents. 1-800-Red Cross is available to help assess damage and help where they can. IDES was another organization that came through for us. Mayor Marva places information on Sauk Village E-News and information is shared on the clerk's personal Facebook page. Many resources are shared on those sources. Reach out to the clerk and the mayor to provide your information so that we can keep everyone informed.

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

Attorney Tillman stated the Accounting Department will issue invoices more timely. Attorney Tillman referred to item 6C stated the advance for IML needs to be approved next week by motion.

Mayor Marva asked for a template the trustees must use. The expense for IML was included in the Accounts Payable that was approved tonight. The last part of 6C talks about the advancement. Further discussion is needed.

D) Village Engineer- Melanie Arnold-

Melanie reported that the village received additional funding from the Build Up Cook project that will allow for the installation of 13 additional water valves throughout the village. The contractor and Public Works expect to coordinate the beginning of the project next week. The location list will be forwarded. The valves will be installed at locations that will help shut down water from smaller portions of homes during water main breaks.

The 2026 MFT Roadway Resurfacing Project is out for bid. Bid opening will appear on September 1st at the Committee of the Whole Meeting to allow the bid award at the

September 8th board meeting. Construction is expected to begin in late September and be completed by mid-November.

Mayor Marva stated the next committee meeting is budget review only. Is it possible to change the bid opening? Melanie stated that bid packet specified September 1st but an addendum can be done. Further discussion will be needed.

E) Village Administrator- Interim Anthony Finch

Mr. Finch commented on damage control and the statements made about the \$173,000. A few months ago, he provided two recommendations of how to handle the \$173,000. Mr. Finch stated this administration walked into 1 million dollars plus in obligations. Over \$600,000. In no bid contracts were paid out. They were not in the budget. There was also several hundred thousand dollars paid to accounting issues in 2020. None of that was budgeted. Half of that could be used for services that the residents deserve and are asking for. Over \$300,000. has been spent cleaning up just the past couple of weeks. It has been stated that November and December are the slowest financial months until tax money starts coming in. It has been confirmed that property taxes will be delayed. The short- term loan for about \$225,000. Is nowhere near what we need. We are still at the mercy of Cook County returning the remaining property taxes as they come in. Transparencies and accountability along with fiduciary responsibilities there will be tough decisions that need to be made. No one expected the storm. What do we do? The mayor, finance director and himself have stressed cutting out all non -essential spending. Emergency spending only. Normal work that Public Works would normally do cannot be done. The tree trimmer is out of service and will cost \$400,000. to repair. Outside services are required. Mr. Finch stated he feels your pain. The village is doing the best they can.

8) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

A) Finance Department – Interim Director Fred McMillon

Interim Director McMillon stated he spoke with Mike Nallot with Baker Tilly concerning the 2021-2022-2023 audits. They have developed a plan to do two bank recs at the same time. That is predicated on getting bank recs done for 2022 and 2023. They have a handle on how the bank recs should work after doing 2021-2022. Two audits being done simultaneously will bring us down from being five audits behind to being three behind. Mr. McMillon applauded the board for approving the bridge loan. The property tax collection rate in Sauk Village is slow. Taxes are trickling in. Tax bills will be mailed September 1st. The storm has caused more hardship for residents.

Mr. McMillon stated he thought the board understood that the mayor had allowed them to transfer the funds from the CD that has matured rather than to bring a paper check back to the village. The money was handled that way to safeguard those funds so those funds would not be spent. That account was chosen because the account was not being used. The administration made a recommendation to the board that they allow them to put the \$173,000. and the interest into the General Fund and the Water Fund for village expenses. That is what we ask the board to consider. Mr. McMillon asked the

board to move forward with IT. If the board is rejecting ALTEK, the proper way is to put that in writing and move with the second vendor. We need IT to move forward.

B) Police Department – Chief Mack Sanders- Report attached

C) Fire Department- Deputy Chief Barrett- Report attached

Deputy Chief Barrett stated that Fire Department is open 24/7 but during the storm the hours were 7am-9pm to give residents a chance to charge their devices. Time is set aside to ensure that our firefighters get the necessary rest they need to continue to work and provide the best care to our residents. Deputy Chief Barrett will assist a resident if needed.

