

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, JANUARY 4, 2011.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

2. Village Financial Matters- Finance Director Mohan Rao

Finance Director Rao reported on the fund balances for the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess asked if any additional tax money has been received since last week and asked if the freeze has been lifted from the tax payments after clearing up the confusion with the loan application that the Board previously denied. FD Rao stated that only MFT funds from the State of Illinois have been received. Trustee Burgess verified that the money borrowed from the water fund was paid back. Trustee Hanks questioned the progress with the repairs to well number one. The expense was approved last week. Mayor Towers stated that the repairs will begin when the company receives the payment.

Trustee Hanks asked when the next scheduled TIF draw was. Mayor Towers stated that is being researched.

Trustee Hanks stated that the TIF 3 revenue was not included in the fund balances report.

3. Web site update- Web site committee- Trustee Williams/ Gerald Pyke

Trustee Williams stated that the Web site Committee and Computer Service Consultant Gerald Pyke have been working on improving the web site for quite some time. Information was gathered from a variety of sources. The new and updated web site is more user friendly and informative. Updates include a new Village calendar listing current events and Village meeting times and places. A reminder email can be set to remind users of an upcoming meeting. The front page also shows important dates and other reminders. A Mapquest link is available with the meetings posts to direct users to the meeting place. Google search will index the entire website, including minutes, agendas, ordinances and resolutions.

The Village Government link shows pictures and bios of the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Users can email the officials directly from that site. The Clerk's Page will include a PDF file containing all previous meetings and agendas in one file dating back from September 2009. The ordinances posted with Municode that were recodified in 2003 will be available on the site. All new ordinances from 2011 forward will be posted upon approval by the Board. Gerald is working to determine the least expensive way to update the ordinances from 2003- 2010. It may have to be done in house. The Village Treasurer and Finance Director's page will include pictures, bios and financial information. Information on Village committees is listed; some information is still incomplete.

The Sauk Talk will continue to be posted on the site. Residents can also gather information regarding, street sweeping, garbage pick up, questions on water bills, Village Hall hours and holiday schedules. Trustee Hanks suggested a tip page for residents to alert departments and committees directly and anonymously that would

be different than the links already in place. Gerald is investigating paying water bills on line. Trustee Williams stated that the Village tried that before but it was too costly, hopefully, with newer technology the service can be added to the site in the near future. There is a job search link. Resumes can be uploaded to the site. Links to other businesses and community organizations are included.

Gerald asked for a summary of each senior group. Rose Langston stated that other groups also use the Senior Center. Information on all senior groups will be added later.

Gerald agreed with Trustee Burgess' discussion from a previous meeting that a TIF consultant could provide economic development maps and other pertinent information for businesses considering moving to Sauk Village. Activities, permits and other forms and zoning information will also be available.

The Our Town section includes the history of Sauk Village. Everyone is encouraged to submit historical pictures and other items to the website committee for posting approval.

The web site is still under construction. The Web site Committee will review the site and decide when the final version will replace the current one. The new site should be up and running by the end of the month. All additions and revisions must be submitted to the Web site Committee electronically. Public input and postings are encouraged. Agendas are posted weekly and minutes are posted bi-weekly once approved by the Board. All other events and notices should be submitted to the committee one month prior for posting. There will be bi-weekly updates to the calendar at the Web site Committee's discretion.

Trustee Williams and the Board thanked Gerald for doing a great job modernizing the web site.

4. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Hanks stated that the Housing Authority Commission is working with NACA to bring a Home Save and Home Purchase workshop to Sauk Village. Tentative days are February 5th (English) and February 19th (Spanish). The final days and times will be announced upon confirmation from NACA.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee will meet January 11, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall. The Senior Committee meeting is January 13th at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee meets the first and third Monday at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. Trustee Myers asked the committee members to bring their code book and the last four ordinances that the committee has reviewed to the next meeting.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will meet January 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The web site and Student Government Day will be discussed. Student Government Day will be March 22, 2011. Trustee Williams asked who is currently handling the FOIA requests. Mayor Towers stated that Treasurer Carmichael takes all FOIA requests.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will take a field trip to New Lenox Wednesday, January 13, 2011. The committee will be networking with other communities and businesses encouraging economic growth for Sauk Village. Trustee Anderson asked if the committee has brochures or other marketing materials. Trustee Burgess stated that he has asked for a TIF planner in order to create the professional materials that would include the information that businesses would be looking for. Trustee

Burgess asked when the next TIF meeting will be scheduled. Mayor Towers stated that the date is still undetermined.

Trustee Hanks suggested asking DP Partners for information regarding the materials they used during their presentations in the past.

Trustee Myers asked for an update on CN Railroad. Trustee Burgess stated that he has spoken with CN regarding the noise restriction and noise mitigation. The account has been set up for CN donation toward the Quite Zone project. Trustee Burgess will work with Jim Czarnik (Robinson Engineering) and Jim Kvedares (CN). CN is willing to pay for the cones. Trustee Burgess would like to explore other options. Everything has to go before the Transportation Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that a family member of two firefighters was killed Christmas morning in a car accident at the 'S' curve. There have been many accidents and fatalities at that "S" curve. Trustee Myers asked if the Board would consider a resolution or petition asking the Cook County Board to straighten out that road. Trustee Benson suggested issuing more speeding tickets to drivers in that area to discourage the speeders.

Trustee Burgess stated that he spoke with the owner of the Sauk Plaza about the Subway. The owner stated that Subway pulled out on their own. The Subway owner is looking for another site in Sauk Village. A cell phone business is looking at that site. The owner of Sauk Plaza is continuing to work with the owners of the proposed club looking to rent the old Theater Time space. There may be an issue with health inspections if food is being served or brought in from the outside.

B. Comments and Questions from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Rose asked if links will be available for the library and other sites including Bloom Township. The library is already linked. Gerald will look into adding the Bloom Township link. Rose stated that the United Church of Christ is celebrating their 50th anniversary on February 6th. Rose asked if the information could be placed on the site.

Trustee Williams stated that the information will be placed on the site once it is submitted.

Judy Cast asked if the Accounts Receivable report is ready this week. Mayor Towers stated that it is not ready at this time.

Sharon Davenport asked if Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities could be placed on the website. Gerald stated that events like those are placed on the activities page. Email all submissions, including photos, to the Web site Committee. Sharon stated that food sanitation is a great concern that should be addressed regarding the proposed club. The Cook County Health Department will be called in to inspect the club before they open.

David Murray asked if the Web site committee had a marketing campaign to introduce the new site, such as, a tutorial session.

Trustee Williams stated that the information will be included in the Sauk Talk and on the Village marquee.

Trustee Williams stated that the tutorial session was a great idea that can be discussed with the committee.

5. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the items listed below.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:08 pm.

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2011)).

6. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the Committee meeting at 9:55 pm. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

7. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Benson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER ON JANUARY 11, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
 - a. Trustee Hanks led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. On roll call:
Present: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Benson (entered the meeting at 7:04 pm)

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers is in Springfield representing Sauk Village. In the Mayor's absence a motion is needed to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to appoint Trustee Hanks as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Benson
Nays: None

Motion carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. July 15, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Benson
Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

- b. October 23, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Benson
Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

- c. October 25, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

d. November 9, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

e. December 21, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

f. January 4, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes January 4, 2011. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams –

Village Clerk Williams reported that petitions to add a public question to the April 5th ballot were filed with the Clerk's office last week. The public question states "Shall the Village of Sauk Village Provide Lake Michigan Water?" An objection to the petitions was filed with the Clerk's office on Monday, January 10, 2011. The date and time of the meeting of the Electoral Board to address the petitions and the objection will be posted in the lobby within the next few days.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- (arrived at 7:20 pm)

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board will hold their quarterly meeting next Thursday.

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik-

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that with the help of the Village staff he is very close to completing the IKE disaster fund grant application for the Mayor's signature next week. Jim stated that it is time to prepare the application for CDBG funding. In the absence of a Chief of Staff or Village Manager, Robinson Engineering will prepare the draft for the Board. The application must be at Cook County by February 18th.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- Absent

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee meeting was cancelled mainly due to the weather. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2011. December's meeting was also cancelled due to inclement weather.

Trustee Anderson reported that the Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. Seniors are invited to attend. Last Monday there were 5 seniors in attendance at the Senior movie at the library. The next Senior movie "Addicted to Love" will be on February 7th at 1:00 pm which is a special date due to the library being closed on the second Monday. Light refreshments are provided.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson- No report

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks reported that another NACA workshop is coming to Sauk Village on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9 am to Noon at the Village Hall. This is an English speaking Home Save workshop. The Housing Authority Commission is working with NACA to offer the Spanish speaking workshop at a later date. Register on line at www.naca.com and go to the workshop tab or call 1/888-302-6222. Spaces are limited. This is a home save program for people who are struggling with their mortgages.

The next meeting of the Housing Authority Commission will be Monday, January 17, 2010 at the Village Hall to discuss preparations for the workshop.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that the next meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee will be Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. The committee will be reviewing ordinances that will be presented to the Board at a later date.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee attended a Southland Chamber of Commerce gathering in Matteson last month for the purpose of networking and will be attending another event this week at Joe's Pizza in New Lenox. These events are a great opportunity to meet vendors and businesses looking to move into other areas. Trustee Burgess stated that Subway is closed but they are looking to relocate to another site in Sauk Village. There are two businesses interested in renting the old Subway location. Trustee Burgess stated that architectural drawings or plans for the proposed night club that is looking to rent the space next to the Currency Exchange have not been received as of yet. The Health Department will be notified if any food will be involved. Trustee Burgess stated that a TIF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 10:00 am. The public is invited to attend. Trustee Burgess will discuss looking for a business to fill the old 7-Eleven property. A small box corporation is desired on Sauk Trail near DP Partners.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Sauk Talk is complete and will be distributed at various places including the Village Hall, library and the web site. The updated web site was reviewed at the last Committee meeting.

The web site is more user friendly and informative. The new web site will be available February 1, 2011. All web site submissions should be sent electronically to Trustee Williams at rwilliam5782@aol.com. The Public Relations Committee met last Wednesday to begin planning for Student Government Day. Student Government Day is Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The Public Relations Committee appreciates the support from the public officials and the department heads on that day. A schedule of events will be given to all involved.

Trustee Williams reminded department heads that there is a need to help transport students on that day.

Proposed slight changes to Student Government Day include a reception for students and their parents after the meeting and a dance at the Rickover gym for students in place of a dinner if the gym can be secured. There are no Village funds to support this event again this year so look for several fundraiser in the near future. Last year the entire Student Government Day event, complete with awards and prizes, was funded by the generosity of many contributors.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis –Absent (called in- traffic related)

5b. Fire Department/911 - Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported that from January 4th through January 10th the Fire Department responded to nine calls. The Fire Department will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9am – 3 pm at the Fire Station. Appointments and walk ins are appreciated.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that well number one will be out of service starting tomorrow to televise the well bore to evaluate the hole and to remove and evaluate the parts before placing it back on line possibly next Monday or Tuesday. Well number three must be checked once a month for compliance. The testing cannot be completed because the top of the well bearing is bad. The bearing needs to be repaired in order for testing to resume. The estimate has been turned into the Mayor. DH Weller stated that he needs direction to proceed. DH Weller reminded residents not to park on the street during snowfalls. The plows will continue until the snow passes. There are problems with three street lights at the following locations, the Community Center, Deer Creek and Torrence Avenue, due to faults in the ground. A company will be coming out next week to take care of that. Trustee Myers asked that a copy of the estimate to be provided to the Board. Trustee Burgess asked if the repair is within budget. It should be within the budget if the ball bearing does not have to be replaced. Trustee Williams stated that the streets looked good even with the department being short staffed and asked about the salt supply. DH Weller stated that the supply is fine.

5d. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the Accounts Payable, including payroll, for the period ending January 11, 2011 is in the amount of \$452,771.45.

Trustee Burgess asked if any additional property tax payments have been received and if the balance in the General Fund after these disbursements will cover payroll next time. Mr. Rao stated that there have been no additional tax payments received since 12/30/10 and he will update the Board with the balance at a later date; payroll should be okay.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the payables include disbursement from other funds, such as estimated amounts of, \$35,000.00 from MFT and \$40,000.00 from garbage as well as holiday pay.

Trustee Williams asked for an update on the Collector's Reports and audit. Mr. Rao stated that he is in the process of preparing schedules and working to update the system from 4/30/09 until 10/31/10. The previous year needs to be closed out before any new Collector's Reports or audit can be completed. Trustee Williams asked for the Board to get a detailed update as to what problems Mr. Rao is experiencing and the plans to rectify the situation. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification on the updates. Mr. Rao stated that the financials have not been completed since the last audit period of 4/30/09. The system will not allow any further updates until that year is closed out.

5e. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA has assisted in five fire calls and three school patrols from January 4th through January 9th.

6. CONSENT AGENDA- None

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. A motion to Approve the Revised Accounts Payable & Disbursements from December 29, 2010 – January 11, 201.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above Accounts Payable and Disbursements in the amount of \$452,771.45.

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers, Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams reserved the right to return to item 9a at some point during or after 9b. There were no other questions or comments from the Board at this time.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Judy Cast stated that last week Trustee Anderson brought up an article in the newspaper stating that no Police cars were present on the street for a period of three hours. Judy stated that she and her group made calls and the officers involved have apologized to the people of Sauk Village stating that it was a put up deal and the things that were said in the paper were not said by anyone in Cook County Sheriff's department. Judy also sent the pictures that she referred to last week to the Cook County Sheriff's department.

Judy stated that the trustees let them down when the Stuttley Group was voted in. It was explained that the Stuttley Group would do day to day operations and the other firm would take on the litigation. Judy stated that within days later she filed an objection to recent Trustee petitions with the Village Clerk. Judy understood that the objection process could end up in court. Judy stated that it was untrue that the other firm would handle litigation because this matter was handed over to the Stuttley Group. The objection was withdrawn but if it had gone to litigation it would have been the Stuttley Group handling it.

Judy stated she was going over old paperwork and discovered that an \$11,500.00 grant was received by the Police Department. It was received over 8 months ago and it has not been used yet. She started asking questions. If it is not used in a certain amount of time it will be lost and we may never have the opportunity for the grant again. The Police Department has asked to use that grant money for cameras for the squad cars and no one is answering them. Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Chief is absent, he runs the department and he needs to answer that.

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that she is aware of the grant in the amount of \$11,800.00 but she is not aware of an invoice for the purchase. Trustee Williams stated that there has been a lack of communication since the Finance Director left a couple of months ago and the new Finance Director is still working on catching up on 2009. Trustee Williams stated that Chief Holevis has mentioned this before. Mr. Rao can do the research on it now if Chief Holevis resubmits the invoice to his attention. It needs to be used before it expires. Trustee Myers stated that the equipment is needed and the Board has most likely never told anyone not to use the money for that purpose. Trustee Myers will address this issue with Chief Holevis to proceed if the invoice is ready to go. Trustee Anderson stated that the Chief of Staff has been gone since May and Chief Holevis has been in his position for a while. If Chief Holevis needed that he could have made that request so it does not appear that the whole Board is not concerned about what the Police Department does and how they are using their funds. Judy stated that she is satisfied with Ms. Carmichael's response. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks thanked her for bringing it to the Board's attention.

Mayor Pro Tem asked to return to item number 9a.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that many people are in the audience tonight to recognize Sandy Cosey who has been a major part of all of our lives. Sandy is retiring.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that they go way back and on her retirement he would like to thank Sandy for her many years of service.

Trustees Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee customarily acknowledges retiring employees. Trustee Williams remembers Sandy from her early childhood. Sandy has loved and been loved by many through the years as she was instrumental in running several activities through the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the Mayor and Board of Trustees wanted to recognize Sandy tonight and present her with a watch as a testimony for her years of service.

Trustee Burgess stated that a lot of people do not know how valuable Sandy is to a lot of the children in Sauk Village. Sandy has supervised the Community Center for over twenty five years. Sandy on many occasions has bought the children dinner, paid for their basketball registration and done other things out of her pocket. Sandy has raised many people's children and touched a lot of people's lives.

Sandy said that God put her here for the children and families of Sauk Village.

Trustee Burgess stated that Sandy has worked through many years of disagreements but she always managed to hang on for the kids; many of which were in the audience to recognize her. Sandy knows all the kids by name. The kids all gave her respect; she had control. The gym was a safe haven. Trustee Burgess stated that she was one of a kind and he hoped that we can find someone like her again. Trustee Burgess presented Sandy with flowers.

Village Clerk Williams stated that Sandy Cosey was one of the first people she met in Sauk Village. Sandy helped to raise her children by being there as a second mom. Village Clerk Williams stated that her son could tell Sandy things that he not could not tell her. The kids were comforted and safe with Sandy. Sandy put many kids back on the right path. There will never be a replacement for Sandy. Village Clerk Williams is sorry to see Sandy retire before her grandson could be with her at the center. Village Clerk Williams presented Sandy with a certificate for "Her many years of raising the kids of Sauk Village" from the grateful residents of Sauk Village.

Trustee Anderson stated that Sandy always welcomed her with open arms when she came to the center and that love is reciprocal. When Sandy gave her love it came back. Trustee Anderson stated that as Sandy continues to bless people in her retirement she will continue to be blessed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked everyone to stand if Sandy has touched their lives. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks announced that there will be a potluck reception for Sandy at the Senior Center on Saturday, January 15th from 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm. Village Clerk Williams invited all of Sandy's kids to take a group photo with her.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks returned to questions from the audience.

Pat Couch asked the amount available in the drug seizure fund and when will it be placed back to the Police Department's hand. Mr. Rao did not know the amount off hand and Mayor Pro Tem stated that the money can be used by the department if the expenditures fall under the rules.

Angela Cox stated that petitions have been circulated to bring Lake Michigan water to the Village. Angela asked why the Board is not going after the people who contaminated well number three instead of putting it on the backs of the people. Mayor Pro Tem stated that due to current litigation the Board could not discuss that only to say that they are working on it. Angela stated that the petitions are very ambiguous and that Town Hall meetings need to be held to inform the people that we are not going to get water for free. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that he believes that the Mayor is planning on holding Town Hall meetings and does agree that the question as stated on the ballot is open ended, "Do You want Lake Michigan Water- Yes or No?" Speaking as a resident, most people would probably say yes but are we willing to pay the increase. If this referendum does pass it would still require another referendum stating the actual cost to provide Lake Michigan water and asking if residents are willing to pay for it.

Gloria Ewing asked about the status of the demolition of the burnt down Jeffrey building. Trustee Myers stated that Code Department Sherry Jasinski has been in contact with a law firm and the State's Attorney.

The previous owner is not available. There may be something happening within the next couple of weeks.

Trustee Myers stated that the Talandis property is also being investigated. Trustee Myers stated that Sherry can follow up with her.

Jacquelyn Zibro asked where the kids will go now. Trustee Benson stated that the Community Center will not close. Two part time, 12-4 pm and 4pm -8 pm, people will be brought in to do the same thing Sandy did; bring in activities and events and open and close the center for the kids. Jackie asked if there is no money how can they hire anyone and who is in charge of hiring them. Trustee Benson stated that the Mayor will hire them as the Village Manager. Jackie asked if he has to consult with the Board before hiring anyone. Trustee Benson stated that he does not. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated the Mayor will have to come before the Board because there is a hiring freeze and because there is no money in the budget to hire these individuals. Trustee Benson stated that the answers will be made clear soon. The position will be posted in the Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that they will have to look for volunteers. Sauk Village has run on volunteers for years.

Mike Brown asked why this is a problem when State statute clearly states that drug forfeiture money is supposed to be readily available to the Police Department with the approval of the Board. Is there a reason that is not being done? Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that Chief Holevis would need to answer that. Mike asked Mr. McCormick's opinion. Mr. McCormick stated that he is hearing this for the first time. Mike asked if the drug seizure fund information is available by FOIA. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that a FOIA request can be done.

John Hinko asked when the audit will be started. Elizabeth Hinko stated that it should have been within one month of fiscal year end. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the books are being reconciled and the auditor has been approved. The Village will continue to move forward.

Rose Langston stated that the Mayor stated that the Collector's report would be available this week. Finance Director Rao stated that it could be 2-3 months before he can begin working on the current year's reports.

Tracy Witt, 16 year resident and Boy Scout leader, thanked the Board for allowing the troop to use the Community Center for a recent Scout Lock In.

Trustee Williams clarified that the Pop Warner program listed in the Sauk Talk is not associated with the Sauk Village program from last year. The program is being offered in Schererville. Pop Warner contacted the Village asking that the event be advertised to the residents. Andrea Burns stated that registration for a 2012 Pop Warner program is still on the internet under Sauk Village Seminoles. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that Sauk Village is not accepting registration for Pop Warner football. Trustee Williams stated that this will be investigated and discussed further with the Mayor.

There were several people in the audience to recognize Sandy and wish her well including two former Trustees, Robin (Flores) Glaze and Joe Wiszowaty, a former Sauk Village youth leader William Harris, Pastor Barry Lee, former Center kids and former Community Center volunteers. Many gave testimony to the love and encouragement she gave to all and stated that they are sorry to see her go and that the Community Center will never be the same. Sandy's daughters were on hand. Her daughter, Shannon, read a letter to the Board. Many concerns of the future of the Community Center and the lack of successful programs in the Village were voiced by residents. Several former volunteers stated that they would come back to volunteer under different circumstances. Resident questions and comments included asking Trustee Benson to resign from the Parks and Recreation Committee and asking if the Board is able to remove a Trustee from a committee or the Board.

Best of Luck, Sandy, you deserve it!

Move to item number 12- There is no executive session

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR:

Discussion of personnel matters, update of pending litigations, collective negotiation matters, real estate, employment and compensation if needed (5ILCS120/(c)(1)(2011)

11. MOTION TO RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JANUARY 18, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

(This meeting began late due to an Electoral Board Hearing running over.)

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Village Financial Matters

Finance Director Rao reported:

December income for the General Fund:

Cook County Real Estate taxes	\$82,000.00
Will County Real Estate taxes	\$538.00
State of Illinois- various taxes	\$155,199.57

November income for the general Fund:

State of Illinois- various taxes	\$43,708.89
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There is enough in the General Fund to cover payroll.

Trustee Williams asked for an update on the bank reconciliations. Finance Director Rao stated that he is unable to do a hard close on the last fiscal year; the bank statements of the past 12 months have not been reconciled. FD Rao stated that he needs help completing the bank reconciliations. This is very time consuming. The auditors can be contacted after the bank reconciliations and schedules of all 45 accounts have been completed. FD Rao stated that the auditing firm needs a letter from the Board in order to continue. The audit needs to be completed within 6 months of the budget approval. FD Rao stated that it could take 2 – 2 ½ months to complete the fiscal year close. Trustee Burgess stated that 1 ½ months ago he attempted to bring in a firm to help get the books ready for the incoming Finance Director in order to do a proper audit. At that time, he was told no. Mayor Towers stated that he is asking the Finance Director what he suggests. Mayor Towers asked if a forensic audit can be done at this time. FD Rao stated that an outside service does need to be brought in to assist before any audit can be completed.

Trustee Hanks asked for an update on the next TIF draw. Mayor Towers stated that the next TIF draw should be by the end of the month.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board is asking for a lot of information and asked FD Rao to provide a priority list of the items the Board is requesting.

Trustee Williams stated that had the Board decided to make the decision to bring an outside firm in when it

was first discussed there would not be the back log there is now. Trustee Anderson asked FD Rao to provide information on the cost to bring in outside help.

Mayor Towers stated that he will send a letter to the auditors.

Trustee Williams asked if other cost savings initiatives are being explored. Trustee Williams stated that a counter system may be needed to keep track of copies. Copies are getting out of hand and it is possible that things not related to Village business are being copied. The copier agreement states that after a certain amount of copies there is a per copy charge. Trustee Williams stated that the lights often remain on in various Village buildings. The Board no longer communicates through chirping. Trustees may be using the phones for personal use. If the Board does not use their phones they should be turned in. Trustee Williams stated that some phone bills are higher than others due to the type of package they are on. Trustee Anderson stated that research can be done to determine if there is a discounted plan that everyone falls under.

Trustee Burgess stated that there have been layoffs and services have been cut. The Board has to lead by example and expenses need to be cut. A phone list should be provided to the Board for an investigation.

Trustee Benson stated that he uses his phone a lot and receives many phone calls from residents. Any trustees that do not use their phone should turn it in. Trustee Benson also noticed a whole box of paper was missing. Trustee Benson suggested limiting meetings to 2 times per month as a cost savings initiative.

Mayor Towers stated that these and any other cost savings initiatives presented in writing will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

3. Sauk Village Water Referendum (Bernice Houston)

Mayor Towers asked that this item be stricken from the agenda due to pending litigation.

Trustee Anderson asked if the Electoral Board is moving forward with canvassing the registered voters.

Mayor Towers stated that process is being done.

4. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA workshop is February 26, 2011 at the Village Hall. This is a Home Save workshop to help people who are having trouble making their house payments. This is an English only workshop; arrangements are being made for a Spanish workshop. You must pre-register on line at www.naca.com or call 888/302-6222. This workshop is open to the entire southern region. Trustee Hanks asked everyone to pass this on; flyers are in the back.

Trustee Hanks asked for an update on straightening the "S" curve. Trustee Hanks suggested that the Board give County a resolution asking for their help in light of the recent death. Trustee Myers stated that he is working with the Sauk Village police to provide statistics in order to give Cook County actual facts when asking for their help.

Trustee Hanks stated that flyers have been circulating taking a statement he made out of context. The information on the flyers is a lie and was meant to divide the community. The flyer also refers to certain Board members not being in favor of the water referendum. That is also not true. Trustee Hanks stated that he has always been in favor of a fair and balanced referendum providing all of the information. Contact Trustee Hanks with any questions.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is January 19th at 7 pm in the conference room. Visitors should enter at the back door.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will be releasing the new web site on February 1st. Student Government Day is March 22, 2011. Trustee Williams asked for an update of the roles and responsibilities of the attorneys. Mayor Towers stated that the agreement received from the Stuttley Group states that they will be used for all Village legal matters except litigation. Trustee Williams stated that the list was requested regarding the administrative services provided by Joe Bertrand. Mayor Towers stated everything that the Stuttley Group is responsible for is spelled out in the agreement.

Trustee Williams stated that passing those flyers out in a public building is considered electioneering because her name, other trustees and the names of people running in the upcoming election are mentioned. It is not true that she is against the referendum being on the ballot. How she decides to vote on it is her personal vote.

Trustee Burgess stated that it is also untrue about him being against the referendum. He signed the petition to place the referendum on the ballot. Do your homework before making false accusations.

Trustee Williams asked for the elected officials and citizens to use decorum with the upcoming election. Trustee Williams acknowledged that citizens are taping the meetings and taking pictures. Trustee Williams stated that elected officials put themselves in the position as a public figure. Trustee Williams stated that it is inappropriate for trustees to take pictures of the residents with their cell phones. Trustee Benson stated that it is not inappropriate. Trustee Anderson stated that these are public meetings and she will continue to take pictures at every meeting just as one resident in particular tapes every meeting.

Mayor Towers stated that there was no line item for Rich Construction board ups placed in the budget. Most Rich Construction charges stem from the Police and Fire Departments. The Fire Department calls Rich Construction to board up and secure a structure after a fire. Reimbursement normally comes from the insurance company. Police Department charges stem mostly from break-ins from vacant homes. Trustee Myers stated that the mortgage company is normally billed for vacant homes. Trustee Hanks stated that 2010 charges were allocated in the 2010 budget. The 2011 budget can be amended.

Mayor Towers stated that the inspection guidelines for the Crossroads Apartments are different since the dismantling of the Code Department. Each apartment is normally inspected by the Code Department after they are vacated. Trustee Myers stated that he will work with Fire Chief Stoffregen and Sherry Jasinski to work out a solution.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Judy Cast asked for an update on the \$11,500.00 grant the Police Department received for video recorders for the squad cars. Time is running out. Treasurer Carmichael stated that the grant in the amount \$11,458.00 has been received. Treasurer Carmichael stated that the funds are allocated for that purpose but there has been no invoice presented. The invoice must be presented in the amount of \$11,458.00. Trustee Myers stated that there was a letter prepared by the Police Chief to Mr. Rao. Mr. Rao will work with Chief Holevis to see that the recorders are purchased. Pat Couch asked when the grant money will run out. FD Rao stated that Federal grant money needs to be used within 12 months.

Sharon Davenport asked if there was a way to get her questions answered by a letter to her home on issues that she is not able to raise at a meeting or for the sake of time. Trustee Williams stated that a FOIA request could be presented. The FOIA Officer would direct that request to the appropriate party. Sharon stated that the Stuttley Group is at every meeting while the Board is taking time discussing non vital issues. They are on the

clock; the meetings need to move along faster. Trustee Burgess stated that he has suggested that the Stuttley Group only appear on the second and fourth Tuesday for the regular Board meetings. Trustee Williams verified that it has been past practice that the Village Attorney only appeared at Board meetings. If there was a need for the lawyer or other vendor to appear at a Committee meeting they would go in to executive session at the beginning of the meeting so excessive charges would not occur. Trustee Anderson stated that there is more litigation and a need for executive session at every meeting. It is important to have the attorneys present. Trustee Benson stated that legal questions arise at every meeting. The attorneys need to be here. Trustee Hanks asked that Mayor Towers poll the Board. Trustee Anderson stated that the Board should also decide if they are going to continue to go into executive session every week with all of the pending litigation. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will discuss this further in executive session. Trustee Burgess stated that pertinent questions can be given to the attorneys by phone. They do not need to attend the long meetings that often include executive session.

Ed Shankel asked for clarification on the expiration of the police grant and when it came in. Mayor Towers stated that additional information will be available next week. Trustee Williams suggested that Mr. Shankel submit a FOIA request if he does not get the information he is looking for.

Charles Pondexter asked for clarification on straightening the "S" curve. Charles suggested that Trustee Hanks speak with Cook County about reducing the speed limit as a less costly alternative. Charles asked if liens could be placed on the board up properties. Trustee Myers stated that the Village does that now and that a new law has been passed stating that Village liens take priority over any other liens. Charles questioned the Crossroads Apartments inspection process. Trustee Myers stated that the individual apartments were inspected by the Code Enforcement Department. With the layoffs in the Code Department, there needs to be a decision made on how to continue with the basic type of inspection. Charles suggested bringing a Code employee back on a part time basis.

Charles asked Trustee Williams how the budget was balanced if there were 18 months of bank statements not reconciled. Trustee Williams stated that she was recently informed by the new Finance Director that the bank statements were not opened for the last 18 months on all 45 accounts. The Board relied on the previous Finance Directors to do their job and balance the books. The new Finance Director cannot proceed with the audit until this is done. Trustee Anderson stated that one of the previous Finance Directors had been the Finance Director for 18 years and there was never a problem before.

Bernice Houston stated that the Mayor stated that the audience cannot comment on anything that is not on the agenda; the Board should not be able to do that either. Bernice stated that everyone needs to be respectful of the length and content of the comments made. Trustee Williams stated that this time is used to give reports. Trustee Burgess agreed that the audience and lawyers should not be included for the "sidebar" conversations; this should take place in executive session. Trustee Benson asked Village Attorney McCormick if the audience has the right to comment on something the trustees discuss while giving their report that was not on the agenda. VA McCormick stated that the Board could rule either way on that. The Board should adopt a policy. Trustee Hanks stated that the 1st and 3rd week are brainstorming meetings. The Board does go at it and does not always agree. The 2nd and 4th is open to all comments and questions from the audience.

Bernice stated that Trustee Williams always refers people to submit FOIA requests but they do not get answered promptly. She has been waiting 1½ years. Trustee Williams stated that she submitted a FOIA

request that was one day late and incomplete. Bernice stated that the tit for tat from the Board creates a hostile environment.

Frank Williams stated that the Finance Director has only been here for two weeks and had no idea how bad it was; give him time. He should be able to work in a friendly environment.

Elizabeth Pratt asked where the money will come from to pay for the help that the Finance Director is asking for. Mayor Towers stated that the Village will have to find the funds. Elizabeth stated that she has been asking for financial records for many months. She received some but they do not seem to be accurate. Elizabeth agreed that the Board should give up their cell phones and stated that Trustee Anderson needs to post notices if pictures are being taken in this public forum. Elizabeth stated that the same guidelines are needed for Crossroads Apartments as an individual home to insure they are properly inspected. Elizabeth is glad that Student Government Day is still going on. Elizabeth is not for the tit for tat but does understand the need to hash it out before you vote. The lawyers are not needed every week. We need to keep businesses in town and look for someone to write grants.

John Hinko asked for an update on the independent audit. Mayor Towers stated that the Finance Director is working on preparing for that. John asked if the Police drug money is available to the Police. Mayor Towers stated that the money is there for the Police if they file the proper paperwork. John stated that he does not allow his picture to be taken to be used elsewhere.

Ed Shankel stated that Homewood opens the floor to questions that are not on the agenda.

4. Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:10 pm.

A. Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

5. Adjournment

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 11:57 pm. The motion to reconvene was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

All Ayes.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams.

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JANUARY 25, 2011.**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks (excused) and Myers (called in)

1. Application Review Hearing

Mayor Towers introduced Village Engineer Jim Czarnik. VE Czarnik stated that this Application Review Hearing is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of Cook County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In order to receive funding, Cook County requires public participation in developing the scope of the improvements for which CDBG funding is being pursued.

- The public was notified about this meeting by:
 - Publication of notice in the Daily Southtown
 - Posting of notice in the Municipal Center, and
 - Posting of notice in all municipal buildings in the Village.
- In determining the scope of this year's application, the Public Works Director was consulted, the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2014 previously submitted to Cook County was reviewed, and public feedback was solicited. Subsequently, Priority #2 of the Consolidated Plan was selected for this year's application.
- This priority is redevelopment of 217th St. from Peterson Ave. to Jeffrey Ave. This street is approximately 50 years old and in poor condition, with cracking, settling, and potholes. Redevelopment will consist of curb and gutter repairs, complete street reconstruction, and construction of wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps.
- This capital improvement project falls under the category of an Area Benefit Activity that benefits all residents in a particular area, where at least 49.2% of the people are low- and moderate-income in a primarily residential area.
- Sauk Village is applying for the maximum funding amount for this project, which is \$200,000. Any cost in excess of the available CDBG funding would be paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding.
- The draft application has been prepared and has been made available for public review and comments.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the next step in the application process is for the Board to approve a resolution to submit the finalized application to Cook County and to approve the meeting minutes from both the Needs Assessment and Application Review Hearings

2. Audience Participation

None

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JANUARY 25, 2011.**

Call to Order
Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (called in)

Mayor Towers

1. CDBG Needs Assessment Hearing

Mayor Towers introduced Village Engineer Jim Czarnik to review the requirements of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. VE Czarnik stated in order to receive funding, Cook County requires public participation in developing the scope of the improvements for which CDBG funding is being pursued.

- The public was notified about this meeting by:
 - Publication of notice in the Daily Southtown
 - Posting of notice in the Municipal Center, and
 - Posting of notice in all municipal buildings in the Village.
- The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities. This objective is achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.
- CDBG funding is available for the following eligible activities:
 - Acquisition of property
 - Demolition
 - Economic development
 - Housing services
 - Housing-related services
 - Plans and studies related to the above activities
 - Public facilities, such as parks, street improvements and neighborhood centers
 - Public services directly related to housing and community development activities
- Typically Sauk Village has elected to apply for funding for street improvements, which falls under the Public Facilities category.
- In determining the scope of this year's application, the Public Works Director was consulted and the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2014 previously submitted to Cook County was reviewed. Subsequently, Priority #2 of the Consolidated Plan was selected for this year's application

- This priority is redevelopment of 217th St. from Peterson Ave. to Jeffrey Ave. This street is approximately 50 years old and in poor condition, with cracking, settling, and potholes. (Ask Kevin to elaborate on the poor condition of the roadway and the need to get it reconstructed.) Redevelopment will consist of curb and gutter repairs, complete street reconstruction, and construction of wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps.
- Sauk Village intends to apply for the maximum funding amount for this project, which is \$200,000. Any cost in excess of the available CDBG funding would be paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding.

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that due to the limited amount of funding available the Village normally receives approximately \$100,000.00. The project won't be completed until next year and will take approximately 3 months from start to finish.

2. Audience Participation

None

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER JANUARY 25, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (called in)

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session at 7:18 pm for the matter of Real Estate. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session with action to be taken. Trustee Burgess made a motion to reconvene at 7:28 pm. The motion to reconvene was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. January 18, 2011– Committee Meeting- Tabled

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table item 2a. per the Village Clerk's request. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion to table carried

b. January 11, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson questioned a portion of the content of the last paragraph of these minutes. Village Clerk Williams stated that the paragraph was a brief summary that represents the views expressed by several audience members.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

c. October 26, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2010. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

d. October 19, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2010. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

e. October 12, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that multiple flyers are placed on tables on both sides of the back of the room. VC Williams clarified for the record that the minutes approved above contain references to comments from the audience regarding duties and responsibilities of the Clerk in so far as the Clerk being responsible for finances and the water department. VC Williams stated for the record that she was not aware of these responsibilities being the Clerk's duties. There may have been duties performed by past Clerks that have changed through the administrations. VC Williams stated that a resident expressed concern about posting special or called meetings. VC Williams stated that meetings are posted online, at the Village Hall and the library no less than 48 hours prior to the special meeting. VC Williams will include the marquee and the newspaper when possible with the Board's approval. VC Williams asked all candidates to verify their candidacy information that will be certified through Cook County on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. VC Williams is requesting that discussion regarding policies and procedures pertaining to election etiquette and electioneering be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda. VC Williams asked what is allowed in and around Municipal buildings.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board held their quarterly meeting on January 4, 2011. The Pension Board expressed their concerns with the tax levy and the amount passed in the recent budget for their pensions. VT Carmichael stated that the Pension Board will be presenting a letter to the Mayor and Board.

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand/ Carl McCormick – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the IKE disaster grant was submitted last week with the help of Mayor Towers, Village Clerk Williams and Public Works Director Kevin Weller.

3e. Mayor’s Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No Report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited all seniors to attend the Senior movie on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the McConathy Public Library. The Senior movie is normally the 2nd Monday of the month. The special date in February is due to the library being closed on February 14th. The movie is “Addicted to Love”. Light refreshments are served. The Senior Committee will meet February 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. All Seniors are welcome to attend. The next quarterly event will be the Chili Cook –Off which will be held March 26th from noon to 3:00pm. Anyone interested in competing in the Chili Cook- Off should contact Trustee Anderson or Rose Langston, Monetary prizes will be awarded. Entertainment will be provided by the Morgan family and line dancing instruction by Flora Haynes. The cost of the chili is \$2.00 per bowl. Trustee Anderson stated that she is glad to see Chief Holevis present to answer questions from the audience.

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- Trustee Benson

Trustee Benson reported that registration for the Office of the Mayor and Parks and Recreation youth basketball tournament and other sports events and activities will continue through January 31, 2011 for children ages 8- 16 years old at the Community Center during the hours of noon- 8 pm Monday through Friday. The fee is \$10.00 per athlete. Coaches are needed. Trustee Benson is asking each Department Head to sponsor at least one child and the Village Board members to sponsor a team. Team sponsorship is \$125.00. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Sauk Village. Sponsorship money will cover awards, refreshments, referees and a possible banquet. Trustee Benson is still investigating the baseball program. Trustee Williams asked when the basketball program starts and what other sports and activities are involved. Trustee Benson stated that the basketball program will begin February 5th and other activities include volleyball and jump rope. Trustee Hanks questioned why the Office of the Mayor is heading this program instead of the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that he has requested a list of volunteers and asked if background checks have been received for all volunteers. Trustee Benson stated that the background checks have been submitted and he is waiting for a response. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Benson to provide a list of volunteers and the times that they are volunteering in the Community Center.

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that there will be a NACA Save Your Home workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9 am -11:00 am; doors open at 8:30 am. The workshop will be advertised in the Sauk Talk, on the website, on the Village marquee, local newspapers and flyers. The workshop is open to all local municipalities. Country Club Hills is sponsoring a Home Purchase workshop the same day from 10:00 am – 12 noon. Registration is required for either workshop and space is limited. Register at www.naca.com or call 888/302-6222. Trustee Benson asked if there will be a cost to hold this event. Trustee Hanks stated that the workshop is free of charge.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- absent

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee attended a workshop at Little Joe’s Pizza in New Lenox for the purpose of networking with other municipalities and potential businesses. The Economic Development Committee would like to hold a workshop in Sauk Village in the near future to help showcase Sauk Village to retain and attract businesses to Sauk Village. Ultra Foods and Food for Less were discussed at the TIF meeting that was held on January 21, 2011 as possible businesses to investigate. Trustee Burgess suggested that a TIF planner be in place to prepare the plans and collect the data necessary to put the information of what Sauk Village has to offer out on the website. Mayor Towers stated that it was suggested that a Village Manger could take on the same role as a planner.

Trustee Burgess asked the Board to review and approve the TIF related expenses. Trustee Burgess stated that Village Engineer Czarnik will take the lead working with Grand Trunk/ CN Railroad on the Quiet Zone. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Gerald Pyke has stated that the new and improved web site will be released on February 1, 2011. Notice will be posted on the Village marquee to check out www.saukivillage.org. Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Trustee Williams asked all elected officials and department heads to turn in their reports by Friday, March 11th (no later than the 18th). The next Public Relations Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis asked if there are any new employees in the Community Center. Mayor Towers stated that there are only volunteers at this time. Chief Holevis stated that background checks for employees and volunteers have always been done by the Police Department.

Chief Holevis reported the end of the year statistics show that calls for service (25,000) were down this year and arrests (1,300) were up. The murder rate (1) is down . There were 3,000 moving violations in 2010. Chief Holevis reported that the Leads system is now updated and in compliance thanks to Lisa Gibbons' return. The Police Department is also compliant with radio licensing, updates and renewals for 2013 and 2021.

Chief Holevis reported that an arrest was made last week charging a female and a male with four counts of felony retail theft. The subjects were involved in thefts here and surrounding towns.

Safety Tips- Neighbors are your best defense. Work closely with your neighbors. Let them know when you are going out of town, how long you will be gone and how you can be contacted. Help organize a neighborhood watch group. Trustee Williams asked if Chief Holevis has received a response from the Finance Director regarding the recent memo. Chief Holevis stated that everything has been worked out.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that there were four calls last week. Chief Stoffregen thanked all who helped make the Blood Drive a great success last Saturday. Cold Weather Safety Tips- Keep space heaters three feet from clothes and furniture. Clean and inspect fireplaces. Do not warm your car in the garage even with the door open- carbon monoxide is a silent killer. Check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Check on your neighbors.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the quote for the repairs to well number 1 is in. The bolt assembly should arrive in five days. The parts are in for the repairs to well number three. Well number three should be back on line for testing purposes by next week. A new date is needed for street light repairs due to the weather. Several leaks have been reported including a leaking hydrant seal on Orion that has been repaired. Trustee Burgess stated that he did propose digging a new well in the TIF district and was told that it is not cost effective.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski- No report

Mayor Towers stated that the Community Development Department will be renamed at a later date.

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the Accounts Payable being presented tonight is in the amount of \$207,394.51. That amount does not include the January 14th payroll in the amount of \$127,682.12. FD Rao stated that the Collector's Reports from November 2009 through October 2010 are available at the front desk. Trustee Hanks asked for the General Fund balance after the Accounts Payable is approved. FD Mohan stated that balance will be approximately \$96,000.00. Trustee Williams asked if there has been any progress getting someone in to assist him with the finances. FD Rao stated that he is waiting for a proposal tomorrow morning.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that in the past week ESDA assisted the Fire Department in two calls, including a structural fire and ran three school patrols.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There is no consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

There are no ordinances and resolutions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from January 12, 2011 – January 25, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above in the amount of \$207,394.51.

A motion to approve this item as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

8b. Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing to Ratify a Previously Approved Proposal for the Exchange of Real Estate.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve authorization to hold a public hearing on February 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm. at the Village Hall. Trustee Benson made a motion to approve the item as stated above. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that he has not received the list showing phone usage charges of the elected officials and asked if there is any progress on copier ID cards being issued. Mayor Towers stated that the list will be redistributed and the copier ID cards are being investigated.

Trustee Williams requested that the Village Clerk provide her the contact information for Attorney Lapp in order to inquire what he perceives his role and responsibilities are for the Village. Trustee Williams has asked for a written explanation of the division of lawyers responsibilities but has not received it.

Trustee Williams stated that she approached Mayor Towers last week about placing the vote to remove Trustee Benson as Parks and Recreation Chair on the agenda. This request was made by at least three trustees and is not on the agenda. Mayor Towers stated that it is not the responsibility of the trustees to remove a committee member from a committee. The committee member is appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Towers stated that it is not written in any ordinance that the Board has the power to move any committee member from the committee. Trustee Williams asked again why it was not on the agenda after three trustees requested it. Trustee Williams stated that it has been a past precedent.

Trustee Williams stated that since it was not placed on the agenda, under miscellaneous business and with personnel being on the agenda she would like to make the motion to remove Trustee Benson as the chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Towers again stated that it is not the right or power of the Trustees to remove any committee member and therefore will not entertain that motion. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to remove Trustee Benson as the chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Trustee Benson stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order and State statute you cannot add anything to the agenda once the agenda has been posted unless at the Mayor's discretion.

Trustee Anderson asked Trustee Williams to state the points and reasons for the motion and requested that Village Clerk Williams record those reasons verbatim. Trustee Williams stated that the reason she brought this to the attention of the Mayor twice last week was because during multiple meetings during last year and probably the year before that there have been multiple individual residents bringing comments and concerns to the Board. Two weeks ago they asked for action. We have had multiple incidents of...

Mayor Towers interrupted Trustee Williams stating that under the advice of the counselor the Board should go into closed session to continue with this. Trustee Williams stated that a motion and a second was on the floor and stated that a vote was called for. Trustee Benson stated that personnel is under the executive session section, not the regular agenda and under the advice of the attorney this should be discussed in executive session. Mayor Towers agreed that personnel is discussed in executive session. Trustee Williams stated that discussion takes place in executive session but the vote takes place in the open Board meeting. Trustee Williams stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order there is a motion and a second and now is the time for the Mayor to call for a roll call vote.

Trustee Benson stated that Trustee Williams was out of order. Trustee Hanks stated that further discussion can take place in executive session but to add to the list of reasons requested by Trustee Anderson failure to provide information, even through FOIA request and the trustee admitted tonight that he has workers supervising the youth without background checks which should be provided. For the record, Trustee Hanks read from the minutes of January 22, 1991; the last time a trustee was removed from a committee. There was a motion by Trustee Schultz and a second by Trustee Busch to remove Trustee Wiszowaty as chair of the Ordinance and Review Committee. That motion passed with a vote of 4-2 and was not on the agenda but took place as part of the Mayor's report. That states past precedence. Trustee Benson stated that the 1991 agenda was not presented.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Board needs to make up their mind if they re going to listen to past practice or not.