Mayor Marva asked Deputy Chief Barrett to provide an update on the last Safety Meeting.

Deputy Chief Barrett stated there has always been a File for Life. Seniors and other residents with special needs have all their medical history and emergency contact information in a file available to all emergency service responders in the event of an emergency. Contact the Fire Department or Mayor's office for more information.

D) Public Works- Director John Conway

Director Conway stated Public Works have repaired the pipe and sink hole on 223rd Street. Debris continues to get picked up. The outside contractor completed one water main repair. PW jetted three sanitary sewer lines and Calumet Plumbing completed two additional jettings, Julie turn ons and turn offs, B Box digs, completed working with the trash cans outside, 10 bags of debris moved for the month, maintained all village owned grass areas, completed service on one vehicle, and all members of the Public Works are certified in CPR and AED. There were two storms in July (3rd and 4th, 27th and August 11th) They are cleaning roadways, managing water flow and will continue with branch pick up probably until snowfall. Public Works is working with the box alarm system that will alert others to assist us and we will assist them

Mayor Marva stated the department has been done a tremendous response during these storms. All of the departments have responded tremendously. Thank you all.

Village Clerk Williams asked if there is a place residents can take their branches on their own. Director Conway stated there are four sites-Public Works yard when they are open, Route 30 and Torrence where the road was blocked off, Wagoner School by the water tower and a new one soon. No garbage allowed. Public Works is the safest.

E) Community Development / Code Enforcement – Deputy Chief Stephen Barrett
Mayor Marva stated Deputy Chief Barrett is now doing dual roles in returning to the Code Department. He comes with a great deal of experience and has already assisted on several types of inspections for the village. He has the certifications to issue tickets if needed. He will attend these meetings to provide updates. He is always humbled to serve.

Deputy Chief Barrett stated the team has been working very hard to continue to provide quality service to our residents. During the last two weeks 24 inspections of various types were completed. Deputy Chief Barrett gave a huge Thank You to the whole team for their hard work and dedication to make the transition as smooth as possible. Sauk Village is in a season, and we will get out of this season. Our goal during the season is to help restore community pride throughout Sauk Village. Community pride will not return unless we fight for it, invest in and believe in our community. Their team is committed to doing that every day. Sometimes you have to volunteer to get things done.

9) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, ACTIONS- None

10) COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A) Trustee Aretha Burns –

Trustee Burns thanked everyone again for their hard work. There are no cars in her driveway- just dumpsters as the young man alluded to. Trustee Burns stated presenters must be able to present once they are placed on the agenda whether the trustee is present or not. This past week the presenter was rejected just because she was not here. Trustee Burns asked the mayor why. There is no vote required but there is information shared. We must be fair and transparent and recognize the value of their time. Trustee Burns thanked everyone who looked out for her and her family during these storms. This is life. We have not heard of injuries and fatalities- Thank God. Trustee Burns thanked Trustee Jones, Trustee Sterling, Commissioner Anderson and all of those that supported the Back-to-School event. Trustee Burns will be doing a major push with community partners to assist residents.

B) Trustee Raven Johnson-

Trustee Johnson asked again what happened with situation that the Deputy Clerk could not attend IML.

Mayor Marva stated the Deputy Clerk attending IML was brought up last week. Look at the ordinance you approved tonight under compensation and reimbursement and stated the Deputy Clerk is not an employee. Please revisit the minutes when the clerk asked that the board approve a Deputy Clerk where she specifically stated what the rules and responsibilities of the Deputy Clerk would be. She stated it was to take minutes and record when she was unable to attend the meeting. If that is the only function of the Deputy Clerk then it would not be fiscally responsible to pay for it. Mayor Marva stated she does not vote on anything unless there is a tie. Trustees have the vote. If trustees want to do something different they can place it on the agenda to be discussed at a board meeting.