Attorney McCormick stated that it is improper for a motion to be made on an item that is not on the agenda. That is out of order. If there is a motion to place something on the agenda it cannot be voted on at this meeting. This discussion should take place in closed session. Trustee Williams restated that she is not asking for discussion; just a vote. Mayor Towers restated that on the advice of counsel since the item is not on the agenda there will be no vote called.

Trustee Williams stated that at the beginning of this meeting the Board recessed to executive session for real estate which was not on the agenda. There was no motion to amend the agenda. Past minutes reflect past precedence. There is a motion and a second on the floor and it requires a vote. Trustee Williams stated that if the State's Attorney has to be brought in because we are not conducting a meeting properly she can do that. Trustee Anderson stated that she takes the words of Trustee Williams as a threat and the Board should take her up on her threat to call in the State's Attorney . Trustee Anderson stated that she should have her do that the following morning and that no further action be taken until then. Trustee Benson agreed with Trustee Anderson that the State's Attorney does need to be invited in to correct the stupidity and illegal acts that have gone on in this Board for the past two years.

Trustee Williams stated for clarification that three trustees asked for the item to be placed on the agenda, it would have been on the agenda, but the Mayor refused to place it on the agenda. Now there is a motion and a second on the floor and the Mayor refuses to call for a vote.

Trustee Hanks stated that Village ordinances state that if there is any question we must follow Robert's Rules of Order. Trustee Hanks read question number 14 from the Robert's Rules of Order's frequently asked questions which pertains to getting items placed on the agenda.

How can I get an item on the agenda for a meeting?

Answer:

For a proposed agenda to become the official agenda for a meeting, it must be adopted by the assembly at the outset of the meeting. At the time that an agenda is presented for adoption, it is in order for any member to move to amend the proposed agenda by adding any item which the member desires to add, or by proposing any other change.

It is wrong to assume, as many do, that the president "sets the agenda." It is common for the president to prepare a proposed agenda, but that becomes binding only if it is adopted by the full assembly, perhaps after amendments as just described.

Trustee Burgess stated that the matter being discussed is in reference to a committee not any criminal activity. This is in reference to a committee appointment made by the Mayor. The Board is responding to the residents who have elected them to act on their behalf. They have called for this action. This has been going on for quite a while. Trustee Benson stated that this is the reason why the Village is in litigation now. We need to comply with State statutes and stop the illegal acts. Trustee Burgess asked Trustee Benson to name one instance where this Board acted illegally. There was no further comment from Trustee Benson.

Mayor Towers stated that there is a motion on the floor to remove Trustee Benson from the Parks and Recreation committee but there is no motion to amend the agenda.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks stated that the agenda for the next Electoral Board meeting of Friday, January 28th for the water referendum hearing will be on the back table after the meeting.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Larry Stewart mentioned many of the volunteers who no longer serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee and asked how many volunteers are left on the committee. Larry asked Trustee Anderson what the Police Alliance Committee is and how many serve on the committee. Trustee Anderson stated that the Police Alliance Committee was formed in December 2007 after citizens called for action when at that time the citizens were threatening to use their own violence to deter the crime in Sauk Village. The current mission is for citizens to have a voice in order to have a relationship with the Police Department that would have them not look so negatively upon the Police Department.

Judy Cast stated that last week she was told she could not comment on items that were not on the agenda but others were given the opportunity to do so. Judy clarified that information that someone placed on the back table last week is incorrect. Bloom Trail does not have Chicago water. They get their water from Sauk Village. Judy stated that the information is also misleading and there is no mention of the cost to bring Lake Michigan water to Sauk Village and replacing the pipes. Why aren't the people responsible for the contamination paying to correct the problem instead of placing it on the taxpayer's backs?

Judy stated that youths are in the Community Center without supervision and asked if it has been determined who took the door off the bathroom stall.

Tokelia Williams stated that she volunteers with the youth at the Community Center. Tokelia stated that she reported to Trustee Benson and Kevin Weller that the stall was already loose prior to an event that took place on that Saturday. The door was removed before she reported to work on Monday. Tokelia stated that the kids coming to the center range from 2nd graders to 8th graders and some freshmen; she is always there with them and she closes the center after they leave on Mondays through Friday.

Pat Couch asked for an update on her January 11th inquiry about the drug seizure money. Finance Director Rao stated that there is approximately \$20,000.00 available provided the criteria is met.

Pat stated the door to the Community Center was left open on a recent Saturday evening with no one in the building. Pat asked how many people have keys to the building. Mayor Towers stated that he will get a list next week of who has keys to the building.

Cindy Holloman, President of the Order of Eastern Stars, stated that she and her organization have been meeting with Trustee Benson and his committee and are committed to bringing charitables to Sauk Village. Ms. Holloman stated that programs are already in place and will be provided at no cost to the Village. Her organization has worked with several south suburban communities. Ms. Holloman stated that once she sets the agenda for her organization no one can add to the agenda during the meeting.

Ms. Holloman also stated that her organization brings 60 members that would need background checks to work with the Village according to the Board's request for background checks. Ms. Holloman stated that the Board should discuss personnel in private and they have no respect for each other.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board was not aware of her and her organization and asked what activities the organization has planned for the Village. Ms. Holloman stated that the organization was planning to donate prizes to the Easter egg hunt, provide school supplies from the back of the car, support the Christmas parade and sponsor a monthly Bingo for the seniors. The organization consists of over 300 people that work with children and adults. It would be limiting the group to ask for ID in order for them to participate. Ms. Holloman stated that she will not bring her people in to be insulted. Trustee Burgess asked what chapter her organization belongs to. Ms. Holloman stated they are part of the Faith Grand Chapter.

Trustee Benson thanked Ms. Holloman for coming and that they will continue to do business. Mayor Towers will be in contact with her.

Shanella Smith, Eastern Star, stated that the Village is short of volunteers. They are willing to volunteer but there seems to be a division of the Board. Trustee Williams stated that the Board is not being disrespectful to her or her organization but was not informed about the organization. Trustee Williams encouraged the Eastern Stars to continue working with Sauk Village. Ms. Holloman stated that due to the way the action was taken tonight if Mr. Benson is gone she is gone, too.

Trustee Benson stated that the Board was not informed but would have been informed at a later date.

Charles Pondexter asked when a permanent Police Chief will be in place. Mayor Towers stated that is still under consideration.

Frank Williams stated that the Board should follow the codes of the Village, State statutes and Robert's Rules of Order. Frank asked why when four trustees asked for an item to be placed on the agenda the Mayor refused but when an audience member asked for an item to be placed on the agenda he agreed. Mayor Towers stated that because at that time he felt that it was necessary for that to be on the agenda. Frank stated that the Board cannot meet without the trustees; the Mayor should listen to the Board and the people. The Board should make the decisions for the Village. Frank stated that the locks should be changed and only two keys that cannot be duplicated should be made available for the Police Department and Parks and Recreation. Frank stated that the background checks are needed for the safety of the children.

Carl Rylander thanked Village Clerk Williams for asking to post special meetings. Carl asked if there is an entrance fee to participate in the Chili Cook off. Trustee Anderson stated that there is no fee. Carl asked for clarification on the NACA workshop. Trustee Hanks stated that the Home Save workshop is sponsored by the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America and is working to help homeowners who are in danger of losing their home. Carl questioned the land that is being exchanged according to item 8b. Mayor Towers stated that 14 acres owned by Sauk Village will be exchanged with another 14 acres owned by another company in the Logistic Center so that the company can build there.

Sharon Davenport asked for an update if Cook County has been notified about the curved road. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Myers is working on that. Sharon stated that the disrespect by Board members is trickling into the community. Sharon stated that she witnessed people cleaning out her neighbor's house in broad daylight right in front of her. The Police stated that they are looking for the people who are responsible; she called while they were in the process. Only two houses on her block have not been burglarized. People need to care about each other.

Sharon reported that there is a plumbing issue on Gailine Avenue near the school.

Sharon stated that there are no activities for her 7 year old. Most activities start from 2nd grade. Sauk Village residents should not have to take their kids out of Sauk Village. Background checks are needed to work with children. As a volunteer delivering Meals on Wheels her and her husband were required to do a background check.

Darrick Thompson apologized for a statement he made last week that was out of character for him. His name has been mentioned because of that. Darrick mentioned activities that he has participated in other communities and Sauk Village. He is currently working with Parks and Recreation and has consented to a background check.

Tammy Jones stated that a request was submitted in December to Trustee Benson for the use of the Community Center for the Girl Scout cookie drop off on February 14th. Tammy has followed up and still has not received a response. Mayor Towers asked Ms. Jones to contact him.

Jessica Leatherman asked what the policy is to rent the community center. How long should it take to get approval? Mayor Towers asked her to see him after the meeting since Trustee Benson has been removed from Parks and Recreation. Mayor Towers will see that the space is available.

Mike Brown asked what is the function of the Police Alliance Committee and if the Community Policing Initiatives are part of the PAC. What have they done and how was the chair appointed? Trustee Anderson stated that the committee is trying to build an alliance with the Police Department and to change the negativity. Two focus groups were held under the past Police Chief. Community Policing Initiatives are not currently a part of the PAC. Mayor Towers stated that committee chairs are appointed by the Mayor. The PAC was formed under the previous administration. Trustee Anderson and Mayor Towers suggested that Mike join the committee.

Rose Langston stated that the representative from the Eastern Stars only heard one side. One representative does not speak for the entire Board. Rose stated that there was no report on the Eastern Stars. Usually reports are made on what is pending on a committee. Rose asked why the \$50.00 in gift cards that were donated by the Eastern Stars not reported.

Tokelia Williams stated that the gift cards were not given to Sauk Village. They were given to her to distribute at her own discretion. They were used for the pageant winners.

Rose stated that the Board went into executive session right after opening the meeting and that was not on the agenda. Why wasn't the other motion that was not on the agenda okay? Rose asked who is supervising the kids since there is no employee with a background check at the Community Center.

Rose stated that it is crucial to have background checks on volunteers who work with children.

Lynda Washington stated that she was concerned about Ms. Holloman and she was glad to see Trustee Benson and Trustee Williams reach out to her.

Joe Wiszowaty asked who Mayor Towers would appoint as the interim Parks and Recreation Committee chair.

Mayor Towers did not know at this time.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session for personnel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:37 pm.

a. Discussion of Personnel Matters an Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Negotiating Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed. (5ILCS120/2(C)(1)(2010)

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene open session at 11:58 pm. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **FEBRUARY 3, 2011.**

(Rescheduled from February 1, 2011 due to inclement weather)

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Village Financial Matters- (combined with agenda item #11)

Finance Director Mohan Rao stated that he will work with village employees and outside consultants to bring the village accounting up to date. FD Rao reported the following fund balances:

General Fund \$168,275.88

MFT- 471,754.48

TIF 1,2,4 320,394.01

FD Rao stated that \$139,000.00 will be made payable to Sauk Village for administrative fees from TIF 3. Trustee Burgess asked for a list of all TIF draws.

FD Rao stated that the auditors will be in Wednesday at 2 pm to share information with the outside consultant.

3. Alguire's Tree Service- Larry Alguire

Larry Alguire was not present. Mayor Towers stated that this item refers to placing the sign back on 394; is it legal and are we charging. Sherry Jasinski stated that the sign is replacing an existing sign. There is a \$200.00 sign permit charge. No additional fees should be required. This item will be placed on the 2/15/11 agenda.

4. Regency Technologies- Eric King- Tabled

Mr. King asked for this item to be tabled until the next meeting.

5. Cost Savings Initiatives

Mayor Towers stated that that Sandy is investigating ID cards for the copier.

Trustee Myers stated that he is scheduled to meet with the adjudicator, Police Chief and Deputy Chief to verify the fine structure. The adjudicator has the right to charge \$25.00 - \$150.00. The revenues do not look right. Allowing first time offenders to go without a fine is a loss of revenue. Mayor Towers asked to be included in that meeting.

Trustee Myers stated that Cook and Will Counties have levied certain offenses that can be heard in local

courts now. Tickets can be written but fines need to be enforced. Liens can be placed on properties if fines are not paid.

Trustee Myers stated he is working with Sandy comparing invoices to the \$30,000.00 past due notice from Rich Construction. There is not \$30,000.00 worth of invoices in house. Trustee Myers will contact Rich Construction to verify the amount and reconcile this account. Rich Construction will be used for fire and major police emergencies only at this time. Public Works can assist with board ups. Mayor Towers stated that a letter was written previously that Rich Construction would be used only in emergencies. Homeowners or insurance companies can be billed when applicable. Liens can be placed on the properties with unpaid bills.

Mayor Towers stated that everyone received a list of cell phone charges as requested. Trustee Burgess stated that he is willing to turn in his village phone. Trustee Burgess asked why Trustee Benson's phone plan is Everything Business. Trustee Benson stated that it was like that when he got it. Trustee Williams stated that there would be a monthly saving of \$265.00 by turning in Trustee's cell phones. The list should be purged to eliminate phones not in use. Mayor Towers will investigate why the Everything Business plan is on Trustee Benson's phone. Direct connect phones are necessary for emergency departments.

Trustee Benson stated that residents have contacted other villages to find out how often they meet; no other Board meets four times a month. They have asked him if the Board could only meet 2 times a month. There could be a cost savings of \$1,800.00- \$2,000.00 per month. Trustee Williams stated that the savings would actually be approximately \$14,000.00 per year. The Mayor and Clerk are salaried positions. The agendas are full and the meetings are already long. Trustee Hanks stated that according to State statute the Trustee's salaries cannot be altered except for pay increases prior to each election. All trustees will have the same pay scale if they do not take a pay increase this year. Trustee Hanks suggested that trustees only get paid for the four board meetings and not their committee meeting and to keep special meetings to a minimum. Meetings should be shortened. Having the Committee meeting before the Board meeting would allow discussion for items to be voted on in the same night and eliminate the need for four meetings. Trustee Williams stated that the trustees may not be able to meet any earlier due to work schedules. The agendas are packed and meetings would last much longer. Trustee Benson stated that the meetings are long due to audience participation and bickering back and forth. Audience participation should be shortened. Sticking to business will also shorten the meetings.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Works Department worked 36 hours straight during the blizzard to try to keep up with snowplowing and two water main breaks. Was laying off the employees really a cost savings with the overtime that occurred, overworking employees and residents still not being serviced timely?

The various departments are sharing vehicles. Code Department vehicles are being used by Public Works employees. The Blazer is going to auction. It was suggested that with minor repairs the Blazer could be used by the ESDA Department.

Trustee Myers reported that the ESDA Department shared their vehicles with the Police Department during the recent storm.

Mayor Towers confirmed that the lawyers are not present tonight and will only be attending the 2nd and 4th Board meetings as a cost savings initiative. Trustee Burgess asked if they have submitted a recent bill. Mayor Towers stated that the November bill has been presented.

Mayor Towers asked that all cost savings initiatives be submitted in writing.

6. Renaming the Community Development Department and duties- Sherry Jasinski

Mayor Towers and the Board agreed that in the temporary absence of the Code Department Sherry Jasinski's

new title will be Zoning and Building Administrator. The Zoning and Building Administrator's proposed duties were discussed by the Board and include continuing with the current building and zoning responsibilities as well as working with developers, assisting new businesses and working with the TIF's. The Zoning and Building Administrator will work under the supervision of the Mayor and the Village Administrator. Also, in the absence of the Code Department, code tickets are no longer being written. All outstanding tickets were resolved in the January Village night court with exception of a couple of LO tickets still outstanding in Markham. The Code Department brought in a lot of revenue. The Board agreed that the layoffs are temporary and hopes to bring the staff back as soon as possible. Trustee Myers stated that if a qualified code officer is brought back on the revenue that would be generated would more than pay for the salary. The unions would have to be consulted.

Mayor Towers agreed that the Board should set a date to bring back one or two code officers. Trustee Hanks stated that the new Finance Director needs to show a projection of the finances before the Village is in the red again.

Trustee Williams stated that discussions with the unions regarding the insurance liability never happened. Raising fees also need to be discussed. An upcoming committee meeting agenda should be scheduled to discuss when and how laid off employees can return to work as the only item on the agenda. Department heads should be included in that meeting.

7. United Church of Christ 50th Year Anniversary Resolution

Mayor Towers stated that a resolution needs to be prepared in order to present it to the United Church of Christ on Sunday, February 6, 2011. This resolution will be included on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. Crossroads Apartments Inspection Guidelines (discussed after item #5 per Mayor Towers)

Sherry Jasinski introduced Crossroads owner/ manager Maj Sherani. Mr. Sherani is concerned with the new guidelines since the layoffs of the Code Enforcement inspectors. The inspections of the 180 rental units will be extremely costly if outside firms are needed to perform inspections after a tenant leaves. Mr. Sherani stated that this does not happen in other municipalities. Mr. Sherani stated that he would agree to have the village inspection fees raised to help defray the cost of the return of Village inspectors and believes other property owners would agree to do the same. Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with Sherry and Trustee Myers about the concerns. The concerns are valid. Sherry stated that the Crossroads owners are fantastic people who are looking for direction. The roof could be inspected annually and the boiler is certified until 2012. A check list could be provided for each new move in. Someone would still need to verify compliance. Trustee Burgess stated that both Code and Public Works employees are needed back on the job as soon as possible; even for three days a week if permissible with the unions. Trustee Myers stated that life safety inspections must be done on all apartments after a tenant moves out. Mr. Sherani stated that he would provide a notarized list of all certifications to the village. Trustee Williams agreed that there is an immediate need to look at possibly bringing employees back on a part time basis. There is another apartment complex also to consider. Sherry Jasinski stated that part time will not cut it. Owners are willing to pay up to \$200.00 for inspections in order to get the inspectors back on the payroll. Mayor Towers stated that the costs will have to be across the board for all buildings. Mayor Towers asked Trustee Myers and Sherry to meet with Mr. Sherani to discuss this further.

9. A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Submission of an Application to the County of Cook, Illinois requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Tear 2011 for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers stated that this item will be placed on the next Board agenda.

10. Election Policies and Procedures- Village Clerk Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that residents have made inquiries regarding political etiquette. There is no written policy regarding political etiquette. In the past, there was an unstated policy of what was and was not allowed. VC Williams stated that many complaints of electioneering were reported to her during the November election. VC Williams passed out pamphlets provided by the Cook County Board of Elections called "Keep It Fair on Election Day". The pamphlet will be distributed to all candidates. VC Williams also provided the Cook County Board of Ethics Political Activity Prohibitions for Cook County Employees working in Cook County buildings as a reference to be used to establish a policy on activity prohibitions in or around Sauk Village municipal buildings. Currently, literature and fundraising information is currently being passed out in the open at Village Board meetings and in other municipal buildings. This has never been allowed in the past. If the Board decides to allow this it should be fair and equal to all candidates. VC Williams also asked if Voter's Registration from non-Village employees is allowed.

The Board stated that non-employees registering voters in municipal buildings has always been acceptable and suggested that VC Williams check with other municipalities to see if they have election policies in place and propose a draft of a policy to the Board for approval. This policy may not be in place before the April election. State statutes and County election codes and policies have always been used a reference.

The Board agreed that no political campaigning, Village Board petitions, documents, signs, pins, etc... will be allowed in municipal buildings except in the case of a public forum open to all candidates. If an ordinance is written there needs to be a penalty included for violations.

Village Clerk Williams asked that the Board approve a purge of voters registered at vacant homes in Sauk Village. There was no opposition to the purge.

11. TIF Disbursements (TIF 1, TIF 2, TIF 4) (previously combined with agenda item #2)

12. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked who is running the Community Center and if background checks have been performed on the volunteers and if Mayor Towers was aware of an incident in the Community Center over the weekend. Mayor Towers stated that the Community Center volunteers include Maxine Towers and Tokelia Williams and Darrick Thompson in the gym. Mayor Towers is waiting for responses on the background checks and was not aware of any incident at the center over the weekend. Trustee Williams asked if the Community Center hours are still the same. Mayor Towers stated that they are the same.

Trustee Myers stated that he reported missing items a couple of weeks ago. He has requested a list of who has keys to the buildings. Trustee Myers has seen lights on in the buildings at 3 am or 4 am. And he is concerned about the use of the copy machine.

Trustee Hanks stated that in the past the Community Center key needed to be signed out through the Police Department with the driver's license being surrendered.

Trustee Williams stated that the new web site is up and information regarding the upcoming snowstorm is posted. Student Government Day is March 22nd. The schedule is being discussed with Ms. Iverson and the Public Relations Committee. Rickover Junior High has a new "Life" program starting February 8th in the gym. This program is for youth and adults. Trustee Williams stated that Barb Petner is looking for monetary donations or cards, stickers, and card stock for the Valentine's for Veteran's program. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee meeting was rescheduled to next Wednesday, February 8th due to inclement weather.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Committee will meet on Thursday, February 10th at the Senior Center. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting is Tuesday, February 8th at 6 pm and the Chili Cook Off will be held March 26th.

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA Home Save workshop will be held Saturday, February 26th from 9 am - 11:00. Pre-registration is required at www.naca.com or call 1/888-302-NACA.

B. Comments and Questions from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Tammy Jones asked the deadline for the Valentine's for Veterans. Trustee Williams stated that cards will be sent throughout the month of February; there is no deadline listed.

Ed Shankel stated that background checks should be received before people are allowed to work. Ed stated that a bond should be required of everyone running for election.

Lynda Washington stated that there is a policy that a person cannot have campaign literature while registering someone to vote but someone else can stand somewhere else with the literature.

John Hinko asked how many registered voters with different names can be listed at the same address. VC Williams stated that apartment buildings often have multiple registered voters at one address and single family homes could include more than one voter with a different name. VC Williams stated that concerns should be addressed to the Cook County Clerk.

Frank Williams stated that adopting rules now is kind of late. Frank stated that Evanston allows only three last names in the household. Frank stated that the PLAN will be investigating addresses, residency and registrations.

Rose Langston stated that she has held a political forum for 20 years where campaign literature is acceptable; otherwise no campaign literature is allowed in municipal buildings. Rose stated that she hopes the Village copy machine is not being used for campaign literature. Lynda Washington asked who the sidewalk belongs to and if literature can be passed out on the municipal building sidewalks. Mayor Towers stated that the sidewalks and close to the door is okay except on Election Day where the 100 feet rule applies. Lynda cautioned that people are living in their cars or have been misplaced from their homes.

Rose stated that last Saturday campaign literature was placed in mailboxes. Rose stated that it is illegal to place campaign literature in mailboxes.

13. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed. (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2011)).

14. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment- None

15. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for a roll call.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Mayor Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER FEBRUARY 8, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
 - a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. On roll call:
Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: Trustee Anderson (called in)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. January 18, 2011– Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

b. January 25, 2011 – Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 Special Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

c. January 25, 2011 – Second Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 Second Special Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

d. January 25, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

e. December 21, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2010 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that multiple flyers are placed on tables on both sides of the back of the room. March 8th is the last day to register to vote for the April 5th election. Voter's registration is available at the Village Hall by appointment, the library and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Self administered applications are available at the back table and can be returned to the Village Clerk or mailed directly to the Cook County Clerk. The first day for absentee ballots will be February 24, 2011.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- (arrived at 8:05 pm)- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – Joseph Bertrand/ Carl McCormick – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik thanked the Board for approving the minutes of January 25, 2011 and asked that the upcoming resolution be approved in order to continue with the street repairs with CDBG funding.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No Report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson- absent

4b. Parks, Recreation Committee- None

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that there will be a NACA "Save Your Home" workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9 am -11:00 am; doors open at 8:30 am. The workshop will be advertised in the Sauk Talk, on the website, on the Village marquee, local newspapers and flyers. The workshop is open to all local municipalities. Country Club Hills is sponsoring a Home Purchase workshop the same day from 10:00 am – 12 noon. Registration is required for either workshop and space is limited. Register at www.naca.com or call 888/302-6222.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Rich Construction invoices are under review. Trustee Myers stated that he will be meeting with the Zoning and Building Administrator regarding the inspection procedures for Crossroads Apartment. Trustee Myers spoke with the Deputy Police Chief regarding meeting with the adjudicator to possibly raise fees. Three ordinances have been sent to the Stuttley Group for review. Trustee Myers stated that the new campaign sign ordinance passed last June was in affect on January 1st but has been pulled away.

There is no regulation on how long a sign can stay up on private property; local government can restrict signs to a reasonable size. Trustee Myers will review the sign ordinance with the Ordinance Review Committee and the Stuttley Group.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm. will be rescheduled to Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee will meet Wednesday, February 9th at 6:00 pm to discuss Student Government fundraisers. This year donations will again be solicited from vendors, Board members, department heads and residents. All donations will be acknowledged on the Student Government Day program. There will be a Bunco at the library on March 11th at 7 pm. The donation of \$5.00 includes Bunco prizes, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. The Horseshoe Casino trip is scheduled for March 5th. The donation of \$30.00 includes transportation to and from the casino, free lunch buffet and \$5.00 free play. All money is due by Friday, February 17, 2011.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis reported that during the blizzard the Police Department assisted one dozen motorists, two minor car accidents and seven ambulance calls. The Public Works and ESDA departments loaned 2 4X4's to the Police Department; squad cars were useless in the storm. Police Chief Holevis stated that arrests were up, for a total of 33, during the week of 1/25- 2/8/11. Chief Holevis reported that included 2 subjects arrested on theft charges; many TV's were recovered; and three felony gun charges. The Circuit Court has initiated a warrant arrest fee to document arrests. The Police Department will retain \$70.00 and the Circuit Court will be paid \$5.00. Chief Holevis stated that the kitchen work being performed with the help of Boy Scout Josh Lynch has begun.

Trustee Hanks asked for an update on the incident referred to in a memo received by the Board. Chief Holevis reported that on January 31, 2011 between 11:00 pm and 1:00 am there were approximately 300 people in the Community Center. Alcohol was being served and there was a strong odor of cannabis. There was tattooing going on in the back room for a \$25.00 charge. Subjects were arrested for alcohol violations. They were also charged for not having a business license. There is no further investigation on this incident.

Trustee Myers stated that the Cook County Health Department and the Department of License and Registration recently approved a fine of \$5,000.00 for anyone performing tattooing without a license. Trustee Hanks stated that a current ordinance states that a doctor must be present if there is tattooing going on.

Trustee Myers asked if this was a committee that hosted the event. Mayor Towers stated that an outside organization was using the facility. Mayor Towers stated that he was informed three days later. The same organization applied to use the center again last Saturday. Mayor Towers stated that the application was denied pending the Police Department investigation. Mayor Towers will now respond to the applicant with his concerns over the event. Trustee Hanks asked if the original permit stated that tattooing would be taking place. Sherry Jasinski stated that it was a church party for gentleman from different groups that applied for a permit for 75 people. No tattooing was mentioned on the permit. Police Chief Holevis reported that police from Lynwood and Cook County and possibly Steger were called in to assist. Police Chief Holevis stated that people were being car pooled in. Mayor Towers asked for the capacity of the Community Center. It was estimated at a capacity of 125.

Additional details may be discussed in executive session under possible pending litigation.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department answered thirty two calls during the week of 2-1-11 through 2-7-11. Eighteen calls were blizzard related. Fire Chief Stoffregen thanked the residents for their patience during the storm. FC Stoffregen stated that with the advance warning of the storm a well coordinated emergency plan was in place with the help of the Fire Department, ESDA, Police Department, Public Works, Mayor Towers, Village Clerk Williams and Trustee Williams. Details were placed on the Village website and Facebook. Many citizens and organizations helped including School District 168, Red Cross and St. James

Church assisted in the plan. The Fire Station was staffed for thirty six hours during the course of the blizzard; from 3 pm Tuesday through 5 am Thursday. Assistance is needed in shoveling out fire hydrants in the community.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that there was approximately two inches of snow fall on Monday before the twenty inches fell on Tuesday. DH Weller stated that four hours into the storm the first water main break occurred on Cornell and lasted approximately 12 ½ hours in the heart of the blizzards causing snow plowing to be halted. There was a pass through the main drag. A second water main break occurred on Clyde Avenue. After thirty six hours the crew took an 8 hour break before returning to do the center pass. DH Weller stated that residents need to understand that the snow ends up where it ends up when it is plowed off of the street. A lot of streets had two passes and snow ended up in some driveways. There is no way to avoid this. Residents complained and some workers were threatened. Most residents were understanding but were looking for a timeframe of when to expect plows down their street. DH Weller stated that the Public Works staff did an excellent job; had the department been fully staffed the snow could have been plowed curb to curb. Minor vehicle repairs were completed by Public Works staff to save money. There were a couple more inches of snow over the weekend. DH Weller reported that well number 1 should be back up by Friday. The top of well number three is repaired and testing can resume.

Mayor Towers commended Kevin Weller and the Public Works staff for doing a great job. Mayor Towers was concerned that the staff was getting their breaks as needed. Mayor Towers thanked all of the departments for the tremendous job they did during the storm of keeping the residents and the streets safe and setting up the warming centers. Mayor Towers stated that a meeting was called with him and all of the department heads in advance of the storm to coordinate the emergency plan.

5d. Community Development Department: Ms. Jasinski

Sherry Jasinski stated that the Alguire’s billboard sign is allowed in the industrial area. Sherry stated that the size of the sign needs to be checked. This sign is replacing the existing sign which suffered wind damage. There is a \$200.00 sign permit fee.

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the Accounts Payable, including payroll, being presented tonight is in the amount of \$271,185.98. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable as listed. After discussion, Trustee Burgess made a motion to only release payroll and payroll liabilities, Heritage FS Gas, Alcauter Telecommunications and Ray O’Herron’s payments. A resolution and or detailed list of TIF expenses will be presented for payout on the next Board agenda. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that during the week of 2-1-11 through 2-7-11 ESDA handled 14 calls. ESDA assisted the Fire Department in nine calls, two bad accidents on 394 and ran one school patrol. ESDA assisted with staffing the Fire Department for two nights during the blizzard. DH Johnson reported that Will County Emergency Management is sponsoring severe weather spotting classes that are open to the public on February 22nd in Shorewood, March 17th in Wilmington, March 1st in New Lenox and March 23rd in Crete. Call 815/723-1455 to reserve seating. There is no charge for the two hour class. DH Johnson stated that the Severe Weather Preparedness Week will be February 27th through March 5th. A statewide tornado drill will take place on March 1st at 10:00 am.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6a. Department Title Zoning and Building Administrator and Director - Sherry Jasinski

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above title of Zoning and Administrator and Director. Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. Approving a Resolution for United Church of Christ 50th Year Anniversary

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve a Resolution for United Church of Christ's 50th Anniversary. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

7b. Approving a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Submission of an Application to the County of Cook, Illinois, Requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2011 for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Submission of an Application to the County of Cook, Illinois requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2011 for the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from January 26, 2011 – February 8, 2011.

The Accounts Payable was approved under item 5e.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees commended the Public Work Department, Fire Department, Police Department, ESDA and all service providers who worked so diligently during the blizzard to keep up with the blizzard and maintain resident safety even with the short staff and two water main breaks. The Board also asked residents to be patient during these circumstances and commended residents that helped their neighbors during this time.

Trustee Williams thanked Rose Langston for the invitation to attend the 50th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ. The service and luncheon was very nice. Trustee Williams learned a lot. Kudos to Rose for being a founding member of the church.

Trustee Myers stated that he had a wonderful time and it was great to see a lot of old friends at the church and reminisced about replacing the main beam under Rose's watchful eye. Watch out for friends and neighbors during the bitter cold.

Trustee Hanks also enjoyed the service and congratulated United Church of Christ on their anniversary and thanked them for their contribution to the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated for the record that the Board received a memo stating that the Real Estate hearing scheduled for February 22, 2011 will be postponed until further notice.

No comment from Trustee Benson.

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers if the background checks have been completed for the Community Center volunteers. Mayor Towers stated that the background checks have not been received.

Trustee Burgess stated that due to a letter received from the insurance company and the fact that the background checks have not been completed on the individuals working with the children he would like to make a motion at this time to amend the agenda to include closing the Community Center until the background checks are completed. The letter states that the Village is in violation and will continue to be in violation if the Community Center remains open without the background checks completed on the individuals who deal with the children. This is causing a liability to the Village. Chief Holevis stated that this was a thirty day notice that was received from ICMRT. Finance Director Rao stated that other items were also included in the letter that need to be addressed within thirty days. FD Rao will give each member of the Board a copy of the letter. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Discussion involving the legality of the motion followed.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that this needs to be discussed in closed session. Trustee Burgess stated that he has requested background checks for a couple of weeks and we cannot wait until something happens before we find out there may be a problem. This person has never worked in the Village before; we need to keep the Village out of harm's way.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that the Board can amend the agenda but no substantive vote can be taken at this time. Trustee Burgess stated that he can amend his motion to ask for an executive session in order to get the matter resolved tonight. Attorney McCormick stated that the executive session was needed.

Trustee Burgess rescinded the motion close the Community Center. Trustee Williams rescinded the second on that motion.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to move item number 10 – recess to executive session to discuss personnel with action to be taken to this point in the agenda. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Anderson

The Board recessed to executive session at 8:07 pm.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene from executive session with action to be taken at 8:45 pm.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Trustee Burgess stated that due to extreme circumstances and emergency he would like to amend the rules to include a motion to close the Community Center until background checks are received. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams included that that any individual running the Community Center would have to come before the Board.

Trustee Williams asked if the Community Center hours are the same and if they are posted. Mayor Towers stated that coaches may cut practice short and leave early.

Trustee Williams stated that the other side of the Community Center was not open during the hours of operation. Trustee Williams witnessed kids waiting in the cold to get in. The hours should be posted at the Community Center and the Sauk Talk. Mayor Towers clarified that the motion includes the gym portion of the Community Center only. Trustee Benson stated that this causes more confusion to the motion.

Trustee Burgess amended the amendment to state that the gym portion of the Community Center will stay closed until the Board is shown proof that the person running the Community Center has a completed background check.

Trustee Myers rescinded the second on the first motion and seconded the current motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustee Benson
Absent: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers to use the Sauk Village Police Department to expedite matters. There was no further comment.

Mayor Towers recognized Village Treasurer Carmichael who entered the meeting late. VT Carmichael stated that there was no report.

9b. Questions and comments from the audience

Several residents stated concerns and commendations to all departments for their work during the blizzard and to all the residents who banded together to help people in need.

Larry Stewart asked why the Sauk Village Police Department is not doing the background checks; background checks have been done by the Sauk Village Police Department for 25 years. Mayor Towers stated that is his call; he never stated that they would not be doing the background checks.

Larry stated that he does not want the center closed but background checks must be done. It has been a month. Mayor Towers stated that the Board has agreed to close the Center until background checks are complete and the policy has been reviewed.

Trustee Burgess asked if the gym is closed waiting for background checks. Who is running the other side?

Mayor Towers stated that Maxine Towers and Tokelia Williams run the other side through the VISTA program. Background checks are done through VISTA.

Judy Cast stated that it has already been two weeks. Judy stated that she will fight for the entire building to be closed if it is not done right.

Rosie Jones stated that everyone on the Board should have a background check.

Pat Couch stated she is still waiting to see how many people have keys to the Community Center buildings.

Mayor Towers stated that the cleaning service, Mayor, Police Department, Public Works, VISTA and Darrick Thompson have keys to the building. Mayor Towers stated that he will get Darrick Thompson's key tonight.

Angela Cox stated that volunteers should be checked out against the list of pedophiles in the Village so they will not be working with the kids. Mayor Towers stated that would come up in a background check. Chief Holevis stated that quarterly checks are performed on the sex offenders.

Sharon Davenport stated that the background checks should not take this long; the Police Department should do them. Parents should be notified if the gym is closing. Sharon asked for clarity if the Girl Scouts will still be able to use the gym for cookie drop off.

Mayor Towers stated that the cookie drop off is not a kid's program and will still be allowed.

Frank Williams stated that the residents want the background checks done now. Frank asked if it was possible to get a list of who attended the church party.

Mayor Towers stated that nothing can be done if it is an ongoing investigation.

Frank suggested giving the fingerprints to the Police Department; they are qualified to do that. The children need to be protected until that is done. Frank stated that kids were up at the center at 5 pm and it was closed.

Ed Shankel asked who signed off on the party.

Mayor Towers stated that it is under investigation.

Trustee Williams stated that residents are not getting an answer to who signed off on the party. Trustee Williams stated that the papers show Trustee Benson signed off on the party on February 4th after he was removed from the Parks and Recreation Committee as Chair. Trustee Benson stated that the party was approved one month ago. Mayor Towers clarified that the permit was issued one month ago and the deposit was received on February 4th.

Laverne Woods stated that this is her second meeting and that the Village should work as a team.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that she sent an email to all Board members and no one got it. Trustee Williams stated that the web site was recently updated and this may have caused a problem; she will investigate. Elizabeth stated that there are still problems with Parks and Recreation. Elizabeth commented that numerous accounts have not been reconciled; how does the Finance Director know how much money there is. Elizabeth asked if

both attorneys present are getting paid. Mayor Towers stated that one attorney is getting paid.

Mike Brown stated that the Mayor should not allow anyone to be put in that place without a background check.

Liz Hinko stated that there have been discussions about getting Chicago water. EPA has discovered chemicals in Chicago water that is causing stomach cancer; that would be going from bad to worse. Liz commented on the animosity among the Board. Liz stated there is no progress. Foreclosures and no Code Department; what is being done.

John Hinko stated that people should fill out a form to rent the Community Center. John asked if the Police Department was aware of what function was going on.

Chief Holevis stated that a permit was available.

Joe Wiszowaty stated that the Village Employee manual should be consulted and move on.

Rose Langston suggested placing the closing of the Community Center on the marquee. Rose stated that the PLAN group does a lot of work for the seniors, like snow plowing for no charge. Rose thanked the Mayor, Village Clerk and Trustees who attended the anniversary and Gary Holcomb for taping the event without charge. Rose stated that she worked for 45 years and had background checks done almost every year and continues to get a background check as a church volunteer.

Rose said it was stopped in the Village within the past couple of years when the trustee decided it was not necessary.

Rose stated that anyone working with kids and municipal employees who go into resident's homes should have a background check. Rose is glad to see Sherry placed in the new position.

Darrick Thompson stated that he spoke with Trustee Burgess and respects the request for the background check.

Lynda Washington hoped that the Board will be diligent with other issues.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Myers made a motion to recess to a second executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

All Ayes.

- a. Discussion of Personnel Matters an Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed. (5ILCS120/2(C)(1)(2011).
- b.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:50 pm.

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene open session at 10:47 pm. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Anderson

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, FEBRUARY 15, 2011.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (called in)

2. Village Financial Matters

Finance Director Rao stated that with the help of Sandy and Pam he is attempting to catch up on all of the non reconciled bank reconciliations from the past. The auditors cannot be called in until they are current through October 31, 2010. FD Rao stated that he is contacting outside CPA contractors who were referred by the auditors for assistance. These services will provide quotes, timelines and level of expertise information which he will share with the Board. No information will leave the Village Hall and will be totally accessible to FD Rao. The audit needs to be completed by April 30, 2011.

FD Rao stated the following fund balances:

General Fund \$137,431.93

Motor Fuel Tax Fund 471,754.48

FD Rao stated all TIF draw information has been given to Joe Bertrand. The TIF draw for the consultants from approximately May, 2010 to present is estimated at \$87,000.00 and administrative costs at \$139,000.00. The TIF draws will be placed on the next agenda.

3. Regency Technologies- Eric King

Eric King made a presentation for recycling electronics. Regency is new to the Chicago land area and is located at 116th and Avenue O. All electronics are 100% recyclable except for the wood consoles. Regency Technologies breaks down all components of the items for recycling. Only the wood consoles are placed in the landfill. Regency Technologies follows strict guidelines and is ISO 9000 and ISO 1400 certified. Garbage companies cannot pick up electronics; no electronics should be in landfills. There is a single location for electronics. Eric stated that 3-4 8' X8' pallets can be placed at an agreed upon location, possibly a secured area in the Public Works garage, for residents to place the items. Eric will supply a detailed list of what items are acceptable. Regency will provide flyers to be distributed throughout the community and place the electronics collection information in the Sauk Talk and Village website. There is a charge to pick up certain items like lead, glass and CT monitors. The State of Illinois charges a \$3.00- \$5.00 minimum charge for a CT monitor; that cost would be passed on to the Village. Rebates are available in some case. A percentage per pound is possible. Desktops and servers may have some value. The Village can login to the dispatch center for pick up. Trustee Myers suggested that Eric speak with Fire Chief Stoffregen. Eric invited everyone to view

the facility. Eric stated that the pallets can be set up immediately. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will consider the proposal.

4. Cost Savings Initiatives

Mayor Towers stated that he has asked for cost savings initiatives to be submitted by the Board. Trustee Burgess asked for an analysis on the adjudication system; number of cases versus collected return. Trustee Myers stated that he will meet with the Deputy Chief and Trustee Burgess to get an update. The system was set up to not give too many dismissals but to assess fines. State statute has increased local court calls to include things like disorderly conduct and no child restraint. This generates revenue as well as compliance. Fines are solely at the discretion of the adjudicator.

5. Background Check/ Community Center Update

Mayor Towers stated that the background checks for four volunteers were submitted to the Department of Children and Family Services. The contact person was laid off; still waiting for information to come back. If the information is not received by Friday the requests will be sent to a different area. Mayor Towers stated that the after school program is now open only Tuesday through Thursday. Mayor Towers stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee is reviewing the rental fees and the Community Center policy. The committee is considering requiring insurance and security in some cases due to the situation that occurred recently.

Trustee Burgess asked why the Sauk Village Police, FBI or State Department are not being used for the background checks. Mayor Towers stated that they were submitted to the State Police with no response and then to DCFS.

The policy will be reviewed to include more specific information about what type of activity is allowed and when security is allowed and if there should be some type of check to make sure the event is what is listed on the permit. In the case of the recent incident, the non-profit organization was not charged a fee and claimed a church event was scheduled which ended up something different where they were actually charging at the door. The contract also stated no smoking or alcohol is allowed. Trustee Williams asked if a "do not return" list is being kept that will not allow anyone who had a problem from renting again. Trustee Williams asked who the four volunteers were, why the Police Department is not doing the background checks, when were the background checks ordered and asked for a calendar of events scheduled at the Community Center. Trustee Williams asked if Parks & Rec committee minutes or funds have been located. Mayor Towers stated that the background checks were requested when he took over the committee about three weeks ago. All money is handled at the front desk. Trustee Burgess stated that number 13 of the policy stated that non for profit groups are eligible, not commercial groups. Trustee Burgess stated that in the past committee members check the center before and after each event. Mayor Towers stated that the committee is checking before and after the event now that he has taken over. Trustee Burgess stated that it should be noted on the permit if the renter is charging for anything at the event.

Trustee Hanks stated that any Sauk Village event that allows alcohol sales are expected to hire security at their expense by ordinance. Trustee Hanks stated that reasonable hours need to be in place. Trustee Anderson stated that she just read about the incident. Trustee Anderson asked why there are restrictions being discussed after an event where there were no arrests. The Community Center should be

available to the residents for weddings, parties, etc... Trustee Hanks stated that the memo said that there were arrests. Trustee Anderson would like the information on how many arrests were made and what were they for. Mayor Towers stated that the committee has a concern which came out of this event where the application states something different than what actually took place.

Trustee Myers stated that by ordinance the Police Department can be used at time and a half for off duty Police officers. Trustee Myers stated that large parties should pay for security and there should always be a charge for overhead. Mayor Towers stated that the committee is still reviewing the policy for any necessary rewrites. Trustee Myers stated that all final changes to the rental policy should be brought before the Board.

Trustee Williams stated that the committee needs to have a firm grasp on what is happening in the center and to needs to keep track of who has a key to the center. Trustee Anderson stated that the committee is having a lot delegated back to them for review and that the trustees should not be negative and tear down but to encourage committees and allow residents to benefit from what the Village has to offer.

6. Radio and Pager Quote- Fire Chief Al Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that the Village needs to be Narrow Band compliant by 2012 or could be liable for a \$10,000.00 fine. The pagers and radios get set aside every budget year. The Village is now 24 pagers short. Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that pagers in bulk are currently \$479.00 for 25 or more or \$502.00 sold separately. FCC Stoffregen stated that 25 pagers and a mobile radio are needed by Federal mandate. Grants came down after the budget was prepared. Capital spending has been cut. FC Stoffregen suggested quarterly purchases of \$2,000.00 for six quarters which would bring the Village compliant. Trustee Hanks suggested checking with Finance Director Rao each quarter to verify available funds and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda.

7. 2011 CDBG FORMWORK

A. Road Maintenance- Engineering Agreement REL Terms

B. Road Maintenance- Resolutions

C. Road Constuction- Engineering Agreement REL Terms

D. Road Construction- Resolutions

The above resolutions and agreements will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

8. Resolution for TIF Expenditures (TIF1, TIF2 and TIF3)

The above resolutions and agreements will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

9. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due February 25, 2011 at midnight. Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day is Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Corporate sponsors have been sent donation letters to contribute to Student Government Day and individual sponsors of \$20.00 are also appreciated. All sponsors will be acknowledged on the program.

The Public Relations Committee will be hosting two Bunco fundraisers at the library March 11th and March 18th. The cost is \$5.00 and includes door prizes, bunco prizes and refreshments. The committee is also planning a trip to the Horseshoe Casino on Saturday, March 5th. The cost of \$30.00 includes bus transportation, free buffet and \$5.00 free play. The committee will also be selling candy again this year. A schedule will be sent to all trustees and department heads alerting when Student Government Day reports will be due.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Chili Cook Off will be Saturday, March 26, 2011 from noon – 3:00 pm. The donation is \$2.00 per bowl. Everyone is invited to participate in preparing chili. There is no entrance fee. There will be a judging at 12:30 pm with monetary prizes. The Morgan Family will provide entertainment and Flora Haynes will provide Line Dancing instructions.

Trustee Anderson stated that both the Police Alliance Committee and the Senior Committee meetings were cancelled last week due to inclement weather.

Trustee Hanks stated that the NACA “Save your Home” workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Space is limited- call 888/302-2222 or www.naca.com to register. Country Club Hills is hosting a “Home Purchase” workshop on the same day.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall to review two ordinances that will be sent to the attorneys for further review. Three ordinances are currently under attorney review.

Trustee Hanks reported that the Board received a memo regarding the funeral services for the son of former Trustee Tom Wall. The services will be Friday at Steger Memorial from 2 pm – 8 pm and Saturday at St. Agnes Church at 9:00 am.

B. Comments and Questions from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Larry Stewart asked who is at fault if permission is given to rent the Community Center and arrests are made. Mayor Towers stated that the person at fault would be arrested. Larry asked if people renting the Community Center can charge people. The policy is under review. Larry asked why the Police Department is not being used to do the background checks. Mayor Towers stated that may be the route we have to go.

Judy Cast asked why the background checks are being done outside of the realm of the Village. Judy asked if the ladies get paid to run the after school program. Mayor Towers stated that the after school program is SSDMC and they do not get paid. Judy asked if the program who delivers the food knows that the program is only open Tuesday through Thursday.

Derrick Thompson stated that the Board should take him out of the equation until the background checks come back. The kids need the Community Center open. Someone who already has a background check can keep it open until then. Darrick Thompson asked if Pop Warner had to get a background check to work in the Village. Trustee Williams stated that the Pop Warner program is registering Sauk Village kids for a program taking place in Indiana not Sauk Village. The kids will have to leave Sauk Village to participate.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Board did not take this direction because of any one individual. The trustee in charge of the Parks and Recreation Committee knew two weeks before the retirement of the last individual who ran the center that a replacement was needed. Trustee Hanks stated that the proper steps were not taken by that trustee. That trustee acted foolishly allowing the center to stay open without background checks being done. The Board is concerned about activities for the kids. The Board did not want to take this action. The Community Center was closed for safety reasons for the kids. The background checks could have been done by the Sauk Village Police and been returned by now.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Village is always proactive for the kids. The legal and proper steps need to be taken. The Board is here to make sure the Village is run correctly. The insurance issues caused the center to close. We will lose our insurance if we do not comply with the rules. Trustee Burgess hoped that the programs will continue soon.

Darrick Thompson asked if he could register Sauk Village kids for a program in Ford Heights. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board has no control over what anyone does outside of this taxing body. It would be under the direction of the school or library that allows him to come in.

Frank Williams stated that if we had Sandy here this discussion would not be happening. Where are the background checks?

Ed Shankel asked who dropped the ball on the background checks. Take it to the Police Department.

Mayor Towers stated that the background checks have not been returned yet.

Joe Wiszowaty stated that liability insurance should be checked for organizations who rent the center. Joe asked if a chair to the committee has been appointed. Joe suggested anyone interested should ask for the position. Mayor Towers stated that this is already being done and no chair has been appointed. Trustee Anderson stated that the Mayor appoints all chairs to committees.

Marva Pruitt stated that the trustees were quiet when it was suggested to chair the Parks and Recreation Committee. It is true that in a short time new trustees will be on the Board to take on the huge task of Parks and Recs. Trustee Hanks stated that the trustees were quiet about chairing the committee but they have offered to help. It is up to the Mayor to accept the volunteers

Trustee Burgess stated that Village residents have the first opportunity to rent the center before an outside organization. An insurance rider may be available to residents.

Trustee Burgess stated that committee chairs are appointed every two years after the election. Maybe the Mayor is waiting until after the election. Past Mayors have asked Trustees their preference and then made a decision.

Lynda Washington stated that as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee she has seen the Mayor step up. Mayor Towers took over where Trustee Benson left off. The Parks and Recreation Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month and has 8-15 members. Lynda stated that other communities require insurance. Lynda hopes that the Village will encourage outside organizations to come to the Village to run programs.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Board is not segregating outside organizations; residents get first preference.

Rose Langston stated that all organizations, not for profit and others should be charged a nominal fee for utilities. There should be a time limit; not beyond midnight. Rose stated that if an organization brings in a onetime project for our youth background checks are not usually required. Even churches require background checks for ongoing events. Rose stated that our own Police officers should do the security. Rose stated there is rumor that Skyline Disposal is not being paid. Mayor Towers stated that the garbage account is separate from the General fund and Skyline is being paid. Rose asked if Mayor Towers will still use an outside source for the background checks. Mayor Towers stated that if the information does not come back in a couple of days he will use the Police Department.

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session - None

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Updating of Pending Litigations if Needed. (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2011).

11. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment- None

12. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Mayor Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER FEBRUARY 22, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
 - a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. On roll call:
Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. **February 1, 2011- Committee Meeting**
- b. **February 8, 2011- Regular Board Meeting**
- c. **February 15, 2011- Committee Meeting**

2a. February 1, 2011– Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.
Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve February 1, 2011 Committee Meeting minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

2b. February 8, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.
Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the February 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustees Benson and Anderson

Motion carried

2c. February 15, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.
Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the February 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustees Benson and Anderson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that voter's registration is ongoing for the April 5th election.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report

3e. Mayor’s Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Senior Freeze applications are due by March 8, 2011. Tax bills are due April 1, 2011. Mayor Towers reported a 1% gain in Sauk Village population per the 2010 Census. The current population is 10,506 compared to 10,411 from ten years ago.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to participate in the Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 26th from noon – 3pm. Volunteers are needed to prepare the chili. There will be a judging at 12:30 pm. The prizes are monetary. The cost of the chili is \$2.00 a bowl. The entertainment will be provided by the Morgan Family and line dancing by Flora Haynes.

Trustee Anderson reported that the Senior and Police Alliance Committees did not meet this month due to inclement weather.

4b. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority is hosting another NACA Home Save workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9 am – noon. Doors open at 8:30 am. Register at www.naca.com or call 888/302-6222.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that he is communicating with IDOT regarding the “S”Curve. Trustee Myers is also communicating with the Village Adjudicator regarding ordinances he would like to present to the Board in the near future. The Saggy Pants ordinance is still under review with one minor change at this point. Trustee Myers asked that the Loitering ordinance be placed on next week’s agenda.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee met last week. A Co-Op among Sauk Village businesses was under discussion. Trustee Burgess requested a TIF update meeting between DP Partners and the TIF consultants. Economic Development meetings are every 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Student Government Day articles are due March 18, 2011. Essays will be judged on March 14, 2011. Student Government Day is March 22, 2011. Pictures will be taken at 6:00 pm.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis reported that repairs to move the radio room upstairs should be done within 30 days. The insurance company is satisfied with the actions taken so far. Chief Holevis will give a full cost estimate report by the next Board meeting.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Captain Dennis Synowiec

Captain Synowiec reported that the internal cost of the blizzard for all departments was \$31,065.84 and has been submitted to Cook County. Captain Synowicz reported that the Fire Department handled 8 calls during the period of 2-15 through 2-21-11.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that pothole patching and street light repairs are continuing. Well Number 1 is back on line; there is a booster pump issue. DH Weller reminded everyone to help pick up the trash. Street sweepers will be out after the weather breaks.

5d. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

FD Rao reported on the current fund balances.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA handled 6 Fire Department assists and 3 school patrol assists during the period of 2-15 through 2-21-11.

6. CONSENT AGENDA- None

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. Approving a Resolution for TIF Expenditures. (TIF 1, TIF2, TIF 3)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

The Board asked for a breakdown for all TIF draws and asked for separate resolutions for each TIF3 draw. Draws for TIF's 1,2, and 4 will appear on the next Accounts Payable.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a resolution for TIF Draw # 78 in the amount of \$8,898.87.

The motion to approve the TIF draw as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a resolution for TIF Draw # 79 in the amount of \$65,021.25.

The motion to approve the TIF draw as stated above was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

*The final TIF draw will be presented at the conclusion of the meeting to allow time for calculations.

7b. Approving Agreement and Resolutions for 2011 MFT/CDBG Formwork

1.Approving an Engineering Agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD for Road Maintenance.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

2.Approving a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

3. Approving an Engineering Agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD for Road Construction.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

4. Approving a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

7c. Approving a Resolution for Purchase of Radios and Pagers Equipment and Services for the Sauk Village Fire Department.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve a Resolution for the Relocation of 911 Emergency Communications and Network Equipment. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from February 9, 2011 – February 22, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from February 9, 2011 – February 22, 2011.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the background checks. Mayor Towers stated that there was no new information. Trustee Hanks agreed that the Community Center needs to be opened.

Trustee Anderson reported that the next Senior Committee meeting will be held on March 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm and the next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be held on March 8, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due March 24, 2011 by midnight.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Audience concerns included:

Police Tow Fund- where does the money go. Bald tires on the Police cars (tires have been purchased)

Stolen articles still missing from the former Police Chief (turned over to the State's Attorney)

The independent audit (will start soon after accounts have been reconciled from the past eighteen months)

Background checks for the Community Center

Emergency contact for seniors and the disabled during storms (Call the Police Department)

Two resident complaints re: Police Department (Mayor Towers asked Chief Holevis to follow up)

Solicitation is not allowed in Candlelight Village. (Violators were in Candlelight the previous weekend)

Police Alliance agenda to include Community Policing

Upcoming PLAN Meet and Greet the Police Department- 2/26/11 noon – 2 pm

Support of Police Department and other departments for their hard work

Update on water referendum

The closing of the SVSA baseball program should be reinvestigated

Next Senior Movie is March 14th (includes luncheon)

Skyline and Mopheads payments. (Skyline is paid and Mopheads will appear on the next A/P)

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the matters listed below.

10a. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS)120/2(C) (1) 2010.

The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:17 pm.

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene open session.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to reconvene open session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

On roll call:

Present: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 pm.

***7a. Continued**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a resolution for TIF Draw # 80 in the amount of \$139,408.00.

The motion to approve the TIF draw as stated above was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER MARCH 8, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for personnel.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to recess to executive session for personnel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benson.

All Ayes

The meeting recessed to executive session at 7:05 pm.

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

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting reconvened at 7:23 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. November 2, 2010– Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2010 Committee Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Village Clerk Williams recognized Village Engineer Jim Czarnik. VE Czarnik stated that the figure used to quote the price of the water that was given in his report of November 2, 2010 was incorrect. The actual rate of the water per 1,000 gallons is \$3.40 per ordinance.

Village Clerk Williams asked that the minutes be approved as written with an addendum added to the minutes of November 2, to reflect the correction.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

b. November 9, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson and Anderson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that today was the last day to register to vote for the April 5th election. Grace period registration is available at the County Clerk's office downtown between March 9th and March 29th. Votes must be cast at the time of grace period registration. Early voting is available March 14th through March 31st at several locations which will be posted in the Village Hall, Sauk Talk and the village web site. The nearest sites are Chicago Heights City Hall, Markham Courthouse, Calumet Township Community Center, downtown Chicago Clerk's office and Matteson Village Hall. Identification will be required.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that Cook County has approved rolling over last year's funding to be included in this year's resurfacing project. There will be \$270,000.00 worth of funding available in the spring for road repairs.

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to participate in the Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 26th from noon – 3pm. Volunteers are needed to prepare the chili. There will be a judging at 12:30 pm. The prizes are monetary. The cost of the chili is \$2.00 a bowl. The entertainment will be provided by the Morgan Family and line dancing by Flora Haynes. The senior Fun Club will be sponsoring the Candidate's Forum on Sunday, March 20th from 1 pm – 3 pm for the Village Trustee candidates. Light refreshments will be served.

The Senior Committee will meet Thursday, March 10th at 5:30 pm.

Trustee Anderson reported that the Police Alliance Committee met today. Police presence at the Police Alliance Committee meetings was discussed. It was suggested that officers station themselves in high crime areas and that they do a beat walk in those areas.

4b. Parks and Recreation Committee- No report

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority is working to host another NACA Home Save/ Home Purchase workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center in May. NACA would also like to bring a Hispanic workshop at that time. Trustee Hanks has asked NACA if funds are available to help offset the costs of the ESDA and Public Works staff that are needed for the event.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that two ordinances are on the agenda for approval. The Saggy Pants ordinance has been reviewed for two to three years and has been in place in nearby communities without any challenges. The Loitering ordinance now includes the specific language of 3 or more at the discretion of the police officer to break it up or write tickets. Trustee Myers stated that Cook County is waiting for an EPA review on the abandoned Jeffrey Avenue apartment building. Demolition should take place within the year.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee has included a survey in the recent Sauk Talk. The survey asks residents what type of businesses they would like to see in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess is working with other communities to see what businesses are looking to locate in the South Suburbs. Trustee Burgess asked that the feasibility study distributed by VE Czarnik be included on next week's agenda. The feasibility study refers to how the \$270,000.00 from CN Railroad can and cannot be spent for

project 10-457.

Trustee Burgess asked if any Quite Zone materials or an emergency transport vehicle can be purchased with the \$270,000.00. The next Economic Development meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification on the vehicle. Trustee Myers stated that there is a 1 ½ mile stone dirt road that runs up to the railroad. A four wheel drive type vehicle would help with brush fires and rescue efforts. Mayor Towers stated that this will be discussed at a committee meeting.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Student Government Day will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd. Elected officials, department heads and vendors need to be present at 6:00 pm for pictures. All reports are due by Friday, March 19th. Essays will be picked up from Rickover students this Friday and distributed to the judges. Judging takes place Monday, March 15th. Schedules for the day have been distributed to department heads. Donations are still being accepted. All donations will be acknowledged on the Student Government Day program. There will be Bunco at the library on March 11th and March 18th at 7 pm. The donation of \$5.00 includes Bunco prizes, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. The Horseshoe Casino trip is scheduled for March 19th. The donation of \$30.00 includes transportation to and from the casino, free lunch buffet and \$5.00 free play. Candy sales are also continuing.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis reported that several arrests have been made by the detectives and several officers over the past four days. The arrests include four for burglary and four dope arrests where four handguns and two vehicles were seized. The tobacco stings where minors attempt to purchase tobacco have been performed. No arrests were made. The Illinois Liquor Commission grant sponsors this program. Chief Holevis stated that the in car radios have been ordered through a Federal grant, the cell monitoring system has been upgraded and one damaged police car has been repaired and is back on the street. Chief Holevis stated that Boy Scout Joshua Witt is diligently working on the kitchen repairs at the Police Department. Chief Holevis presented statistics on the Marathon Gas Station that were requested last week.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen- No report

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that there have been pothole complaints from residents. The department will continue with street sweeping before patching the pot holes. A dozen street lights were repaired; more repairs are needed.

5d. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson- No report

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. Approving a Resolution for Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, LTD. to serve as Special Counsel for the Police Department in the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve a Resolution for Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, LTD to serve as Special Counsel for the Police Department in the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

7b. Approving a Resolution to waive the Bid Process for the Relocation of 911 Emergency Communications and Network Equipment.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve a Resolution to waive the Bid Process for the Relocation of 911 Emergency Communications and Network Equipment. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson asked if the 911 equipment will be moved within the same building. Chief Holevis stated that the equipment will be moved to the court room. Trustee Hanks stated that Public Works will be performing some of the work.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

7c. Approving a Resolution for the Relocation of 911 Emergency Communications and Network Equipment.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve a Resolution for the Relocation of 911 Emergency Communications and Network Equipment. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table items 7d, 7e and 7f.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to table the items stated above. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

7d. Approving a Resolution to waive the Contractual Bid Process for Pre- Audit Services with the Village of Sauk Village.- tabled

7e. Approving an Ordinance for Pre- Audit Contratural Services with the Stratum Group Corporation- tabled

7f. Approving an Ordinance for Pre- Audit Contractural Services with Theobald, Associates, Inc.- tabled

7g. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village (Sagging Pants)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village (Sagging Pants). Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Anderson

Motion carried

7h. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village (Loitering)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village (Loitering). Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson clarified that three people, possibly family members, on a corner would be considered loitering. Trustee Myers stated that it would apply only if there is a disturbance and it would be at the officer's discretion. Trustee Anderson asked if there was a fine involved. The fine is still under review and would be assigned by the court adjudicator.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from February 23, 2011 – March 8, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from February 23, 2011 – March 8, 2011. Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion. The board asked for a breakdown by fund with future Accounts Payables. Trustee Williams asked if a Mopheads payment is scheduled. Finance Director Rao stated that Mopheads will appear in the next Accounts Payable.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include item 8b.

Village Attorney Mc Cormick stated that at this time the Village of Sauk Village would like to enter into a contract with independent consultant Genorise Carmichael to assist the finance director with preparation of pre audit matters at a rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour not to exceed \$6,000.00 and will include no fringe or other benefits.

The motion to amend the agenda to include item 8b-Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Genorise Carmichael was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

8b-Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Genorise Carmichael

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 8b. Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Genorise Carmichael. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, March 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams thanked the Police Department for guiding her through the process during the recent ride along. Trustee Williams saw a lot of what the Police Department does first hand. Trustee Williams also noticed multiple uniform infractions; boots and hats with holes in them. Trustee Williams stated that she did witness pot holes that were patched but the potholes that were not patched were a problem. Trustee Williams saw an officer notifying Public Works about a water main break and commended the Police Department and the Public Works Department for how they work hand in hand. Trustee Williams asked Chief Holevis to resubmit an audit of uniform needs, etc... Trustee Williams asked for decorum during Student Government Day and asked board members to address questions before the meeting so the meeting can run smoothly.

Trustee Burgess asked that the water issue be placed on next week's agenda for the board to discuss ways to be proactive and move forward. Mayor Towers asked that the request be placed in writing.

Trustee Burgess thanked Public Works for checking on the ground faults and asked how often the sweeper comes out. DH Weller stated that the sweeper comes out once a month.

Trustee Burgess asked for a Community Center update. Mayor Towers stated that two background check applications will be submitted to the Police Department the next day.

Trustee Hanks asked Village Attorney McCormick to verify that there were no open appeals on the Electoral Board decision before the water issue is discussed by the board. VA McCormick stated that there are no additional matters pending with the Electoral Board.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Judy Cast, PLAN President, provided Trustee Williams with a \$100.00 donation from the PLAN for Student Government Day and thanked her for her devotion and dedication. Judy stated that the PLAN organized a Meet and Greet with the Police Department last Saturday. The officers donated their time passing out literature, providing information to the residents and gave a tour of the Police Department. The PLAN provided refreshments. Judy stated that they learned a lot and that Chief Holevis and the Police Department have their backing 100%. Judy asked when the last Police Pension was audit was done, what the duties of the Village Treasurer are and if the Village Treasurer gets paid to go to meetings. VT Treasurer Carmichael reported that the last annual Police Pension audit was done last August. The next audit will be done in concurrence with the next Village audit. VT Carmichael stated that the Village Treasurer is responsible for monitoring and maintaining the Police and Fire pension and investments. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that she has also taken on additional duties and does not get paid to go to meetings. The position is part time and meetings take place at the Village Hall.

Bernadine Hopkins asked how residents will be aware of the Saggy Pants ordinance. Trustee Myers stated that ordinances are available at the Village Hall and on the web site.

Angela Cox stated that a few months ago she presented a challenge to a water referendum that was filed by a resident. Angela clarified that the objection was not against Lake Michigan water but against the false pretenses that were provided to the village residents. The objections to the petition were found to be valid by the local Electoral Board as well as the Circuit Court of Cook County making the referendum ineligible for the April 2011 ballot. Angela stated that misinformation continues to circulate. Angela stated that the water is not killing anyone and that well 3 was shut down as soon as the vinyl chloride was detected. Angela spoke with the IEPA and found that the village is working with the IEPA to secure a loan for 2.2 million dollars to provide a permanent fix to well 3. Angela stated that the mayor must sign off on this loan and has instead told the IEPA that he is exploring other options. The IEPA stated that this problem needs to be taken care of immediately or the Attorney General's office will file suit to fine the village \$10,000.00 per day until the problem is resolved.

Angela stated that pursuing Lake Michigan water is fine but there could be an increase in water bills of up to three times the current amount and Lake Michigan water would not be available for five years or more. Angela contacted the person from the IEPA whose name and number is listed in recent flyers that are circulating. This person was not aware that his name was being circulated and stated over and over that well 3 needs to be fixed immediately; fines could start in as little as 60 days. Angela also stated that there will be a small increase to the water rates due to an ordinance that was put in place in 2006.

Mayor Towers stated that the village has been in touch with the IEPA and the State's Attorney's office and provided updates.

Mike Brown commended the Police Department for the great presentation at the recent Meet and Greet. It was clear that the department is doing their best with the obstacles they are facing. Mike stated that there have been several instances of the misuse of videotaping and picture taking at meetings recently. Mike stated that he is leaving that up to the attorney. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and what happened last week did not need to occur. In order to get respect- you have to give respect. Mike stated that he respects everyone in the room.

Stan Byles stated that he would like to meet with the mayor after the meetings.

Frank Harvey stated that saggy pants are a big problem in Sauk Village. Frank stated that it bothered him that Trustee Anderson voted no against this ordinance.

Elizabeth Pratt agrees that saggy pants are inappropriate. Elizabeth asked for an update on the four background checks; the Community Center is still closed.

Mayor Towers stated that the last four candidates have withdrawn; he is looking for more candidates. Mayor Towers stated that he does have two applications that will be handed in to the Police Department this week.

Elizabeth stated that she offered to volunteer two weeks ago. There is no information posted on how to sign up to work on the committee. Mayor Towers stated that anyone interested should see him to complete a background check. Elizabeth asked for clarification on how the \$270,000.00 from CN Railroad will be used for. Trustee Burgess stated that the \$270,000.00 donated by CN will be used for repairs and beautification around the railroad tracks. Elizabeth thanked the PLAN for their donation and stated that there was no Accounts Payable list on the back table.

Elizabeth asked for clarification about the Village Treasurer assisting the Finance Director in preparing for the audit. Mayor Towers stated that the position of outside consultant will be paid on an hourly basis.

Elizabeth stated that she will meet with the mayor to sign up for a background check to volunteer.

Amanda Beavers thanked Trustee Williams for placing the article in the Sauk Talk for the Bloom Trail Turnabout Court. Amanda mentioned that six out of twelve of the court members are Sauk Village residents and five of the members will be going off to college.

Bernice Houston stated that she presented the petitions for the Lake Michigan water. Bernice stated that the village continues to have residents pay for water main breaks and repairs to wells 1 and 2. Bernice asked when the village will pursue a permanent fix to the water issue. Bernice asked for the figures and a permanent plan to be available next week. The pipes and wells are old and the residents can't afford to keep fixing them. Bernice wants to see a permanent solution to the infrastructure. Bernice stated that Lake Michigan water will have new infrastructure. Trustee Williams stated that the Lake Michigan water would run through the current infrastructure. Village Engineer Czarnik stated that it would cost millions of dollars to replace the infrastructure throughout the village in addition to the cost of the Lake Michigan water. Trustee Hanks clarified that the plan presented by Robinson Engineering did not include any cost for infrastructure. Trustee Anderson stated that three plans were submitted. Trustee Burgess asked Department Head Weller and Village Engineer Czarnik to be present at next week's committee meeting for further discussion to help clarify the misconceptions. Trustee Benson asked that VE Czarnik resubmit copies of the conceptual plans presented back in July. Mayor Towers asked Village Clerk Williams to provide copies to the board.

Nathan Griffin asked if citizens can talk with the Police Chief in private. Chief Holevis stated affirmatively. Nathan suggested some people need to reorganize with other people and show respect for each other to come together as a people. Nathan asked about background checks for the Community Center.

Trustee Williams stated that the center was closed due to the fact that the volunteer who was running the center did not have a background check. This individual and others withdrew their application before it was completed. Larry Stewart also suggested that the mayor submit the background checks and offered that the PLAN would help to open the center.

Robert Chavez asked how many people are on the Parks and Recreation board. Robert stated that he offered to volunteer last April and he already has a background check with the boxing organization. Mayor Towers told him there are six members on the board and asked Robert to come back to the Parks and Recreation Committee and submit to a background check.

Nancy Baker stated that the PLAN is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th from 1pm – 3 pm at the Sauk Village Church of God located at 23001 S. Torrence Avenue. Nancy invited the board to attend. There will be a magician, Easter bunny and free pony rides.

Frank Williams Trustee Hanks, Frank Harvey and Nate Griffin meet with him after the meeting.

Sunny Peters, Marathon Gas Station owner, stated that he is having problems with kids loitering and selling drugs in his lot. They leave if they see his car or the Police but they return when they are gone.

Trustees Hanks stated that the Police Department would need his approval to move the youth out of the lot when they are forming. Trustee Myers stated that this will be part of the record and will give the Police authority to act. Trustee Burgess asked if Mr. Peters will sign the complaints for the Police Department. Mr. Peters stated that he will sign the complaints.

John Hinko asked when the abandoned Jeffrey Avenue apartment building will be demolished. Trustee Myers stated that the apartment owners have requested an IEPA study. The building will be demolished after the IEPA report is received.

John asked if the speakers can be donated for the meeting room.

John asked if the background checks will be submitted to the Sauk Village Police Department or an outside source. Mayor Towers stated that all background check will be submitted to the Sauk Village Police Department. John stated that he hopes the saggy pants ordinance is enforced and asked why the acting chief is not the chief yet. Things move too slowly. Mayor Towers stated that is still under consideration.

Sharon Davenport asked to speak with the Mayor to help with the Community Center. Sharon stated that the empty house next to hers is being used like a hotel. Mayor Towers stated that the house could be boarded up.

Trustee Hanks suggested Sharon give the address to the police chief; the house could be placed on watch.

Rose asked if Elizabeth will now be considered as a volunteer. Mayor Towers stated that once Elizabeth submits her information she will be considered. Rose stated that the Sauk Village Fun Club is holding a Candidate's Forum on March 20th to give the public an opportunity to meet the candidates in the April 2011 Trustee Election. Questions must be submitted in writing from the Sauk Village voting public or emailed to saukvillagefunclub@hotmail.com the day before the forum. Agreements were sent to all of the candidates.

Rose asked what could be done with the fences that are down at two houses on 225th & Ross Crescent. Sherry stated that nothing can be done until the Code Department is back to work. Rose stated that the vote should have been unanimous to move the Police Department equipment because the insurance company threatened to cancel us if it was not moved. Rose thanked the PLAN for information and senior assistance at no charge to the residents.

Finance Director Rao clarified that the Accounts Payable includes \$136,158.24 and payroll in the amount of \$117,427.40 for February 25, 2011 for a total of \$253,585.64 leaving \$85,881.67 in the General Fund.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING-None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, MARCH 15, 2011.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (arrived at 7:10 pm)

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao

Finance Director Rao stated that he has requested a two month extension to file the financial audit. The new deadline is June 30, 2011. FD Rao stated that they are still working on audit preparation; it is a slow process. FD Rao stated that even with the help of Mrs. Carmichael he would also request that Theobald & Associates be brought in to assist. Trustee Burgess asked that the motions to hire an outside consultant be placed on next week's agenda. Trustee Williams requested that Theobald & Associates resubmit a revised proposal due to the fact that Mrs. Carmichael is now working with FD Rao.

Trustee Williams asked that it be stated for the record that Mrs. Carmichael is working as a consultant to FD Rao with the consensus of the board.

Trustee Myers stated that an insurance inspection was recently performed by ICMRT. Due to previous losses and problems found during the inspection ICMRT will release Sauk Village on March 27, 2011. Trustees Myers and Burgess attempted to negotiate but were told that if they waited one more day ICMRT would have to keep the village all year. Trustee Myers stated that if the policy was in force for 60 or more days the village cannot be dropped. Mayor Towers stated that this should be turned over to the attorneys.

Trustee Myers stated that issues include:

1. Excessive claims filed by the many departments since they have been on board.
2. Leaks in the Police Department basement – exposing the 911 system to possible damage. (Trustee Myers stated that the 911 equipment was in the process of being moved and that a secondary emergency plan of action was in place.)
3. Having only four squad cars available per shift. (Trustees Burgess and Myers stated that there are more than four cars available.)
4. Background checks for Community Center volunteers. On the recent visit to the Community Center there were no Village employees/volunteers on site while it was in use which puts the company at risk. (Trustee Myers informed ICMRT that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees closed the Community Center while awaiting background checks and that the Mayor now supervises the center. The gym was being used that day for Girl Scout cookie delivery and children were present.)

Trustee Myers asked Tom Kelly (HUB Group broker) what steps needed to be taken at this point. One proposal has already been received that costs more than the previous policy with less coverage and higher deductibles. Tom Kelly will provide additional information to Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess stated that now that ICMRT has dropped the village the insurance will be more costly. Trustee Burgess stated that they informed ICMRT that the 911 center was in the process of being moved and the Community Center was closed due to their 30 day punch list of things they provided earlier. The punch list did not have any mention of cancellation. Trustee Myers asked that the attorneys look into the fact that the insurance inspector asked for immediate cancellation and that he made a statement to the broker that the company made a mistake of insuring the village. Tom Kelly will submit alternative insurance companies to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees before the March 27th cancellation date. Trustee Myers stated that approximately \$60,000.00 will be returned to the village for prepaid premiums.

3. Holding a Public Hearing Regarding the Exchange of Real Estate

Mayor Towers stated that the proposal to exchange real estate between Sauk Village and DP Partners and National Loan Investors, LP was placed on hold pending a new site to be determined. The site has been determined and the board has agreed to set a date to hold the public hearing. The item will be placed on the next agenda to approve a hearing on April 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Towers will check with Attorney Vasselli to post the legal notice no less than 15 days in advance.

4. A Resolution Approving Winpak's Application for a Class 8 Property Tax Classification- Shannon O'Hare and Patrick Mc Cormick- Winpak/ Andy James- DP Partners

Shannon O'Hare requested an update to a resolution that was passed last fall due to the site being changed from the initial site. DP Partners and Winpak have agreed on a different site just west of the original site in the same park. The details of the new location will be the only change to the resolution. Shannon stated that the project is a 25 million dollar investment that will bring approximately 40 new jobs to the area. A Job Fair will be held in Sauk Village when the hiring phase begins. The construction period will include 250- 300 construction jobs. The property taxes would be approximately \$200,000.00 per year with the Class 8 Property Tax Classification.

Andy James stated that the project could start in April 2011 with a completion date of February/ March 2012. Trustee Burgess stated that the \$437,000.00 in impact fees will help pay for the bonds. Andy James stated that DP Partners has also agreed to pay Sauk Village a \$100,000.00 fee and administrative fees will increase to \$150,000.00- \$250,000.00 per year. The TIF stays with DP Partners. The purchase and sale agreement should be available by Friday, March 18th. Andy will work with Jimmy Vasselli to keep the Sauk Village IDOT funds in place. This item will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

5. Alguire's Tree Service Sign- Sherry Jasinski- Building and Zoning Administrator

Sherry Jasinski stated that Alguire's Tree Service is replacing a sign damaged by the wind. Alguire's has paid \$200.00 for the permit. The village has to work with IDOT to check if they require a new permit. The last sign was covered by a 2001 permit. Also in question is whether or not Sauk Village will charge Alguire's rent due to the fact that half of the sign is on village property.

Trustee Burgess asked if something can be done to improve the signs on 394 and Sauk Trail. Sherry Jasinski stated that the property is not owned by the village.

Trustee Myers will pull the sign ordinance.

5. Village Cost Savings Initiatives-Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that all phones that were turned in have been shut off. All cell phones are now on the same plan with the exception of the Mayor's.

Trustee Benson stated that he sent the Mayor a memo that stated that having two meetings a month instead of four and trustees not getting paid for their committee meetings will save the village \$14,400.00 per year. Trustee Benson stated that all other south suburban municipalities meet only once or twice a year. Trustee Hanks stated that changing the salaries of an elected official must be done 180 days prior to an election according to State Statute. Trustee Benson requested that the attorneys review the statute and advise the board. Trustee Williams stated that prior discussions on this item show that the length of the meetings is already excessive with four meetings a month. Trustee Benson also suggested diminishing the Police Department secretary. Trustee Hanks again mentioned that trustees can choose not to submit a pay sheet for their committees. Trustee Burgess stated that if cuts are made to the trustees it should be across the board to all elected officials including the Mayor and the Clerk. Trustee Hanks agreed that if there are cuts on the board that the Mayor and Clerk's salaries should also be cut in half. Trustee Benson stated that his proposal does mention cuts to the Mayor and Clerk salaries.

Trustee Hanks requested a copy of committee payouts for all trustee's committees in the past year. Trustee Hanks stated that he does not submit payment for his committee meetings.

Trustee Williams stated that this has all been discussed before and it is not cost effective to pay the attorneys to research this information. Trustee Williams cautioned the board that some positions cannot be cut and to be mindful of pending and past litigation. Salary changes need to be discussed at the next budget session.

Any changes to the elected official's salaries would not take place for two years.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the Mopheads payment. Finance Director Rao stated that the payment is set up on the next Accounts Payable.

Trustee Myers stated that the village needs to address the past due bills. Mayor Towers stated that he is working with Finance Director Rao and Sandy to provide an aging list for the board to review and to determine priority payments to vendors.

Trustee Williams requested detailed invoices for the 60-90 days billing for the Stuttley Group. Trustee Williams suggested a memo to all department heads that they keep track of all bills submitted and to alert the Finance Department when a payment is critical.

7. A Resolution to Approve CDBG Funding for Street Reconstruction for the Village of Sauk Village- Tabled

8. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that he requested that the discussion of Lake Michigan water be placed on this agenda. Mayor Towers stated that he forgot to place it on the agenda; there was nothing in his box. Trustee Burgess presented a resolution for the board to review and enact that stated "Shall the Village Board of the Village of Sauk Village Pursue the Development, Cost, Construction and User Funding Alternatives of a System to Deliver Lake Michigan Water to the Residents and Businesses of the Village of Sauk Village- YES- NO"

No petitions would be required and no challenges could exist if the board takes this action. This would allow residents the opportunity to vote on Lake Michigan water at the next General Election. Trustee Burgess would like this resolution placed on next week's agenda for a vote. Trustee Burgess stated he and Trustee Hanks sponsored this resolution and stated that they were not against the past referendum which failed because it was not filled out correctly.

Mayor Towers asked if this would take the issue out of the hands of the residents. Trustee Williams stated that this would be a board action that would give the residents the opportunity to vote and would give the board the opportunity to provide the residents with accurate information; currently there is a massive amount of incorrect information on the streets. Trustee Williams stated that if the board fails to approve this resolution the residents can petition the referendum again.

Trustee Anderson stated that the trustees have had opportunities in the past to take this action but chose not to which made citizens obtain signatures stating that they wanted it on the ballot. Trustee Anderson is not in favor of voting on this item on the next agenda and suggested placing the item for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Electoral Board voted to uphold four out of seven objections to the petitions. The Circuit Court of Cook County upheld the Electoral Board's decision. Trustee Hanks stated that if Trustee Anderson is blaming individuals on the Electoral Board for making that decision then she must also blame the Circuit Court of Cook County for upholding the decision. Trustee Hanks stated that he and Trustee Burgess both offered to help the Lake Michigan water committee when they first came to the board but they refused their help. Trustee Hanks stated that if the petitions were filled out correctly there would have been no objections; there was no mention on the petitions that they were for a referendum on the ballot for an upcoming election. Trustee Anderson stated that she did sign and circulate the petitions.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor stated that he was going to water to the people and held two seminars on the water. The attorneys could have advised the board to supersede and take the action to place this item on a referendum. Trustee Burgess stated that he is sponsoring this resolution now and would also like to see four seminars between now and November that would bring the truth to the people. Trustee Burgess asked for the water discussion to be placed on this agenda and it was forgotten. Trustee Burgess stated for the record that he would like this resolution placed on next week's agenda. Trustee Hanks and Trustee Williams support placing this item on next week's agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that when trustees ask for items to be placed on the agenda, especially with the support of other board members, it should be placed on the agenda. Trustee Williams stated that the Mayor and other trustees have supported Lake Michigan water. There are charges on the legal bills regarding discussions with the head of the water referendum committee and Trustee Benson even though this was a resident action and not a village action. Trustees Williams and Anderson met with the head of the water committee and the objector to the petitions to establish a water referendum hearing. Trustee Williams asked why there is a discussion about placing this on the agenda when it is obvious that no less than four trustees and hundreds of residents want to have the opportunity to vote on Lake Michigan water.

Mayor Towers stated that he was unsure if it would be placed on the agenda; he will consult with the attorneys.

Trustee Williams stated that next week is Student Government Day and the kids will be making and approving the motions. The central theme of the essays prepared by the students was how bad the water is.

Trustee Williams stated that the students would be proud to make the motion and second the motion that there would be research about the water in the village.

Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers again to place the item on the agenda. Trustee Hanks stated that it would be a shame to have to amend the agenda on Student Government Day. Trustee Hanks asked for a consensus of how many trustees want this item placed on next week's agenda. Trustee Myers asked for the ruling of the Cook County Court. Trustee Hanks stated that the Circuit Court upheld the decision of the Electoral board finding four out of seven objections to the petitions to be true.

Trustee Benson stated that he supports Lake Michigan water but this should be left up to the people. This should be the people's choice.

Trustee Burgess stated that the resolution clearly states that the board deserves to know whether the residents of Sauk Village are interested in and would be willing to pay for Lake Michigan water as a source of potable water. This places it in the resident's hand.

Consensus: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams agreed to place the item on the next agenda.

Trustee Anderson stated that she supports Lake Michigan water but does not support placing the item on the next agenda.

Trustee Benson would not respond.

Mayor Towers stated that he will decide whether or not the item is placed on the agenda.

Village Clerk Williams stated that as one member out of a three members of the Electoral Board her name has been slandered. Non factual information is being stated that the Village Clerk has voted not to approve Lake Michigan water. Village Clerk Williams asked that it be stated for the record that the majority of the Electoral Board voted to uphold four out of seven objections filed by a resident to petitions that were filed by a resident. There was no vote whether or not to approve Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee is researching establishing a co-op and/ or Flea Market. There are businesses interested in the co-op.

Trustee Anderson stated that the Senior Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, March 26th from noon- 3 pm in the Senior Center. Judging takes place at 12:30 pm. Monetary prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$2.00 per bowl. Entertainment will be provided by the Morgan Family and Line Dancing by Flora Haynes. The Fun Club will be sponsoring the Candidate Forum this Sunday. The Police Alliance Committee is waiting for information from the Police Chief and has no report at this time.

Trustee Hanks thanked Trustee Burgess for all of the work he did on getting the resolution prepared and hoped that the resolution will be placed on the agenda next week for Student Government Day. This is a great opportunity for the youth. Trustee Hanks stated that three resolutions were on the agenda last week that were not given to the trustees beforehand. Trustee Benson stated for the record that he did not vote for those resolutions because they were not available at the time.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. There are a few things under review at this time.

Trustee Williams stated that she sent an email to Trustee Anderson and Rose Langston requesting the use of the Senior Center for a reception following Student Government Day; light refreshments will be served. Trustee Anderson confirmed the availability of the Senior Center.

Trustee Williams stated that a cake will be donated from a new business in Sauk Village. Trustee Williams stated that the fundraising for Student Government Day continues and encouraged the elected officials and department heads to join Trustee Burgess and the Fire Department in donating to the event. Trustee Williams thanked Kerry Pratt and Fairway Foods for donating the beverages for the Student Government Day lunch and John Reif and Walgreens for donating the beverages for breakfast. All donors will be listed on the program that will be distributed on Student Government Day. Reports are due by Friday. Schedules have been distributed to all of the department heads requesting their assistance.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Stuttley Group has been asked to provide all ordinances and resolutions before the meeting for the board to review. The resolutions that were approved last week had been discussed at the prior committee meeting and they were placed in everyone's box today for review. There are still two outstanding ordinances from October 2010 when the board was between attorneys. Neither attorney has provided the required paperwork. These will be removed from the record if the paperwork is not received in the Clerk's office soon.

Trustee Hanks asked for the progress of opening the Community Center now that one favorable background check has been received. Mayor Towers will be meeting with the committee soon.

Trustee Anderson asked Trustee Williams why the village website has a Facebook logo that allows access to a privately run Facebook page that clearly states that it is not run by the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Anderson stated that the information is very negative and residents have approached her. Trustee Williams stated that as the chair of the Website Committee she was not aware of the issue until just now, did not authorize Facebook on the site and will contact the IT consultant immediately and have it removed from the site. Trustee Williams also reminded Trustee Benson that the village cell phone number should be removed from the Seminole's website. Trustee Benson stated that the number will stay on the site.

B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only).

Judy Cast stated that she is for Chicago water but is not for the way it was being done.

(Disruption- Mayor Towers stated that cursing will not be allowed by anyone during comments from the audience or this will be removed from the agenda. Trustee Hanks stated that should apply to both audience members and trustees. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson should be censured.)

Judy Cast asked why Trustee Benson still has a village cell phone when he has no committee and why his plan is so high. Mayor Towers stated that the phone plans have been changed. Trustees have the right to a cell phone to receive citizen's calls.

Judy thanked Trustees Burgess and Hanks for the wise resolution. Anyone who is for the water should support this.

Pat Couch and Angela Cox referred to the trustee's past outbursts.

Angela Cox stated that everyone wants the water but there are issues that need to be resolved. It does not matter who puts it on the ballot as long as it is done correctly. Don't scare people that they will get cancer if they drink the water. Put it on the ballot and let the people decide without lies and deceit. Sauk Village is divided.

Lynda Washington stated that the mayor is doing a great job. Lynda is also upset about Facebook on the website.

Melvin Stevenson agreed that the resolution should be placed on the Student Government Day agenda. Trustee Williams restated that it would give the students a sense of pride for taking the initial step.

Larry Stewart stated that if you want Lake Michigan water you should want it on the agenda.

John Hinko stated that information needs to be given to the residents just how much the water will cost; he is struggling to pay his water bill now. We will lose control of our water and the other communities can raise the water rates whenever they want.

John stated that signs on 394 are tacky.

Frank Williams stated that the village is scrambling to make payroll; how are we going to pay for the water to come from other communities like Chicago Heights.

Rose Langston stated that Lake Michigan water was promised two years ago. The cost should have come out before the referendum. Rose stated that the study completed by Robinson Engineering does not include the cost of the infrastructure or other alternatives. Rose stated that there is no money to replace the infrastructure. There are 3-5 water main breaks a week at no cost to the village; it is our water. Rose stated that the village gets important revenue from the water. Rose mentioned that once the well is capped you can't go back. Sauk Village has to qualify for Lake Michigan water. Rose also mentioned that the water bills could triple and you would have to pay for the water for 5 years before you see it. Rose stated that other towns may pass their increases on to the village and the water could be rationed. Rose stated that she voted no to the last two referendums because of the cost. The seniors are concerned.

Rose stated that she has not been notified who will be attending the Candidate's Forum this Sunday. Questions from the public can be emailed to saukvilleclub@yahoo.com. All questions will be answered by all candidates. Provide first name, last name and address with the questions.

Carl Rylander stated that residents should be notified by a mailer attached to their water bill for information on the water referendum. That reaches more people than this public forum.

Trustee Williams stated that she researched the Facebook issue and emailed the IT consultant at 9:31 pm to remove it immediately.

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the purpose of personnel and real estate.

The motion to recess to executive session for the purpose of personnel and real estate was made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Benson.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:42 pm.

A. Discussion of Appointment (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigations if Needed (5ILCS.120/2©(1)(2010).

10. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Burgess made the motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Anderson and Benson (joined in after roll call)

The meeting resumed at 10:15 pm.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER MARCH 22, 2011.

(The meeting of March 22, 2011 was designated as Student Government Day. Normally, the students are given the oath of office in order to take on the roles and duties of the elected officials, department heads and outside vendors. Due to the disruptive nature of the beginning of this meeting, the students were not sworn in and did not take their Board room seats. Trustee Williams and the Public Relations Committee chose to hold a mock Student Government Day in the Senior Center. Trustee Williams gravitated back and forth during the course of the two meetings.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for personnel.

Trustee Burgess asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of amending the agenda to include a resolution placing a referendum for Lake Michigan water on the ballot of the next General election. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked for clarification.

Trustee Burgess stated that he asked to have a Lake Michigan water resolution placed on the committee agenda of March 15 , 2011 for discussion. It was not placed on the agenda. Trustee Burgess submitted the resolution in the board packet of the March 22 , 2011 Regular Board meeting along with a letter from four trustees asking that the resolution be placed on the March 22 , 2011 agenda for approval. The resolution was again not placed on the agenda. Trustee Burgess restated that he would like to amend the rules for the purpose of adding this item on the agenda.

Mayor Towers stated that an email was sent to all trustees stating that there is plenty of time to discuss this resolution. Mayor Towers did not want to disrupt Student Government Day by bringing up a sensitive issue like Lake Michigan water.

Trustee Hanks stated that Robert's Rules of Order states that there should be no debate on the motion to suspend the rules. There is a motion and a second on the floor to suspend the rules. The motion requires a two thirds majority to pass. Trustee Hanks stated that the debate can take place only on the item that is being added to the agenda.

Mayor Towers refused to entertain the motion and stated that the students need to be brought in to take on the agenda as planned.

Trustees Anderson and Benson stated that the trustees calling for suspending the rules are out of order.

Trustee Williams, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, stated that the students will not enter until there is decorum in the Board room. Trustee Williams asked that the Mayor ask for a vote and move the meeting along. Mayor Towers refused. Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day will take place in the Senior Center.

Trustee Hanks stated that the rules state that the Mayor must call for the vote.

The meeting was on hold as Mayor Towers left the room to confer with the Village Attorney.

Mayor Towers stated that per the advice of the Village Attorney the motion on the floor will be called to order.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Burgess asked for a motion to Approve a Resolution to pursue Lake Michigan water for the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

Discussion included the pros and cons of obtaining Lake Michigan water. References were made to past Board meetings and studies where this issue was addressed. The Board agreed that the public has a right to decide on the issue of Lake Michigan water. The Board disagreed on the timing of the resolution and whether the issue should be a Board action or a citizen action.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call.

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess until 8:00 pm. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:55 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustee Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

In view of the commotion taking place at this meeting, Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to continue the business at hand at the next meeting.

Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

Trustee Burgess stated that time sensitive business is included on the agenda, such as, Accounts Payable which requires approval tonight.

Trustee Benson stated that a special meeting may be called in order to approve the Accounts Payable.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion failed

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. March 1, 2011– Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

b. March 8, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting - tabled

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes per the request of Village Clerk Williams.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to table the minutes of March 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee

Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams – No report

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police Pension Board held an emergency special meeting March 17, 2011. The next Police Pension Board quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 2011.

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- absent

3e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited everyone to participate in the Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 26th from noon – 3pm. Fifteen volunteers will prepare the chili for sampling. There will be a judging at 12:30 pm. The prizes are monetary. The cost of the chili is \$2.00 a bowl. The entertainment will be provided by the Morgan Family and line dancing by Flora Haynes. Trustee Anderson reported that 22 seniors attended the Senior Movie Day at the library.

Police Alliance Committee – No report

4b. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that he met with Finance Director Rao to discuss a possible insurance company that is offering a decent rate. Trustee Myers will provide the information to the Board for review.

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess invited everyone to the next Economic Development Committee meeting on April 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall

Trustee Williams entered the room at 8:22 pm to give the Public Relations Committee report.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Student Government Day meeting has concluded and gave a report on the event. Trustee Williams thanked the Student Government Day sponsors and everyone who participated in all of the fundraisers. Trustee Williams reported that Principal Julie Iverson was present at the Student Government Day meeting and was very impressed with the children. Trustee Williams suggested that fundraising efforts continue in order to help fund the Student Government Day winners' 8th grade trip in lieu of them being able to conduct the Board meeting as originally planned.