Trustee Johnson asked when she would get her computer. Mayor Marva told Raven to speak to Mr. Finch. Trustee Johnson asked Mr. Finch if her computer was ready and loaded with all programs. Mr. Finch stated that it has been ready for two months. Trustee Johnson asked why she was not notified. Mr. Finch said she did not ask him.

A disagreement broke out on the board and in the audience.

Trustee Burns called Point of Order and asked to give the floor back to Trustee Jones. Mayor Marva stated things can be handled in the offices or email and not on the floor.

Trustee Johnson asked when the committees will be brought to the board.

Mayor Marva stated she informed the board that she would not be bringing it back.

Trustee Johnson wants to place it on the next board agenda to vote. (No response)

C) Trustee Tyesha Jones- Report will be included in the minutes.

D) Trustee Diane Sapp- No comment

E) Trustee Michelle Sterling - Report will be included in the minutes.

Mayor Marva recognized Trustee Dr. Winston on a recent accomplishment and asked her to speak about it.

F) Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston –

Trustee Dr. Winston stated she received a Congressional Medal and a certificate last Friday for being selected as one of six behavioral health agencies being recognized as the CEO who leads it.

Trustee Winston stated this week commemorates the 63rd Anniversary of the March on Washington D.C. Trustee Winston will be leaving Thursday to attend the march which was about economic rights and voting rights and included the "I Have A Dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King. Trustee Winston was proud to represent Sauk Village in the march and encourage residents to register to vote and to vote. We are being overlooked for funds because Sauk Village voter turnout is so low. It is your right to vote to make a change.

10) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL-PRUITT -

Mayor Marva thanked the residents who stayed during the duration of this meeting with all of the highs and lows and to see how the people who you voted for represent at this level. Today was the first day to start collecting signatures on petitions for the elections coming up. You can only sign three petitions. Mayor Marva suggested that residents check the candidates out to determine who will best represent the village. Mayor Marva again thanked everyone for staying the course and reminded everyone to email their reports before 10 am on the Friday before the board meeting.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Johnson Second: Sapp

All trustees voted Aye to adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

Approved
9/2/26

**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
September 1, 2026 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Mayor Marva asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

On Roll call

Present: Trustees Jones (left the meeting at 8:19 pm), Johnson, Sapp, and Winston
Absent: Trustees Burns (entered at 7:10 pm), Sterling (entered at 7:18 pm)

2. DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Bid opening for the Village's 2026 MFT/IDOT Resurfacing Project

Mayor Marva asked Village Engineer Melanie Arnold to introduce the Bid Opening.

There were four bids submitted for consideration as follows:

Iroquis	\$1,047, 010.80	Insurance and Bid Bond included
Gallagher	20 itemized items -No total listed	No proof of Insurance- Bid Bond Included
K-Five	\$931,225.00	No proof of Insurance- Bid Bond included
D Construction	\$920,899.90	No proof of insurance- Bid Bond Included

It was stated that insurance was not included in the bid requirements but will be expected when the project is awarded. Mayor Marva stated the need for strict adherence to minority participation requirements on the front end.

Village Engineer Arnold will review the bids and provide her recommendation at the next board meeting. This is a time sensitive matter because this project needs to be completed before the construction season ends. The project should be completed by Thanksgiving.

b. Budget Review by Departments

The board reviewed revenue projections for the 2027 fiscal year, discussing items such as county property tax revenue, intergovernmental revenue, and casino related funds.

Highlights:

Trustee Jones began by stating significant concerns over the lack of a "Budget to Actual" report for the previous year which makes it difficult to assess the village's current financial standing. Interim Finance Director stated that a budget to actual cannot be provided from last year. The board agreed that a budget to actual is necessary and asked that one is provided.

Administration

The administration discussed a projected a \$818,020. budget deficit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2027, and plans to cover it via transfers from the water fund (\$600,000.) and surplus funds from Amalgamated Bank as part of a TIF district agreement.

When asked if the water fund is restricted Interim Village Administrator stated the water fund is not a restricted account because the village owns those assets. If the village were connected to a system like the city of Chicago, the revenue would be obligated, but under current circumstances, he suggested the administration does not require board approval to transfer funds from the water fund, provided the board is notified of the action. Several trustees expressed concern and disagreement regarding the administration's procedure for transferring funds from the water fund stating that in previous administrations, such transfers always required formal board approval and documentation.