Trustee Williams exited the meeting to return to the Senior Center.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Police Chief Holevis reported a summary of arrests from the last thirty days stating that weapon arrests are up by six, drug arrests remain the same at seventeen, twenty nine warrant arrests, six sex offense arrests, four burglary arrests, one aggravated battery, three hundred and fifty six citations were written and one hundred and fifty one written or verbal warnings were issued. Chief Holevis commended the entire Police Department for a job well done. Chief Holevis referred to a shooting that took place on March 12th. There is no suspect in custody at this time. The Police Department investigators and the major crimes Task Force are working diligently to bring the offender to justice. Chief Holevis stated that this is not a random shooting and residents should not be alarmed.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen- No report

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that Com Ed is currently working on the Torrence Avenue street lights. Trustee Burgess commended Public Works for the pothole repairs that have begun in the Village.

5d. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski- No report

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao provided a summary of the upcoming Accounts Payable stating that there are sufficient funds available to cover all expenditures.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

ESDA Director Johnson warned of a possible upcoming tornado outbreak and suggested that residents pay attention to all warning signs and the media. Director Johnson stated that the basement or the center of the house (bathroom) is usually the safest place to go in the event of a tornado. Avoid windows and doors.

Prepare to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours with food, water, pet food and medical supplies. Check out www.ready.illinois.gov for more information.

6. CONSENT AGENDA-None

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

7a. Approving a Resolution to waive the Contractual Bid Process for Pre- Audit Services with the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve a Resolution to waive the Contractual Bid Process for Pre- Audit Services with the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

7b. Approving an Ordinance for Pre- Audit Contractual Services with the Stratum Group Corporation.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance for Pre-audit Services with the Stratum Group Corporation.

Failed due to lack of motion.

7c. Approving an Ordinance for Pre- Audit Contractual Services with Theobald & Associates, Inc.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve an Ordinance for Pre- Audit Contractual Services with Theobald & Associates, Inc. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Finance Director Rao stated that there was a revised agreement with Theobald & Associates per the inquiry of Trustee Anderson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

7d. A Resolution Approving Winpak's Application for a Class 8 Property Tax Classification in the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve a Resolution Approving Winpak's Application for a Class 8 Property Tax Classification in the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

7e. A Resolution Authorizing and Directing Execution and Submission of a Subrecipient Agreement and Related Documents to the County of Cook, Illinois, regarding Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2010 for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve a Resolution Authoring and Directing Execution and Submission of a Subrecipient Agreement and Related Documents to the County of Cook, Illinois, regarding Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2010 for the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from March 9, 2011 – March 22, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from March 9, 2011 – March 22, 2011. Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

8b- A Motion to Consider Alternate Insurance Coverage in View of the Discontinuation of Insurance Coverage by the Village's Existing Carrier.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 8b. Trustee Myers made a motion to Consider Alternate Insurance Coverage in View of the Discontinuation of Insurance Coverage by the Village's Existing Carrier. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

8c. A Motion Authorizing a Public Hearing to Consider Real Estate Sale/Exchange Agreement with DP Partners Sauk Village, LLC, in the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve item 8c.

Trustee Anderson made a motion Authorizing a Public Hearing to Consider Real Estate Sale/Exchange Agreement with DP Partners Sauk Village, LLC, in the Village of Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee None

Absent: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Anderson stated that the Sagging Pants ordinance that was passed two weeks ago will criminalize the children because of the way they wear their clothes. The ordinance allows an arrest as a criminal offense of disorderly conduct. Trustee Anderson stated that she is offended because parents will now have to pay the Village fines because of the way the children decide to wear their clothes. Trustee Anderson asked that this ordinance be rescinded. Trustee Myers stated that the Police Department and the Village Prosecuting Attorney are currently reviewing the ordinance and studying the way the undergarments are being sewn on to the pants. The ordinance is not being enforced at this time. This item will be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

Trustee Williams re-entered the room during miscellaneous business.

Trustee Benson made a motion to rescind the Sagging Pants ordinance. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Village Attorney McCormick stated that a motion to suspend the rules is required at this time.

Trustee Benson rescinded his previous motion. Trustee Myers rescinded the second to the motion.

Trustee Benson made a motion to suspend the rules in order to add an item to the agenda. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Benson, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Burgess

Present: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

Trustee Benson made a motion to rescind the Sagging Pants ordinance until Trustee Myers has an opportunity to complete the investigation. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Myers

Present: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

Trustee Burgess thanked Trustee Williams for a job well done on the Student Government Day event.

Trustee Williams thanked Juanita Burgess, Amanda Vevers, Angela Cox, Nancy Baker and Suzanne Arnold for their assistance with the Student Government Day program in the Senior Center. Trustee Williams also thanked Village Clerk Williams for her assistance throughout the day preparing the children for the Board meeting. Trustee Williams was saddened that the event did not go as planned. The students did a great job but missed out on the full experience. Trustee Williams thanked everyone for their additional donations that were pledged.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Resident comments included the need for an Accounts Receivable report, burglary suspects released by Cook County court system, clarification and support of the Sagging Pants ordinance.

Mayor Towers stated that a meeting has been set for the first week of April to review background checks and to discuss the opening of the Community Center.

A grandmother of a Student Government Day student winner stated that the Board missed a great meeting and commended Trustee Williams.

There was a request that the Village Attorney check on the legalities of the resolution passed tonight and a discussion of why the resolution was not placed on the agenda as requested by the trustees at the previous meeting.

10. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anderson made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of personnel. Trustee Benson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Nays: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Motion failed

11. MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING-None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **APRIL 7, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Anderson (arrived 7:06 pm) and Benson (called in)

1. Financial Update- Finance Director Rao and Theobald & Associates

Finance Director Mohan Rao introduced Don Theobald to update the board on the Village finances. Don Theobald stated that he and Jeff Theobald started last Wednesday and met with the Village staff at a kick-off meeting. Don stated that there are 41 various bank accounts and 28 Amalgamated accounts to be reconciled for a total of 69 accounts; more than he originally thought. Don stated that reports will be provided to the board no less than once a week. As of this date, eight accounts, including journal entries, have been reconciled from May of 2009 through October 2010. FD Rao and Theobald also met with the external auditing firm to discuss the additional work they want prepared, such as, outstanding debt obligation analysis and related confirmations.

Mayor Towers questioned the need for 28 TIF accounts for four TIF districts. Don stated that the amount of accounts is not typical. Each account has its own purpose, mostly debt service, fund and pay debt with no balance remaining. The ordinances will be reviewed and accounts may be consolidated. Theobald will provide a recommendation at a later date.

Trustee Anderson asked if the fees for the Theobald services will increase. The fees originally quoted for two months of service to reconcile the General, Water and Sewer accounts may increase due to the additional accounts that need to be reconciled. It is possible that more accounts exist. The weekly updates will help determine if the fees will increase.

Don stated that FD Rao is working on the Operating Account. Theobald will track the time spent on TIF accounts in order to bill the TIFs. It is understood that the current accounts will be handled after the audit preparation is completed.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the contribution from CN Railroad. FD Rao stated that the \$270,000.00 payment that CN Railroad agreed to provide per ordinance was received, as well as, a \$35,000.00 contribution requested by Mayor Towers for the purpose of Parks and Recreation. FD Rao stated that both payments have been received and are placed in the General Fund. Mayor Towers will share the agreement detailing the use of the Parks and Recreation contribution. The funding for the Fire Department ATV will come from this contribution. The budget will be amended and all receipts will be provided for all expenses from both contributions.

The WinPak ordinance will be included on a future agenda; no money has been received as of this date. Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 have been earmarked for the 911 Center from the

\$139,000.00 WinPak contribution. Legal bills for the Stuttley Group and the Del Galdo Group will be paid with the balance of \$129,000.00 as approved previously by the board. There will be an agreement between Wildman & Harrold, Allen & Dixon and the Del Galdo Group on a future agenda to split the balance due from 2009.

Trustee Burgess asked for an updated Collector's Report. FD Rao stated that a tax payment was received. The balance in the General Fund is \$536,000.00 before payroll.

Trustee Myers is working with Rich Construction regarding past due invoices. Trustee Myers stated that the past due balance includes \$8,630.65 in disputed invoices. Disputed invoices include double billings and house numbers that do not match. Trustee Myers recommended a committee be put in place to develop an SOG policy to state that an officer will need to sign off on a bill when it is presented. Trustee Myers stated that Rich Construction will accept \$15,144.19 as paid in full and will forego the \$8,630.65 payment. Rich Construction is willing to accept payments. The board agreed to pay ¼ of the past due amount on the next Accounts Payable. Trustee Myers suggested the committee also follow up on uncollected liens. Mayor Towers directed Trustee Myers to form a 3-4 member committee; one member of the general public may be included. Trustee Myers suggested two trustees and one member of the Police Department should be included on the committee.

2. Personnel

Trustee Williams stated that she was advised that this personnel item cannot be discussed in executive session because it involves an elected official, not an employee. Village Attorney McCormick stated that the board always has the discretion to discuss personnel that is placed on the agenda in executive session. Trustee Hanks suggested proceeding and asked that Attorney McCormick direct the board if the discussion needs to take place in closed session.

Trustee Williams stated that while researching a resident complaint of a statement made by an elected official she was told by Attorney Lapp that the discussion should be an open meeting with no action taken. Anderson asked why Trustee Williams received advice from Atty. Lapp instead of the Stuttley Group. The Stuttley Group was not available at the time the special meeting was called.

Trustee Williams stated that a formal complaint has been filed by the resident and the statement involves department heads. Trustee Williams stated that after the discussion she would like the legal team to research what can be done to prevent this in the future or to possibly remove the trustee. Mayor Towers stated that an elected official can only be removed if he breaks the law or other reasons stated in the State Statute but does not include a statement made by a trustee.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that the person charged needs a copy of the charge and is entitled to due process. Trustee Williams stated that there was an incident not a charge. The person was notified of the special meeting but did not attend.

Trustee Burgess stated that if the discussion gets out of hand it should be moved to executive session.

Trustee Williams stated that a resident was highly offended by a remark made to her by Trustee Benson. The resident stated that Trustee Benson told her that the Police Department is responsible for the increase of burglaries in Sauk Village and that they were robbing houses themselves to make the Mayor look bad. The resident immediately called the police to file a complaint. Trustee Williams stated that the remark was highly inappropriate and untrue. When resident's complaints are

documented it can cause low moral, grievances, lawsuits, etc... Trustee Williams is asking to discuss how this can be rectified.

The trustees agreed that the complaint should be brought to the board to be researched at a time when the trustee is present to determine the truth behind the statement. It was agreed that it is inappropriate to bash our departments. It was also stated that an outside agency can be called into handle this issue. Trustee Hanks stated that any potential lawsuits that stem from slanderous comments made while not acting in their official capacity should be the responsibility of the individual. Trustee Anderson stated that the insurance company covers the officials in this case.

The board agreed to discuss this issue with Trustee Benson at the next meeting. The complainant needs to come in and the statement needs to be read. If it is found it to be true that the statement was made there should be an apology made to the Police Department. Trustee Williams stated that statements like this cause a hostile environment, creates unnecessary grievances and do not help during union negotiations. Trustee Hanks stated that it also needs to be stated that the statement is not true. The Police Department is not breaking into houses. Trustees are held to a higher standard in and out of the chambers. The trustees need to back their employees not slander them. The majority of the board does not agree with the statement that was made and does support and is thankful for the job they are doing. The residents need to know the board will address issues brought before them and will not condone statements like these.

Trustee Anderson stated that the board cannot police themselves and that the State's Attorney or State Police need to be brought in to investigate. Trustee Burgess stated that the trustee should be present and it can be handled internally. The formal complaint may be withdrawn if the trustee has reconsidered and apologizes.

Trustee Williams clarified that the purpose of the discussion was to bring the matter to the attention of the board and to direct the attorneys to do the research about any ramifications behind this action. Mayor Towers stated that if the State's Attorney's office is doing or will be doing an investigation the board will take action afterwards. Mayor Towers also stated that if it is found true that the allegation was made by the trustee he should be dealt with. Mayor Towers asked if the conversation was taped. Otherwise, it is one word against the other. Trustee Burgess stated that the conversation most likely was not taped but the resident is willing to come forward and wants action.

The matter will be discussed in executive session next week with or without action to be taken based on the recommendation of the attorneys. This executive session may be placed on the agenda immediately after roll call.

3. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall. The committee will be discussing items that can be presented to companies that are interested in coming to Sauk Village.

Trustee Anderson stated that the next Senior Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center.

Trustee Anderson stated that there will be no more Police Alliance Committee meetings.

Trustee Myers stated that he and Trustee Burgess met with the Village Adjudicator to discuss revamping the court system to bring more money in house, getting information on new laws and

introducing three new ordinances for the board to review in the near future. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, April 29th. The Public Relations Committee meeting of April 6th was postponed until Wednesday, April 13th. Trustee Williams stated that the School Board will be paying for the 8th grade trip so the Public Relations Committee will not be paying for the 8th graders who participated in Student Government Day. The committee has been given permission by Principal Iverson to take the students on a field trip the first week of May. Donations are still being accepted.

Mayor Towers congratulated Trustee Burgess, Trustee Hanks and Trustee-elect Robert Chavez on winning the recent election and welcomed them to four years of service and working to move the Village forward.

4. Audience Participation

Larry Stewart stated that just before coming to the meeting tonight he witnessed about 50 kids in the park and the police in high pursuit. The police did a great job and apprehended two kids and two guns.

Judy Cast stated that the Attorney General has been informed of the issue but the board should still deal with it. The Attorney General may ask the Mayor what has been done to make sure it does not happen again.

Judy asked what the \$35,000.00 will be used for. There is no Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Towers stated that the donation was going to be used for the basketball program. That is on hold now. Judy congratulated the elected officials from the Village and School Board.

Chief Holevis stated that everyday for 26 years he prepares himself to come to the job. Every morning he kisses his family. The police are willing to sacrifice and give their lives to protect the safety of the residents and their families. Chief Holevis takes offense at anybody who wants to put down and disgrace the Police Department. Chief Holevis thanked the board and stated that everybody is held accountable on their jobs.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that the police do an awesome job. Elizabeth stated that the signed document states the truth and it should not be put aside. There should be accountability in that position.

Ed Shankel stated that it is hard to hear and asked the board to speak up.

Rose congratulated the newly elected officials. Rose stated that this issue should not be put off for the State's Attorney's office. The resident came to the board to handle this. It is not a criminal act and can be handled here. Rose stated that the trustee should be censured from speaking.

Rose stated that Trustee Anderson has done a tremendous job with the seniors. Rose appreciates her efforts. Trustee Anderson suggested the quarterly events and was instrumental with donations.

Rose mentioned that Bloom Township has a Wii game on the first Thursday, Movie Day on the second Thursday and Bingo on the fourth Thursday and a bake contest. Bloom Township is also looking for donations of gently used bridesmaids or prom dresses for the Bloom Township youth department. Bloom Township has computers that can be used by seniors and supervised youth.

Joe Wiszowaty asked the amount that is owed to Wildman & Harrold and if Rich Construction was put out for bid originally. The amount was not known and whether there was a bid originally was not known.

Joe asked the expected timeline to prepare for the audit and if any inconsistencies have been found. Trustee Hanks stated that eight accounts have been reconciled with a total of 312 journal entries. There is no way to tell how long it will take. There will be a weekly report. There have been no inconsistencies brought to the board's attention.

Nancy Baker stated that the PLAN will hold an Easter egg hunt on April 16th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the United Church of God at 23001 S. Torrence Avenue. Everyone is invited. In addition to the Easter egg hunt there will be a clown, magician, hayride and pony rides.

Joe Wiszowaty reminded everyone that the Fire Department is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on April 17th.

John Hinko asked the board to listen to what the people want.

Frank Williams congratulated the elected officials. Which way will we go from today forward? We have a good board and a good town. Let's quit prolonging things and let's get it done. Go back to the way it used to be. Give the Police Department the tools they need to work with. Frank stated that the tickets should stay in Sauk Village and not go to Markham.

Trustee Burgess stated that moving violations have to go to Markham.

5. Recess to Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel and Pending and Threatened Litigation (5ILCS120/2(c)(1)2011) -None

6. Reconvene from Executive Session- None

7. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **APRIL 12, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

2. Motion to recess to executive session for the discussion of personnel matters, update of pending and possible litigation, collective negotiating, Real Estate, employment and compensation if needed with possible action taken. (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) 2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the matters stated above.

The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:03 pm

3. Motion to resume regular board meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the regular board meeting.

The motion to resume was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The regular board meeting resumed at 7:55 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4a. November 16, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

4b. November 23, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

4c. December 7, 2010 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2010 Committee Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

4d. December 14, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

4e. December 28, 2010- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of December 28, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that Animal Licenses are currently on sale. The Village stickers go on sale May 1st. The cost of the vehicle stickers is \$25.00 and animal licenses are \$7.00 if the pet is spayed or neutered and \$15.00 if they are not. VC Williams reminded residents that the Village Hall offices are closed on Wednesday while all other services continue.

5b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that both the Police and Firemen's Pension quarterly meeting will be held on April 21, 2011.

5c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

5d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- (absent-sick)

5e. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that the 14th Annual Diversity Dinner will be held Thursday, April 28, 2011. Call Barbara Moore at 708/747-6645 if you would like to attend. Mayor Towers reported that the Expungement Summit will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 3-7 pm at the Apostolic Church of God located at 6320 S. Dorchester in Chicago. For more information call 312/603-5200. Mayor Towers stated that the Illinois

Department of Security is hosting a Job Fair at the Sauk Village Community Center gym on Thursday, May 5th from 10 am – 2pm. A workshop will be held for any applicants prior to the job fair. For more information call Ron Yarber at 708/709-3070. Flyers are available on the back table.

6. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

6a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson invited all seniors who would like to participate in the Senior Committee to attend the next meeting which will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Senior Center. Trustee Anderson suggested discontinuing the Police Alliance Committee due to the lack of support from the Police Department. Trustee Anderson would like this item included on the next agenda.

6b. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

6c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the South Suburban Housing Center is requesting a contribution for Fair Housing Enforcement, Home Ownership Preservation, Housing Counseling and Educational programs. A contribution of either \$500.00, \$1,000.00 or \$3,000.00 is requested. The services the village would receive would depend on the amount of the contribution. Trustee Hanks stated that would benefit the residents and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

6d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th. The committee will discuss the new adjudication court system and review several ordinances to be presented to the board at the next committee meeting. Trustee Myers thanked everyone for the emails for his wife during her illness.

6e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee included a survey in the last Sauk Talk that asked residents what type of businesses they were interested in seeing in Sauk Village. Copies of the survey are available at the front desk. Trustee Burgess is working with a local business person who is interested in opening an indoor Flea Market and the TIF consultants about a possible Food for Less, Pete's Produce or Ultra Foods in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that Jim Meyers contacted him and he would like to resubmit his request for opening a movie theater in Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated that he has directed Mr. Meyers to speak with the TIF attorneys regarding his request for land in the TIF area near the old bowling alley.

6f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight Friday, April 29th. The Public Relations Committee will meet Wednesday, April 13th to discuss further Student Government Day activities. Trustee Williams thanked all of the volunteers on Student Government Day and sponsors who include The PLAN, Trustees Hanks, Burgess and herself, Village Clerk Williams, Fairway Foods, Walgreens, the Weller Family, Attorney McCormick, Senator Hutchinson, Dean Cass Insurance Co., Chief Stofreggen and Chief Holevis. Donations are still being accepted.

7. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

7a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis (absent-sick) Sgt. Evans- No report

Sgt. Evans did attend but was called out intermittently on calls during the meeting.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Deputy Chief Atwood

Deputy Chief Atwood stated that the Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Show Sunday, April 17th from 8am – Noon. DC Atwood stated that the Fire Department and ESDA teamed up to create an at risk data base. The data base will help provide emergency services to people with special needs during a crisis. Anyone with someone in their home with special needs should contact the Fire Department. Registration forms are available in the back of the room library and the Village Hall. All information will remain confidential.

7c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller (absent-sick)

7d. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated that 13 accounts have been finalized for a total of 381 entries. FD Rao will begin working on the General Fund account on within the week.

7e. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reminded residents that it is tornado season. Residents should keep a radio handy and watch TV for updates. The siren is tested every first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

8. CONSENT AGENDA- None

9. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from March 23, 2011 – April 12, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from March 23 – April 12, 2011.

Trustee Benson asked if the numbers were correct. Trustee Williams asked for the current General Fund balance.

Finance Director Rao stated that as of today the General Fund balance is \$321,674.51. FD Rao gave a breakdown of income and expense from this period.

Trustee Burgess inquired about one Stuttley Group entry from 12/24/10 and a Del Galdo invoice from 8/21/10.

Trustees Anderson and Benson inquired about the Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnell, Marovich and Lapp Group payment in the amount of \$3,313.00.

FD Rao stated that all copies of all itemized bills in question will be forwarded to the trustees.

Trustees Anderson and Benson asked that the Hiskes, Diller invoices are removed from the Accounts Payable for further review.

Trustee Hanks stated that many of these bills are past due. Trustee Hanks suggested that the board pay all of the legal bills, keep a closer eye on the Accounts Payable and ask these questions prior to the board meeting.

Looking forward copies of all itemized bills from special services, such as legal services, should be presented to the board along with the Accounts Payable.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable as presented.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable from March 23, 2011- April 12, 2011 as presented. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

10b. Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month as requested by A.B.A.T.E.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

11a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams asked that police presence at the board meetings be placed on the next committee meeting agenda. Trustee Williams also stated that she would like to be considered as chair of the Police Alliance Committee as an ad hoc committee. Originally, Trustee Williams was co-chair of the PAC but was unable to attend meetings due to the time of the meeting. Trustee Williams asked if letters can be submitted. Mayor Towers stated that there will be a realignment of committees.

Trustee Hanks reminded residents there will be a public hearing regarding well #3 at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked audience members to respect each other by holding their comments allowing everyone to be heard.

11b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Judy Cast stated that the PLAN Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 16th. There is a secondary plan of action in case of rain. Judy stated that the PLAN will support the Fire Department pancake breakfast Sunday, April 17th and the Police Department's Special Olympics 100%. Judy stated that Trustee Williams would be a great chair for the PAC.

Jan Clark asked for clarification regarding the South Suburban Housing donation.

Jan asked if the village would benefit from the donation. Trustee Hanks stated that this item will be addressed next week and feels the residents would benefit.

Mary Hanks, Lion's Club president presented the World Peace poster from 2010 to Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees.

Pat Couch thanked the Police Department and stated that they are doing a great job.

Annette Stanton inquired about grants to repair pot holes. Mayor Towers stated that pot hole repairs are under way. There are CDBG and MFT funds available for certain areas; all areas hopefully will be repaired.

Ed Shankel asked why Del Galdo is still on the Accounts Payable. Mayor Towers stated that the Del Galdo Group is still working on the TIFs.

Elizabeth Pratt inquired about the Sam's Club fees and Bud's Ambulance charges. Elizabeth would prefer our own paramedics and ambulance. Elizabeth asked about the lights that are out on the Municipal building and when the Community Center will be opened.

Finance Director Rao explained the fees. Trustee Myers stated that Bud's Ambulance is under contract and alternatives have been discussed several times. The work order is in for the lights.

Trustee Hanks stated that at first Bud's would charge the residents and if they were not able to pay or did not have insurance they would not go after them. Trustee Hanks stated that it should be verified if that procedure is still being followed.

Mayor Towers stated that the Community Center will be opening soon; he is still waiting for background checks to come in. Elizabeth's background check is the only one that has been approved.

Mary Ewing asked if we lost the new business that had representatives present earlier. Trustee Burgess stated that the business is not lost.

Frank Williams asked where the ticket revenue for Code Enforcement goes and why were they laid off. Mayor Towers stated that code enforcement ticket revenue stays in the Village. During the budget process it was determined that ticket revenue from that department is low during the winter months. It was decided to lay off the employees during the winter months and bring them back in the spring. Trustee Williams asked that the matter of bringing the employees back be placed on the next agenda.

Tammy Jones stated that the kids said they were cursed at from workers in big white trucks assisting at the schools.

Reverend Bill Hall, Sauk Village Ministerial Alliance, read a letter requesting a resolution and letter of support for the 2011 Gospel Fest.

This item will be placed on the upcoming agenda for review and the following agenda for approval.

Sharon Davenport has concerns about children walking in the street. Sharon encouraged getting the basketball hoops in the park behind the Police Department so the kids have somewhere to play.

Mayor Towers stated that is already under consideration. Mayor Towers stated that some of the CN railroad donation may be used for the basketball court.

Trustee Williams asked if a plan on how the \$35,000.00 will be spent can be submitted to the board.

Mayor Towers stated that the money is earmarked for Parks and Recreation. The new chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee will decide how it will be spent.

Trustee Benson stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee submitted a report stating that the parks are unsafe. Trustee Benson stated that money should be used for the parks.

Trustee Williams asked for a copy of the original report made by the Parks and Recreation Committee in order to see exactly what repairs are needed.

Mayor Towers reiterated that the new chair will make the decision. Mayor Towers has no copy of the report. The new chair will provide an update.

Rebecca Delacerda, Bloom Trail Science teacher, stated that incoming Bloom Trail High School Freshmen can receive a free gym uniform if they register by June 1st. All students receive a \$25.00 discount if they register by June 1st. Registration is earlier this year. Registration is July 19th from 8am -2 pm and July 20, 21, and 25th from 3pm – 7pm. The Ronald McDonald med van will be on site on July 19th and 25th to provide free physicals, immunizations and screenings.

James Vinson asked if a driver gets a ticket if a pedestrian gets hit while walking in the street. James stated that this happened to him and the report stated that no ticket was written. Mayor Towers asked if he had followed up with the Police Department. James stated that he had not followed up. Mayor Towers asked James to confer with Sgt. Evans after the meeting. James stated that he had a sewer back up in his house that was the village's problem. James has not received a claim form from the Water Department to reimburse him for the rental of a rodder to get the water out of his house. Mayor Towers asked James to meet with Trustee Burgess after the meeting.

Stan Byles stated he realizes the financial position of the village but as a result of the village administration not getting together with the unions they are taking every grievance they have to arbitration causing money to be spent on both sides.

Mike Brown asked if a letter was received along with the CN donation and if he could FOIA the letter. Finance Director Rao stated that the donation came by wire transfer with no letter.

Mayor Towers asked FD Rao to contact CN Railroad to get a letter explaining how the \$35,000.00 donation is to be spent. Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with the Vice- President of Marketing regarding assistance for uniforms and other expenses for the basketball program.

Mike suggested that a citizen with knowledge be allowed to chair the Police Alliance Committee.

Mayor Towers stated that it has not been decided yet if a citizen is able to chair committees but welcomed all citizens to join various committees.

Mike stated that people should not bash the police or the board because no one knows what there job entails.

Larry Stewart stated that the earlier today 50 or more kids were being corralled by the Police. The Police Department needs our support. We need to band together. The kids have nothing to do. We don't plan for our kids. Ask the kids what they want. We should not wait to plan for the basketball court.

Rose stated that school will be out soon. The Community Center could be opened with the one person who has been approved and the Trustee- elect that also has a completed background check. Rose asked if someone put a stop to the volunteers and the Public Works Department who were going to put the basketball hoops behind the Village Hall. Rose agreed that a Trustee is not needed to chair a committee but to act as a liaison. Mayor Towers asked if the Trustee- elect has a Sauk Village background check as requested by the board. Trustee- elect Chavez stated that he has a National background check but will gladly complete a Sauk Village background check.

Rose asked why there is no Parks and Recreation report if the committee is still meeting. Mayor Towers stated that the committee has not met lately.

Rose stated that the decision to rent the Community Center to 501C3's at no charge should come before the board. Mayor Towers stated that was the previous policy; the Parks and Recreation Committee will bring that to the board.

Stan Byles asked if there could be an ordinance for littering. Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance is on the books.

John Hinko asked for an update on the audit.

Finance Director Rao stated that the audit preparation is still in progress.

Lynda Washington stated that people hold us accountable for things other people have said and did.

Trustee- elect Chavez stated that the hoops can be temporarily located at the pad behind Around the Clock. Mayor Towers stated that they were removed from there in the past due to citizen's complaints.

Jan Clark asked if anyone checked out the condition of the parks after the memo was prepared by Trustee Benson in September. The parks should be safe. We should not wait until a new person comes on board. Mayor Towers stated that part of the reason he was soliciting funds was to repair the parks and provide programs to the kids.

There was a disagreement whether or not Public Works made the appropriate repairs to make the parks safe and whether or not the memo stated a recommendation to close all of the parks including the one behind Village Hall. A copy of the memo that included the Parks and Recreation recommendation was requested in order to be reviewed by the next Parks and Recreation committee chairman. An amendment to the budget will be required in order to purchase any park equipment.

Joe Wiszowaty asked for clarification on the special hearing taking place at 6:45 pm on April 19th. Trustee Hanks stated that the purpose of the special hearing is to review the potential loan for the repairs to well #3. The IEPA will be in attendance.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **APRIL 19, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 9:02 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Skyline Disposal Proposal- Clement or Anthony De Luca

Skyline representatives Anthony De Luca and Gary Blue submitted a proposal to forgive the interest due on past due invoices. The proposal would extend the current agreement between the Village of Sauk Village and Skyline Disposal an additional five years. There are no other changes to the original agreement. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

3. Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon and Del Galdo Agreement- Mayor Towers

Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon and the Del Galdo Group submitted a proposal of an agreement to combine the total of all TIF payments due to both firms and divide the amount equally. The consensus of the Board was favorable. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval. The Accounts Payable report will require amending once the agreement is approved.

4. Letter of Endorsement- Shine on Sauk Village- Gospel Fest

Rev. Bill Hall submitted a request for a letter of endorsement for the annual Gospel Fest. Trustee Myers suggested that an ordinance also be adopted as per usual procedure. This item will appear on the next Board agenda for approval.

5. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao

8. Village Insurance- Trustee Myers and Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Mohan Rao introduced Hub Insurance representative Nathan Brown. Nathan stated that Hub Insurance reviewed other insurance carriers after notification of the ICMRT cancellation to find comparable coverage. Nathan recommended a policy with higher limits- higher self insured retentions at a cost slightly more than ICMRT. The premium of \$588,000.00 includes Workers Compensation, General Liability, Public

Official's Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage and any Excess Liability. The annual \$26,000.00 third party administrator's fee covers the handling of general liability claims, bond enforcement claims and public official liability claims. The Hub Group will continue to investigate lower rates for next year. A

financing agreement to pay the balance of \$225,00.00 requires Board approval and will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

9. TIF Invoices- Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Rao submitted TIF 3 invoices in the amount of \$19,212.35 for Board approval on next week's agenda.

6. Church Sign Request Building and Zoning Director Jasinski

Building and Zoning Director Jasinski reported that a new church will be opening on the property owned previously by First Baptist Church. The church is requesting a waiver of fees to erect a sign of the same size and in the same location as the First Baptist Church sign. Sherry stated that it is normal procedure to waive fees for the church for this purpose. The consensus of the Board is to waive the fees. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

7. Donation Request- La Rabida Champion for Children's Walk- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers reported that the La Rabida Champion for Children's Walk is requesting sponsors, donations and participants. The consensus of the Board was not to contribute or participate at this time. Board members may contribute individually.

10. Fire Department ATV Purchase- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen submitted three estimates for the purchase of the ATV vehicle needed for transport from the rail access to the street. The lowest estimate is \$29,700.00. There is an additional cost of \$400.00 to purchase and install a radio. The purchases will be paid with funds donated by CN Railroad. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the lowest bid. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

11. An Ordinance Approving the Exchange of Real Estate and the Execution of a Certain Agreement with DP Partners Sauk Village I, LLC and National Loan Investors, L.P. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers stated that a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled in order to move forward with the Win Pak deal. The Public Meeting has been posted and is scheduled for May 3, 2011. The above ordinance will be placed on a May 3, 2011 special meeting agenda for approval.

12. Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson suggested eliminating the Police Alliance Committee at the end of her Board term. Trustee Anderson stated that the mission of the Police Alliance Committee in 2007 was to assist the police officers in

the retention and in researching funding for police officers. The Sauk Village Police Department is fully staffed with the exception of three officers. Trustee Anderson stated another mission was developing a two way information sharing with open communication and advocacy for education. Trustee Anderson stated that former Police Chiefs Lacheta and Martin had assisted in successful events; currently there is no involvement. The ommittee did not participate in the National Night Out event last year due to the confusion at the time surrounding Chief Martin. All prizes were returned to the vendors. The mission to create a safe and productive environment for the community- Trustee Anderson stated that the Police and the Board of Trustees have not been accountable to the citizens because of the current increase of crime. Trustee Anderson stated that there is no follow up to residents for shootings and burglaries. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board is not trained to follow up on Police matters.

The final mission of building a positive image of police officers-Trustee Anderson stated that the police officers must want to work on their own image and suggested sensitivity training for the officers.

Trustee Williams stated she was originally a co-chair of the Police Alliance Committee. Trustee Williams offered to take on the responsibility of the Police Alliance Committee as an ad hoc committee. Trustee Williams referred to the tension between the Board and the Police Department stating that those fences need to be mended as part of the mission statement. The chair of the committee should not be adversarial with employees and then expect cooperation. Trustees Williams and Burgess cautioned the Board on discussion of personnel in a public forum. Trustee Williams suggested not dissolving the Police Alliance Committee. Trustee Myers suggested that the Police Alliance Committee is a useful program and should continue.

13. Assignment of Trustee Committees- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams asked if letters will be accepted for committee appointments. Mayor Towers stated that he will be accepting letters requesting committee appointments from Trustees and citizens. Mayor Towers will announce committee appointments one week after the swearing in of the newly elected officials. Trustee Hanks suggested adding the discussion of committee appointments to the second committee meeting in May. All committee appointments require the consent of the Board.

14. Police Presence at Board Meetings- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams suggested amending the Safety Plan to state that a sworn officer is not needed at Board meetings due to the fact that the Police Chief or a Police representative is already present to report to the Board; officers should be on the street. Mayor Towers asked for a consensus of the Board.

Amend the Safety Plan: Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Myers and Benson

Abstain: Trustee Anderson

Mayor Towers stated that there will be no police presence at Board meetings except the Police Chief or his stand in.

15. Adjudication System- Ordinance Review Committee- Trustees Myers and Burgess

Trustees Myers and Burgess presented three ordinances for Board review that were prepared by the Village Adjudicator with input from Police Chief Holevis. The ordinances will also be submitted to the Stuttley Group for review. The ordinances include cannabis enforcement, vehicle impoundment and adjudicating more offenses in local court. These ordinances include amendments to current ordinances as well as increasing the portion of the fees that are received by the Village. These ordinances will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval and should be made available to the public for viewing.

Trustee Anderson questioned the costs. Trustee Myers stated that these ordinances are already on the books but they have been upgraded. The Village Adjudicator will hear these cases now which will allow more revenue to remain in the Village.

16. Fair Housing Enforcement- Municipal Contribution –Housing Commissioner Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks provided information on a request for a municipal contribution for Fair Housing Enforcement. Trustee Hanks stated that there are three contribution levels and feels the residents would benefit from the services available at either level. This item will be discussed during the budget process.

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority is still working with NACA to bring another workshop to Sauk Village.

17. Possible Reinstatement of Code Enforcement- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the Code Enforcement employees were laid off due to budgetary reasons with possible reinstatement in the spring. Mayor Towers is working with Finance Director Rao to bring figures to the Board on bringing back one or more code employees. The unions will also be consulted. Trustee Myers stated revenue figures that these employees bring in to the Village which contribute to their salaries. Trustee Burgess suggested that Public Works employees also need to be brought back to work. The Public Works Department employees are self funded by the water fund. Trustee Burgess suggested asking the unions to be flexible. The issue of 100% insurance coverage and budget amendments were also discussed.

18. Censure Resolution- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that the Censure Resolution was passed to Village Attorney McCormick. All questions should be directed to him. Trustee Hanks stated that he would prefer an apology from the trustee rather than passing this resolution. Trustee Benson stated that the accusations were false and asked why he owes the public an apology. Village Attorney McCormick suggested that this discussion take place in executive session and asked that the Board work this out in a civil manner.

19. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Anderson stated that there would be no Bluegrass on Sunday.

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due on Friday, April 29th.

Trustee Hanks reported that Thornton Township is hosting a Job Fair on May 17, 2011 at the South Suburban College Fitness Center located at 15800 S. State Street.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will be attending the quarterly Economic Development meeting in Olympia Fields at 8:30 am on April 20th.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

20B. Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Residents commented on the success of the PLAN Easter Egg Hunt and the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, the Censure Resolution, freedom of speech and the Police Alliance Committee. The residents showed their support for the Police Department, bringing employees back and the redeveloped ordinances. Residents requested a sound system and a Sergeant at Arms. Tracy Witt asked the elected officials to visit the Police Department kitchen to see the remodeling project that was completed by her son Josh.

20. Motion to Recess To Executive Session-None

20A. Discussion of Appointments (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2010).-None

21. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment- None

22. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 am on April 20, 2011.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, APRIL 19, 2011.

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers, Williams

Absent: Trustee Anderson (called- arrived at approximately 6:55 pm)

**1. IEPA Low Interest Loan for the Purpose of Constructing Additional Treatment at Well 3-
Village Engineer- Jim Czarnik**

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the IEPA published the assessment of the environmental impact of the public water supply project. Prior to granting the loan the IEPA requires that the public has an opportunity to comment as to whether or not the anticipated impacts of the project have been accurately addressed. The IEPA has reviewed the project plan for Sauk Village's well #3 improvements and concurs that the proposed project is technically appropriate and cost effective. The agency will approve the funding after the close of the ten day public comment period unless new information that causes reconsideration is provided during this time. The ten day public comment period begins after this hearing date. The project summary and the preliminary environmental impact determination are available for review at the front desk. Comments should be directed to the Village of Sauk Village or to the IEPA:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Attn: Gary Bingenheimer

Bureau of Water

1021 N. Grand Avenue East

P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, IL 62794

217/782-2027 fax- 217/785-1225

VE Czarnik reviewed the background of the well # 3 contamination that was discovered in 2009, the IEPA violation notice, the enforcement action by the Illinois Attorney General's office and how taking well # 3 off line has impacted the Sauk Village water supply.

The recommended project plan, based on quickly addressing compliance issues with the Illinois Attorney General's office, proposes to provide enhanced ground water treatment at well #3. The well #3 improvements will consist of an air stripping tower and a new pump station. Air stripping is widely used to remove compounds from water. VE Czarnik described the details of the proposed project and current project cost of 2.2 million dollars. Sauk Village plans to finance the estimated project costs with a 2.2 million dollar IEPA

public water supply loan. A portion of the public water supply user fees will be used for repayment of the loan. There is a 9- 12 month timeframe for the project.

VE Czarnik provided two scenarios to the Board that included a possible 0-25% loan forgiveness, 1.25% interest rate and a 17-19% increase in the current water rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons. The potential to receive loan forgiveness is based on the financial status of the Village and median household income. The interest rate is time dependent and will rise to approximately 2.25 % next year. VE Czarnik estimated a \$6.00-\$7.00 bill increase per month on the resident's water bill. Other costs could include securing additional property for the treatment plant and future maintenance.

IEPA representative, Geoff Andres stated that there is little chance of the 1.25% interest at this point and the Village median household income does not qualify for loan forgiveness. Geoff stated that the IEPA is committed to try to work with Sauk Village but there are several things that need to be done between now and September 30, 2011. Several projects are ahead of Sauk Village that have already been approved and are moving ahead for fiscal 2011. Geoff confirmed that the interest rate goes back to approximately 2.50% during fiscal year 2012. Future steps include an ordinance approving the loan application and a referendum in order to proceed.

Richard Cobb, IEPA Deputy Manager of the Ground Water section, described the plume of the breakdown of the source material that was likely released 20-30 years ago; it takes 20-30 years to breakdown vinyl chloride. The source of the contamination was not identified by research completed by K+ Engineering. It would be extremely costly to continue to research the source of the contamination; the source may not be evident after so many years. There is no source material in the well. The contamination will continue to dissipate; however, Richard stated that the urgency is capacity. Well # 3 is out of commission. If another well goes out there will be diminished water capacity. Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that the storage tanks and Mutual Aid are available for emergencies. Immediate action is also expected according to pending litigation with the Illinois Attorney General's office. Village Attorney McCormick stated that details of the pending litigation cannot be discussed in open session. After much discussion, it was stated that the IEPA agrees that air stripping is the solution to the contamination in well #3. This will provide safe drinking water in well #3 and prevent the contamination from travelling to wells #1 & #2. The water quality, taste and smell, will not change. Mayor Towers stated that finding the source is important but due to the time restraints well # 3 needs to be brought back on line. Trustee Williams asked that the Board instruct VE Czarnik on how to proceed. The consent of the Board was to have VE Czarnik proceed with the design of the improvements to well#3 as outlined in the project plan.

2. Audience Participation

Resident concerns included soil sampling, water quality including possible current contamination in wells #1 and #2, not taking out a loan at this time and concentrate on obtaining Lake Michigan water as a permanent solution instead. It was restated that waiting to get well #3 back on line is not an option. Sauk Village is non-compliant with the IEPA and is currently involved in pending litigation with the Attorney General's Office. This issue is separate from obtaining Lake Michigan water.

There have been separate studies and past meetings relating to Lake Michigan water where it has been stated that it will take 5 years or more to get Lake Michigan water and it can double or triple the water bill. There is no guarantee that Sauk Village will qualify for Lake Michigan water. Future Town Hall meetings need to be scheduled to discuss Lake Michigan water.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*The Committee Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm will convene shortly after the adjournment of this Special Meeting.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER APRIL 26, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (called- late) arrived at 7:34 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2a. March 8, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson asked why her question to Village Engineer Czarnik for clarification was not recorded in the minutes of March 8th. Village Clerk Williams reported that the minutes are not verbatim; the action that was taken was recorded in the minutes. The verbatim tape recordings of all meetings are available upon request.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

2b. March 15, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustees Benson and Anderson mentioned other concerns with the minutes as presented. Village Clerk Williams stated that the minutes reflect the business of the meeting and a summary of discussions held when applicable. Village Attorney McCormick stated for the record that the minutes prepared by the Clerk are more extensive than other governmental bodies and has encouraged shortening the minutes; minutes are not made to be verbatim but to summarize what happened. Village Attorney McCormick stated that a motion to amend the minutes of any meeting can be made at any time. Village Clerk Williams stated that the minutes stand as written pending board approval.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3a. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that Animal Licenses expire on April 30th and are now on sale. The cost is \$15.00. If your pet is spayed or neutered the cost is \$7.00. There is a \$5.00 discounted cost for seniors. The Village stickers go on sale May 1st and must be displayed on the vehicles by midnight June 30th. The cost is \$25.00 for cars and motorcycles and \$43.00 for trucks. One discounted sticker per household is available for seniors and the disabled at a cost of \$5.00. Village Clerk Williams is working with the IT consultant to put the village ordinances on the website. Ordinances are also available at the Village Hall.

3b. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

3c. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

3d. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report

3e. Mayor’s Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that the Annual Diversity Dinner will be held Thursday, April 28, 2011. Call Barbara Moore at 708/747-6645 if you would like to attend. Mayor Towers reported that the Expungement Summit will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 3-7 pm at the Apostolic Church of God located at 6320 S. Dorchester in Chicago. For more information call 312/603-5200. Mayor Towers stated that the Illinois Department of Security is hosting a Job Fair at the Sauk Village Community Center gym on Thursday, May 5th from 10 am – 2pm. For more information call Ron Yarber at 708/709-3070. DH Weller is prepared to set up the room for the job fair.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

4a. Senior Citizens Committee/ Police Alliance Committee- Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson reported that the Senior Committee met on April 15th to discuss the Sauk Talk article and they are looking forward to the transition with the next Trustee chair. Trustee Anderson stated that all senior committees will remain in their current schedules. Free senior Monday movies on the second Monday of the month will also continue. There is no Police Alliance Committee report.

4b. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

4c. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority is still working to secure a date to host another NACA Home Save/ Home Purchase workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center. Trustee Hanks stated that there is a Community Job Fair sponsored by South Suburban College and Thornton Township on May 17th from 10-2pm at the South Suburban College Fitness Center located at 15800 S. Halsted in South Holland. Flyers are available in the back. Trustee Hanks stated that the Illinois Municipal League has prepared a local revenue packet for use to build opposition to any attempt by the General Assembly or the Governor to reduce local government revenues. According to the impact calculator Sauk Village revenues are in jeopardy. The potential impact to Sauk Village could be \$243,617.00 if this passes. The packet prepared by the IML includes sample letters and a resolution for the board to consider passing. This item will be placed on the next committee agenda.

4d. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- No report

4e. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee is discussing a co-op to be run by village residents and businesses. Trustee Burgess stated that he attended the quarterly Chicago Southland Economic Development meeting that was held in Olympia Fields. Topics of discussion included bringing more businesses to the South Suburbs, the progress of the Illiana Expressway (from Joliet to Indianapolis), the third airport (cleared by the state and looking for a hub) and the I-294 and I-57 interchange intermodal opportunities. Sauk Village is on the map for industrial growth. Metra is also considering a train that will run from University Park/ Steger/ Crete to downtown Chicago. Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will be attending the Business After Hours networking event at the Children’s Museum in Oak Lawn on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 5- 7 pm. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Visitor’s Bureau and local bureaus to encourage commerce in the South Suburbs. Trustee Burgess stated that a coalition exists between Olympia Fields, Matteson, and Richton Park. Sauk Village has an opportunity to start putting something together for the 394- DP Partners area. There is a lot of traffic there between 3pm- 7 pm.

4f. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due by midnight Friday 29th.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

5a. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis gave a summary of incidents and arrests that took place in the past thirty days. Three related shootings took place in the Peterson/ Carol/ Jeffery area that resulted in one arrest. Witnesses have been uncooperative in two of the incidents. Eight burglaries (down from 27), three assaults, one robbery, 173 traffic citations, 133 warnings and 10 local ordinance tickets were written. Chief Holevis stated that the Police Department is 100% compliant with the cop's grant. Chief Holevis reminded the board that labor negotiations with the FOP start May 1st. Chief Holevis stated that the Police and Fire Commission have placed an ad for Police testing. Chief Holevis stated that the kitchen remodeling has been completed by Boy Scout Joshua Witt. Chief Holevis would like to bring Joshua in to acknowledge the huge effort. Chief Holevis stated that the remodeled kitchen has been a huge moral boost to the department.