The board stated they would need to review the written rules to determine what, if anything, needs to be amended to ensure the process is agreeable to the board. It is the responsibility of the board to review and vote on village procedures. The board also requested the \$500,000. transfer from the water fund be removed from the current budget until the matter could be further discussed or a formal procedure could be established by the board. Mr. Finch stated he will provide cash reports that show fund balances when he needs to transfer money from the water fund outside of water-related expenses.

Mayor Marva tasked the clerk with researching past minutes to determine the disposition of previous related items and to establish what currently governs these procedures. (1:35)

Two primary reasons were identified for the projected budget deficit of \$818,020:

- Unexpected past due bills: The village received invoices from previous years (2023-2024) that were not originally projected in the current budget cycle, including an energy bill for a generator.
- Hold on grant funding: The village experienced a shortfall due to the DCEO holding back a \$700,000. grant that the village had expected to receive and use for expenditures.

Mayor Marva stated she has drilled department heads to lower various lines items, and they have accommodated these requests to be more accountable.

The Interim Village Administrator and other departments heads mentioned several specific efforts to reduce costs or increase efficiency to help address the village's financial situation:

- Telephone expenses

Mr. Finch stated he is working with AT&T to reduce telephone charges, with the goal of cutting costs by \$100,000. On an annualized basis starting in November.

- Uniform consolidation

The administration is looking to consolidate various line items, such as "other materials and supplies" to better manage spending and eliminate unnecessary allocations.

- Audit costs

The village is attempting to work with Baker Tilly to perform multiple audits simultaneously, which they believe will be more cost effective than using the state-mandated company, which could cost \$90,000. for a single audit. Trustee Johnson asked to include the forensic audit in the budget. Mr. McMillian stated a scope of work approved by the board is required before a contingency fund can be established. Mr. Finch suggested using someone who can also prosecute people for financial wrongdoings.

- Plans to keep costs low by utilizing in-house staff from the Public Works Department to perform routine maintenance, such as oil changes and replacing wiper blades, rather than outsourcing them to outside vendors.

Elected Officials

Highlights:

Projected expense: \$131,934.

Clothing allowance \$500

Committee Budget- Village Clerk Williams stated that last year's budget was \$1,000. Which was not used last year because there were no committees assigned to the board. The money does not roll over. The committee's budgets are reduced to \$500. but will be reflected as \$1000. In the budget.

Village Clerk Williams asked why the Village Clerk does not have a budget.

There is a Special Events budget line item to assist trustees in their programming, so they don't have to come out of pocket as they are now doing. A process will be determined by the board after the budget is approved. This is a new process.

Student Government Day is now under the Administration for \$2,000. (Other items have also been moved to Administration- Recodification and Record Retention)

Building & Code Enforcement

(Community Development is under the umbrella of Code Enforcement)

The duties of the previous Economic Development Department head were discussed. That position is no longer active.

This department currently has two staff members- one full-time and one part-time- down from four. Deputy Chief Barrett currently has two roles as he is now the Safety Compliance Officer working as the Code Enforcement Department head.

The duties and responsibilities of the Code Enforcement were discussed.

September 1, 2026

Committee of the Whole Meeting (Budget Review)

Fire Department

Deputy Chief Barrett reviewed the Fire Department budget-

Highlights-

Projected wages- \$1,028,718.00

\$70,000. Grants received-Firehouse Subs- \$38,000. and State Fire Marshall-\$26,000. and another for \$6,000. from Com Ed.

Property Tax- \$412,000 for Fire Protection

Bringing in approximately \$65,000.-\$125,000. a month from ambulance services.

Line item #660- Tools and Equipment –Financing for updating the air packs - \$49,000, per year for the next two years.

Line item #768- GMT payment included in this line item. Deputy Chief Barrett explained the GMT billing process with a projection of \$700,000. More revenue is expected this year.