5b. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen stated that from April 19th - through April 25th the department responded to seven calls. Chief Stoffregen and the Firefighter Association thanked everyone for their support with the recent Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Show held on April 17th. Chief Stoffregen also reported that Baskin Robbins is donating \$100,000.00 to the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation and will be hosting a 31 cent scoop night in Sauk Village and all Baskin Robbins stores on Wednesday, April 27th from 4-9 pm. Donations to the Sauk Village Fire Department will be also be accepted. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department is creating a data base to include residents with special needs. This list will help determine emergency services to priority addresses. Anyone with someone in their home with special needs should contact the Fire Department. Flyers are available in the back of the room.

5c. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the first round of hydrant flushing began on the south side on April 5th. The second round will start May 3rd on the north side and Carolina Estates. Tree limb pickup starts on May 2nd. Branches should be stacked in the parkway to be picked up on garbage day. As always, residents should not park on the street on garbage day per ordinance. All branches must be out by May 8th. Tree stump removal, landscaping, grass cutting, street light issues and other clean up that normally occurs at this time of year will also be determined by emergency water main breaks and the shortage of man power. DH Weller requested that the board place the discussion of bringing back Public Works employees to the next committee agenda. DH Weller stated that the first call in the event of a water main break should be to the Police Department. The Orion Avenue ditch project will start on May 2nd. The road will be shut down for about one week. The busses have been notified to plan to reroute during that time. Trustee Hanks asked for an update on the repairs to the light outside of the Village Hall. DH Weller stated that project was also placed on the priority list due to the lack of funds and manpower.

5d. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski- (absent/ vacation)

5e. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated that the bank reconciliations are progressing; this is a slow process. FD Rao stated that he is working with VE Czarnik and DH Weller on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity study that needs to be completed. FD Rao is waiting for a tax determination letter from the IRS in order to apply for \$165,000.00 for infrastructure construction repairs.

5f. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson stated that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in seven calls during the period of April 19th- 25th and continues with school patrols in the afternoon.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6a. An Ordinance to Renew Garbage Collection Agreement with Skyline Disposal**
- 6b. An Ordinance to Approve Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon & Del Galdo Law Group Agreement with the Village of Sauk Village- removed from consent agenda. Moved to item #7d.**
- 6c. An Ordinance Approving the Execution of a Letter of Support for Gospel Fest**
- 6d. An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding for Fire Department ATV Purchase**
- 6e. An Ordinance Approving Fire Department ATV Purchase**
- 6f. An Ordinance Approving the Service Agreement between the Village of Sauk Village and CCMSI for Liability Claims Administration**
- 6g. An Ordinance Approving First Insurance Funding as the Financier of the Village Insurance for the Village of Sauk Village**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson asked that item 6b be removed from the consent agenda.

Trustees Hanks and Burgess rescinded the motion to approve.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to remove item 6b from the consent agenda and to approve items 6a and 6c through 6g of the consent agenda. Trustee Hanks also asked that item 6b be moved to item 7d. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

- 7a. An Ordinance Adding/Amending Chapter 151 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Code Violations**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve An Ordinance Adding/Amending Chapter 151 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Code Violations. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson clarified that the fine remains at \$500.00 and that citizens may request a review in writing. Trustee Myers stated that affirmatively to both.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

- 7b. An Ordinance Adding/ Amending Chapter 134 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Possession of Cannabis**

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve An Ordinance Adding/Amending Chapter 134 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Possession of Cannabis.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

7c. An Ordinance Adding/Amending Chapter 90 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Vehicle Impoundment- Ordinance Violations

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve An Ordinance Adding/Amending Chapter 90 of the Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois- Vehicle Impoundment- Ordinance Violations. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Anderson stated that she does not think the citizens can afford the \$500.00 fine per infraction.

Trustee Williams asked that the new additions to the ordinances be placed in the Sauk Talk so residents are alerted to the changes.

Trustee Hanks stated that these ordinances involve criminal offenses like DUI's unlawful drugs, firearms, illegal fireworks, illegal dumping, prostitution, etc...He has no problem passing this ordinance.

Trustee Myers stated that maybe people will think twice before they do these things with these ordinances in place.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Anderson and Benson

Motion carried

7d. An Ordinance to Approve Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon & Del Galdo Law Group Agreement with the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve An Ordinance to Approve Wildman, Harrold, Allen and Dixon & Del Galdo Law Group Agreement with the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements from April 13, 2011 – April 26, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from April 13 – April 26, 2011. FD Rao presented the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$358,975.11 which includes payroll in the amount of \$125,440.35. FD Rao stated that the General Fund balance is \$863,835.74 before these disbursements.

Trustee Williams stated that past due invoices for Chicago Badge Insignia may have been included in a previous Accounts Payable. FD Rao will investigate. Trustee Williams asked if the retirement badge meant for Chief Lacheta has been received, if Chief Martin's badge was returned and if these are the original badges for all new Police AND Fire Commissioners. Chief Holevis stated affirmatively for Chief Lacheta's badge and negative for Chief Martin's badge. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively for the Police and Fire Commissioners.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

9a. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess requested a list of nine items to be added to next week's committee meeting for possible action on May 10th. These items include amendments to the Sauk Village Municipal Code regarding board conduct, powers and duties of the Mayor, reestablishment of the office of the Village Manager and appointment of the powers of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. Trustee Burgess also included amendments to the Village manual regarding directing supervision and assignment of work - adopted in 1989, closing streets for block parties- adopted 1982 and procedures and decorum for all meetings of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Burgess asked for the recruitment, interviewing, selection, negotiating and appointment of in Interim Village Manager, discussion of the legal contract with the Stuttley Group as the Village Attorneys, the recruitment, interviewing, selection, negotiating and appointment of in Interim Village Attorney, appointment of special and standing committee chairpersons and a report from the Village Finance Director of the annual audit.

Trustee Anderson stated that in reviewing and rewriting the Village Code Trustee Burgess may want to take more time than one meeting and to put it forth in a different way. It looks like Trustee Burgess is trying to examine what is a legislator, what is an executive and who reviews and protects those interests. Trustee Anderson suggested prioritizing those into more than one meeting. Trustee Burgess stated that these have not been reviewed for several years and they are needed to bring direction back to the board.

Trustee Anderson cautioned to stay in touch with the Illinois State Statutes keeping in mind that Sauk Village is not Home Rule. Trustee Burgess stated that the board has the right to amend the Village code.

Village Clerk Williams asked to place a policy for the minutes on a future agenda.

Trustee Benson asked for more clarification on the co-op. Trustee Burgess stated that the village has nothing to do with the co-op. The co-op is run by the residents and they form their own board. Trustee Anderson stated that there are Federal liabilities involved with forming a co-op. Trustee Burgess stated that the village is not involved; he is working to set up a meeting.

Trustee Hanks stated that he received an email last week for the Exceptional Children's Charity. Support from donors helps supply wheelchairs, medical and dental bills, computers, stand up chairs, hearing aids and learning tools. There is a golf outing at Lincolnshire County Club on Friday, June 17th. The cost is \$150.00 per player or dinner only for \$50.00. Donations can also be given by contacting the Exceptional Children's Charity.

Trustee Myers stated that the Fire Department received a \$37,000.00 grant to be used for new firefighter training. Senator Dirksen pushed for this grant. Special training at an outside school like the University of Illinois enables new firefighters to experience live fire instruction. The cost of approximately \$2,500.00 per person does not cover the cost of the equipment, physicals and back ground checks needed for a new firefighter.

Trustee Williams announced that the United Church of Christ is hosting a Taste of UCC Culture on Saturday, May 14th from 5pm – 8 pm. Cuisines from Italy, Nigeria, Liberia, Mexico, Soul food, Germany, China, America, Poland, etc... will be available. Dinner starts at 5 pm and Line Dancing starts at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$7.00- children under 12 are \$3.00. Checks will be accepted until May 7th and cash will be accepted at the door. Trustee Williams asked if Attorney Lapp has been invited to executive session next week regarding pending litigation. Trustee Williams referred to an email sent by Mayor Towers that involves the Governor's plan to redistrict some of the schools which could impact funding. A summit will be held at Governor's State University Thursday, April 28th at 10:00 am in the Sherman Hall. People can voice their concerns at that time. Emails can be sent to redistrictingsenateem.ilga.gov.

Trustee Anderson asked for an update on Jeffrey Avenue pothole repairs. DH Weller stated that chipping begins next week and pothole repairs should follow.

Trustee Anderson asked if the Police testing information can be added to the website. Trustee Williams stated that if it is provided to the website committee it will be added.

Mayor Towers stated that he was unaware there was Police testing or who approved the ad. The Police and Fire Commission are in charge of Police testing and placing the ad but did not inform the Mayor or the Board of Trustees. Mayor Towers stated that the expense of the ad should have been approved by the board. Trustee Hanks stated that the board did discuss the need to have a current list. The Police and Fire Commission does work on their own but they should have informed the Mayor.

Trustee Benson stated that Interim Chief Holevis should have informed the Mayor of the Police testing. Trustee Hanks stated that it was the responsibility of the person who placed the ad to inform the Mayor.

Trustee Williams stated that the Police and Fire Commission works independently of the board and Chief Holevis. Trustee Williams suggested that Mayor Towers speak with the Police and Fire Commission regarding any issues.

Trustee Anderson announced that Bloom Township Youth and Family Services is asking women to donate lightly used prom or bride's maids dresses for girls in disadvantaged families to use for prom. Items can be donated to Bloom Township located at 425 South Halsted or by calling 708/754-9400.

Village Clerk Williams mentioned the 6:30 pm special hearing for the land exchange that has been discussed in previous meetings. VC Williams also reminded everyone that Economic Interest Statements are due Monday or there will be a \$15.00 fine.

9b. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Judy Cast stated that the PLAN group viewed the work in the Police Department kitchen. Josh Witt did a great job. Judy also stated that the PLAN will be working with the Police Department and the Special Olympics. Judy asked what the balance in the Parks and Recreation bank account balance is and if the \$35,000.00 donation from CN railroad was placed in that account. FD Rao stated the balance is \$5.00 and the donation is not in the Parks and Recreation account. Judy stated that Trustee Benson is still telling residents that the Police are committing burglaries in the Village. Trustee Benson stated that the allegation is incorrect and slanderous. Trustee Benson stated that Mrs. Cast needs to prove the allegations by bringing witnesses forward. Judy stated that there is a written statement available.

Bernadine Hopkins asked if the Village has an administrator to help the Mayor. Mayor Towers stated that he has no assistant. Mayor Towers stated that the Village has always had someone handle the day to day operations because the Mayor is a part time position. The board fired the Chief of Staff and eliminated the position of Village Manager. Bernadine stated that is detrimental to the Village and asked if the people have anything to say about that. Mayor Towers stated that the Trustees make most all of the decisions now with a vote and tonight announced rewriting the village manual to where the Mayor would have very little voice or none at all. Mayor Towers stated that he has no vote.

Trustee Burgess stated that reestablishing the office of Village Manager will be on the agenda next week. The Village Manager position has a definitive job description that the Chief of Staff position does not require.

The Chief of Staff position was at will to the pleasure of the Mayor. Trustee Burgess wants to see the position of Village Manager reinstated that comes in with credentials and qualifications. Trustee Burgess stated that hiring an interim Village Manager is also on next week's agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that the Chief of Staff was eliminated almost a year ago because the board felt she was not qualified for that position. Trustee Williams stated that the Finance Director in place at the time did assist the Mayor with day to day operations until September. The money was not there at the time to hire a Village Manager. The board is working toward finding someone for that position who has the qualifications of a Village Manager as well as bringing back employees in other departments. Trustee Williams stated that the elected officials have all offered to help the Mayor with the day to day operations. Mayor Towers has formed several committees for trustees to take on responsibilities.

Bernadine stated that all responsibilities of the Chief of Staff have fallen to the Mayor. Mayor Towers stated that the board did not pay the Finance Director to act as Chief of Staff. Mayor Towers stated that she did those things per his request because he was unable to do those things during normal business hours due to his full time job. Mayor Towers stated that all department heads met with him not the Finance Director.

Trustee Benson does not remember discussing bringing employees in. Trustee Williams stated that the discussion took place at the last committee meeting and DH Weller mentioned adding this item on next week's agenda. Trustee Anderson stated that it should be clear that the Public Works employees would be returning employees not newly hired positions.

Pat Couch stated that the Chief of Staff appointed by the Mayor was not qualified for that position. Pat stated that the board has offered to help the Mayor and the Village still does not have a full time Police Chief. Pat would like to see the laws approved and enforced and for things to turn around.

Lynda Washington applauded Trustee Anderson for doing a wonderful job and bringing a lot to the table. Lynda stated that Trustee Anderson has open dialogue with hundreds of residents. Lynda stated that Trustee Anderson did her job with integrity and class despite what she had to go through.

Mike Brown asked Mayor Towers how the Police and Fire Commission communicated with the board when he was a commissioner. Mayor Towers stated that the process included looking at the list for new hires. If no list exists then the hiring process is started. Mayor Tower stated that the board should have been notified of the cost of the ad. Mike stated that Trustee Williams is doing a great job.

Mike Brown asked Village Attorney McCormick what State Statute allows for the hiring process of new police officers. Attorney McCormick did not confirm a statute but did say that any money expended and any new hire would be a patrol or budget issue that would need to be approved by the board.

Nathan Kent stated that he spoke with the Mayor regarding employment for the youth. Nathan is interested in building a rec center. There are 18 acres available and several vacant homes in the Village. Nathan stated that there are several contractors willing to donate materials and training to young people. Nathan would like to get a grant to get the young people off the street and help employ them. Trustee Burgess stated that grants are often available to tradesmen who are willing to donate their time to the community. Trustee Burgess will speak with Nathan after the meeting.

Corey Stewart stated that the walking in the street and curfew ordinances need to be enforced. The kids constantly walk in the street and they are always out late.

Corey stated that he submitted the application for a background check weeks ago and it came back clean. Chris Stewart also submitted to a background check. The Community Center needs to be opened. Trustee Anderson asked Chief Holevis if he was aware of the background checks. Chief Holevis stated he was not aware if them.

Darrick Thompson thanked Trustee Anderson for her hard work. Darrick stated that it is time for the Village to move forward and he knows the new trustee will do a good job.

Ed Shankel remarked on Trustee Benson's behavior.

Larry Stewart stated that the Community Center should be opened. Larry spoke with Sgt. Sailsbery. Corey and Chris Stewart and Elizabeth Pratt have all been cleared. Larry clarified that the Parks and Recreation's closing account balance was \$5.00 when Mayor Towers took over the committee. Larry asked why there was only \$5.00 left in the account and stated that an audit will determine if funds may have been misappropriated. Mayor Towers stated that all Parks and Recreation money is turned in to the front desk.

Larry stated that since then there has been a donation of \$35,000.00.

Elizabeth Pratt stated that Chief Holevis has proven himself as the Police Chief and questioned the Accounts Payable charges for Marion's Towing and Rich Construction. Elizabeth stated that Marion should be used instead of outside sources. DH Weller stated that there are some services that Marion cannot provide that require an outside source. Trustee Myers stated that the Rich Construction invoices are being reviewed.

Elizabeth stated that someone needs to be placed in a position to make sure that these companies are doing the right thing. Trustee Myers suggested that Mayor Towers appoint a committee to set up guidelines for board ups in town. Trustee Myers is currently working with Sherry Jasinski to establish guidelines and working with an outside contractor who handles certain inspections. Elizabeth stated that a full time Mayor is needed in Sauk Village. Elizabeth stated that there was no baseball program this year for the kids. She is willing to volunteer.

Hugh Simpson asked for an update on the fire hydrant leaks. Hugh stated that the leaks caused potholes in his driveway. DH Weller stated that necessary valve repairs have been completed. The damage was caused by a neighbor who planted a tree on top of the water lines. DH Weller stated that the potholes will be repaired.

John Dunne stated that parents need to raise their own kids; police don't have time to raise the kids.

Dale Alpin, 2501 221st Street, stated that the repairs to the sidewalks have been waiting for two years.

DH Weller stated that money ran out that year and MFT funds will be used for older repairs first.

Nancy Baker stated that there has been no Parks and Recreation report since Mayor Towers took over the committee. Mayor Towers stated that there have been very few meetings. Meetings will continue once the chairperson is appointed.

Trustee- elect Robert Chavez stated that his fingerprints have also been approved and stated that he would like to get the Community Center opened as soon as possible. Mayor Towers stated that will be discussed next week. Robert also asked if the Chief position is also open or will Chief Holevis be appointed. Mayor Towers stated that has not been decided yet.

Rose Langston stated that with Chief Holevis as Acting Police Chief that leaves one less officer patrolling the streets. Rose stated that the Community Center should be opened because of all of the background checks that have been completed.

Rose stated that when the money is turned in to the front office for Parks and Recreation there should be a committee report. This should be recorded in the Parks and Recreation minutes. Rose also questioned waiving the fee in some instances. There should be a rental fee whether you are a resident or a 501C3. Mayor Towers stated that the committee will be reviewing the rental policy and will decide whether the committee needs to come before the board. Rose asked what account was the \$35,000.00 donation from CN Railroad deposited into. Mayor Towers stated that the donation was placed in the General Fund for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Attorney McCormick stated the need to amend the agenda for an executive session for an emergency matter. Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules for the reason of an executive session for threatened and pending litigation. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion to suspend the rules for the reason of an executive session.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Burgess

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session for threatening and pending litigation. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Burgess

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:30 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to return from executive session with no action taken.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to return from executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting resumed at 9:50 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Anderson made the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL HEARING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **MAY 3, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Exchange of Real Estate

Mayor Towers stated that the purpose of the special hearing was to consider a proposed exchange of real estate for the Village of Sauk Village. Previously, the Village had entered into a redevelopment land agreement between DP Partners and National Loan Investors.

Andy James, DP Partners, stated that there was a previous agreement but due to the unsuitable soil it was not priced accurately. The same building is moved to the west on the property now owned by NLI. The agreement and the verbiage have not changed other than the legal descriptions and the amount of cooperation between NLI and the Village. The agreement allows a land swap to build a 270,000 square feet facility for a company who is going to buy it for the manufacturing of consumer products. Future expansion could be up to 550,000 square feet..

Trustee Burgess asked if Chief Stoffregen was on board with all of the changes. Chief Stoffregen stated affirmatively.

Trustee Myers asked if the Public Works Department is on board. DH Weller did not have any concerns at this time.

Trustee Hanks asked if the required reduction of the right of way for Jason Rasmussen Drive and/or the setback requirements to allow for completion of the planned road network and the proposed site plan are still intact. Jaime Putnam, Civil Engineer, stated that nothing has changed from the previous agreement.

3. Adjournment *

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call:

Aye: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

*A special meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees will convene immediately following the adjournment of this public hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **MAY 3, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. An Ordinance Approving the Exchange of Real Estate and the Execution of a Certain Agreement with DP Partners Sauk Village I, LLC and National Loan Investors, L.P. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance approving the exchange of Real Estate and the execution of a certain agreement with DP Partners Sauk Village I, LLC and National Loan Investors, L.P. for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the ordinance as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Anderson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Benson

3. Adjournment*

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Mayor Towers asked for roll call:

Aye: Trustees Anderson, Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

*The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole shall convene immediately following the adjournment of this special meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **MAY 10, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation

Mayor Towers requested that Pastor Chester Wrice conduct the invocation.

Trustee Burgess asked for a moment of silence for Fire Department Chaplain Lee Gatzke

B. Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Towers led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Anderson (called in – sick) and Myers (attending the services for Lee Gatzke)

2. SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED/ RE – ELECTED TRUSTEES

A. Village Clerk Williams read the Cook County Certified Ballot count for the 2011 Trustee election.

Village Clerk Williams proceeded to swear in Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Hanks.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. April 7, 2011- Special Meeting

B. April 12, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

C. April 26, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

D. May 3, 2011- Special Hearing

E. May 3, 2011- Special Meeting

A. April 7, 2011- Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011 Special meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. April 12, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

C. April 26, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

D. May 3, 2011- Special Hearing

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2011 Special Hearing. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

E. May 3, 2011- Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2011 Special Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that the Village stickers are now on sale and must be displayed on the vehicles by midnight June 30th. The cost is \$25.00 for cars and motorcycles and \$43.00 for trucks. One discounted sticker per household is available for seniors and the disabled at a cost of \$5.00. Sticker prices will double on July 1st.

VC Williams read a bio of Chaplain Gatzke and provided the funeral service information.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

C. Village Attorney – The Stuttley Group – No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the Water Referendum Committee sent a letter stating several concerns and objections to the pending loan to repair well number three. VE Czarnik will be sending a response to that committee.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that Sauk Village and the Illinois Department of Security sponsored a job fair on Thursday, May 5th. The job fair was very well attended. Mayor Towers thanked the twenty five vendors that were present. Interviews were given on site in some cases. Mayor Towers also thanked Maxine Towers for coordinating the event and Tony's Foods for providing food and drinks for the vendors.

Mayor Towers stated that Governor Quinn gave a press release on the new addition of WinPak to Sauk Village. Mayor Towers thanked the Village Board, Andy James-DP Partners and Jimmy Vasselli-Del Galdo Group and all of the department heads for their hard work on this project. WinPak will bring at least 40 jobs to the Village.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the scheduling of the NACA workshop is on hold until the committee appointments are confirmed. Trustee Hanks also reported that the current Sauk Talk has a press release and two prewritten letters to our State representatives opposing the revenue reduction planned by Governor Quinn. Residents are encouraged to sign these letters or write letters of their own and mail them or bring them to the Village Hall to be hand delivered to the representatives.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- Absent

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess commended Mayor Towers for working on the WinPak project in a timely manner. Trustee Burgess thanked everyone who responded to the Economic Development survey that was placed in the last Sauk Talk. Trustee Burgess will be interviewed by WBBM News radio at 4 pm May 11th on the topic of Economic Development in the Southeast Suburbs. Trustee Burgess will report the information gathered from the survey and provide information on what Sauk Village has to offer potential retail and industrial businesses.

E. Public Relations/Web Site Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Sauk Talk will be out this week. Student Government Day wrapped up by taking the students to Classic Lanes for bowling and lunch at Round the Clock. Transportation and chaperones were provided by the school district. Prizes were given out for bowling. All students received McDonalds and Baskin Robbins gift cards, T- shirts from the Police Department and binders with their SGD information. The Public Relations Committee raised a total of \$1,352.00 and currently has a balance of \$8.41. Trustee Williams thanked the Public Relations Committee and everyone who gave donations and supported Student Government Day.

Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee will begin fundraising for 4th of July fireworks. The Public Relations Committee will attempt to raise \$6,000.00 - \$10,000.00. Several fundraisers are in the planning and will be announced as they are confirmed. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Sergeant Sailsbery- No report

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen-Absent

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works DH Weller reported that branch pick-up is ongoing and is 3/4th's completed.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski

Zoning and Building Administrator Jasinski reported that she turned the Talandis property file over to Joe Bertrand- Stuttley Group due to resident's complaints. Ms. Jasinski also reported that a new business in town, Schwartz Supply, is located at the old Behr Paint site and they are now in compliance. The Taco restaurant and Thrifts and Gifts are closing.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson- Absent

7. CONSENT AGENDA-None

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution Opposing Reduction of State Collected Revenue due to the Municipalities

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to Approve a Resolution Opposing Reduction of State Collected Revenue due to the Municipalities. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. A Resolution to Authorize Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois- (TIF Draw #81)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve A Resolution to Authorize Certificate for Tax Increment Financing Distributions for the Village of Sauk Village, Cook Illinois.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Benson and Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements for April 27, 2011 – May 10, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from April 27 – May 10, 2011. Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for April 27th through May 10, 2011. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Benson and Chavez

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve Elected Official/ Employee Exit Policy

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above policy.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Elected Official/ Employee Exit Policy. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess thanked everyone who took part in the recent election and reported on the state of the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board vows to bring in a qualified full time Village Manager, to reopen a functioning and active Community Center complete with volunteers with background checks, appoint a full time Police Chief, preferably from the ranks, supports retaining the Sauk Village police and making homeownership a priority in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that Village codes are currently under review. Trustee Burgess invited the Board to work together to bring positive change to Sauk Village.

Trustee Chavez thanked everyone for their help in the recent location. Trustee Chavez is looking forward to getting to work and hopes that the Mayor will appoint him as Parks and Recreation Chair.

Trustee Benson welcomed Trustee Chavez and looked forward to the stability and great ideas he will bring to the Board.

Trustee Hanks thanked the residents who put their trust in the three individuals elected and the confidence to re- elect him to his fourth term. Trustee Hanks encouraged everyone to move forward as a Board and as a Community. The Board will forge ahead to bring back the Pride and Progress to Sauk Village. Trustee Hanks' short term vision is to restore the position of Village Manager, open the Community Center and restore programs, assert the Board of Trustees full power of appointment of Village officers (it is time to take action on a full time Chief of Police) and to adopt rules of procedure and decorum of all Village Board of Trustees meetings. Trustee Hanks also encouraged the Board to lead by example.

Trustee Williams congratulated Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Hanks. Trustee Williams asked that committee chair appointments and the subject of future invocations at Board meetings be placed on the next agenda.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Audience members congratulated the Board and looked forward to moving ahead with a cohesive Board.

Audience comments included complaints of tall grass, the minutes needing to pertain to the business only portion of the meeting, the dangers of the vacant home on Talandis, Orion Avenue construction, the potholes, kids walking in the street, the helpfulness / rudeness of the Police Department when calling about the kids, judges throwing tickets out in court, Senior Committee mention on the agenda, Memorial Day program on May 31st at 11:00 am at St. James Cemetery, petition regarding resident harassment by neighbors, vicious dogs, Holy Praise Tabernacle dedication on May 22nd at 4 pm, the need for volunteers on the committees and a concern how the new employees will be paid when the Village is in debt.

Sauk Village Weatherstone Estate residents getting tickets from Lynwood for alarms (they do not reside in Lynwood). Weatherstone Estate residents are also concerned that there is no recycling in their subdivision.

Arthur Chavez, father of Trustee Chavez, offered to donate \$5.00 from every oil change performed in his Crete auto shop to the fireworks fundraising efforts.

Former Trustee Pat Hasse, newly elected School Board members Angela Cox, Sharon Davenport and Tammy Jones, School Board President Suzanne Arnold, School Board Vice President Mary Howard and newly elected Library Board member Arleta Bazile were acknowledged in the audience.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS)120/2 (C) (1) (2011).

12. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

A reception was held in the Senior Center immediately following the meeting.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY MAY 17, 2011 7:00PM
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER 21801 TORRENCE AVE

1. Call To Order
 - A. Roll Call
2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao/ Don Theobald
 - A. Progress of Annual Audit
3. IKE Grant-Jim Czarnik- Robinson Engineering
4. Just the Right Touch Therapeutic Center-Denise Manuel
5. Motion to Recess To Executive Session
 - A. Discussion of Appointments (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2011).
6. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting
7. Sauk Village Committees- Mayor Towers
8. Bloom Township Youth Conservation summer program- Mayor Towers
9. Update regarding the proposed Municipal Code amendments written by Trustees Burgess & Hanks.
10. Discuss approval of Trustees attending the IML conference- Trustee Burgess
11. Discuss hiring of Village Manager- Trustees Burgess & Hanks
12. Future Invocations at Board meetings- Trustee Williams
13. July 4th Fireworks proposal- Trustee Williams- Public Relations Committee
14. Parental Responsibility Ordinance- Trustee Chavez
15. Board meeting minutes- Village Clerk Williams
16. Sauk Village Abatement- Mayor Towers
17. Miscellaneous Business
 - A. Comments from the Trustees
 - B. Questions and Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only).
18. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER MAY 24, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Towers introduced Boy Scout Troop 152 and Cub Scout Pack 152 to lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. March 22, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

B. April 19, 2011- Special Meeting

C. April 19, 2011- Committee Meeting

A. March 22, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. April 19, 2011 – Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011 Special Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. April 19, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that there will be no Village Board meeting on the following Tuesday. There are no Board meetings on the fifth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is the Committee meeting of June 7th. The Village stickers are on sale and must be displayed on the vehicles by midnight June 30th. The cost is \$25.00 for cars and motorcycles and \$43.00 for trucks. One discounted sticker per household is available for seniors and the disabled at a cost of \$5.00. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Village Hall is still closed on Wednesday; all other Village services continue to operate on that day.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

C. Village Attorney – Dan White- The Stuttley Group – No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that the Orion paving project is complete except for landscaping, fencing and a few punch list items. The bridge is back in operation. VE Czarnik contacted the IEPA regarding the alternative vinyl chloride treatment. The IEPA has agreed with the concept. The Village will need a treatment layout for IEPA review and approval. VE Czarnik spoke with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding Lake Michigan water. The amount of water loss is a concern that needs to be addressed. The Village needs to develop a schedule to correct the water loss to under 8%. It currently takes about one year to get a ruling on Lake Michigan water allocation. The application has been completed pending the plan to reduce the water loss.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reported that Carl Wolfe- Respond Now currently runs the food program in Sauk Village and has assisted with the Christmas baskets along with DP Partners. Mr. Wolfe wants to add a prescription medicine assistance program in about two weeks. The program will allow residents to receive a prescription card that can be used at any pharmacy, apply for emergency funds to buy prescriptions, food stamps and link cards. Residents will be able to apply in Sauk Village instead of Blue Island. Respond Now will supply the computers and volunteers to provide those services. Mayor Towers thanked Carl Wolfe for all of the help he and Respond Now have provided to the Village.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- None

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the Housing Authority will be working with NACA to secure a date to host another Home Save/ Home Purchase workshop in the Sauk Village Municipal Center. Trustee Hanks stated that the Illinois Municipal League has sent emails urging municipalities to continue sending in letters opposing the reduction in local government revenues. The prepared letter for the representatives is in the Sauk Talk and on the Sauk Village and IML websites. Sauk Village could lose over \$200,000.00 and may possibly lose 10% of the state funding.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that the Village Manager ordinance was rescinded by the Chief of Staff ordinance on the books, The Chief of Staff ordinance has also been rescinded. The Ordinance Review Committee will research putting the Village Manager ordinance back on the books. The committee will also be reviewing ordinances here and in other municipalities regarding seating arrangements at Village Board meetings and will forward all ordinances to the Police Department and the attorneys before presenting them to the Board. Trustee Myers asked that the grass cutting ordinance and the sign ordinance with regards to garage sales be placed on the next Board agenda. The committee is still reviewing the parental responsibility ordinance and comparing it to the State Statutes and ordinances already in place. A draft ordinance will be presented to the attorney for review.

D. Senior Committee- None

E. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee will be sending letters to the businesses for a quarterly meet and greet to find out ways to help them grow and will meet with the business landowners to ask for their compliance with any code infractions. The committee will also speak with the TIF consultants at the next TIF meeting about creating a master plan for the Village. Speakers will be invited to future Economic Development Committee meetings to help the Village stay on track for further economic growth and development.

F. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 8th. Approval of the fireworks is on tonight's agenda for approval. Two companies have submitted proposals. The third company did not respond. Trustee Williams presented the proposals to the Board and requested that 5 Alarm Fire be approved as the Fireworks supplier. There is a 60 day payment plan and no deposit is required. Fundraising will continue. Village Clerk Williams has secured a \$2,500.00 donation from Comcast towards the fireworks. Trustee Williams thanked the Fire Department for agreeing to sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 12th. Volunteers are needed from 6 am – 1 pm. Candy sales and the Potawatomi May 31st bus trip are still on schedule.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis thanked everyone for their support of the Special Olympics fundraiser on Friday. This leg of the fundraiser has always been the number one contributor. This year \$150,000.00 was raised by this leg alone. Chief Holevis thanked Trustee Chavez for participating on the roof of the Dunkin Donuts. Public Works and ESDA for their equipment and support and members of the PLAN group for helping with collection.

The Click it or Ticket program will be in full force over the holiday weekend at no cost to the Village. This program is funded by a grant.

Chief Holevis reported that the training of the new ordinances has begun. The next step is citizen awareness before enforcement.

Chief Holevis presented Josh Witt a Certificate of Appreciation for completing the kitchen repairs in the Sauk Village Police Department and a Certificate of Honorary Police Officer.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department handled 12 calls during the period of May 17-23. Six calls were assisting other agencies and two were out of town. Chief Stoffregen stated that Chaplain Lee Gatzke joined the Fire Department in 2007 and will be missed. The ATV purchase is still on schedule for the end of June. The four pagers should be received within two weeks. Chief Stoffregen would like to place the SCBA system on the next Committee agenda.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the first round of grass cutting has been completed through most of the Village. Street patching will begin soon and street sweeping will start the third week of June. DH Weller asked that residents do not throw debris or cut grass into the street. Clogged sewers cause back ups and department overtime. The third hydrant flush will start on June 7th at midnight. Street light repairs continue. Deer Creek street lights are repaired. Mayor Towers thanked DH Weller for repairing the lights outside of the Municipal Center.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski

Building and Zoning Administrator Jasinski reported that IDOT has approved Alguire's use of the old permit. Alguire has paid the fee and is in compliance.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Darnall

Mr. Darnall reported that ESDA handled 14 calls during the period of May 17th through the 23rd.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2000, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

B. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2002A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

C. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

D. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

E. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

F. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

G. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois
Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Benson stated that there is not enough information provided to vote on these ordinances.

It was explained that Mary Thompson from Kane, McKenna presented these ordinances along with explanations at last week's Committee meeting. These abatements need to be filed by June 1st or additional tax levies could occur. These abatements have also been approved by the Del Galdo Law Group. There was not a consensus of the Board to approve items 6A- G.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to remove items 6A-G from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Items 6A-G will be moved to New Business under items 8H through 8N.

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements for May 11, 2011 – May 23, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from May 11 – May 23, 2011.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve Attendance of Elected Officials at IML Conference

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Attendance of Elected Officials at IML Conference.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve the Hiring of a Temporary Village Manager

Trustee Williams made a motion to table item 8C until after executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve Village Committee Appointments

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Village Committees. Trustee Benson stated that he did not agree to chair the Human Relations Committee and will vote no on that item. Mayor Towers asked that 8D be moved to executive session. Trustee Hanks made a motion to move item 8D to executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve Bloom Township Youth Conservation Summer Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Bloom Township Youth Conservation Summer Program.

Trustee Benson made a motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification on the scheduling and supervision of the youth workers. Trustee Chavez stated that if Parks and Recreation funds will be used for hiring a supervisor that he would like to take charge of the site plan and hiring the supervisor.

Mayor Towers stated that he is still looking for volunteers and there is no schedule in place. The Parks and Recreation Chair will not take the lead.

Trustee Williams rescinded her second to the motion. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

F. Motion to Approve Y.E. S. Youth Employment for the Summer

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Y.E.S. Youth Employment for the Summer.

Trustee Benson made a motion to approve. Mayor Towers stated that this program provides 5 youths from Bloom Trail to work as clerical help in the office, Fire Department and Police Department.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the agenda item is for the State of Illinois summer work program not the Bloom Trail program. The Bloom Trail program is not on the agenda. No paperwork is available for the Bloom Trail program. Mayor Towers stated that he has spoken with the Bloom Trail rep and the kids are scheduled to start soon.

The motion failed due to no second.

The Bloom Trail Summer program will be added to the next Committee agenda.

G. Motion to Approve Agreement for Fireworks for July 4th

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Fireworks for the 4th of July.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams clarified that three prices were proposed- \$5,000.00, \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00. The proposal will be chosen based on the money raised by the fundraisers. Trustee Williams would prefer the \$8,000.00 proposal.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

H. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2000, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2000, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

I. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2002A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2002A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

J. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

K. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007B, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

L. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007C, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

M. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2008, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

N. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Bonds (Tax Increment Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess thanked DH Weller for the speedy response to repairing the fire hydrant and for the repairs to the Deer Creek lights.

Trustee Williams thanked the Board for their support for the fireworks. Trustee Williams stated for the record that she is not against employment for the youth. She has asked for the structure of the program and it has not been provided therefore she could not vote in the affirmative. Trustee Williams attended the Meet and Greet at the Community Center. Trustee Williams commended Trustee Chavez for a job well done and DH Weller for having the grounds ready for the event.

Trustee Myers also attended the Meet and Greet and was glad to see all of the people who turned out.

Trustee Hanks asked Chief Stoffregen if the SCBA system is operable. Chief Stoffregen stated that it is completely out of service. Chief Stoffregen will supply quotes for the new SCBA system. There will be a loaner in place.

Trustee Chavez stated that last Thursday he met with residents to form a committee. Nothing is final yet. There was a Meet and Greet on Monday to let residents know that things are in the works. Trustee Chavez thanked the volunteers who have been working with him to clean up the Center before the Meet and Greet. Trustee Chavez also noted that keys are still missing and he has several concerns regarding the condition of the building, outstanding rental contracts, the missing by-laws and the Parks and Recreation's funds. Trustee Chavez will get quotes on the multi court basketball court. Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation meetings will be on Thursdays bi-weekly starting June 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. The committee will be looking into some summer camp programs. Liability is a concern; background checks will be required. Trustee Chavez requested that Mayor Towers release his requirement to approve applications for background checks and transfer the approval to come from him. Mayor Towers will speak with Trustee Chavez and the Police Chief after the meeting.

Trustee Burgess thanked the Boy Scouts for coming out and commended them for doing a great job.

Trustee Williams asked if using a portion of the CN donation for supervision of the summer workers is still an option. Mayor Towers stated that he is exploring other options.

Mayor Towers stated that he was pleased to see the turnout and volunteers that supported Trustee Chavez on his first event. Mayor Towers commended Trustee Chavez on a job well done and wants the Board to give him all of the support they can. Mayor Towers is confident Trustee Chavez is capable of bringing much more to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Comments and concerns included:

Clarification of the IML Conference

Clarification of the repairs to well number three, Illinois Department of Natural Resources qualifications for Lake Michigan water allocation and time line, the modification of the 2.2. million dollar loan and the need to keep the residents informed

The condition of the parks and the liability of asking non employees to help cut grass

The Beautification Committee chairperson, Marva Pruitt spoke with Skyline regarding community cleanup day and is recruiting volunteers to join the committee. The committee will be working on the Hootsie Awards soon.

Questions related to the minutes of March 22, 2011 which were approved previously

Acknowledgement of Respond Now

Clarification on what the payments from CN Railroad and WinPak will be used for

Acknowledging the Parks and Recreation's Meet and Greet and whether a vote is required to open the Community Center.

Clarification on the abatements and possibility for tax increase if bond obligations cannot be met

Where Parks and Recreation volunteers will get information on joining the committee and the need for background checks

The status of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers membership

Acknowledgement of Joshua Witt on the kitchen repair work

The frequency of garage sales and the \$50.00 fee for permits and the 2008 Zoning Ordinance that addresses that issue

The PLAN's assistance with the Special Olympics and the Grand Opening of the Community Center

The missing keys and the need to change the locks, outstanding contracts and finances of the Parks and Recreation Committee

Questioning the status of the Vista Program and the internet connection

The Village debt and the status of the audit

Acknowledgement of the department heads for the lack of kids hanging out a Marathon Gas Station and for repairing the recent water main break so quickly

The need to address old policies and to remove the requirement that Kevin Weller stay until the meeting is over to secure the building- Trustees will now be scheduled to secure the building

Acknowledgement of the volunteer's and Police Department's efforts with the Special Olympics and the Community Center cleanup

Fire Department's involvement in the fireworks

Cost of Community Center rental

The delay in appointing Interim Chief Holevis as Police Chief

A request for the Comprehensive Plan of Sauk Village

A media request was submitted to the Village Clerk

The Memorial Day service will be conducted Monday, May 31st at St. James Cemetery at 11:00 am.

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS)120/2 (C) (1) (2011).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session with further action to be taken. Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session with further action to be taken. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:30 pm.

11. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting-

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Hanks made the motion to reconvene the meeting from executive session. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

The meeting reconvened at 11:06 pm.

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

8C. Motion to Approve the Hiring of a Temporary Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Hiring of a temporary Village Manager. Trustee Burgess made a motion to hire Richard Dieterich as a temporary consultant at a salary not to exceed \$80.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

8D. Motion to Approve Village Committee Appointments

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Village Committee Appointments.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the Village committee appointments with the exception of number 6 per the memo received by Mayor Towers. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

The committee appointments are:

Trustee Hanks- Housing Authority Commission

Trustee Myers- Ordinance Review Committee

Trustee Williams- Public Relations Committee

Trustee Chavez- Parks and Recreation Committee
Rose Langston- Senior Committee
Marva Pruitt- Beautification Committee
LeNarge Booker- Police Alliance Committee

Trustee Williams stated for the record that she and another Trustee did request the appointment of committee chair for the Police Alliance Committee.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reopen the Community Center. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams
Nays: None

Motion carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.
Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JUNE 7, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao

Finance Director Rao will meet with the auditors on June 8th. The audit should begin next week and will run 15-20 days for the preliminary. Theobald is continuing to prepare the schedules. The General Fund balance is \$192,000.00 as of today. Additional Illinois State tax revenue should be in no later than June 20th.

2. Fire Department SCBA System- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Department Chief Stoffregen provided one quote to replace the non-working 20 year old compressor and one quote to repair it. There is currently a loaner in place. This purchase has been in the budget for the last two years. The compressor could take up to three months before it is available. Chief Stoffregen and FD Rao will review the procedure for setting up payment. The consensus of the Board was to place this item on the next agenda for approval.

4. Police Department Matters- Interim Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis provided the current state of affairs that affect the functionality of the Police Department and the safety of the residents to the Board. The Police Department has been down four officers since October, 2010. Two officers for medical reasons, one officer retired and one officer resigned. Chief Holevis reported that the Police and Fire Commission recently conducted testing and the list has to be maintained. The last list expired under the previous Police Chief. The terms of the Cops Grant stipulates that the department needs to be fully staffed by the end of 2012. The amount of the grant was \$238,903.00 and would need to be returned if the four officers are not hired. Trustee Williams asked that Chief Holevis provide an update of the status of the officers on medical leave during the executive session of June 28, 2011.

Chief Holevis stated that the vehicles are in poor condition. The newest car purchased in 2008 has over 60,000 miles. There has been over \$27,000.00 in vehicle repairs in the past year. One vehicle is inoperable and waiting for repairs costing \$7,000.00. Chief Holevis reported that an insurance reimbursement of \$19,000.00 for a squad car that was totaled was placed in the utility fund instead of

being used to replace the vehicle. Four squad cars require a total of \$6,700.00 in repairs. The vehicles also remain to look beat up. Proposals for a 4X4 and other vehicles have been submitted as well as a request for an additional \$2,500.00 for equipment for the vehicles.

Chief Holevis stated that there has been no uniform reimbursement for two years. There is one case in arbitration regarding the lack of uniform reimbursement. Another is coming up shortly. The figure of what is due to each officer has been provided. The reimbursement that was due May 2011, per contract, was in the amount of \$20,375.00. The total due to the officers is \$42,375.00 for the past two years. Communications with the unions have broken off. Mayor Towers directed Interim Village Manager to review and discuss this issue with the unions and attempt to satisfy the officers.

Chief Holevis stated that the department is in need of equipment and supplies. The equipment has not been updated for the past three years. Three monitors and towers were down in the 911 center and were replaced by the 911 Board. Maintenance contracts have also not been renewed. Currently there is no service available on the copier.

The department has collected \$35,400.00 in tow funds in the past year. It will be researched if the tow fund money is separated and earmarked for the Police Department. It will also be determined if the fines that will be coming in from the new Impoundment Ordinance will be separate and earmarked for the department.

Chief Holevis stated that this is the one year anniversary of his appointment as Interim Police Chief. Chief Holevis submitted a proposal for consideration for the position of Police Chief.

5. Employment Reinstatement- Committee Members Trustees Burgess and Hanks

Trustees Burgess and Hanks met with Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich to discuss reinstating three employees. It was recommended that three individuals be reinstated from the Water Department that will include two field workers and one administrative clerk. The administrative clerk is needed due to the recent retirement of the Water Clerk and the field workers are needed to help Public Works catch up with grass cutting and other field duties. The Water and Sewer Fund can support the payroll for these employees. Mayor Towers requested that the committee continue to investigate reinstating code officers as soon as possible. It was stated that there is no room for payment for code enforcement officers in the General Fund at this time. It was also stated that bringing back one code officer would generate revenue to offset the payroll for that officer. Dick Dieterich will research this issue and report the findings to the Board. The reinstatement of employees will be placed on the next Board agenda.

6. Bloom Trail Summer Work Program

Mayor Towers stated that the Bloom Trail Summer program students started working today and will work through July 14th. The Bloom Township program will begin June 27th. Bloom Township will provide the supervision, supplies and water for the workers. Mayor Towers will work with DH Weller to

develop the worksites. The duties performed by the summer workers will not take jobs away from a union employee. This item will be on the next Board agenda for approval.

7. Ordinance Review- Public Comment/ Garage Sale Permits- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Public Comment Ordinance that was passed in July, 2010 states that the public has the right upon being recognized to ask one comment/question and then yield the floor. There is no limit of how many times the person can readdress the Board. Village Clerk Williams stated that audience members have voiced complaints that they have to wait so long before their comment or questions can be heard. Mayor Towers is concerned that this will take even more time. This ordinance will be enforced and reviewed at a later date.

Trustee Myers stated that the Temporary Sign Permit includes a \$50.00 fee. The Zoning Ordinance passed in July 2008 stipulates that a temporary use permit of \$50.00 is required to sell household items not to exceed 3 consecutive days and not more than 2 times in a 12 month period. Trustee Myers suggested that this issue be brought back to the Zoning Board for further review to reduce the fee to no more than \$10.00. A public hearing requiring public notice may also be required. Trustee Myers will discuss this issue with Zoning and Building Department Director Jasinski.

8. Proclamation for Dr. Rudolph Williams- Superintendent School District 168

Trustee Burgess announced that Dr. Williams is retiring as the Superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 168. Trustee Burgess suggested a proclamation be awarded to Dr. Williams. Village Clerk Williams presented a draft of the proclamation for Board review and approval. Dr. Williams will be invited to attend the next Board meeting.

9. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams stated that fundraising continues for the July 3rd fireworks. Trustee Williams stated that the Fire Department has graciously offered to hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 12th from 8 am – 12 noon to help raise funds. The Library is also sponsoring a Bunco on Friday, June 10th at 7:00 pm. Twenty nine people participated in the Potawatomi Bus Trip which raised \$290.00 for the fireworks. Candy will be sold at all Board meetings. Any donations will be gladly accepted. Trustee Williams stated that retiring employee Pam Plamondon will be acknowledged at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Chavez reported that the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 6 pm in the Community Center. Trustee Chavez is encouraging input from the community. The Community Center will now be open from 6pm – 9 pm Thursday and Friday.

Registration cards will cost \$5.00 for ½ year for 18 year olds and under and \$10.00 for 18 and up. Trustee Chavez is still seeking serious applicants and volunteers; background checks will be required.

Trustee Chavez stated that the structure of the rental application has changed. No liquor is allowed. The Community Center locks have been changed. Keys have been given to the Police Department, Housekeeping, Public Works and Trustee Chavez. Everyone else will need to check in at the Police Department for the key. Upcoming events include Corn and Dog Roast and the Pageant.

Trustee Hanks encouraged residents to cut their grass and to be safety wise by cutting any vacant next door homes as a precaution.

Mayor Towers encouraged a Village wide clean up to help cut some vacant homes with the use of volunteers with hot dogs provided afterward. Mayor Towers will work with DH Weller, Parks and Recreation and the Beautification Committee to organize the clean up effort. Mayor Towers commended Trustee Hanks for cutting the grass on Sauk Trail and the Beautification Committee for their efforts this weekend.

Trustee Myers presented an ordinance for high grass and weeds. There is a flea and tick alert from Cook County. This ordinance is geared toward homeowners that do not cut their grass and for vacant homes. Liens can be placed if the grass is not cut. The ordinance calls for a \$150.00 fine after each offense every 48 hours not to exceed \$500.00. Tickets will go before the Village Adjudicator. Trustee Hanks stated that this ordinance is put in place to give leverage to make banks responsible for the tall grass on vacant homes and for compliance rather than put liens on homeowner's properties, especially senior homeowners. Trustee Burgess suggested getting a list of seniors who need help with their grass and seek volunteers to help them with their grass cutting.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

It was suggested that seniors be excluded from the grass cutting ordinance. It was also stated that 221st and Shirley is being used as a dumping ground. The dog ordinance needs to be enforced.

It was suggested that the Code Department be placed under the Water Fund to allow reinstatement of employees. There was a concern for how the CN donation will be used and how the returning employees will be paid. Clarification on the Cops Grant, the duties of the Interim Village Manager and the summer youth help was requested.

There was concern that the Police Department has not been provided their uniform allowance, necessary vehicles and repairs, the cost of the grievances, the lack of Police Chief appointment and the consideration of going outside for a Police Chief.

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt stated that she is looking forward to working with the Bloom Township youth workers and the Village Wide clean up volunteers. Marva stated that she would like to assist in the scheduling of the sites. The Beautification Committee would like to purchase mulch

through the Public Works Department for the areas of 394 and Sauk Trail- Community Center, Municipal Center, Torrence Avenue and Sauk Trail.

Concerns about public comment: 1) should allow the discussion of one comment in its entirety 2) this is not fair- there should be a time limit instead and 3) Trustees should also limit themselves. There were also comments on the advertising of the fireworks fundraisers, the lack of administrative clerks may have been responsible for a payment not being recorded timely causing a water shut off and a request for contact information for the Trustees.

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Appointments (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2011).

Trustee Hanks made the motion to recess to executive session for the matters stated above. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

The meeting was recessed at 10:25 pm.

All Ayes

11. Reconvene Committee Meeting

Trustee Hanks made a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 pm.

12. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

Mayor Lewis Towers

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **JUNE 14, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. February 22, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

B. May 3, 2011- Committee Meeting

C. May 10, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

D. May 17, 2011- Committee Meeting

E. May 24, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

A. February 22, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. May 3, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. May 10, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. May 17, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. May 24, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that Village stickers are on sale and must be displayed on the vehicles by midnight June 30th. The cost is \$25.00 for cars and motorcycles and \$43.00 for trucks. One discounted sticker per household is available for seniors and the disabled at a cost of \$5.00. The cost of the stickers will double on July 1st and fines will be issued. Village Clerk Williams stated that the Village Hall is still closed on Wednesday; all other Village services continue to operate on that day.

Sam's Club is offering a \$10.00 gift card to Village employees who start or renew their Advantage membership (\$40.00) and a \$25.00 gift card for the Plus membership (\$100.00) for a limited time.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- Absent

C. Village Attorney – Carl Mc Cormick- The Stuttley Group – No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers read a proclamation in recognition of Community Consolidated School District 168 Superintendent Dr. Rudy Williams for his contributions to the school district and the Village of Sauk Village. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees wished him well on his well deserved retirement.

Trustee Burgess read an additional statement. Mr. Williams pledged to stay involved in Sauk Village and will be available as needed.

10. Mayor Towers asked for a Motion to Recess to Executive Session for Personnel Matters with possible action to be taken. (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Trustee Benson made the motion to recess to executive session for the matters stated above. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:15 pm.

11. Motion to Reconvene Open Session

Mayor Towers asked for a Motion to Reconvene from Executive Session. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was reconvened at 7:36 pm.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Committee would like the VISTA items removed from the office in the Community Center since the program is no longer in operation.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that the ordinance being presented for approval tonight will allow tickets to be written for grass over 8 inches and place liens on vacant properties when applicable. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in the Village Hall.

E. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that the Economic Development Committee discussed sending letters to the businesses for a quarterly meet and greet to find out ways to help them grow and to encourage a new Chamber of Commerce. The Economic Review Committee will meet with the business landowners to ask for their compliance with any code infractions. The committee will also speak with the TIF consultants at the next TIF meeting about creating a master plan for the Village. Speakers will be invited to future Economic Development Committee meetings to bring more ideas and opportunities to the Village.

F. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams thanked the volunteers and the Fire Department for their help with the Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Show. Trustee Williams also thanked everyone who supported the Bunco at the library on June 10th. Approximately \$320.00 was raised over the weekend to support fireworks. Ongoing fundraising ideas include candy and chip sales, selling refreshments at the July 3rd Fireworks event, Village wide Garage sale, Pampered Chef fundraiser, \$5.00 donations from Chavez Auto Repairs for oil changes, a trip to Blue Chip Casino on August 13th and continuing to solicit donations from businesses and individuals.

Trustee Williams presented Pam Plamondon with a clock in recognition of her early retirement after thirty years of service to the Village. Pam was a dedicated, hardworking employee who worked through several Mayors, Clerks and Administrations starting with Mayor Ed Paesel. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees wished Pam well on her retirement and all agreed that she will be missed.

Judy Cast presented a jacket to Pam from the PLAN Group for all of her hard work and dedication.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis- No report

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department answered 11 calls from June 7th through the 13th. Chief Stoffregen also reported that the Village has been approved for a \$17,149.00 reimbursement from FEMA to help cover costs incurred during the 2011 blizzard. Chief Stoffregen asked that everyone pass on the fact that the Fire Department has a data base for people with special needs. The department will check on these residents during extreme weather and other circumstances. The ATV should be in operation by the end of the month complete with water tanks and radios. The Fire Department will begin hose testing and annual training.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- No report

D. Zoning and Building Administrator: Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the audit has begun and will take approximately 15- 20 days for the preliminary report. After that time there may be additional information needed. This is an 18 month audit and may take a little longer. The projected completion date is approximately the end of September or early October. FD Rao stated that the Theobald group will probably stay for an additional 2-3 weeks.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency: Mr. Johnson

Mr. Darnall reported that ESDA handled 6 calls during the period of June 7th through the June 13th.

***Mayor Towers stated that he has appointed residents to the following committees to bring some new ideas to the committees.**

***G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston**

Mayor Towers thanked Rose Langston for accepting the position of committee chair for the Senior Committee. Rose thanked Mayor Towers for the appointment and asked that the Senior Committee be placed on an upcoming Committee meeting agenda to address some concerns. Rose stated that the Senior Committee meetings are open to the public.

***H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- No report**

***I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- No report**

J. Human Relations Commission- None

Mayor Towers is still looking for a Human Relations Commission Chairperson.

6. CONSENT AGENDA- None

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Grass & Weeds)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance. Trustee Myers made the motion to Approve the Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sauk Village Code for the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois (Grass & Weeds). The motion was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Benson made a motion to remove or table item 8F due to not knowing the content of the motion. Mayor Towers spoke with Trustee Burgess because he did not have any knowledge of the content and there was no discussion in a prior committee meeting. Mayor Towers agreed that the item should be tabled.

Trustee Williams stated that the item was discussed in executive sessions. Trustee Williams stated that the agenda was completed on Friday and all questions or corrections should have been handled before the agenda was posted. There is a motion on the floor.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that the motion was too vague to vote on in the present form and could be stricken from the agenda as a point of order.

Trustee Benson made a motion to strike the item from the agenda per VA McCormick's advice.

Mayor Towers addressed the motion to table first. The motion failed due to no second.

Mayor Towers stated that item 8F will be handled in the order of the agenda.

A. Approval of Accounts Payable & Disbursements for May 25, 2011 – June 14, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable & Disbursements from May 25 – June 14, 2011.

Finance Director Rao stated that the General Fund balance will then be \$220,465.80 and the Motor Fuel Tax balance will be \$268,579.67 excluding the Accounts Payable.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

B. Motion to Create the Position of Part Time Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion as stated above.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification if the motion is creating a position for the interim in place. Mayor Towers stated that the contract is not in place yet.

Trustee Benson asked that this item be stricken as out of order due to the fact that the person who is currently in the interim position has not presented a background check, resume, fingerprints and educational history as was required by the ex-Chief of Staff per this Board with the exception of Trustee Chavez. The Board does not know if he is qualified to present himself as a Village Manager. The person should not be hired until those items are in place.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to Create the Position of Part Time Village Manager and to also include reinstating Ordinance No. 88-5 and Sections 31.55 through 31-62 of the Sauk Village Municipal Code. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Towers asked how that relates to the part time position. Trustee Hanks stated that this would put the position of Village Manager back on the books to include the duties of the Village Manager. Mayor Towers stated that only the Part Time Village Manager position is at issue; there is already someone in that position. Reinstating the ordinance can be discussed next week. Trustee Hanks stated that the Part Time Village Manager is only available for 999 hours. Trustee Hanks stated that the ordinance needs to be placed back on the books to allow the Board to move forward by starting the hiring phase for a full time Village Manager, such as, accepting resumes, interviews, etc... Mayor Towers stated that the original ordinance needs to be reviewed and discussed before it is brought to the floor to be reinstated.

Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers placed Trustee Benson and herself on a committee to find a Village Manager. Trustee Benson is no longer a part of the committee. Trustee Williams stated that no replacement has been appointed to work on that committee. The process is not easy and there is a timeframe in place. Trustee Williams has continued working toward gathering information that can be shared when another Trustee has been appointed even though Mayor Towers told her to stop. Trustee Williams asked that someone be appointed as soon as possible in order to move forward. Mayor Towers stated that he wants to work on the Part Time position before working on the Full Time position. Mayor Towers suggested discussing the Full Time position at the next Committee meeting.

Trustee Benson stated that he is no longer working on the committee because he and Trustee Williams disagreed on the person to place in that position. Trustee Williams and other Trustees chose to bring back the former Village Manager who was in place when the Village was 30 million dollars in debt without the Mayor's approval.

Village Attorney McCormick stated that this is a motion to create a part time position. The remarks embellishing or amending the motion to include modifying the Village code cannot be done through a motion. The Code is a result of ordinances passed by the Trustees and can only be amended by another ordinance.

Trustee Burgess clarified that the debt of 30 million dollars referred to by Trustee Benson relates to bonds the Village received over many years to pay off various debts. That debt was inherited. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board returned from executive session on May 24, 2011 with a consensus of the Board and the Mayor

that a consultant would be hired to sit in the position of Village Manager. To state otherwise is riling up the residents. The person in place was in that position for over 20 years. No background check should be required. This person was brought in to take on the day to day operations, to take the pressure off of the part time Mayor and to get things back in order. The Village needs to move forward.

Mayor Towers and the Board disagreed that a date and time to bring this person back was decided. Trustee Burgess stated that it was discussed in executive session.

Mayor Towers restated that there was a motion and a second on the floor.

Trustee Hanks restated the motion that included creating the position of part time Village Manager and the reinstatement of Ordinance No. 88-05 and sections 31-55 through 31-62 of the Sauk Village Municipal Code. Mayor Towers refused to call for a vote due to the fact that the Village Attorney stated that it is illegal.

Trustee Williams stated that there seemed to be a miscommunication. The ordinance needs to be in place. The ordinance details designating an Acting Manager, the roles and responsibilities, hierarchy and power of the Village Manager.

Village Attorney McCormick restated the motion is being embellished to specify a specific person, that may be okay. VA McCormick restated that you cannot amend the Village Code with a motion and suggested that the Mayor call that out of order. VA McCormick stated that this would violate certain basic principles and won't past muster.

Trustee Hanks asked how a position can be created without knowing what the duties are. Trustee Hanks stated that the ordinance states the duties. Trustee Hanks stated that a majority of the Village Board asked that both the reinstatement of the ordinance and creating the position be placed on the agenda and was actually on the draft of the agenda. Trustee Hanks stated that VA McCormick had those items removed. Trustees Hanks stated that the ordinance just needs to be reinstated with no changes to the original ordinance. The reinstatement of the ordinance will detail the duties of the part time position. Mayor Towers felt that Trustee Hanks was disregarding the legal advice of the Village Attorney and wanted to strike the motion from the agenda and address it at another time.

Trustee Hanks asked for clarification from VA McCormick that the biggest concern was reinstating the sections from the code book not reinstating the ordinance that there was nothing wrong with reinstating the ordinance which provides the duties of the Village Manager. VA McCormick stated that it would be okay to specify the part time position and incorporate the language of the ordinance into the motion. Trustee Hanks described what the sections of the code related to and considered removing that from his original motion and the reinstatement of Ordinance No. 88-05 would remain. VA McCormick was not present at the meeting when the agreement was discussed but was under the impression that the position was that of a consultant and this may not be consistent with the contract. The contract would specify what the duties are.

There was a motion and a second on the floor.

Trustee Benson stated that the motion is out of order and should be stricken.

Mayor Towers restated that there is time to address this later. Trustee Hanks stated that this was discussed and it was agreed to place it on the agenda. It was removed from the agenda by the Village Attorney. VA McCormick stated that he did not remove any items but did review the agenda with the Clerk and stated that ordinance could not be amended by a motion but could be dealt with later.

Mayor Towers stated that he is striking the language that Trustee Hanks is adding to the motion to create the part time position from the agenda.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to create the position of part time Village Manager which should include the reinstatement of Ordinance No. 88-05 which is the roles, responsibilities and the duties of a Village Manager. Village Clerk Williams asked for clarification. There is still a motion and a second on the original motion. VC Williams asked if striking the original motion automatically voids the original motion and second. VA McCormick stated that Mayor Towers struck the language embellishing the language. The motion to create the position of part time Village Manager is still open.

Trustee Hanks asked VA McCormick to provide the State Statute that gives the Mayor the ability to strike that language. VA McCormick stated that is parliamentary procedure not a State Statute. Trustee Benson asked to see what gives Trustee Hanks the right to add language to the motion.

Mayor Towers entertained the motion to create the position of part time Village Manager.

Trustee Williams moved that motion. There was no second.

VC Williams restated the concern that there is an original motion and second on the floor and asked for clarification from VA McCormick. VA McCormick stated that the Mayor has the right to strike a motion that he considers out of order, otherwise it stands. The Trustees have the right to override the Mayor's decision by a 2/3rds vote.

Trustee Williams made a motion to override the Mayor's decision to strike said item off of the agenda. The motion to override was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to create the position of part time Village Manager.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to create the position of part time Village Manager which should include the reinstatement of Ordinance No. 88-05 which describes the duties and the responsibilities of the Village Manager. Trustee Hanks stated that he did remove the sections from the Municipal Code per the advice of the Village Attorney.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification of Ordinance No. 88-05 and asked Mayor Towers to strike the motion again.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve School District 206 Summer Job Program

Mayor Towers asked for a motion as stated above.

Trustee Benson made a motion to approve the School District 206 Summer Job Program. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve the Purchase of the new SCBA System

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve as stated above.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of the new SCBA System. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve the Recall from Layoff- Two Public Works Employees and One Administrative Clerk

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Approve the Recall from Layoff- Two Public Works Employees and One Administrative Clerk.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. Motion for the Appointment/ Removal of Certain Individuals from Certain Positions

Mayor Towers struck item 8F from the agenda stating that the motion is out of order.

Trustee Williams made a motion to override the Mayor's decision to strike item 8F from the agenda. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion for the Appointment / Removal of Certain Individuals from Certain Positions.

Trustee Williams made a motion to remove the Stuttley Group as the Attorney of Record for the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson stated that the motion is illegal and out of order; the Mayor should not have allowed it. It should be stricken as out of order per the Village Attorney.

Mayor Towers vetoed the motion that was not yet voted on and attempted to move on to item 9- New Business. Trustee Hanks stated that there was a motion and a second on the floor and asked for roll call.

Trustee Hanks stated that the veto is inappropriate at this time. Mayor Towers refused to call for a vote.

Village Clerk Williams asked for clarification from VA McCormick if the Board is acting properly at this time. There is a motion and a second on the floor and the Mayor is vetoing.

Trustee Benson stated that the Village Clerk is not a part of the Board and has nothing to say about it.

Village Clerk Williams asked Mayor Towers if she could be allowed to address the Village Attorney for clarification. The Mayor refused VC Williams the opportunity to receive clarification from the attorney.

Mayor Towers attempted to go on to item 9- New Business.

Trustee Williams explained the Mayor's right to a veto needs to be in writing five days after the vote, the fact is that the item never went to vote (there was a motion and second and no vote) and that the Mayor cannot stop something in the middle of the process. Parliamentary procedure calls for a vote on the motion and a veto can follow to allow a proper paper trail. The roll needs to be called.

VA McCormick stated that several Trustees have asked him to comment on proper procedure and law. VA McCormick stated that an attorney should decline to participate when the essence of the attorney's involvement is at issue. VA McCormick stated that he is capable of issuing an independent statement of that and that he would be correct. Common sense is that if the motion is to get rid of the Stuttley Group as attorney for the Village then the Stuttley Group should not be rendering legal opinions. VA McCormick respectfully declined to address this issue stating that it would be improper because of his vested interest.

Trustee Williams stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor and asked the Mayor to call for a vote. Mayor Towers refused to call for a vote and moved on.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting immediately if business will not be conducted properly. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

Trustee Williams stated that there is a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Towers refused to call for a vote to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Williams was out of order.

Trustee Williams left the dais at 9:00 pm. Trustee Williams returned to the dais at 9:03 pm

Trustee Hanks stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor that needs a vote. Village Clerk Williams again asked for attorney clarification; there were now two open motions without a vote. VC Williams was denied. Trustee Benson stated that the Clerk should be silenced for being out of order. Trustees Hanks and Chavez called Trustee Benson out of order.

Trustee Williams stated that the Village Attorneys have approved the right for any Board member to call point of order and have a Trustee removed at that time. Trustee Williams motioned to have Trustee Benson removed for being belligerent to the Clerk. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson called Trustee Williams out of order and stated that he cannot be removed but the Clerk can be removed because she is out of order.

Trustee Burgess stated that on May 10th the Mayor and the Board agreed to work together. This is the result when you allow a Trustee to run the meeting. When the Mayor calls for Point of Order no gestures or disrespect should be allowed; that causes dissention among the Board. The gavel should be used equally. The same person continues to disrupt the Board. Trustee Burgess agreed that if the Board can't run an orderly meeting then the meeting needs to adjourn. Trustee Burgess asked that all Trustees give respect to the chair and asked that Trustees stop blurting out. Trustee Burgess also asked for level governing by the Mayor. The Village is trying to move forward; this needs to stop.

Trustee Burgess clarified that the minutes of May 24th stated that there was a motion and a vote to hire Richard Dietrich as temporary consultant at a salary not to exceed \$80.00 per hour. The vote consisted of five ayes and Trustee Benson was the sole nay vote.

Mayor Towers stated that he did not say that he did not agree to hire him but that the Board did not agree on a start date. Trustee Burgess stated that it was agreed that Dick Dieterich would start ASAP. Further disagreement continued. Mayor Towers stated that this motion and the hiring of Richard Dietrich could have been illegal because it seems as if the Trustees got together and had it all planned out. Trustee Burgess stated that a simple conversation should be considered being proactive.

Trustee Williams stated that the committee is ineffectual now because it has been stopped. Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Burgess did share the information from Mr. Dietrich with her and she shared the information with Trustee Benson. Trustee Benson denied that.

Trustee Williams stated that on inauguration night on May 12, 2009 there was an item on the agenda to appoint Brunetta Hill-Corley as Chief of Staff. The item was tabled but the following day she had keys and access to the building without the Board discussion or a vote. In that instance, the Mayor gave the position without giving the Board a chance to speak about it. In this case there was discussion in executive session and a vote with a statement that it should be done as soon as possible.

Trustee Williams stated that removing the Stuttley Group was also discussed in executive session as well as conversations between herself, Michael Stuttley and Carl McCormick. Trustee Williams has discussed their inadequacies in municipal government. Trustee Williams stated for the record that there was never a meeting held between the five Trustees to discuss this item; that would have been a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Conversations were Trustee to Trustee.

Trustee Benson stated that he resigned after Trustee Burgess had Richard Dietrich ready to come on board.

Trustee Williams stated that there have been multiple motions and seconds, audience members have had to be

removed and a five minute recess was needed because the Board and audience were out of control. Trustee Williams reminded the Board that the meeting cannot continue if there is no quorum. Trustee Williams removed herself from her seat.

Trustee Hanks stated that there are three open motions on the floor and the Mayor was unable to keep decorum in the meeting. Trustee Hanks asked that a vote be taken on all motions as presented to be approved by the majority of the Board.

Trustee Hanks stated that Section 30-36- Calling Unruly Members to Order or Expulsion- states that any member acting or appearing in a disgraceful manner or using violent or insulting language to or about any member of the Corporate Authorities or who does not obey the orders of the chair shall on motion be censured by a majority vote of the members present or expelled by a 2/3rd's vote of the members.

Mayor Towers refused to address the motions.

Trustee Williams left the dais at 9:25 pm.

Trustee Hanks stated that if the Mayor refuses to take action on those motions he asks that the State's Attorney be brought in to view the tapes. Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor does not have the right not to call for a vote. Trustee Myers stated that there was a lack of decorum and the Mayor had no control of the meeting. He agreed at that time that the meeting needed to be adjourned in order to get the meeting under control.

Village Clerk Williams called Point of Order. Trustees Burgess, Chavez, and Myers left the dais at 9:25 pm.

Trustee Hanks stated that he is also leaving because the Mayor is unable to hold decorum.

Item 9- MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS was never addressed due to lack of quorum.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees- None

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience- None

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- No additional Executive Session (bumped up in order)

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

11. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum at 9:26 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JUNE 21, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez (Vacation)

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao

A. Progress of the Audit

Finance Director Rao reported that the 18 month audit is in progress and should be completed by September or the first of October. FD Rao reported that the General Fund balance is \$101,544.17 with payroll due next week. FD Rao will be very selective in authorizing any other payments at this time. Tax revenue is trickling in and is currently four months behind. An additional 1.3 million dollars in property taxes will be due in October.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to suspend the rules to move item #7 to this point in the agenda and to recess to executive session for the matters of personnel and threatened pending litigation. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carries

7. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Appointments (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2011).

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session as stated above. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:08 pm.

8. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the Committee meeting. Trustee Hanks made the motion to resume. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

The meeting resumed at 8:21 pm

3. Health Insurance Renewal- Kevin Mies- Lambent Insurance

Kevin Mies reported that there will be a 9.33% increase in the health insurance renewal with the union required \$250.00 deductible. There were two claims in excess of \$20,000.00 in the past year. Kevin proposed a variety of options with varying deductibles and co-insurance amounts. Kevin suggested going back to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the collective bargaining unions after reviewing the options. Kevin suggested moving from a \$100.00 deductible to a \$500.00 deductible and setting up employees to pay a \$250.00 deductible as required by the unions and the Village would pay the other half of the deductible from a surplus that needs to be established in a separate account. Kevin suggested using a third party administrator in order to incorporate the cross over technology with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and for privacy reasons. The total exposure to the Village if all employees took advantage of this would be approximately \$25,000.00. This could result in a savings to the Village of approximately \$75,000.00 per year. The effective date would be August 1, 2011. The separate account would need to be opened by July 15th. Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich stated that the current plan would need to be renewed until August 1, 2011 and the unions should be informed before July 15th that the \$500.00 deductible would still function as a \$250.00 deductible to the employee under the union contracts.

4. Sauk Village Senior Committee Issues- Rose Langston

Senior Committee Chair Rose Langston stated that there are ten keys to the Senior Center in distribution. Current key holders include the two keys for each senior organization, one for Bluegrass, one for Ceramics, one for VFW and one for the Motorcycle group. Rose stated that there are no problems with most people with the exception of one individual. This individual is a non resident who abuses the privilege by napping and watching TV at all hours, jamming the refrigerator with non senior event items and moving furniture without relocating it. Rose stated that the committee unanimously voted that the key should be removed from this individual. In order to curtail this, the committee wants

this individual to sign the key out at the Police Department only on days they are authorized to be there. Rose stated that this has been an issue for two years and asked the Board's support. Other issues include the sharing of storage rooms and pantries, posting things on the walls and doors and the amount of room taken up by the ceramics.

Mayor Towers suggested that Rose speak with the individual as the chair of the committee and inform them what the committee expects. If the individual does not abide the key should be taken away. The Board further suggested that a written policy be in place for everyone to follow that includes what days they are authorized to be there and what items need to be removed from the storage areas or pantries. Any infractions will result in the loss of their key or include in the policy that everyone has to check out the key through the Police Department.

The Board instructed Rose to bring the policy before the Board for review. Rose will also review the Senior Center rental policy.

Rose stated that the time for the Senior Committee meetings has changed to 5:00 pm Thursdays instead of 5:30 pm.

5. Ordinance to Reinstate the Full Time position of Village Manager

Mayor Towers stated that the above ordinance will be placed on next week's agenda for approval. Trustee Benson questioned if the consultant in place will remain part time. Trustee Hanks clarified that this ordinance was created in order to start the process of hiring a full time Village Manager. Interim Village Manager Dieterich was instructed to start the posting for the position as soon as possible. Mayor Towers confirmed that VM Dieterich will now take charge of the hiring process and bring his recommendations to the Board.

6. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, June 24th. Fireworks fundraisers include candy for sale and the Pampered Chef fundraiser on Saturday, June 25th from 11:00 am -2 pm in the Senior Center. Trustee Williams asked that the removal of the Stuttley Group be placed on next week's agenda. Trustee Williams asked if there would be an appointment for an individual previously discussed by the Board before next week. Mayor Towers answered affirmatively. Trustee Hanks stated that there is a hiring freeze and consent and approval from the Board is required before any appointments can be made.

Trustee Benson asked Trustee Williams to provide the reasons for terminating the Stuttley Group. Trustee Williams stated that her decision to seek other legal counsel is due to the lack of a strong municipal background, inconsistencies with information that is provided and other general problems that have occurred with the Stuttley Group. Trustee Benson stated that he has not seen any problems with the Stuttley Group and removing them without reason could create additional litigation for the Village.

Trustee Hanks stated that the motion is being requested to be placed before the Board for a vote. Trustee Hanks read Section 31-0 of the Sauk Village Municipal Code that states “ any officer so appointed shall be removed or suspended at any time and may be removed by a majority vote of the Corporate Authorities at a regular Board meeting or any special meeting called in accordance with law and so may be filled in the manner in this section provided.” Trustee Hanks stated that Section 77: 2-16 also applies.

Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers will appoint a Police Chief without the consent of the Board. Mayor Towers stated that the item will be placed on next week’s agenda; no appointment will be made prior to that meeting.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Comments included clarification of the municipal law background of the Stuttley Group, clarification of the Trustee’s right to add an item to the agenda and clarification that Mayor Towers has selected a candidate for the position of Police Chief.

12. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JUNE 21, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez (Vacation)

2. Motion to Approve the Employment Agreement of the Part Time Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Employment Agreement of the Part Time Village Manager.

Trustee Benson questioned the qualifications of the applicant and requested that a resume listing the applicant's qualifications be presented to the Board.

Mayor Towers stated that a resume is not necessary due to the fact that the applicant previously worked for the Village for 20 years.

Trustee Benson insisted that the applicant needs to be investigated. Trustee Benson stated that it is inappropriate to hire this applicant without an educational history and background check.

Mayor Towers directed the applicant to provide the information to the Board and stated that the applicant will be fully bonded through the Village.

Trustee Hanks made the motion to approve the employment agreement as stated above. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER JUNE 28, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez (vacation)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. June 7, 2011- Committee Meeting

B. June 14, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

C. June 21, 2011- Special Meeting

D. June 21, 2011- Committee Meeting

A. June 7, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

B. June 14, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. June 21, 2011 – Special Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011 Special Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. June 21, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that the July Sauk Talk and other important information including six months worth of Collector's Reports are available at the back of the room. The Sauk Talk has information relating to the Sauk Village fireworks presentation on July 3rd behind the Village Hall and the Beautification Committee's various events in July. The Village Hall is now open on Wednesdays effective immediately. The last day to purchase vehicle stickers is June 30th by 5pm. Ticket enforcement can begin at midnight June 30th. The cost of the stickers will double on July 1st.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the next quarterly Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 21, 2011.

C. Village Attorney – Carl Mc Cormick- The Stuttley Group

Village Attorney McCormick read a letter from the Stuttley Group notifying the Board of their resignation as the Village Attorneys for the Village of Sauk Village effective immediately. VA McCormick stated that the Stuttley Group will continue to work with Sauk Village during the transition of a successor attorney. VA McCormick thanked the Mayor, Board of Trustees and the citizens for allowing them to work with the Village. VA McCormick expressed personal remarks to the Board members and citizens.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that Federal funds are being researched in order to complete repairs to 223rd Street. There is a possibility that 80% of the cost can be covered by the government. VE Czarnik stated that the Quiet Zone study is moving forward.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that he was disappointed by the resignation by the Stuttley Group which was a result of the Board being adamant about their termination. The Stuttley Group brought a lot of experience and expertise to the Village. In view of the Village being without legal representation, Mayor Towers appointed Odelson and Sterk law firm as the Acting Village Attorney effective immediately. The Odelson and Sterk law firm will be presented at the next Committee meeting. Information about the new firm will be provided to the Board in their packets.

The Board inquired about the municipal experience of the Odelson and Sterk firm, what the rate of pay will be and why rush to appoint a law firm when there are other attorneys currently working with the Village.

Mayor Towers stated that no other firm is handling the day to day operations, the Odelson and Sterk firm is highly recommended as experienced in Municipal law and that pay has not been discussed.

Trustee Hanks asked that Mayor Towers provide in writing where in the State Statute or State law does it state that the Mayor has the legal right to appoint the law firm.

Trustee Benson thanked the Stuttley Group for their hard work representing the Village through hard times. They gave 100% and answered questions to the best of their abilities; they were very knowledgeable.

4. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez (absent- vacation)

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that Federal law requires that trades people working on a home built before 1978 need to be certified in lead safety practices. The City of Blue Island will partner with OEI, Inc. to host a Reventilation and Painting Recertification course on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Blue Island City Hall East from 8am – 5 pm. The City Hall is located at 2434 Vermont Street. This is first come first served. The cost is \$65.00 (normally \$250.00.). As of April 2010, any contractor removing or disturbing paint in a home or child occupied facility must be RRP certified. Register by email to wendy.chan@oeiinc.org.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported that as of January 1, 2011 Cook County will be imposing a fine up to \$500.00 for anyone not RRP certified. The license number will need to be placed on any building application and will also be required of all inspectors. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is working with the law firm and the Police Department on the Parental Responsibility Ordinance. This ordinance will be presented to the Board at a later date. Trustee Myers reminded residents that it is illegal to carry fireworks across State lines and vehicles could be impounded.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that several visitors attended the Economic Development Committee. Lynda Washington shared information regarding a potential investor. Trustee Burgess will continue to follow up and turn the information over to the TIF consultants. Trustee Burgess stated that Board decorum is important due to the fact that visitors who are interested in investing in Sauk Village may be in attendance. The next Economic Review Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams thanked the Public Relations Committee, the department heads and Colleen Monk for their help in getting the Sauk Talk out so quickly due to the time sensitive information that needed to get out. Trustee Williams thanked Kerry Pratt and Fairway Foods, the volunteers and the Fire Department for their help with the Pancake Breakfast. Trustee Williams also thanked the Public Works Department and the Fire Department for ensuring the back field is safe for the fireworks display. Fireworks will be displayed on Sunday, July 3rd at dusk. Fundraising for the fireworks will continue for approximately 45 days after the display per arrangements made with the fireworks company.

5. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Sargaent Sailsbery

Sargaent Sailsbery reported that the warmer weather has caused an increase in calls. The Police Department has been working diligently to enforce the law. The Police Department wrote 17 tickets in one shift yesterday.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department answered 13 calls from June 21 through July 2, 2011. Chief Stoffregen also reported that the Fire Department will have crews out for the fireworks at no cost to the Village. The Fire Department will volunteer their time. Chief Stofreggen reported that the annual hose testing is ½ completed.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that the Consumer Confidence Report was mailed to residents and is also available at the library and Village Hall. The CCR contains all testing information required by the IEPA. DH Weller reported that the main contact switch for the street lights on Sauk Trail from 394 to Orion Avenue needs to be replaced. The lights will remain on continuously until the switch is received in about one week. Pothole complaints are continuing. Residents are encouraged to call in and leave information about potholes and tall grass. The Public Works Department is working on grass cutting and potholes. There is a backlog on grass cutting for Village properties and vacant properties. Building and Zoning Administrator Jasinski stated that there are residents angry about the tall grass at vacant homes and lots. It is hard to get the information on foreclosed homes in order to give out tickets or send liens. Two employees will be back to work soon to help with the backlog

Mayor Towers stated that the discussion of the direction the Public Works department should take will be on the next agenda.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that two clerks have been rehired. Cindy will be handling the water billing and Sue will handle the front desk. FD Rao stated that the audit is progressing and should be completed within six weeks. The Theobald services are no longer required.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 6 calls during the period of June 21 through the June, 2011. DH Johnson stated that ESDA will also be out assisting with traffic control during the fireworks. DH Johnson cautioned that 100 degree weather is expected; check on the seniors and stay hydrated during the heat.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that she spoke with Blue Grass and the Leisure Timers groups regarding use of the Senior Center. Rose gave the Board a copy of the letter she presented to the Leisure Timers regarding abuses in the Senior Center. Rose asked the Board to continue to support her in dealing with the abuses in the center. The next Senior Movie will be Monday, July 11th, "Monster- In Law" will be shown. The August movie "The Night of the Hunter" will be shown on August 8th and will include a lunch provided by the library at noon. Reservations are needed in order to attend. Rose would like to use the office in the Senior Center for blood pressure testing. Rose introduced Carol Manners and the senior ceramics group who presented five ceramic items to the Board to be displayed in the trophy cases to show senior residents what type of recreation is available. Carol Manners also thanked the board for appointing Rose Langston as the Senior Committee liaison.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Marva Pruitt stated that Beautification Week will take place from July 11th through July 17th. Residents are encouraged to clean inside and outside of their home. Skyline will accept two large items on garbage day rather than one and will also accept yard waste in the brown bags at no charge as an exception. Some restrictions include but are not limited to construction debris, liquids, pesticides, wood, fencing, hazardous materials, tires, etc... Check out the flyer for restrictions and other information. Marva stated that volunteers will meet behind the Village Hall on Saturday, July 16th with lawn mowers, tools, sun screen , etc... to help with clean up of Sauk Village properties. Team leaders will work with their teams on certain areas. Service areas will be determined with the help of DH Weller. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers after 1:30pm. Donations will gladly be accepted.

Marva stated that the nominations are now being accepted for the Hootsie Awards. Businesses will now be included in the nominations. Winners will be announced at the first Board meeting in September.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- No report

J. Human Relations Commission- None

Mayor Towers is still looking for a Human Relations Committee Chairperson.

6. CONSENT AGENDA- None

Village Clerk Williams stated that the agenda is incorrect. Items 7A through 7E are all placed under Ordinances and Resolutions and asked that the ordinance on the agenda listed as item 7D is discussed under Ordinances and Resolutions and the other items discussed under New Business.

7. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

D.Approving an Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

Trustee Benson stated that after reviewing the ordinance it appears that the Board wants to change the language giving the Board the responsibility to hire the Village Manager. Previous appointments have always been by the Mayor. Trustee Benson stated that the previous ordinances give the Mayor the responsibility to appoint with the consent of the Board. Trustee Benson stated that this item should be illegal and should be stricken from the agenda and discussed in executive session. The duty of the Board of Trustees is to pass legislation not to appoint individuals.

Trustee Williams stated that a copy of the ordinance was provided to the Mayor and all Board members prior to last week's Committee meeting. The ordinance was placed on the agenda and discussed at last week's Committee meeting and that Mayor Towers asked for all comments and questions pertaining to that ordinance at that time. A motion can be made to strike this item from the agenda. Mayor Towers agreed that the Board should not have changed the language because all ordinances call for the Mayor to appoint with the Board consent. Trustee Williams stated that in the past the Chief of Staff appointed by the Mayor was placed in that position without the advice and consent of the Board. The appointment of the law firm tonight was done without the advice and consent of the Board. These types of decisions should be made by the voting members of the Board and not by a unilateral decision. Mayor Towers stated that the Board does not have the responsibility to appoint but only to approve his appointments and appropriations if they so chose. The Board is once again trying to run the Village.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Board is not trying to run the Village but to move the Village forward with professionalism. The passing of ordinances is legislation and every Board member has the right to cast a vote. The Mayor may vote in the event of a tie or when a super majority is needed.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor has the right to appoint officers with the advice and consent of the Board; at issue is creating a position. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion at this time.

Trustee Williams recapped that she made the motion to Approve the Ordinance Creating the Position of Village Manager. The motion was then seconded by Trustee Hanks. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers to call the roll or she will instruct the Village Clerk to call the roll in her role of Trustee.

Resigned Village Attorney Carl McCormick stated that no entity, the Board of Trustees or the Mayor, have unlimited power. The Mayor does have the right to appoint with the advice and consent of the Board. There is a balance between the two; neither can get their way alone. The Village of Sauk Village was created under the Strong Mayor form of government and can only be changed by ordinance. Mr. McCormick stated the Board cannot change an ordinance that is contrary to the form of government. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village has been a Mayor / Village Manager form of government for over twenty years and was changed when Mayor Towers created the Chief of Staff position in 2009. Mr. McCormick stated that it appears that the Village has gone away from the Strong Mayor form of government for the past twenty years. The course of the past twenty years may trump the Strong Mayor form of government. Mr. McCormick stated that these individuals have historically always been by appointment of the Mayor.

Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance was included in last week's packet and was reviewed by the Board. Mayor Towers asked if the Board was agreeable to have the ordinance placed on the agenda for a vote at that time. It was agreed that the ordinance would be placed on the agenda for a vote. Trustee Myers asked for clarification if there is a motion and a second on the floor and asked for the vote to create the position of Village Manager.

There was a disagreement when the ordinance was placed in the boxes.

*Clerks note: The ordinance was placed in everyone's box prior to the last Committee Meeting by the Village Clerk.

Trustee Williams stated that everyone should read the information placed in their boxes prior to the meeting and ask questions before the meeting or during the meeting not during the time to take action. Trustee Williams asked for the vote to be taken.

Mayor Towers stated that because of the language in the ordinance and the type of government the Village is under he will call the motion out of order and will not call it for a vote until he receives clarification from the attorneys.

Trustees Williams and Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to call the roll.

Village Clerk Williams called the roll.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

No vote given: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that the Clerk is out of order. Trustee Hanks asked that the record show that the ordinance passed with a majority vote of the Board. Mayor Towers stated that the motion was out of order and will not be signed.

A. Bid Opening-

Mayor Towers opened bids for the CDBG/IDOT Reconstruction project:

- 1) Alpha Construction \$320,306.35
- 2) Gallagher Asphalt \$295,619.98
- 3) K-Five Construction \$338,746.23
- 4) Iroquois Paving \$303,080.48

Mayor Towers turned the bids over to Village Engineer Jim Czarnik for further review.

B. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for June 15, 2011 through June 28, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for June 15 through June 28, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve Health Insurance Renewal- Lambent Insurance

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Approve the Health Insurance Renewal with Lambent Insurance. Clarification was needed to verify if the rate increase of 9.9% is locked in until further research of companies can be done. The presentation by Lambent Insurance was made last week at the Committee meeting. It was stated at that time that the insurance expires at the end of the month and must be renewed or a penalty will be assessed. Since this matter was brought to the Board at such a late date the Board would need to approve this renewal and continue to seek other quotes. There was also an alternative option discussed last week that Interim Village Manager Dieterich will be reviewing with Lambent.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E.Motion to Terminate the Stuttley Group as Attorneys for the Village of Sauk Village

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to strike this item from the agenda due to the resignation of the Stuttley Group.

Trustee Benson made the motion to strike the item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

8. NEW BUSINESS – (left off of the agenda)

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked for the ruling in writing regarding where the Mayor does not need to entertain or acknowledge a motion on the floor. Trustee Burgess stated that when a motion is made and seconded the Mayor is supposed to entertain a vote according to the Sauk Village Municipal Codes; it does not state that the Mayor can suspend or not call the roll.

Trustee Benson stated that discussion started before the Mayor called for a second. Therefore there was no second. The Board tried to force a second. The Mayor called the motion out of order.

Trustee Hanks agreed that the Mayor should enforce the ordinances and codes in place while keeping decorum in the meeting. Trustee Hanks stated that the codes state “that the Mayor shall enforce the ordinances or resolutions passed by the Corporate Authorities” and “shall supervise the conduct of the officers of the Village except the Trustees”. The discussion between votes should only be held between the Trustees who are voting on the matter.

Trustee Benson stated that he did receive the resume from Interim Village Manager Dieterich but did not receive the background check. Trustee Benson would like to receive this as soon as possible.

Mayor Towers stated previously that since Mr. Dieterich was going to be bonded the background check will be included.

Trustee Williams clarified that a motion or a second can be made at any time by a Trustee once the motion is presented. Trustee Williams thanked Mr. McCormick for his valiant effort, constant composure and diligence. Trustee Myers clarified that WinPak has started moving dirt and asked that the area by Nancy’s Pizza be mowed. DH Weller will take care of the mowing.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Comments and questions from the audience included:

Clarification on whether the vote taken tonight was valid and more clarification on the Chief of Staff/ Village Manager position (yet to be determined- the vote was not recognized by the Mayor)

*Carl McCormick

When the Chair feels that a motion is out of order he has the right to strike it. 2/3rds majority vote of Trustees can overrule the chairman. It would then be void.

Assistance required from the Mayor and Board members to commit to help with the Beautification Clean up day (those who are available will assist)

Lack of Police Chief appointment

The possibility of a full time Mayor for Sauk Village- (under investigation)

Recommendation that the Mayor and Board members read their packets before the meeting.(1st and 3rd Tuesday are discussion meetings – 2nd and 4th are action meetings- no discussion)

Whereabouts of the money collected from Parks and Recreation in the past

State Attorney's possible review of previous meeting (under investigation)

Any changes to the Village debt? (Response from Mayor Towers "about the same" . Response from Trustee Burgess- can only adjust Municipal budget through decrease in personnel and taxes)

Whether Interim Village Manger will attend meetings (as needed- would involve paying him for additional hours)

The need for the Village to work together placing personalities aside.

Public Works issues- tree limb down and brown water since the storm(call Customer Service to file reports – the department will work to address issues with the limited staff on hand.)

The water issue- IEPA has rejected the claim for 2.2 million dollars and has found contamination in wells 1&2 and the potential sites that caused the contamination. Chicago Heights will lose their water allocation within a year. Fix the wells; Lake Michigan water not possible for many years. (The Board is unable to discuss this- pending litigation.)

Thoughts on the resignation of the Stuttley Group

Congratulations to the Police Department for the recent drug bust

The recent possibility of new business to Sauk Village and the need for decorum

Enforcement of the firecracker ordinance (Police can site offenders)

Will ESDA and the Police Department also be volunteering their time for the fireworks? Can a report be provided after the event detailing how much was spent on extra personnel for the event?

(Response from ESDA Director Johnson "ESDA will volunteer their time."- No response available from the Police Department. Trustee Benson's response -the Village cannot afford to hire anyone from the Police Department for any outside activities and if the officers already on the clock need to be present that direction would come from the Mayor. Trustee Benson asked why an officer that is on the clock is present at the Village meeting. Trustee Williams' response-Three departments will be on hand for the fireworks- Police, Fire and ESDA. The Police Department will be paid for their time. The Village cannot mandate the Police Officers to volunteer. Only salaried Police officers can volunteer. There are no salaried Police officers on staff due to no Police Chief or Deputy Chief on the payroll. The Interim Police Chief will determine the staffing needed for the event.)

10. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011). None

11. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JULY 5, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

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

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao

A. Progress of the Audit

Finance Director Rao reported that the audit is moving along smoothly. FD Rao reported that the IKE Grant has been approved from the Illinois Department of Economic and Commerce Opportunity in the amount of \$165,000.00 for road repairs that will take place between now and May 2012.

3. Appointment of Bill Shaw as Chief of Police for the Village of Sauk Village- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers introduced Bill Shaw as his recommendation for the appointment of Police Chief. Bill Shaw provided an updated resume and interviewed before the Board.

4. Appointment of Odelson & Sterk, LTD as Village Attorneys- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers recommended the appointment of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd as the new Village Attorneys. Burt Odelson and Felicia Frazier interviewed before the Board and provided a history of their qualifications.

5. Honoring Past Village Officials- Public Relations Committee- Rosie Williams

Trustee Williams stated that there are past officials that need to be recognized. The Public Relations Committee has always been in charge of employee recognition. The past policy is not available. Trustee Williams stated that the current Public Relations Committee will work on updating this policy.

6. Change Elected Officials to Full Time Mayor and Full Time Clerk- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that a question from the audience prompted the discussion of a full time Mayor. Full time Mayors have more time to spend on day to day operations, deal with the community, prospective vendors and other networking opportunities. The Board agreed that this is a topic that may be discussed further at another time.

7. Priority for Public Works- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that in view of the limited Public Works staff there needs to be a prioritization of the work that needs to be done. The Board agreed that using outside contractors for the vacant home lots will be researched and that the Public Works Department will focus on Village properties.

8. Reinstatement of Code Enforcement Employees- Mayor Towers

Additional information is needed from the Finance Department and the Village Manager to research if money is available to bring Code Enforcement employees back to work.

9. OSHA Report- Mayor Towers

Department Head Weller stated that OSHA violations are currently being addressed. Village Manager Dieterich will provide the Board with information on the few remaining issues.

10. Public Comment – Trustee Burgess

The Board discussed the current way that questions from the audience are addressed. Trustee Burgess will propose another option for Board approval.

11. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess reported that the next Economic Development meeting will be held Monday, July 11th at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Burgess stated that the fireworks were spectacular and thanked the emergency service departments for their assistance.