\$87,000. Medicaid money received- pay back half.

Emergency Management Agency (ESDA- previously)- the Fire Department is trained for EMA and doing double duty.

They are listed under Homeland Security.

Line item 716- Facility maintenance – roof repairs, doors- HVAC generalized category.

Public Works

This department has approximately nine full-time employees with a budget of \$1,898.834. and expenditures totaling \$973,448. For FY 2027. Summer workers this year were full-time employees. Next year's budget may include part-time summer help.

Discussion:

Uniform allowance

Air strippers are maintained and inspected regularly. Trustee Burns is concerned they are at their life expectancy. Future air stripper expense could be roughly \$250,000.- \$300,000. – waiting for Robinson Engineering to determine. The village will be in line to receive money that will go towards well #3.

It will cost 2 million dollars to replace the air strippers which will not happen as long as we are behind in our audits. The village is in compliance with IEPA. Annual reports are placed on the website.

The heating and air systems need to be checked.

The water meter replacement project is not complete. Working with GLCAP to secure funding.

Fire hydrant repair continues through our involvement with Robinson Engineering. Currently checking for hydrants that need valve replacement.

Police Department- postponed

Cost savings measures discussed:

- Mayor Marva stated the trustees have the right to remove positions from the budget to save money, but would prefer addressing boundaries and training concerns with current employees, rather than cutting their positions. As those roles are still needed by the village.
- Operating Supplies:
Because this line item lacked specific definition, the funds were reallocated to other supply categories, and the line item itself would be removed.
- Other Materials and Supplies:
It was noted the \$5,900. Line item was similar to other accounts and suggested it should be consolidated or removed once current spending is verified.
- Telephone Charges:
Efforts to cut \$100,000. From annual AT&T expenses by eliminating unnecessary phone systems that had been paid for but were not in use.

Mayor Marva stated the budget adoption process is not a one -week event and follows several formal steps following the initial preliminary review by the trustees.

The next steps include:

- Continued Review Sessions: The board will continue to meet and review the budget until the trustees have no more remaining questions.
- Drafting the Tentative Budget: Once the preliminary review is complete, a proposed tentative budget will be presented at another committee meeting.
- Public Disclosure: The proposed budget must be published in the newspaper and made available at the front desk for residents to review for at least 10 days.
- Budget Hearing and Adoption: Finally, the board will conduct a public hearing, after which the trustees will cast a formal vote to adopt the final budget. Mayor Marva stated the time was getting late and asked if the budget discussion can be recessed until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Per the board's request, Mayor Marva asked Mr. Finch and Mr. McMillon to remove the \$500,000. transfer out of the water fund until further discussion can be held and research a possible resolution is brought to the board.

3. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION- NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sebastian asked why the budget review was done in one meeting and not two? Half of the community left the building. Can the \$173,000 that was previously removed from the water fund be placed back in the water fund and questioned the discussion of how money can be transferred?

Mayor Marva stated permission/ advance notice will have to be researched and may need to be amended. Usually, it takes two Saturdays to review the budget. We try to accommodate the trustee's availability. The trustees will be asked if this process worked for them.

David Smith stated the numbers are not accurate due to the lack of a Budget to Actual report. David referred to last year's report from Baker Tilly where it states Budget to Actual reports must be provided to the board on a consistent basis- perhaps monthly or quarterly. David referred to Altek Digital- the board voted twice against them. Facts keep getting misrepresented.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES AND THE MAYOR

Trustee Johnson

Trustee Johnson stated the minutes of May 26, 2026, state the motion to appoint Altek Digital did not get a second from Trustee Winston's motion to approve. Motion failed due to no second. It was not tabled. Please go to the next bidder.

Mayor Marva Campbell- Pruitt

Mayor Marva announced Trustee Dr. Winston was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor from the US Congress. Mayor Marva stated a reminder about the upcoming Com Ed program on September 26th may provide electrical appliances and help completing an application for bill payment relief. Trustee Dr. Winston displayed her award.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marva asked for motion to adjourn (recess).

The motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Sterling. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:20 p.m.