Trustee Williams thanked Public Works, the Police, Fire and ESDA Departments for their assistance with the fireworks. Donations are still being accepted. Donations have been received from Beth Zupon, Skyline Disposal and Pat Couch.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion for a three minute recess. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 11:07 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the meeting. The motion to resume was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting resumed at 11:14 pm.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Comments included:

Honoring past official being long overdue

Thanks to the Public Relations Committee for the great fireworks

The availability of youth officers in Sauk Village

Pros and cons of the Mayor's appointment for Police Chief, revising public comment, the new Village Attorneys and a full time Mayor.

Tall grass at various residential homes.

Break ins on Carol Avenue

Clarification on when the Ordinance Review Committee meets

12. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Appointment(s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2011).

Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session as stated above. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

All ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 12:07 am Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

13. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the Committee meeting. Trustee Chavez made the motion to resume. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

The meeting resumed at 12:42 am on Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

14. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 am on Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **JULY 12, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. June 28, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made the motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Burgess made a motion to deviate from the agenda to move item 10F to 3C. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked all committee chairs to announce and post their meetings and to send the meeting information to the Clerk for updating the website. The Village Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the next quarterly Police Department's quarterly Pension Board meeting has been rescheduled to August 5, 2011.

C. Village Attorney –

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Odelson & Sterk, LTD as Attorneys for the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the appointment of Odelson & Sterk, LTD. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Attorneys Burt Odelson and Mark Sterk gave a brief statement of introduction.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik confirmed that Federal funding can be utilized to complete repairs to 223rd Street along with the use of MFT funds. The Board directed VE Czarnik to complete the necessary application for the funding. The Quiet Zone study is progressing.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers welcomed the new Village Attorneys.

4. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the Discussion of Probable Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Personnel and the Selection of a Person to Fill Public Office (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session for the matters listed above, Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:08 pm.

5. Motion to Reconvene Open Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene open session. Trustee Burgess made a motion to reconvene. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm.

6. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on July 14th at 7 pm.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking to bring on a Sign Language program. The Community Center hours at 6pm – 9 pm Monday through Friday with the assistance of volunteer Cortez Stewart. Additional volunteers are always needed especially for the upcoming sports program. Trustee Chavez will speak to Department Head Weller regarding necessary repairs needed in the gym.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that Federal law requires that trades people working on a home built before 1978 need to be certified for lead safety practices. The City of Blue Island will partner with OAL, Inc. to host a Reventilation and Painting Recertification course on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Blue Island City Hall East Annex from 8am – 5 pm. The City Hall is located at 2434 Vermont Street. This is first come first served. The cost is \$65.00 (normally \$250.00.).

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers reported the Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Myers thanked Public Works for cutting the grass on Sauk Trail. Trustee Myers announced that Shine Fest will be taking place on Saturday, August 6, 2011 12- 6 pm located on Sauk Trail between Prairie and Cornell Avenue. There will be free food and fellowship. Trustee Myers is requesting the use of the generator and ESDA's assistance for parking. The sign ordinance is still under review. Notices may have to be sent to the newspaper if changes are made to the ordinance.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that invitations have been given to local businesses to participate in a Meet and Greet on Monday, August 8th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. The Economic Development Committee will work along

with the Beautification Committee to encourage local business to clean up their properties.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams thanked the residents for attending the fireworks. The fireworks were great. Trustee Williams thanked Public Works and the Police, Fire and ESDA Departments for their help with the event. Fundraising to pay for this year's fireworks continues until September. The Public Relations Committee will then begin raising funds for next year's fireworks.

7. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

As Chief Holevis began his report, Attorney Odelson stated that item 10G has been removed from the agenda. Chief Holevis thanked officers and alert citizens for a job well done with regards to recent commercial burglaries and Sgt. Evans, Detective Grossman, Sgt. Mieczak (and Bosco) and resident Officer Mike Brown for their combined investigations that resulted in a major drug bust the weekend of June 17th where 1200 lbs of marijuana and a vehicle were seized. Chief Holevis reported that ticket enforcement continues for failure to display a Village sticker.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department answered 11 calls from July 5th through July 11, 2011. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Fire Department is saddened by the loss of Fire Department Photographer and friend Dennis Kopaczewski. Dennis passed away on Sunday, July 10th. Services will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 from 3- 8 pm at Castle Hill Funeral Home in Dyer. The Fire Department will do their walk through at 7pm. Chief Stoffregen thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response that avoided a garage fire.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that branch clean up from the storm will begin on Monday.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Administrator Jasinski stated that there are three vacancies on the Zoning Board that need to be filled before another meeting can be held.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- No report

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 7 calls during the period of July 5th through the July 11th. DH Johnson cautioned that everyone should check on the seniors and stay hydrated during the extreme heat.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the next Senior Movie will be Monday, August 8th; "The Night of the Hunter" will be shown. Lunch will be provided by the library at noon; reservations are required. Rose is continuing to clean the Senior Center kitchen. Rose stated corrections to the recent Sauk Talk. article. The Sunshiners meet the first and third Sunday at 7pm and the VFW meets at 8pm not 7pm.

The Bloom Township picnic will be held on Thursday, August 4th. The cost is \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 the day of the picnic. The first free blood pressure screening for seniors will be held on Wednesday, July 27th from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center. The next Senior Committee meeting will be held Thursday, July 14th in the Senior Center at 5 pm.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Marva Pruitt stated that the committee has been meeting to finalize plans for Beautification Week and the Hootsie Awards. Residents are excited about the event. Marva stated that volunteers will meet behind the Village Hall on Saturday, July 16th to help with clean up of Sauk Village municipal properties and parks and some non-Village owned properties. Marva thanked Public Works for their assistance with the Village cleanup and help with supplies and also to the local businesses who are

supporting the event. The committee has met with the Economic Development to help persuade the businesses to maintain their properties.

Marva stated that the raffle fundraiser collected \$258.00 and Skyline donated \$100.00. The committee is asking for \$250.00 to help offset costs for the event. The deadline for the Hootsie Awards is July 22, 2011. Five nominations have been received. Businesses and churches can be included in the nominations.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Ms. Booker addressed the confusion of when and where the Police Alliance Committee's first meeting was to be held. Future meetings will be announced. The next Police Alliance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 25th at 6 pm in the Community Center.

J. Human Relations Commission

Mayor Towers stated that Marva Pruitt will be presented to the Board next week for appointment.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for June 29, 2011 through July 14, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for June 29, 2011 through July 14, 2011.

Trustee Hanks stated that the end date should be July 12 not July 14th. Mayor Towers repeated the correct dates of June 29, 2011 through July 12, 2011. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve 2011 MFT/CDBG Resurfacing Bid Award

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the 2011 MFT/CDBG resurfacing bid award.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Direct the Village Manager to Post and Solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Grass Cutting Services and Accept Appropriate Proposals, as necessary, in a Total Not to Exceed \$20,000.00.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table item 10D. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Motion to Amend the 2010-2011 Budget- Community Development

Motion tabled

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table item 10E. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. Motion to Reinstate Community Development Officer(s)

Motion tabled

F. Motion to Approve the Appointment of Odelson & Sterk, LTD as Attorneys for the Village of Sauk Village

Item 10 F was moved to item number 3C.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table item 10G. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

G. Motion to Approve the Appointment of William Shaw as Police Chief

Motion tabled

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess will be attending a taping of the Comcast Newsmakers section on Wednesday, July 13th in place of Mayor Towers to discuss economic development in Sauk Village.

Trustee Chavez reminded residents of the Parks and Recreation meeting on July 14th at 7 pm in the Community Center.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience

Village Attorney Odelson suggested three minutes for comments per citizen and submission of questions to the Village Clerk who will distribute them to the appropriate person for response as something new that will move the meeting along and allow everyone an opportunity to speak.

VA Odelson asked that residents state their name and address when asking questions that need to be directed to an individual so that the answers can be returned timely.

Comments and questions from the audience included:

No front plate on the Mayor's vehicle.

Thanks to the Police Department for their quick response with controlling a large group recently, the recent drug bust and other positive actions

The Board agreed to the \$250.00 request of the Beautification Committee.

The reason for the tabling of the appointment of Bill Shaw

The way the public comment period was changed and if submitted questions will be made public.

Audience comments from previous minutes not verbatim. (Village Clerk's response: Minutes are summary and not verbatim)

Thanks to Public Works for working on street repairs

Individual case of Police misconduct and abuse (Referred to Chief Holevis and Mayor Towers)

Concerns on the contamination of the wells.

Why isn't the Interim Chief not qualified for the position of Chief?

12. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011). None

13. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

14. Adournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **JULY 19, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (arrived 7:03 pm)

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao- (Not Present)

A. Progress of the Audit

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the audit is on schedule.

B. Closing Miscellaneous Accounts Under \$1,000.00

The question of closing dormant accounts and transferring available balances to the General Fund will be referred to the Village Attorney. This will appear on next week's agenda for approval.

The \$165,000.00 DCEO grant has been received and deposited into the MFT account.

3. Employee Life Insurance Renewal- Principal Life Insurance- Dean Cass (Not present)

There will be no rate increase upon renewal of the employee life insurance with Principal Life Insurance. This item will appear on next week's agenda for approval.

4. House of Triumph Church- Building and Zoning Director Jasinski

House of Triumph Church representatives Pastor Armando Lopez and Dwight Major requested a Special Use Permit for property they are considering purchasing in order to move their church to Sauk Village. They are seeking Board approval before they move forward. The Board asked that they provide additional information for review before submitting their request to the Zoning Board.

5. Community Center Air Conditioner Repair/ Replacement

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that the air conditioning is out at the gym side of the Community Center. Replacement quotes range from \$9,000- \$12,000.00. This item can be replaced now or budgeted for at a later date. The Board considered borrowing from the CN donation to replace the AC unit. This item will appear on next week's agenda for approval.

6. Police Building Asbestos Evaluation

An asbestos evaluation is required per the recent OSHA inspection. VM Dieterich presented a proposal from Geocon Professional Services in the amount of \$3,200.00. This item will appear on next week's agenda for approval.

7. Police Building Basement Wall Crack Repair

Cracks of the walls of the basement of the Police Department building need to be repaired per the OSHA inspection. The Board reviewed three quotes provided by VM Dieterich that range from \$1,857.25 to \$3,791.80. This item will appear on next week's agenda for approval.

8. Motor Fuels Tax Reimbursement Transfer to General, Water and Sewer Funds

VM Dieterich reported that Sauk Village is permitted an annual reimbursement for labor and equipment usage. This year's reimbursement of \$58,049.70 will be allocated in the following manner:

General Fund: \$27,627.06

Water Fund: \$15,211.32

Sewer Fund \$15, 211.32

This item will appear on next week's agenda for approval after attorney review. VM Dieterich was asked to research if this reimbursement was allocated for 2009.

9. Public Comment

Trustee Burgess recommended that a new format be used for public comment. Village Clerk Williams read a memo that was presented to the Mayor and Board of Trustees from Village Attorney Odelson that suggested a new format and provided sample agendas for the next Board and Committee meeting that use that illustration. Trustee Williams also provided a sample of a Public Comment Questionnaire that she previously stated she would present to the residents and the Board. The new format presented by VA Odelson will appear on next week's agenda for approval. VA Odelson will be asked to research the ordinance that is presently in place.

Mayor Towers asked for a consensus if the old or new format would be used for tonight's public comment. Trustees Chavez, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams agreed to use the new format for this meeting. Trustee Benson abstained.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess reported that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Local businesses were personally invited to attend a Meet and Greet sponsored by the Economic Development Committee on Monday, August 8th from 4 – 5:30 pm in the Senior Center to discuss how Sauk Village supports their businesses and encourages businesses to communicate with each other.

Trustee Burgess reported that the quarterly SSMMA/ Southland Economic Development meeting will take place Friday, July 22, 2011 at Prairie State College at 8:30 am. The Logistic Center of Sauk Village will be showcased. Trustee Burgess attended a taping of Newsmakers at the Comcast office on Wednesday, July 20th and stressed that Sauk Village is a family oriented community with prime economic development opportunities.

Trustee Williams thanked Jamie Hutchinson for her donation to the fireworks fundraiser. Fundraising efforts are continuing.

Trustee Chavez requested that the VISTA office is cleaned out within the week in order to use that space for other programming. Trustee Chavez reported that the Corn and Dog Roast is scheduled for September 10th. Other upcoming Parks and Recreation programs are the Sauk Village pageant, Halloween Walk, Christmas Parade and pictures with Santa and Sign Language. The committee is waiting for rental applications from the Police Alliance Committee and the Village Wide Neighborhood. A basketball and baseball program is under discussion. Supplies and materials are needed. Robert reported that the Eastern Stars (date to be determined) and the Right Touch Barbershop (Sunday, August 14th) will be hosting back to school giveaways. This is open to Sauk Village children only from grade school to High School. Flyers with more information will be available in the near future.

Trustee Hanks thanked Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt and all of the volunteers that participated on the Clean, Green and Preen event on Saturday. Trustee Hanks also thanked the following businesses for their support: Fairway Foods, Skyline Disposal, Bud's Ambulance and Tony's Foods. Trustee Hanks reported that the Beautification Committee has submitted \$249.00 in receipts to the Village for reimbursement according to prior consensus of the Board to contribute \$250.00 towards this event. Trustee Hanks stated that the Beautification Committee would like to show a video of the event at the next Board meeting and is also looking for any information regarding grants related to beautifying the community. Trustee Hanks asked what the next steps are needed now that Marva Pruitt will be bringing the Human Relations Commission back on board.

Trustee Myers reported that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20th at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Myers questioned the status of the grass cutting bids. Village Clerk Williams stated that VM Dieterich is in the process of handling posting the opportunity.

Trustees Myers and Burgess remarked on the fantastic job by the Beautification Committee and stated that they were unable to make the event due to their work schedules. Trustee Burgess is attempting to get a donation from the businesses for the committee's efforts in cleaning the area around some businesses. Village Clerk Williams and Trustee Williams also stated that the event was a great success and explained that they were hosting a family outing and unable to attend.

Mayor Towers thanked Marva Pruitt and the volunteers for the tremendous effort to get the job done.

B. Questions and Comments from the Audience (Agenda Items Only)

Comments included:

The church will take three businesses off of the tax roll in that location

Notifying the front desk of the use of the Paesel Center, Fire Department and library as cooling centers

The need for asbestos evaluation

Pros and cons of the new public comment method

Why the church chose Sauk Village (Economics)

Organizations that use the Community Center that do not live in Sauk Village and verifying that the back to school giveaways will be given to Sauk Village children only (Yes- Sauk Village only)

The list of accounts that will be closed and the MFT transfer information was read to the audience

Is anything in place to limit the time allowed for Board members to talk at Board meetings (No)

Clarification on how the CN donation can be used (The donation was for the purpose of Parks and Recreation programming and installing the basketball hoops. A letter may be in order if any portion of the money is borrowed to pay for the air conditioning unit in the gym)

Positive comments on the great job performed by the Beautification Committee

The need for a speaker system in the Village Hall

If bids waivers are required for items #6 & 7

If there is time frame for the OSHA requirements to be completed

Comment on the need for programs for people with disabilities and the Special Olympics through Parks and Recreation

If any new programs will be brought in through the Parks and Recreation Committee (Trustee Chavez stated that Sign Language, the Eastern Stars and baseball are new to the committee.)

Questions were submitted in writing to the Mayor, Village Attorney and individual Trustees requiring future responses.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

A. Discussion of Appointments (s), Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Real Estate, Collective Bargaining, Negotiating Matters, Personnel Matters, and Update of Pending Litigations if needed (5ILCS.120/2(C) (1) (2011).

Trustee Burgess made a motion to recess to executive session as stated above. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:21 pm.

12. Motion to Resume Committee Meeting for Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to resume the Committee meeting. Trustee Burgess made the motion to resume. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

The meeting resumed at 9:46 pm

13. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **JULY 26, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Questions may also be in written form and will be answered within 5 business days.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street

Ms. Anderson stated her concerns over the format used for taking questions from the audience at this meeting.

Will boxing be offered at the Community Center? (Trustee Chavez- No- only at a remote location- separate activity not associated with the Community Center)

How many children are currently enrolled at the Community Center, who is supervising the children and do they have a background check? (Trustee Chavez- 30 children/ Cortez Stewart- has background check)

What is the original mission of the Housing Commission? (Trustee Hanks will provide that answer at another time)

Why can't Code employees be removed from the General Fund / Code Department and be returned under a new title with similar job duties? (Will be answered at a later date)

Bernice Houston- still has not received water refund. (referred to Finance Director)

Lynda Washington -Who to speak to about organizing a Block Club. (Mayor Towers will meet with Trustee Chavez and Ms. Washington)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. July 5, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. July 12, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

C. July 19, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams thanked Rose Langston and the Fire Department for bringing up the cooling centers last week due to the hot weather. The cooling centers are located at the Community Center, Fire Department and McConathy Public Library as needed. Call the Police Department to check which building is currently being used in the case of a heat/ blizzard or other emergency. St James Church is no longer a cooling center. A new training will be required of Village personnel in order to use that facility in the future.

VC Williams attended an event at Congressman Jackson's office in regards to the recent concerns over Social Security and Medicare cuts. Residents can contact moveon.org for more information. Shine On Gospel Fest is Saturday August 6th from noon to 6 pm sponsored by the Sauk Village Ministerial Alliance. Free food, music and fellowship. Donations are being accepted at local churches.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting has been rescheduled for August 5, 2011.

C. Village Attorney – Burt Odelson

Village Attorney Odelson introduced Attorney Mike McGrath. Mike will be handling the litigation matters for Sauk Village.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik confirmed that that the Quiet Zone study is near completion. VE Czarnik reported that the State will begin concrete patching on Sauk Trail soon.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the Corn and Dog Roast will take place on September 10th. Dodge ball is also available at the Community Center Wednesdays and possibly Sundays. The Community Center is open 5 days a week. The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday July 28th.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that a Keep Your Home workshop will be taking place on Saturday, August 20th from 9 am – noon at Solutions Church in Matteson, IL. The workshop focuses on programs to help you save your home. Free on site assistance and possible loan modification may be available. The program is sponsored by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Chicago Community Trust. Volunteers are needed.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- No report (vacation)

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess reported that he attended the quarterly Economic Development seminar of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers at Prairie State College along with Trustees Hanks and Benson, Village Clerk Williams and various residents. Sauk Village's DP Partner's Logistic Center was showcased at the

event. Sauk Village is prime for industrial growth. There was a preliminary ground breaking for Winpak. Mayor Towers will alert the Board when the formal ground breaking will take place. Prairie State College is offering a training service with free tuition (income dependent) for machinists. Prairie State also offers a truck driving school. Trustee Burgess completed a Newsmakers taping at the Comcast offices. The CNN Headline News five minute segment focused on what Sauk Village has to offer and what is happening in the surrounding area and will be aired September 5 2011. Trustee Burgess stated that local businesses have been invited to a Meet and Greet on Monday August 8th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Village Hall. The Economic Development Committee will work with the business to help find ways to help residents patronize the local businesses.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams thanked everyone who has donated to the fireworks fundraising effort to pay for this year's fireworks. The committee is half way to their goal. Fundraising will continue until the end of September. Trustee Williams read a letter from a resident who stated that Sauk Village was by far the best from the other surrounding communities. Trustee Williams sent a copy of this letter to Five Alarm Fire along with a letter from the committee thanking them for a great performance.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis reported that the first half of the Tobacco Grant has been completed and submitted for payment and the DUI grant enforcement was completed over the holiday weekend and was successful. Chief Holevis stated that burglaries are up this month and to pay attention to the surroundings. An arrest for six counts of burglary was made for thefts of air conditioning units at vacant homes. Chief Holevis reported that the Accident Reconstruction Team was called out to assist on a fatal accident on Joe Orr Road on July 17th. Two new officers have been assigned to the South Suburban SWAT Team.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to 7 calls from July 19 through July 25, 2011. Chief Stoffregen and the Fire Department recognized Village Clerk Debbie Williams for getting the information about the cooling centers out to the public. Chief Stoffregen also thanked all of the residents who looked out for their neighbors during the extreme hot weather. Chief Stoffregen also thanked the resident on 218th Street who contacted NICOR about a recent gas leak and avoided a potential gas explosion. Call appropriate agencies when suspicious odors are noticed.

Village Clerk Williams thanked Chief Stoffregen and added that within 20 minutes everyone pulled a plan together for cooling centers due to several days of extremely hot weather. VC Williams thanked Frank Williams for organizing the PLAN members to staff the cooling centers, and Chief Holevis, Chief Stofreggen, Nan Wargo and the Village Hall front desk clerks who were ready and willing to participate. VC Williams thanked Kevin Weller for getting the information on the marquee so quickly.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller stated that fire hydrants are being opened by residents to cool off. This causes a water hammer that creates water main breaks and also decreases our water supply in the event of a house fire. Please report open hydrants to the police. DH Weller stated that a recent lightening strike has caused damage to the Public Works Department communication system. Storm branch pick up is completed on the north side. Landscaping, street lighting and pot hole patching are also continuing; water main breaks and other emergencies are the priority.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report – (vacation)

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated that the 2nd quarter of the Cop's grant has been reported and the audit is progressing. The General Fund balance is \$220,866.52 and a \$75,000.00 Federal draw down is expected by the end of July.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 7 calls during the period of July 19th through the July 25th.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the Senior Committee reviewed the Senior Center Use policy. Interim Village Manager Dieterich confirmed that the Senior Center is for use by seniors only. A chart has been posted that shows the layout of the tables and chairs in the Senior Center. Rose is following up on the key assignments, cleaning out the office area and damages to the Senior Center. The next Senior Movie will be Monday, August 8th; "The Night of the Hunter" will be shown. Lunch will be provided by the library at noon; reservations are required. The Bloom Township picnic will be held on Thursday, August 4th from 10 am – 2 pm. The cost is \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 the day of the picnic. The Senior Committee and The PLAN Group will be co-sponsoring the first free blood pressure screening for Sauk Village seniors to be held on Wednesday, July 27th from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center. The Spaghetti Dinner is the next Senior quarterly event and is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd. The next Senior Committee meeting will be held Thursday, August 11th in the Senior Center at 5 pm.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Marva Pruitt presented a slide show of the recent Beautification Week clean up efforts and thanked Trustee Burgess for talking to the businesses on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Mayor Towers again thanked Marva and the committee for their efforts.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker

Ms. Booker stated that the Police Alliance Committee has filled out the necessary papers to secure the Community Center. The meetings will continue to be held in the Community Center.

J. Human Relations Commission

Mayor Towers stated that Marva Pruitt will be appointed as the chair later in the agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of Purchasing Manual Requirement Regarding Competitive Bidding (All-Tech Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the waiver of purchasing manual requirements regarding competitive bidding (All- Tech Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.) The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinance Pertaining to Public Comment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance to amend public comment. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks. Village Attorney Odelson explained the content of the ordinance to the audience.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Hanks

Nays: Trustees Benson and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

10. NEW BUSINESS

A.Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for July 13, 2011 through July 26, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for July 13, 2011 through July 26, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B.Motion to close the following Bank Accounts-

Impact Fee Acct	#154538696373	US BANK	Zero Balance
Developer Escrow	#154540767865	US BANK	Zero Balance
Countdown to 50 th	#154539957055	US BANK	BAL. \$4.38
Parks and Recreation	#154506385793	US BANK	BAL. \$35,005.00
TIF 1&2	#8283434	First Midwest	BAL. \$355.85
Village of Sauk Village- General	#20298-101	IMET	BAL. 782.85
Contingency Account	#296456900	First Midwest	BAL. 675.54

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to close the bank accounts listed above.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Burgess stated for the record that all balances will be moved to the General Fund. Mayor Towers stated that the TIF 1&2 balance will be moved to the TIF account.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

C.Motion to Renew Employee Life Insurance- Principal Life Insurance Co.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to renew the employee life insurance- Principal Insurance Co.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

D.Motion to Accept Geocon Professional Services Proposal for Asbestos Evaluation- Police Department (\$3,200.00)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the agenda to accept the Amereco, Inc. proposal for asbestos evaluation in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

E.Motion to Accept U.S. Waterproofing Proposal – Police Department Basement Wall / Crack Repair (\$2,331.00)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to accept the U.S. Waterproofing Proposal for the crack repair for the Police Department basement.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

F.Motion to Authorize Reimbursement transfer from Motor Fuel Tax Fund to General, Water and Sewer Funds- 2010 Day Labor (\$58,049.70- General Fund \$27,627.06, Water Fund \$15,211.32 and Sewer Fund \$15,211.32)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to authorize reimbursement transfer from Motor Fuel Tax to General, Water and Sewer Fund as listed above.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

G.Motion to Approve the Appointment of New Member(s) to the Zoning Board

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to appoint Francine Anderson and Nancy Baker to the Zoning Board.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams gave the oath of office to Francine Anderson. Nancy Baker was not present.

H. Motion to Approve the Appointment of New Member(s) to the Human Relations Commission

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to appoint Marva Pruitt to the Human Relations Commission. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams gave the oath of office to Marva Pruitt.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Questions and Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on proposals for grass cutting. One proposal was presented tonight for consideration. Mayor Towers stated that VM Dieterich is working on that issue.

Trustee Burgess has approached Comcast regarding the taping of Village Board meetings for their public channel. Comcast suggested that the Village conduct their own taping for about 6 months and they may provide the equipment after that. Trustee Burgess would like to work along with the Public Relations Committee on this matter.

Trustee Benson stated that he met with a group of concerned citizens at Congressman Jackson's office to support Congressman Jackson's efforts regarding the debt bill. The same group will meet at Congressman's Jackson office on Friday at 9:00 to travel to Congressman Dan Lupinski's office to voice their concern over the cuts to Medicare and Social Security.

Trustee Hanks reported that 40 year resident James Buchanan passed away this evening and asked everyone to keep the Buchanan family in their prayers.

Trustee Williams stated that the public needs to be educated on how the new public comments will be accepted, that the 3 minutes be uniform and stick to agenda items. Village Clerk Williams stated that the agenda is posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and the new policy will be made available at the Village Hall, library, internet and Sauk Talk. Trustee Williams asked for a copy of the Comcast CD and the Beautification CD to post them on the website.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session for the matters listed above.

The motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:17 pm.

12. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the committee meeting for adjournment.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Myers

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, AUGUST 2, 2011.

1. Call to Order

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

Mayor Towers announced that the meeting location was changed to the Senior Center due to faulty air conditioning in the Board room.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Mayor Towers asked for a moment of silence for the Hanks family due to the recent loss of their family member.

2. Village Financial Matters- Mohan Rao- (Not Present)

3. Public Comment and Questions-

A. *Comments and questions on any topic. Questions can also be submitted in writing and will be responded to within 5 business days.

Wanda Gordon Grant – Clyde Avenue

Ms. Grant is concerned about the teenagers taking over, ganging up on kids, walking in front of cars, and large and unruly crowds. Ms Grant stated that a nuisance ordinance is needed to hold the parents responsible. Trustee Chavez stated that he presented a Parental Responsibility Ordinance to Trustee Myers and the Ordinance Review Committee. This ordinance would site the parents for the child's delinquencies in the street that would involve fines and court appearances. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee, Village Attorney and the Police Department are reviewing the ordinance and he would appreciate her input. A draft of the ordinance should be available within two weeks.

David Rhein- 222nd Place

Mr. Rhein asked why Section 8 is allowed in Sauk Village when it violates Ordinance 94-30: Any condition, building or structure that drastically diminishes property values shall not exist in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that you cannot pre-judge a person or family; it is against the law to limit Section 8 or ask if they are Section 8. Mayor Towers asked Mr. Rhein to place the question in writing which will be referred to the Village Attorney.

Ernest Walker- Peterson Avenue

Mr. Walker said it is not true that it will cost 3 times more to get water. Ford Heights got water- why can't Sauk Village get water? Mayor Towers stated that the water is a concern. This matter needs to be placed on a referendum in order for the Village to act on it. Trustee Williams stated that the Board voted to place the water referendum on the 2012 ballot. Residents can then vote yes or no on obtaining Lake Michigan water. Trustee Williams stated that her goal is to see that people can make educated decisions.

Multiple presentations have already taken place that included the Village Engineer along with the facts regarding the cost to the residents. Trustee Williams suggested another Town Hall meeting to address this issue to make people aware of the cost in order to make an educated decision before voting in the 2012 election. Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Village does not qualify for the assistance that Ford Heights received because of the income level in Sauk Village.

Bernice Houston-

Ms. Houston requested that the Board establish an exploratory committee that will address the issue of Lake Michigan water and other options in order for residents to make an informed decision. Ms. Houston requested that the exploratory board consists of the Village Engineer, Public Works Director Kevin Weller and a Trustee.

Larry Stewart-

Mr. Stewart stated that he visited Well # 2 today and invited Ms. Houston and other residents to visit the wells. Larry stated that Sauk Village has well water. It is our water. If we get Lake Michigan water it will be passed on from another city.

Francine Anderson-

Ms. Anderson provided questions in writing that requested information on what disaster Chief Stoffregen was referring to at the July 26th meeting, how many 911 calls were received and responded to by a police officer and the amount of the general liability insurance, the cost and what company is providing the coverage.

Sharon Walker- Peterson Avenue

Ms. Walker stated that the teenagers should be getting citations and they should be made to do community service to help clean up Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated that is left up to the court to decide. Ms. Walker stated that Sauk Village should hold the court responsible. Trustee Myers stated that there are fines ranging from \$25.00- \$750.00 can be charged and will propose the community service idea to the adjudicator. Trustee Williams stated that Acting Chief Holevis is currently working with the adjudicator and will submit information to the Board at a later date. Residents need to sign complaints.

Elizabeth Pratt-

Ms. Pratt stated that she asked a child to get out of the street and she got cussed out and a black eye as a result. Ms. Pratt stated that she did sign a complaint with the Police Department; they cannot arrest anyone because they do not know who it is. Ms. Pratt stated that another business is leaving Sauk Village. Mayor Towers stated that we have to follow the rules and regulations and ask the Police Department to enforce them. Trustee Chavez suggested implementing a course in self defense or verbal judo for the residents.

Lynda Washington-

Ms. Washington asked Mayor Towers to provide a building that citizens can use to meet and discuss solutions to these issues. There is no building available to the residents that do not require insurance or a fee. Mayor Towers stated that the matter will be addressed in agenda item #6.

Frank Williams- 216th Place

Mr. Williams stated that the Village needs to place the Acting Chief in place as Chief and untie the police officers hands. Let the officers pick the kids up and have the parents pay to get them out. Mayor Towers stated that the police officers hands are not tied. They are trained to do their jobs and write their tickets. It goes to the court system after that. There has been no reduction in the police department. They get paid every day to do their job.

Ed Shankel-221st Street

Mr. Shankel stated to pick up the pace; the kids are taking over.

Kimberly Rhein-

Ms. Rhein stated that the kids are laying in the street. They will not move when residents drive by. The police ask them to move and they just move on and come back. They vandalize in retaliation.

Pat Couch- Shirley Avenue

Ms. Couch stated that the moral in the Police Department is the lowest it has ever been because the Acting Chief has still not been appointed Chief. The police department wants to move forward with the guidance of the Chief.

Sid Harris- 217th Place

Mr. Harris stated that two months ago everyone stated that the Police were doing a good job and now they are saying something different.

Judy Cast-Merrill Avenue

Ms. Cast stated that it is wrong that the residents have to experience these issues with the kids but when the officers get there the kids are gone. They did not witness the incident and often the residents will not say who did it or sign complaints because they are afraid of retaliation. Ms. Cast stated that you can't blame the officers; when the kids do go to court the judge lets them off. Where are the parents when these kids are out after 12am? The low moral is due to the officers not knowing if they have a job from day to day and not knowing if their Chief will continue to stay in place. Mayor Towers stated that it starts with parents. If the parents do not care that is the problem. The new Parental Ordinance will be enforced.

Frank Harvey-

Mr. Harvey stated that the Police Department is trained to investigate. Mayor Towers stated that if a complaint is filed the Police Department will follow up as part of their responsibility.

John Hinko- 216th Place

Mr. Hinko stated that the problem was the Mayor's old appointment that was fired; he led the Village down. He told the officers to lay off the kids. A trustee went into Walgreens and told them to let a child go who was caught stealing in the store. These kids need to be arrested. Mayor Towers stated that the

Board did not instruct the Police to lay off the kids and that they will not micromanage the Police Department. If the law exists, the police officers have a duty to arrest these kids.

Trustee Williams stated that former Chief Martin told the police officers to step aside and talk to the kids when they did something instead of enforcing an ordinance or giving a citation. The Acting Chief has been placed in that position with a conflicting work environment. The PLAN had an Open House and ten people attended. Trustee Williams suggested that they have another Open House and that people attend to hear and see what the police deal with every day. The police can answer questions that the Board can't. Residents can help the police by taking on the responsibility of identifying what they witness and following through on the complaints.

Gary Holcomb-221st Street

Mr. Holcomb stated that Chief Holevis approached the PLAN last week to arrange another Meet and Greet. Mr. Holcomb stated that they are considering holding that event in mid- September and hopes that people will turn out and ask their questions then. Police officers come in on their own time.

LeNarge Booker-

Ms. Booker stated that the Police Chief has been an acting Police Chief for over a year. Another person with a lot more experience applied for that position. These problems did not just happen. The Acting Chief has been trying for over a year; maybe it is time we considering trying something else. Someone with a lot more experience may have another way to get things achieved.

Trustee Williams stated that Tim Holevis has been with the department for over twenty years working his way to the top; he has experience. (Ms. Booker stated that experience does not always mean they have leadership skills.) Trustee Williams stated that she feels that the Acting Chief has the leadership skills and that the citizens and police officers want Tim Holevis as their chief. The other reason no other candidate is being considered at this time is financial. There is no money in the budget to hire from outside.

Rose Langston stated that several past Police Chiefs were promoted from within and did an excellent job. They know the town and the people. If they do not have the authority to go on their own they are tied up. Regardless of who the Chief is this is happening in every town. Rose reported two locations on 225th Street where the house is vacant and furniture was left outside. Trustee Burgess will follow up.

Jovante Hasty- 225th Street

Ms. Hasty stated that houses in her neighborhood have grass over 8 inches high and garbage cans are at other houses. Children have no where to go and nothing to do. Ms. Hasty stated that Police, Fire, ESDA and the ambulance do come when called. What happens when they go to court?

Trustee Burgess stated that the Village Attorney is checking on the liability of hiring outside firms to help with the grass cutting at vacant homes. The Board is working on bringing the Code Department back to write tickets even if only part time. Trustee Burgess stated that Trustee Chavez is starting programs under the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Towers asked that the agenda be amended to include the 2010 Property Tax Levy for the 2007A Bonds. The Board approved by consensus to include this item as item 4a.

4. 2009 MFT Reimbursement Transfer

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that he was directed to investigate if there was an MFT reimbursement for 2009. VM Dieterich stated that the reimbursement was not done. The 2009 MFT reimbursement of approximately \$90,000.00 for the General, Water and Sewer funds will appear on the next agenda for approval. Trustee Burgess clarified that VM Dieterich found approximately \$145,000.00 that was eligible for reimbursement from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund between 2009 and 2010. The law states that you can transfer money from the MFT Fund to the General, Water and Sewer funds for administrative purposes. Trustee Williams thanked VM Dieterich for following up and asked that he follow up on other things that may have been missed in 2009.

4a. 2010 Property Tax Levy for 2007A Bonds

Village Manager Dieterich stated that Mary Thompson/ Kane McKenna reported that the \$400,000.00 in impact fees from the Winpak project will be deposited into Amalgamated Bank this Friday and will be available to abate the balance of the 2010 Property Tax Levy for the 2007A bonds. A partial abatement was done last month. This item is time sensitive and will need to appear on next week's agenda for approval. Trustee Burgess stated for clarification that the tax levy helps make a portion of the bond payment for one year and abating bonds helps to bring back the bond rating.

5. Comcast Franchise Renewal- Tabled for two weeks

This item is still under attorney review. The Village Attorneys and Comcast will be present for the next committee meeting.

6. Committee Meeting Policy

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is working on updating Ordinance 93-19. This ordinance refers to buildings that no longer exist and fees that are no longer in place. The ordinance needs to be more specific as to exactly who can use the buildings, grounds and equipment and if there is a charge. Trustee Chavez is working with the same policy that has been in place for Parks and Recreation for the terms of the past two chairmen. The Senior Committee chairperson also needs to bring the Senior Center policy to the Board for approval.

Mayor Towers has appointed residents to chair committees and other residents are forming committees and are looking for a meeting place. Mayor Towers stated that these residents should have a place to meet. The Board will review the ordinance and policies and revisit this item in two weeks. Trustee Myers stated that the Parks and Recreation agreement needs to be enforced until any changes are made by the Board as a whole. Trustee Williams stated that if the committee is chaired by someone other than a Trustee or an employee there should be a charge to the organization. A calendar needs to be placed at the Police Department and keys should be checked out at the Police Department. There are too many keys out to non employees and non elected officials. If damages occur it will be clear who used the building the last time.

Trustee Myers stated that Sauk Village Municipal Code 30-24 states that there are four standing committees – Ordinance Review, Public Relations, Economic Development and Parks and Recreation.

All other standing committees may be appointed by the Mayor and approved and confirmed by the Board of Trustees. Standing committees will give reports at the Board meetings.

Trustee Burgess stated that no one should have a key to the Village Hall unless they are an elected official or an employee. If an elected official or employee lets someone meet in the Village Hall they should stay and will be held responsible. The Parks and Rec by laws state that all activities must come before the Parks and Rec Board for access and availability.

Trustee Williams stated that this is the first time that Village committees are being chaired by non employees and non elected officials. Arrangements can be made to let them meet in the buildings with supervision of employees or elected officials. Village sanctioned committees need agendas, meetings should be posted, meeting minutes should be turned into the Village Clerk and reports need to be given at the Board meetings. The private organizations or committees should have to pay.

Mayor Towers stated that the Village committees chaired by residents should be able to fill out the proper forms and schedule a date to meet in the Community Center. The key will be available at the Police Department. Mayor Towers stated that no deposit should be required for a Village committee to meet in the Community Center. Mayor Towers and Trustee Chavez will meet to discuss this further. This item will be readdressed in two weeks.

Trustee Myers asked Trustee Chavez and Trustee Benson to include their input on updating Ordinance 93-19.

7. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will be sponsoring a Meet and Greet with the local businesses from 4pm-5:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Williams reported that the Saul Talk articles are due August 26th by midnight. Sauk Talk policies are available if needed. Trustee Williams thanked DP Partners for their donation of \$500.00 toward the fireworks fundraiser.

Trustee Myers stated that residents have stated that the stop sign at 222nd and Yates should be a three way stop sign per Village code and that more patrol is needed to keep the kids from walking in the street. Trustee Myers gave his sympathy to the Hanks family.

Trustee Burgess stated that the funeral for Corrine Yates will take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday at the Sauk Village Baptist Church.

Trustee Benson stated that he has received calls from residents stating that liability insurance is required for rental of the Community Center; that was never done in the past. Trustee Benson stated that the Village carries insurance that covers accidents or damages. Trustee Benson stated that the prior Parks and Recreation Committee was looking into raising the deposit rental charge to hold citizens more accountable. Changing the policy takes time and research from the attorneys.

Trustee Myers stated that the current insurance company should be contacted to verify if coverage is available to Community Center occupants.

Trustee Chavez stated that he follows the same policy that was already in place. Village committees chaired by residents are already meeting in the Community Center. Trustee Chavez stated that volunteer sheets are available for the Corn and Dog Roast, Baseball, Volleyball, Chess and Checkers and the pageant. Sign Language registration starts on Friday. Classes will be held for 4-5 weeks on Wednesday and Friday for a \$25.00 fee. The times are 3:30- 8pm The pageant crowning will take place at the Corn and Dog Roast. Trustee Chavez is working on a Halloween Trunk and Treat and the Santa Claus parade and basketball registration in December. Trustee Chavez invited the Public Relations Committee to do a Bake Sale fundraiser at the Corn and Dog Roast.

Mayor Towers stated that Shine Gospel Fest will take place on Saturday, August 6th from noon-6pm. The Shine Gospel Fest is free to the community and is sponsored by the churches of Sauk Village.

8. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 © (1) (2011)

9. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Committee Meeting- None

10. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Please note that residents may speak on any topic of concern. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **AUGUST 9, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to move 9C to executive session with action to be taken.

The motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Questions may also be in written form and will be answered within 5 business days. Responses requiring further research of outside counsel or consultants may take additional time.

Rose Langston stated that the appointment in 9C should be someone in Finance.

Francine Anderson reiterated a previous concern and asked to meet with the Clerk to listen to the tape of 7/26/11. The previous questions were asked and answered at the last meeting and are available in writing. There will be no repetition of verbal and written answers that have previously been answered.

Judy Cast stated that no posting has been made to alert anyone to the open position for Police and Fire Pension Board. Judy stated that her pension information is private and asked what the qualifications are. Judy asked if the meetings are open to the public and when do they meet. Mayor Towers answered that there were no qualifications and that State Statute states that 2 citizens can be on the Board. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the Pension Board is made up of 2 citizens from the community, two active and one retired pension member. Pension Board Member and Village Treasurer Carmichael answered that they meet quarterly and she was not sure if the meetings are open to the public.

Judy asked when the pension deficit will be replaced. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the entire amount was understated in the budget. Mayor Towers asked her to submit her question in writing to the Pension Board.

Bernice Houston- Laura Lane requested that the name of the person responding to the questions from the audience be included with the response.

Frank Williams 216th Place- had a question for the chair of the Police Alliance Committee. Ms. Booker was not present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. July 26, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. August 2, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hanks

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams asked that whether or not Village committees need to publicize their meeting dates, post their agendas and submit their meeting minutes to the Village Clerk be added to the discussion of Committee Meeting Policies. There were no minutes from the Police Alliance Committee available to turn over to the new chair and very few from Parks and Recreation and Human Relations Commission. No minutes from the Police Alliance Committee have been turned in since its inception. Any committee listed on our agenda is a standing committee and therefore must follow this procedure.

VC Williams asked that all committee chairs submit their meeting days and times in writing so that this may be updated on the website and also encouraged all committee chairs to take a moment to review their website information and update as necessary.

Questions from the audience will be answered in writing when submitted in writing and given to the Village Clerk. Questions that are asked and answered at a Board meeting and also submitted in writing will only appear as part of the minutes of the meeting. Questions submitted in writing will be responded to in writing after the appropriate responses have been received from the elected official, department head or consultant.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board met last week. VT Carmichael stated that the Pension Board attorney stated that the Mayor's appointment for the Police and Firemen's Pension Board is fine and does not need Board approval. VA McGrath stated that appointments are by Mayoral appointment but Trustees have always had an active role in governing the municipality. It was stated that the opening should be posted giving the public an opportunity to apply.

C. Village Attorney – Mike McGrath- No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik confirmed that that he is in the process of preparing an application for repairs to 223rd Street. The estimated cost will be \$406,000.000 and will be paid by Federal funding and MFT. The application will be submitted to SSMMA for funding.

VE Czarnik stated that Robinson Engineering is celebrating their 75th anniversary next year and is showing appreciation by giving back to the community. Their goal is to conduct 75 community projects by providing

staff and supplies to complete the projects. Jim suggested a ditch cleanup project and is open to other suggestions.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that applications are now available for the Sauk Village Beauty Pageant. The Corn and Dog Roast will take place on September 10th. Volunteers are needed under Cortex Stewart's supervision for all activities. Registration for sign language continues this Friday and Saturday 10 am- 4 pm. The cost is \$25.00. Trustee Chavez thanked the Right Touch Barber Shop for hosting a Back to School event on August 14th. Baseball will also be available next year and there may be co-ed teams. Dodge ball continues at the Community Center on Wednesdays. Tables and chairs have been ordered for the Community Center. The Community Center is open 5 days a week. The Parks and Recreation Committee will stain the gazebo on Thursday. Concerns regarding repairs that are needed in the Community Center were discussed.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that Representative DeLuca's crime free housing bill was signed into law today. This bill allows non home rule communities to evict or remove problem tenants. Renters will be given this information when they sign the lease. This will be passed on to the Ordinance Review Committee to combine with the abatement and nuisance ordinances already in place. The Keep Your Home workshop will be taking place on Saturday, August 20th from 9 am – noon at Solutions Church in Matteson, IL. The workshop focuses on programs to help you save your home. Free on site assistance and possible loan modification may be available. The program is sponsored by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Chicago Community Trust. Volunteers are needed. Trustee Hanks reported that the free IECC 2009 Residential Energy Code Training will take place August 18th and 24th at SSMMA.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers will meet with the attorneys regarding the outdated ordinance #93-19 and the Parental Responsibility Ordinance that will place responsibility on the parents for the child's actions. Trustee Myers reported that the Ordinance Review Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that local businesses attended a Meet and Greet on Monday August 8th. Trustee Burgess stated that the event was very informative. Businesses were given a brief outline of how the Economic Development Committee would like to see Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the next step is to meet with the property owners to encourage them to step up to the plate. Surveys are being conducted with businesses and residents; results will be shared at a later date. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be the second Monday in September in the Village Hall at 7 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee met last week to discuss additional fundraisers to raise money for the fireworks. A trip to Horseshoe Casino is planned for September 5th. The \$35.00 cost includes free transportation, free buffet and \$10.00 in free play. Panda Express in Calumet City is offering 20% back to the community if you present a flyer when paying for your food on Saturday and Sunday August 27th and 28th. Flyers are now available. Cici's Pizza is also offering two dates with 10% back; dates to be determined. Trustee Williams thanked John Hinko for his \$30.00 donation to the fireworks fund.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis reported that several complaints came while the officers conducted foot patrol. Over 100 tickets were written. Seventy were for walking in the street and others included garbage detail and mini scooters. Chief Holevis stated that the Police Department has worked alongside Representative DeLuca on the crime free housing bill. Chief Holevis is continuing to work with Rep. DeLuca on a sex offender bill. Chief Holevis reported that the testing is completed and there are 39 eligible candidates.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to 8 calls from August 2nd through August 8th. Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department is hosting the Junior Fire Academy this week and

invited everyone to come by. The Fire Academy is sponsored by Prairie State College. There was no cost to the 35 children who are attending. The children ages 5-11 are learning about home safety, CPR, First Aid, etc...

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that lightening strikes on July 22nd and 27th resulted in damages to the communication system and the SCADA reader. DH Weller is working with VM Dieterich to get quotes and determine insurance coverage.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski reported that Hometown Gyros is moving to the old Al's and Nancy's spot. DH Jasinski did inform them of the past flooding issues. They are in the process of pulling permits and are looking to open September 3rd. Fire Department and Health inspections will be required. DH Jasinski stated that she is acting as the new FOIA Clerk. Lisa Gibbons will handle the Police Department FOIA's. They will also supply back up to each other.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao stated \$48,000.00 was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The audit is going well and should be completed by September 15th or sooner.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA answered 7 calls during the period of August 2nd and August 8th. DH Johnson cautioned everyone to be careful down Sauk Trail where the construction is taking place. Mayor Towers stated that a temporary office for the construction workers has been set up in the old antique shop.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported there will be no ceramics class August 10th due to illness. The next Blood Pressure Check co-sponsored by the Senior Committee and the PLAN will be held Wednesday, August 10th from 1 pm – 2pm in the Senior Center. Rose reported that 21 people attended the luncheon provided by the library and 8 stayed for the movie. The next Senior Movie will be Monday, August 12th at 1 pm. Morning Glory will be shown. Rose thanked Kevin Weller for his assistance with the Senior Center repairs.

Bloom Township has discontinued free senior rides. As of July 22nd this is only available seniors who have circuit breaker. The next Senior Committee meeting will be held Thursday, August 11th in the Senior Center at 5 pm. The committee is updating the Senior Center use policy. The table and chair configuration has been posted. The Spaghetti Dinner will take place October 22, 2011 with entertainment from the Morgan family. Rose stated that she was threatened. Rose gets directions from her committee and checks with Kevin Weller. The Board discussed the seriousness of the issue; this is what happens when you put private citizens in charge rather than elected officials or employees. Guidelines need to be put in place.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

J. Human Relations Commission- Absent

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance Abating a Tax for General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance abating a Tax for General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2007A, of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for July 27, 2011 through July August 2, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for July 27, 2011 through August 2, 2011.

Finance Director Rao's professional development expense and the Fire Department reimbursement for repairs were addressed.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Authorize Reimbursement transfer from Motor Fuel Tax Fund to General, Water and Sewer Funds- 2009 Day Labor- \$91, 239.41 (General Fund \$45,870.31, Water Fund \$22,684.55 and Sewer Fund \$22,684.55)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to Authorize Reimbursement transfer from Motor Fuel Tax Fund as stated above. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve the Appointment of a New Member to the Police and Fire Pension Board.

Tabled until after Executive session.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due the last Friday in August. Trustee Williams also reported that there will be a Back to School Giveaway co-sponsored by the library and KJones Tutoring on Saturday August 27th from 11 am – 2pm. Free food, school starter kits and haircuts will be provided. Registration will also take place for homework tutoring. Flyers are available for free line dancing classes in Homewood.

The VISTA office is still not cleaned out. The T shirts that were left behind should be donated to a back to school event.

Trustee Hanks reported that the Lion's Club Eye Bus will be at St. James Church for children under 6 years old on September 10th from 8 am – 2pm. Trustee Hanks thanked everyone for their condolences.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session for the matters listed above with action to be taken.

The motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

12. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene for adjournment.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess .

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting was reconvened at 9:36 pm.

C. Motion to Approve the Appointment of a New Member to the Police and Fire Pension Board.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to appoint Andrea Boyd to the Police and Fire Pension Board. There was no motion.

Motion failed

Trustee Williams asked if Mayor Towers will appoint Ms. Boyd. Mayor Towers responded there would be no appointment.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, AUGUST 16, 2011

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Public Comment and Questions-

A. *Comments and questions on any topic. Questions can also be submitted in writing and will be responded to within a reasonable amount of time.

Pat Couch stated that a citizen should not be able to join the Police and Fire Pension Board due to the sensitive information that will be accessible. Mayor Towers stated that he has received approval from the legal department.

Rose Langston stated that she hopes that the Board will not micromanage the Senior Committee and mentioned that the group listed in item #3 has not attended any of the Senior Committee meetings in the past few months. Rose stated that the Senior Committee is a liaison of all three senior groups and not a dictatorship. They oversee the building and service all seniors. Rose stated asked that the responsibility of the chair be explained. It was also clarified that Leisure Timers is a recognized senior group.

Mayor Towers explained that the chair is responsible for everything that goes on with the senior groups and does come through the Board to put the By Laws together for the Senior Committee, not the individual groups.

Jay stated that the he called the Police Department about a break in at his home that happened on Sunday evening. The police did look for viable prints. Jay found something in the backyard and called dispatch but he has not heard anything yet. Jay was asked to see Interim Chief Holevis.

Paulette Meeks- 200th Street- Lynwood stated that the third group, the Fun Club, does not exist and has not existed for some time. She would like to join. Rose stated that the group is revamping. Mayor Towers asked Rose to provide the information.

Larry Stewart- Gailine Avenue- stated that the issues with the seniors need to be addressed and end here. Larry also stated from past minutes that stated that the boxing program was closed by the Parks and Recreation Committee due to the lack of insurance and that the committee will insure that insurance will be needed for all programs in the Community Center. (The boxing program had insurance but was still closed down.)

Francine Anderson- 216th Place- asked if Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams knew that the MFT draw was not done in 2009. This question is slightly different than a question asked in a previous meeting. Trustees Hanks, Burgess and Williams stated “ No”. The 2009 reimbursement would have been done under Ex- Chief of Staff Corley’s employment in 2010. Ms. Corley failed to take the

reimbursement. The 2010 reimbursement was taken in 2011 when Interim Village Manager Dieterich came on board and was then asked to check into 2009.

Village Clerk Williams stated that questions asked and answered at a Board meeting will not also be answered in writing. Village Clerk Williams asked the Board to clarify that is the policy the Board has decided. Mayor Towers stated that is the policy agreed to by the Board. All questions should be stated at one time within the 3 minutes and then responded to by the Board.

Bernice Houston- Deer Creek Estates- stated that people are asking questions and not getting answers. What's going on with the water? Why isn't the Board telling the residents about contamination in wells 1 and 2? Why are we spending money on the wells? Why aren't we applying for Lake Michigan water from Chicago Heights?

Bernice asked what area the Police did foot patrol, how long were they in there, where they are going next and when are they coming in her neighborhood? Why isn't the Village going after Section 8 landlords? Why aren't the Section 8 people being cited?

Trustees Burgess and Hanks stated that you cannot ask if anyone is Section 8 but there is a nuisance abatement law that refers to 3 incidents at one home. There is no code department right now to address these problems. The Crime Free Housing Bill will help to go after homeowners.

Chief Holevis stated that he previously announced several details of the foot patrol that took place 8/8-8/11 for a couple of hours apiece on the north side of Sauk Trail and Peterson/Jeffrey Avenue areas where over 100 tickets were issued; 70 were for walking in the street. The department will not tell where they will be next.

Trustee Williams stated that another water forum needs to be set up to inform the residents things like we may not qualify for Lake Michigan water due to the leaks we have and to discuss the fact that Chicago water has issues, too. This needs to be addressed in a forum setting with the Village Engineer and DH Weller prepared to respond to questions.

Bernice Houston asked why the taxpayers need insurance to use the Community Center, Senior Center and the Police Department. Trustee Chavez stated that the minutes of 4/15/08 states that the Parks and Recreation rental policy states that no organization can piggyback off of the Village's insurance; they must have their own. A community group is an organization.

Nathan Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- stated that the street lights are still out on Carol Avenue and holes have not been filled in by two water main breaks creating unsafe conditions. The public is requesting that these items be addressed. DH Weller stated that the street lights and filling in the holes is on the list of work that needs to be done. The department is short handed and addresses emergencies and priorities first. Landscaping, grass cutting, water main breaks, etc... are prioritized by age.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- Frank Williams thanked Trustee Chavez for his help with the Right Touch Barbershop back to School event. Frank stated that we have no politicians backing us to help us get the water. We will get Chicago water from other communities and they have the right to charge us what they want to tie into their water. Frank also stated that people need to sign a complaint with the Police Department.

Marva Pruitt- Lincoln Meadows- stated that the gazebo looks very nice thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Marva stated that it is difficult to communicate with the community. Marva asked if there is a way to get forms for Village services on the internet.

Terry Parham reported that people have given her the names of three people who broke into her house. Terry gave the names to the police. They came out but said they cannot do anything about it. Trustee Benson stated that the Police Department can pick people up and maybe put them in a line up. The Police Department needs to be investigated for saying that there is nothing they can do. Interim Chief Holevis stated that someone has to come forward and identify them. The police need evidence and probable cause in order to speak to anyone. Terry said that they are afraid to come forward. Trustee Williams agreed that people are afraid of retaliation. Many times the problem is with repeat offenders that get arrested and the court lets them back out. Chief Holevis challenged Trustee Benson to show evidence where any police officer did any crime in the Village and asked Mayor Towers to give Trustee Benson some type of discipline for making those comments about the Police Department.

John Hinko- 216th Place- stated that Mayor Towers stated that the Chief's hands are not tied. How are they not tied when he is a union man directing union men. John stated that residents should set up a meeting to discuss these problems with Chief Holevis. Trustee Williams clarified that as an Interim Chief he is still a union man who cannot tell on a union brother. He needs to be taken out of the union as a sergeant or he could be brought up on union charges.

Lynda Washington- stated that people need to sign complaints. Lynda tried to set up block clubs to walk the neighborhoods and the group cannot meet in any Village buildings to talk to the residents about what is going on in the Village.

3. Leisure Timers Senior Club- Lester Meeks/ Joanne Rhein

The President and the Vice President of the Leisure Timers Club addressed the Board regarding problems with the newly appointed chair of the Senior Club. Lester read a letter detailing issues from closet space, an issue with a ladder, the non existence of a third club that he would like to join, moving ceramics out of the office and other accusations. The chair is communicating information through other members rather than come directly to him. Recently she came to a meeting with a bodyguard she said she was appointed by the Mayor because she was threatened. The bodyguard asked for all of the keys. Lester refused. Lester asked to meet with her after the meeting. She did not stay behind. Lester found out that no bodyguard had been appointed. The Leisure Timers Club is not dysfunctional; they care about each other. They meet for fellowship and want to continue doing so. The atmosphere that has been created needs to stop. The Leisure Timers wants to ban her from the club. Lester asked that the Board address removing her as the chair. There has always been a Trustee as chair, not another senior member. Other members of the Leisure Timers spoke about issues they have had with the new chair. One member quit after 30 years.

Trustee Williams suggested that all keys should be turned in except for the chair. Everyone should access the buildings by getting the key from the Police Department. Trustee Williams stated that the Board does not like to micromanage committees but now that the issue has been brought to the Board's attention it will be addressed. This is part of the problem with non elected officials chairing a committee.

Trustee Burgess suggested meeting with the chair and the Leisure Timers Group to address these issues. Trustee Benson also offered to meet with them. Mayor Towers agreed that the group should meet with the Trustees. This item will be included on the next Committee meeting.

4. Police Department Vehicle Proposal- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis stated that the majority of the police fleet has over 100,000 miles on them. They need to be replaced not repaired. There have been no new vehicles since 2008. Chief Holevis is requesting a new 4X4. The Police Department is the only department that does not have a 4X4 when they are the first responder. New cars have been included in past budgets but funds were not available. Chief Holevis provided proposals for approximately \$27,000.00. Older vehicles can be sold at auction. Additional equipment could cost approximately \$2,500- \$3,000.00. Mayor Towers stated that Dick Dieterich and Finance Director Rao will investigate if any CN or TIF funds can be used.

5. Police Department Personnel- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis stated that the Police and Fire Commission have listed 39 candidates. The department is down 5 officers making it hard to operate. There have been complaints about overtime even though the department is at an all time low. Chief Holevis suggested that the Board look into hiring several officers.

6. Water Department Lightening Damage- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

DH Weller presented a quote for replacing the SCADA computer system that was damaged by lightening. The cost would be a minimum of \$75,000.00. The insurance may pick up \$30,000.00- \$40,000.00. This system is needed to be alerted to emergencies. Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that this needs to be done and water and sewer funds are available.

7. TIF #2 AND TIF #3- Draw #82- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich reported that he is preparing a list of outstanding TIF invoices for TIF #2 and TIF #3. The Village attorneys are reviewing past TIF draws to verify validity. VM Dieterich will present the draw next week for approval. TIF draw #81 and #82 may have to be rescinded. Trustee Burgess questioned expenses for 2011 and requested copies of the invoices.

8. Review Draft Ordinance Regarding Committee Meeting Policies- Trustee Myers

Mayor Towers and the Board of Trustees reviewed the draft ordinance regarding Committee Meeting policies. Trustee Myers reported that he met with the attorneys, checked past minutes and spoke with the Trustees in order to present the draft ordinance that will amend Chapter 35. The minutes of 10/08/08 states that the Parks and Recreation Committee assumes all responsibility of the Community Center as of November 1, 2008. Trustee Chavez would like to add that all keys should be picked up at the Community Center. Fees waivers should be approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Village sanctioned committees and certain other Village Board approved organizations do not have to pay for rental of the center. Trustee Chavez will present this draft to the Parks and Recreation Committee and bring any changes to Trustee Myers. This item will be placed on the next Committee meeting in three weeks.

9. Review Parental Responsibility Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the new state law that was passed will put teeth in the new Parental Responsibility Ordinance that will makes parents fully responsible. The Village attorney suggested replacing the old ordinance with this ordinance. One concern was truancy; how are children affected that are home schooled, go to school out of town or who are out sick.

10. Appointment to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that the position on the Police and Firemen's Pension Board needs to be filled. Ms. Boyd is still interested. Mayor Towers announced the opening and stated that all applications will be reviewed.

11. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Benson questioned why recent legal documents state President instead of Mayor. Trustee Benson wants all documents changed to state Mayor.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due next Friday.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Keep Your Home workshop will be taking place on Saturday, August 20th from 9 am – noon at Solutions Church in Matteson, IL. Some documents are needed. The workshop is in English and Spanish. Trustee Hanks reported that the free IECC 2009 Residential Energy Code Training will take place August 18th and 23rd and a ½ day on August 24th at SSMMA.

Trustee Burgess asked for an update on bids to mow vacant homes. Bids are due next Friday.

Trustee Chavez thanked Right Touch Barber Shop for the Back to School Event. The T-shirts left behind from VISTA were passed out at the event. Trustee Chavez stated that the Corn and Dog Roast will be on September 10th. Beauty Pageant applications are due August 21st and a meeting is scheduled with parents in August 25th. The phone number for sign language registration is 773/441-8841. Contact name is Donald Bester.

Trustee Myers stated that he may have to cancel tomorrow's Ordinance Review Committee meeting.

12. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 © (1) (2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session for the matters listed above.

The motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:13 pm.

13. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene for adjournment.

The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

The meeting was reconvened at 10:54 pm.

14. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Please note that residents may speak on any topic of concern. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. Questions presented verbally at the meeting will not be addressed in writing but will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER AUGUST 23, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (entered the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm)

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Questions may also be in written form and will be answered within 5 business days. Responses requiring further research of outside counsel or consultants may take additional time.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street-

What kind of support will the Police Department offer the person appointed in item 9B?

Sgt. Sailsbery stated that the Police and Pension Board members will work with anyone the Mayor appoints to the Pension Fund Board.

Mayor Towers directed Ms. Anderson to meet with Sgt. Sailsbery for any additional information needed. Sgt. Salisbery stated that she is available Monday- Friday.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. August 9, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. August 16, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams clarified the new system being used for questions from the audience. Questions from the audience at Regular Board meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesday) must pertain to agenda items only. Questions from the audience at Committee meetings (1st and 3rd Tuesday) can pertain to any topic.

Questions can also be submitted in writing and they will be answered at the next meeting. All questions from the audience have been answered as of this date. All FOIA requests have also been answered as of this date. Residents were asked to see the Clerk if there are any unanswered questions. There has been duplication in questions from the audience and the many FOIA requests that have caused confusion. Every attempt is being made to answer these inquiries in a timely manner. Some requests require outside consultants to respond.

VC Williams stated that there will be no meeting on Tuesday, August 30th (fifth Tuesday). The next Committee meeting will be held on September 6, 2011 at 7pm in the Municipal Center.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

C. Village Attorney – Mike McGrath- No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that a field inspection will take place on August 24th to discuss options for the railroad Quiet Zone study. VE Czarnik stated that bid requests will go out next Friday for sidewalk repairs. State funding will be used for these repairs. There will be no cost to the Village for these repairs.

E. Mayor’s Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers read a letter from School District #168 Superintendent Travaglini stating that a crossing guard will no longer be present at the corner of Orion Avenue and Sauk Trail. School District #168 provides free bus service to students who cross Orion Avenue and Sauk Trail. Mayor Towers stated that the Village agreed to discontinue the expense of crossing guards. Mayor Towers also spoke with Supt. Travaglini regarding 223rd and Torrence Avenue. Child crossing guards will be used at this corner. This item may be revisited at another time.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, August 25th at 6 pm.

The Corn and Dog Roast and rental policy revisions will be discussed. The committee will hold a pageant meeting at 6:30 pm. Trustee Chavez thanked Behr Paint for donating the stain for the gazebo and all of the volunteers and Kevin Weller for their help. Trustee Chavez thanked Ida, Angelica, Katherine and Robert Chavez, Jr, Barb Dorman, Amanda Vevers, Nancy Baker, Angel and Vanessa Moran, Jeff and Jessica Morden, Larry and Cortez Stewart and Diego, Jackie and Rachel Scott and Johnny, Justice and Thurman, Jr. from the Community Center.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that Crime Free Housing Bill information was passed over to the Ordinance Review Committee for review.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the committee forwarded their suggestions regarding the rental of the Community Center to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their review and input. This will be presented to the Village Attorneys for final review before coming before the Board. Trustee Myers stated that the Parent Responsibility Ordinance was reviewed and passed to the Police Department for further review. Trustee Myers stated that an amendment is being presented tonight to change the requirements and fees for garage sales. Garage sales can take place for three consecutive days, three times in a calendar year. A fine will be imposed if all signs are not removed in three days after the event.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held the second Monday in September in the Village Hall at 7 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, August 26th. The Public Relations Committee is still looking for people who would like to attend the Horseshoe Casino fundraiser on September 5th. A fundraiser will also be held at Panda Express in Calumet City. Panda Express is offering 20% back to the community if you present a flyer when paying for your food on Saturday and Sunday August 27th and 28th. Flyers are now available.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Sgt. Sailsbery

Sgt. Sailsbery apologized for being unable to personally contact the Mayor and all Board members regarding last night's incident. Sgt. Sailsbery brought in several bats and golf clubs used in last night's several disturbances. Two juveniles were arrested and charged with aggravated battery (felonies). Other tickets included an obstruction, drug charge, towed vehicle, walking in the street. Sauk Village had a full house and turned some arrestees over to Lynwood and Cook County who were called to assist. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that from August 9th to present there were an additional 61 adult arrests, six juvenile arrests, two juvenile arrests for residential burglary (arrests were made by Officers Luke and Blair Morris) and 3 loaded guns, 800 lbs of cannabis and \$3,000.00 were seized. There is a projected \$19,600 to be raised in the tow fund due to the 161 traffic arrests during that time frame. Sgt. Sailsbery also reported 81 P tickets were issued- walking in the street (other than last night).

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to 10 calls from August 16th through August 22nd. Chief Stoffregen reported that due to the Village's inability to pay the yearly maintenance fee of \$56,000.00 for the New World System the 911 Board agreed to make a payment to subsidize this fee. Chief Stoffregen stated that the 911 Board agreed to write a check to the Village in the amount of \$45,000, leaving a balance of \$767.94 in the 911 account. Chief Stoffregen stated that Village Manager Dieterich and Finance Director Rao are aware that the 911 Account will now be unable to make the 2007 B bond payment of \$68,000 and are also aware of the upcoming Narrow Band compliance mandated by the FCC

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported the final branch pick up starts Monday, September 5th and ends on September 16th. All branches must be out by September 11th. Landscaping and pothole repairs are continuing.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported the accounts approved by the Board for closing are in the process of being closing. The audit will be completed soon; one actuarial report is outstanding. FD Rao stated that money will need to be borrowed from the water to pay Accounts Payable.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted in 8 calls during the period of August 16th and August 22nd.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the Senior Committee policy is complete except for the issue of key cards. This Senior Center rental policy will be presented to the Board for review. The next Blood Pressure Check co-sponsored by the Senior Committee and the PLAN will be held Wednesday, August 24th from 1 pm – 2pm in the Senior Center. The Bloom Township cookbook deadline for recipe submission is September 9th; name and town should be included. Proceeds benefit the Township food pantry. The Township Senior Community lunch program kicks off Tuesday, October 15th; tickets must be purchased the Friday before the luncheon. Flu shots are scheduled Monday

through Wednesday, October 24th – 26th from 9 am – 2 pm; call for an appointment. Bloom Township and Age Options are co-sponsoring six classes on “Take Charge of Your Diabetes” on August 25th – September 9th from 9am – 11:30 am. South Suburban Senior Services is holding a training program to update seniors on available benefits on Friday, September 2nd. Blue Grass will not meet on Sunday, September 4th. Rose stated that false allegations were made last Tuesday and she is disappointed in the Board who has instructed her to contact the individual but also allowed two Board members to allow the false accusations to continue.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

Mayor Towers stated that in Ms. Booker’s absence, due to an emergency, he was asked to read a letter from resident Bernadette Hopkins commending Police Officer Torres. Ms. Hopkins stated that Officer Torres diffused a crowd of individuals and stayed in the area until they completely disbanded and followed up with her after the incident. Mayor Towers commended Officer Torres and the Police Department for the tremendous job they do for the Village. Mayor Towers awarded Officer Torres with a Certificate of Appreciation as Officer of the Month.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Motion to Amend Unified Development Code Section 11.3- C4 Relating to Temporary Use- Garage Sales

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend Unified Code Section 11.3- C4 Relating to Temporary Use – Garage Sales.

Trustee Myers stated that no signs may be posted on public property.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for August 10, 2011 through July August 23, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for August 10, 2011 through August 23, 2011.

For the record- \$100,000.00 will be borrowed from the Water/Sewer Fund for this Accounts Payable.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the Appointment of New Member to the Police and Fire Commission

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the agenda to approve the appointment of a new member to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board not Police and Fire Commission. The motion to amend the agenda was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Boyd as a new member to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board.

Trustee Chavez asked if the other individual that presented a resume will be discussed in executive session. Mayor Towers stated that the resume was just recently received and he is aware of it.

There was no motion.

Mayor Towers made the appointment of Andrea Boyd as a new member of the Police and Firemen's Pension Board.

For the record:

Board members were asked to provide other candidates and the additional candidate is not being recognized by Mayor Towers. The original appointment brought to the table by the Mayor has been appointed without the consent and approval of the Board. Mayor Towers stated that even though there is another applicant he can still make a temporary appoint of Andrea Boyd. Ms. Boyd will be presented to the Board at a later date.

C. Motion to rescind Resolutions #11-04 and #11-17 (TIF Draws 80 and 81)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to rescind Resolutions #11-04 and #11-17.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that the language was changed as was discussed in a memo and at the Committee meeting last week.

The motion to rescind the resolutions was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. Motion to Approve TIF 2 & TIF 3 Draw #82 - \$38,481.76

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve TIF #2 and TIF #3 Draw #82- \$38,481.76.

The motion to approve TIF Draw # 82 was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Board members asked if Andrea Boyd will be required to do a background check due to the sensitive nature of the information provided on the Pension Board. Mayor Towers stated that the Pension Board handles everything on their own. Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor and Village Clerk received the information from the additional applicant by email two days ago.

Trustee Chavez commended the Police Department on the great job last night and Gary Holcomb for providing additional information. Trustee Chavez invited everyone to the Corn and Dog Roast September 10th. Volunteers are needed for the Corn and Dog Roast and the Community Center.

Trustee Myers asked if there is a certain person seniors can call when they are verbally harassed. Sgt. Sailsbery asked that those calls be directed to her.

Trustee Myers reported a problem with mini bikes in his area. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that some mini bikes are legal; others are not.

Sgt. Sailsbery reported that Officer Scott Langhan broke his hand while detaining a suspect and will be out 6-8 weeks. The department is down 6 officers; three out on extended leave.

Trustee Burgess stated that it is comforting to know that outside agencies, including helicopters, will respond so quickly when needed. Sgt. Sailsbery stated that officers can go on a specific radio band shared by all communities to ask for assistance. Cook County and Lynwood are aggressive in assisting Sauk Village.

Sgt. Sailsbery stated that the parents at three of the houses involved were instrumental in keeping the incident going. The Crime Free Housing bill will be instrumental in shutting down particular properties.

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, August 26th. Trustee Williams asked that the comment and questions section be addressed in the Sauk Talk to make more residents aware of it. Trustee Williams asked if there are provisions for one person asking the same type of questions and asked if FOIA fees are being paid. Mayor Towers stated that will be addressed at the next Committee meeting. No fees are being waived at this time.

Trustee Williams thanked the Police Alliance Committee for the Officer of the Month award and would like to see it continue. Trustee Williams commended the Police Department in general and specifically for the information and reports that continue to be provided at Board meetings.

Trustee Chavez asked if there is a fire regulation of how many people can be on one property. There is no such requirement.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

12. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **SEPTEMBER 6, 2011.**

1.Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Towers Mayor Pro Tem Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Public Comment and Questions-

A. *Comments and questions on any topic. Questions can also be submitted in writing and will be responded to within a reasonable amount of time.

Rose Langston-Rose stated Senior Monday Movie is cancelled for September due to the library being closed due to recent break ins. Free blood pressure screenings for adults (and employees) 50+ on Wednesday, September 7th in the Senior Center.

Bernice Houston- Bernice stated that the replies to her FOIA requests and written questions are vague, incomplete and not signed by the person responding.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that all municipalities have been inundated with FOIA requests that take staff away from their daily jobs. Smaller municipalities have limited staff and limited resources. A list of FOIA requests will be displayed in the hallway.

Bernice asked why a water issue is on the agenda when the Board previously rejected the idea of a water committee and what are the Police going to do with the civil unrest and kids in the street.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that it was stated in past meetings that Town Hall meetings needed to be scheduled to discuss the water issue before the water referendum appears on the next General Election ballot. Setting the date for the first meeting will get things started.

Judy Cast- Judy announced that the PLAN Group will sponsor a Meet and Greet on Friday, September 16th, 7pm- 9pm in the Police Station. A possible Police Academy will be among the discussion. Judy asked if the Village incurs charges when FOIA requests need response from the Village Attorney.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that fees are incurred if they must respond to FOIA's or written questions from the audience.

Larry Stewart- Larry asked if the Parental Responsibility Ordinance and Crime Free Housing Ordinances have gone through and how will the people be notified. Larry stated that he is distraught that the Senior Committee is being micromanaged.

Trustee Myers stated that a Parental Responsibility Ordinance is on the books and is in the process of being revamped. This issue will be discussed later on in the agenda. The Crime Free Housing Ordinance is also up for discussion later in the agenda; both are under review with the Chief of Police, Village Attorneys, the Ordinance Review Committee and the Board. Interim Chief Holevis stated that some

landlords are already on board with Crime Free Housing on a voluntary basis. The Ordinances will be placed on the website, Sauk Talk and library. The September Sauk Talk has a summary of recently passed ordinances. Trustee Williams suggested that a summary of ordinances passed since May of 2009 be mailed to each home. Village Clerk Williams stated that the codebook was last recodified in 2003. Updating the ordinances from 2004- 2011 will be done manually; 2011 is already on the website www.saukvillage.org.

Andre Smith- Cynthia Avenue

Andre stated that a dead body was found in an abandoned home (pictures of 21645 Cynthia Avenue were provided). He called the bank that owns the property and they said the Village is responsible. Abandoned homes should be boarded up; they are a safety hazard.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that this issue will be directed to Interim Village Manager to investigate if Rich Construction is back on board with board ups and to take care of this home. Trustee Myers stated that the issue with Rich Construction has been resolved. Chief Holevis stated that the Police Department is charged for the board up until liens are satisfied. Village Attorney McGrath stated that he will review the Village ordinances. It is the bank's responsibility to maintain the property. Trustee Myers stated that liens can be placed on these vacant homes; action needs to be taken.

James O'Brien stated that the walking in the streets ordinance was passed; people should not have to tolerate kids walking in the street and kicking cars. James also stated that it did not make sense that the Mayor read a letter last week from the School District that addressed getting rid of the crossing guards at certain intersections.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the walking in the street ordinance is in effect and tickets have been issued. A report was made at the last Board meeting that detail tickets that have been written. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks also stated that the crossing guards are paid proportionally by the Village and School District 168. The Police Department is in charge of the crossing guards.

Ed Shankel- Ed stated that the Board needs to speak up until a sound system is installed. Ed agreed that the vacant houses should be boarded up; it looks better with chicken wire not boards. The house by the library looks bad boarded up with boards.

Ms. MacKenzie- Carol Avenue-stated that there are two vacant homes on her block. The corner house was broken into and the TV from that home was found in the closet of one of the vacant homes. Ms. MacKenzie stated that boards should be used; chicken wire can be torn down.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the Board agrees to get these houses secured and place liens on properties.

Bernice Campbell- Olivia Avenue- Bernice stated that ordinance needs to be enforced that states that garbage cans cannot be visible from the street. There are instances of garbage stacking up that are visible and a health hazard. Bernice stated that the police routes should include covering the school when they get out. The kids are not safe getting on or off of the buses.

Trustee Burgess stated that the department that enforces ordinances is no longer in place. The budget process will be starting soon and bringing the Code Enforcement Department back will be discussed. Bernice suggested that the police should write the tickets while on their route.

Loretta Rogers- Gailine Avenue- Loretta stated that she lives adjacent to the area where the altercation took place recently with fighting, bats, sticks and helicopters. What are the Village leaders going to do to help take our town back? Loretta asked if the landlords are responsible for their tenants keeping their children in order.

Trustee Burgess stated that new laws on the books have increased arrests 300%. Fines and arrests are occurring. Back up was called from surrounding areas to bring order back to the streets on that incident and will be called up again if needed. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that Crime Free Housing was recently passed by the State and the local ordinance will allow the Village to evict when there are problems. The current Nuisance Abatement Ordinance takes too long. Trustee Williams stated that people have to sign a complaint. Residents need to storm Markham Courthouse and tell them not to dismiss these kids when they come to court. Trustee Williams stated that the police officers are often dealing with many different altercations at one time. Trustee Williams suggested Ms. Rogers speak with the Police Alliance Committee Chair.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- Frank asked how many men are willing to stand up and meet to talk about working with the kids. Frank stated that Interim Chief Holevis needs to be made Chief. As a union member he can't dictate to fellow union members.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- Francine stated that she will speak with anyone who has any questions about her leadership of the Police Alliance Committee after the meeting. Francine asked if it was legal not to vote to approve a Mayor Pro Tem.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that it is acceptable to have a Chair at a Committee without voting but not at a Regular Board meeting where action is taken.

Linda Osley- Clyde Avenue- Linda stated that big kids are playing in Clyde Park and that keeps the smaller kids out.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will look into it. Trustee Chavez stated that the bigger kids cannot be removed unless there is a criminal act being committed.

Cortez Stewart- Cortez stated that he is the only Community Center volunteer. Cortez is there Monday through Friday and Sunday. Adults are role models for the kids. Do something- volunteer!

Keyshawn – Gailine Avenue- stated that he is 18 yrs old and knows and hangs out with kids from both sides but he is very involved in sports and school. He is concerned about his community and family. Keyshawn stated that the police don't do anything. They try to diffuse it and leave and it starts right back up. Keyshawn stated that the adults have to help these teens.

Trustee Burgess commended Keyshawn for his statement and stated that how kids behave starts at home and it is clear that he is not part of the problem. Trustee Chavez offered to take him Monday, Wednesday and Friday to a sporting session in South Chicago Heights.

Nancy Baker- Nancy suggested turning Clyde Park into a "tot park"- no big kids allowed.

Trustee Chavez asked Nancy to bring that up at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Aretha Burns- Aretha stated that parents need to patrol the bus stops and take their kids to the park. Aretha stated that block clubs are important to take control of the neighborhoods. Get to know your

neighbors and form Parent Clubs/ Father Clubs.

Trustee Williams thanked Aretha for stepping up and referred her to Lynda Washington who is trying to establish block clubs. More people are coming forward then ever before.

3. Excessive FOIA's, Fee Waiver Requests/ Questions from the Audience- Mayor Towers

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Village Clerk Williams to discuss this item in the Mayor's absence. VC Williams stated that Mayor Towers is alerting the Board to the excessive amount of FOIA requests and written questions from the audience. There have been 48 FOIA requests since June 13th, 39 were from one resident who is requesting fee waivers. Mayor Towers wants the Board to establish a policy for FOIA request fee waivers or reductions. The law states that the first 50 pages are free and the charge is \$.15 per page after that. VC Williams stated that FOIA's, questions from the audience and written question from the audience are often redundant, vague and difficult to understand. VC Williams stated that Mayor Towers also agrees that the "put your questions in writing" has also become very excessive and would prefer that all questions from the audience be directed to the Mayor. All questions should be answered by the Mayor or his designee at that time. If further research is needed or the required designee is not available the resident should be directed to the appropriate person to contact, asked to complete a FOIA request or the request will be turned over to the designee by the Mayor or the Clerk. All FOIA requests are logged in by the FOIA Clerk and must be answered in a certain amount of time. A FOIA request is intended to request documents that already exist and no research is required.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that questions from the audience at Regular Board meetings should continue to pertain to agenda items only. This is a business meeting called for action items and should be one hour or less. Committee meetings are longer due to the need to discuss the agenda items in detail before action will be taken. Trustee Williams stated that department heads are not present during questions from the audience on Committee meetings. Trustee Hanks stated that it is the responsibility of the Mayor to direct all questions to the department head after the meeting. Trustee Chavez liked the format of the Clerk asking the questions and getting the answers at that time.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Clerk can poll the Trustees to inquire if fees should be reduced or waived. The majority will set the policy.

Resident Francine Anderson was the only resident to hand in written questions. These questions were answered at this time.

1) What is the SCADA system that the water department wants to replace?

(This has been discussed in previous meetings and is in the minutes from those meetings.)

The SCADA system is used for water readings and alarms for the water system. **The SCADA system was damaged by lightening and must be replaced. Per Kevin Weller**

2) How many Village residents sit in on the Parks and Recreation Committee? **8 Per Trustee Chavez**

3) What local newspapers to the Village put articles in to notify residents of meetings that call for public participation? **None (P.S. except in the case of Special called meetings or hearings. The NWI Times, Southtown Star and Southland Voice can be notified.)**

4) Will there be any public participation in the hiring of the new Village Manager? **No**

5) How many lawsuits is the Village currently defending itself? Just a number please. **Under 5 per Village Attorney McGrath.**

Village Attorney Mc Grath left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

4. Village Manager Selection Process- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that sixteen applications have been received for the position of Village Manager. The deadline is September 9, 2011. The Board instructed Interim Village Manager Dieterich to review the resumes and select the top 5 for Board consideration.

5. Budget Review Process- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Manager Dieterich stated that the 2011-2012 Budget is in the final stage of preparation and requested that the Board set a date to review the budget with the department heads. The Board agreed to schedule a special meeting to review the budget on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 12:00 pm pending Mayor Tower's approval.

6. Replacement of the Water Department SCADA System- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager stated that an insurance claim has been filed for the replacement of the SCADA system due to lightening damage. It is not know how much of the \$75,583.00 will be covered by insurance. The SCADA system was included in the Public Works budget for this year and this must be done now. The Water Department account has a balance of \$450,000.00 as of September 1st. This item will appear on the next agenda for approval.

7. Motion to Re-establish K-9 and Drug Seizure Accounts- Finance Director Rao

Finance Director Rao requested re-establishing the K-9 and Drug Seizure accounts that were closed due to litigation. This item will appear on the next agenda for approval. Finance Director Rao stated that checks that will be used to open these accounts will be appear on the next Accounts Payable.

8. Leisure Timers Senior Club- Lester Meeks- Lester updated the Board on issues with the Senior Center and the Senior Center Director. Mayor Pro Tem stated that discussions regarding personnel would have to be moved to closed session. Lester reported on a meeting that was held on Tuesday, August 30th with Trustees Hanks and Burgess and representatives of the Sunshiner's Club, Leisure Timers Club, Blue Grass, VFW and the ceramics class. Various issues were addressed and discussed; a few issues were resolved. It was agreed to move on and alert Trustees Burgess and Hanks if there are any future problems. Lester asked for the respect and support of the Senior Director. Trustee Myers asked Trustees Burgess and Hanks how they felt the meeting went. It was agreed that they listened to their concerns and tried to diffuse the situation. Everyone must work with the director and the Trustees will also work with them. Space is an issue; cabinets are needed for ceramics. We need to move forward. Key pads for the seniors were discussed.

9. Beautification Committee- Marva Pruitt

Marva introduced a couple of committee members in the audience and discussed the fall activity planned for Saturday, October 1st at 9 am. The Beautification Committee would like to focus on the four focal signs in the Village and to decorate the Village Hall and stabilize the outside for winter.

The committee would also like to:

Develop strategic dates for events.

Develop a Community Garden in spring 2012 partnering with the Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation and the University of Illinois Horticultural extension program.

Propose an Adopt a Sign Campaign- ask local garden centers to donate flowers for the four focal signs.

Be placed on the next Board agenda to present the Hootsie Awards.

Marva will present a full proposal after receiving feedback from the Board. Trustee Burgess provided input on donation possibilities. The Board thanked the committee and agreed that the Committee should proceed.

10. Police Vehicle Request-Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Police Chief Holevis stated there is no word whether CN funds can be used for the purchase of the 4X4 for the Police Department. Finance Director Rao and Interim Village Manager Dieterich agreed that the purchase of the Ford Expedition XL can be made from the Tow Fund at a cost of approximately \$27,500.00.. The additional equipment and installation will cost approximately \$3,000.00- \$4,000.00. This item will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

11. Review Ordinance pertaining to Facility Rental- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the amendment to the ordinance pertaining to facility rental is in the final review stage and should be presented to the Board in the near future.

12. Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Lake Michigan Water- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams suggested setting up quarterly Town Hall meetings starting the first or second week in November pending Mayor Towers' approval to discuss Lake Michigan water. The Town Hall meetings will provide information to educate residents on the options available before the Lake Michigan water referendum is placed on the ballot in the next General Election. Trustee Hanks suggested an expo of companies who provide alternatives like in home water softeners to offer another option to the residents.

13. Review Parental Responsibility Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Parental Responsibility Ordinance is in the final review stage and should be presented to the Board in the near future.

14. Public Relations Committee Fireworks Financial Update- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that there have been several fundraisers held to raise the funds for the 2011 fireworks display. Trustee Williams stated that \$5,000.00 has been paid to 5 Alarm Fireworks and there is a \$3,000.00 balance due to low participation in the fundraisers. Trustee Williams stated that she may ask the Board in the near future to pay off the balance using Winpak funds. Fundraising will continue to repay the fireworks payment and the upcoming Student Government Day event. Trustee Williams stated

that these were budgeted items in the past. Since the budget cutbacks of 2009, the Public Relations Committee has to fundraise in order to continue these events and now produces the Sauk Talk in house and does not mail them.

15. Circus Event- Trustee Robert Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that the circus is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. The circus will pay a rental fee and 20% of ticket sales for the use of the park. The Village needs to supply water. Trustee Chavez stated that he met with Fire Chief Stoffregen and Trustee Myers about doing the inspection of the 120' X 120' tent. The circus will supply the security and staff. Trustee Chavez also spoke with Police Chief Holevis, ESDA and Public Works about additional staff and water lines. The certificate of insurance has been received. Fire Chief Stoffregen asked who will pay for the firemen for fire watch and Bud's Ambulance. Trustee Chavez stated that those costs will be paid with the ticket proceeds. Bud's Ambulance will be contacted to get the price of an additional ambulance, if needed, besides the designated ambulance that services Sauk Village and three surrounding towns. Fire Chief Stoffregen will provide Trustee Chavez with cost of two fire watchers per show. Chief Holevis asked the estimated turnout in order to determine how many officers will be needed. Trustee Myers stated that past experience shows a possible crowd of 350 people. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks commended Trustee Chavez for bringing the circus to the Village and stated that there is a list of things that still need to be done before the circus arrives. There is no contract with the circus at this point but posters are plastered throughout town. Trustee Chavez stated that the circus can be cancelled if the Board decides that is not the route to take after all of the information comes in. Public Works Director Weller questioned restrooms, garbage and dumpster. Trustee Chavez stated that the circus has everything covered. Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked Trustee Myers to work with Trustee Chavez on the details for the circus. Trustee Williams suggested that a report is made of money coming in and money going out and that the Board and department heads be notified sooner when an event like this is planned so they can assist him with a list of things that need to be done in advance of the event. Trustee Chavez asked what codes are in place that relate to these requirements. Trustee Burgess asked if there are food vendors who will be required to purchase a vendors license. This will also be researched.

Trustee Burgess asked for details of the Corn and Dog Roast. The Corn and Dog Roast will be Saturday, September 10th from noon- 3 pm. Volunteers will meet at 10:00 am. Trustee Chavez stated that department heads are very instrumental to getting things done. DH Weller has been a big help and will pick up and soak the corn. Board members also offered to help with the event.

16. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Rose Langston provided information that Catholic Charities is hosting a free clothing event for men, women and children on September 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th from 9 am -12:30 pm located at the Catholic Charities office at 16100 Seton Drive in South Holland- contact number 708/333-8379.

Trustee Myers reported that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet next Thursday.

Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday to discuss the Corn and Dog Roast and the pageant.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee will meet Monday at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated that the Lions Club Flea Market for September 10th at St. James Church has been cancelled due to the lack of vendors.

17. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 © (1) (2011)

18. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Committee Meeting- None

19. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Benson made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hanks

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Please note that residents may speak on any topic of concern. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. Questions presented verbally at the meeting will not be addressed in writing but will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. All questions must be directed to the Mayor. Responses requiring further research or the assistance of outside consultants may take additional time. Questions asked and answered at the Board meeting will not require a written response.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street

Francine asked what fund the vehicle purchase in item 9E will come from. It was stated in previous meetings to investigate if CN funds could be used for that purchase. CN funds cannot be used for this purchase. The vehicle will be paid for out of the tow fund.

Francine questioned the minutes of 8/23/11 and asked for clarification of the new system of submitting questions from the audience. Village Clerk Williams stated that the minutes stand as written and approved by the Board.

John Hinko stated that the Board should be aware of the funds in the budget and asked for clarification of the three minute rule.

Mayor Towers stated that residents have three minutes to ask all of their questions. The Board will respond after all the questions have been asked. Village Clerk Williams stated that the clock is stopped when Board members are responding.

Greg McClure- Southbrook Drive

Greg stated that people should state their name and address so they are can be identified as Sauk Village residents.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. August 23, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. September 6, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the 2011 FOIA log is displayed in the glass case in the hallway. The FOIA log shows the recent requests and who they were given to and answered by. VC Williams distributed the legislative and litigation updates from the IML. VC Williams distributed a flyer that was distributed through the community and suggested that these issues be reviewed before for the upcoming Town Hall meeting on the water issues.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

C. Village Attorney – Mike McGrath- No report

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that the funding for resurfacing 223rd is likely to be approved; timing is a factor. The report for the Quiet Zone will be completed next week. A meeting will take place at the railroad crossing with all of the regulatory agencies in early October.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers attended the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony for Winpak on Thursday, September 8th. Mayor Towers stated that the building in process is moving very rapidly.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez thanked everyone who participated in the Corn and Dog Roast, particularly the Police and Fire Departments, Comcast, Village officials Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams. There was also a 911 memorial program and sign language class. Expenditures were \$485.00 and income was \$615.00.

Pageant winners crowned: Miss Sauk Village- Imani Crews, Mr. Sauk Village- Robert Chavez, Jr. and Little Miss Sauk Village- Kathryn Chavez. The crowns are missing; a Police report has been filed. The Harvest Walk will take place on October 22nd which will include trunk and treat, crafts, pumpkins and costume judging. The circus is still on with the assistance of the department heads and Bud's Ambulance.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 22nd at 6 pm at the Community Center.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks is working on another Home Save/ Home Purchase NACA Workshop. Residents can go to www.naca.com for a list of events being held in the surrounding area.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 pm. Trustee Myers stated that the Fire Department and ESDA will donate their time at the circus. Trustee Myers stated that Ms. Houston is the newest member to the committee. Trustee Myers stated that the Parent Responsibility Ordinance is ready for attorney review and asked that the ordinance for facility rental be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Winpak groundbreaking was well attended and suggested that the Police and Fire Departments be on board at the next groundbreaking to showcase Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that Winpak is already in the process of looking to expand. Trustee Burgess stated that some residents feel that Sauk Village does not appear to be making progress regarding economic growth during the worst economic downturn in more than a generation. Trustee Burgess provided a report on current market conditions. The Economic Development Committee is studying the Sauk Village Comprehensive Plan that was last updated in 1999 and will be preparing Sauk Village's first Community Development Plan in order to prepare Sauk Village for future economic growth which includes a new airport, Illiana Expressway and other governmental projects. Information will be solicited from department heads, committee chairs and other taxing bodies such as the library, school district, etc... Sauk Village cannot operate without a vision.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the newest edition of the Sauk Talk is available. The Public Relations Committee met last week to discuss future fundraising projects to raise money for the fireworks. The Labor Day casino trip was successful with 23 people in attendance.

The committee is still \$3,000.00 short. Fundraisers have not been well received or attended. Trustee Williams stated that the committee may need to borrow the balance due to the fireworks company from the Winpak money that is not part of the General Fund (tax payer's money) and pay the money back after future fundraisers. Trustee Williams thanked residents for recent donations that were received from Heidi Parker - \$20.00, Sue Steiner- \$20.00 and Cindy Wagner- \$50.00. Trustee Williams introduced the newest fundraiser- a coupon pack filled with coupons from local businesses that are on sale for \$10.00. Mayor Towers stated that the fireworks were supposed to be paid for by fundraisers- not tax payer's money. Trustee Benson stated that Winpak is part of the TIF and the money is taxpayer's money. Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Village received a gift from Winpak that could be used for administrative purpose; that is not part of the tax payer's money or the General Fund. Fundraising efforts will continue to pay off the balance.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis stated that the Village has received an \$18,000.00 STEP grant for traffic enforcement. Chief Holevis stated that Sgt. Sailsbery is working on a possible \$1,500.00 Tobacco grant for underage tobacco enforcement. Chief Holevis stated that several residents were concerned about certain subjects involved in recent robberies. Carlton Chilton has been arrested for aggravated robbery. Chief Holevis stated that the Meet and Greet with the PLAN will take place on Friday, September 16th from 7 pm – 9 pm at the Police Department. Chief Holevis stated that one officer has been enrolled in the advanced truck enforcement school and several officers are getting involved with the recent Crime Free Housing program. Burglaries were up in August and have been on a downward spiral in recent weeks. Chief Holevis stated that tires have been ordered for the remaining squad cars. The department is short handed and most recently the Records Clerk is recovering from major surgery and will be out for 6-8 weeks. Please see Sgt. Sailsbery or Chief Holevis if there is a delay in obtaining Police reports.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to 14 calls from September 6th through September 12th. Chief Stoffregen stated Fire Department Chaplain Bill Hall held a special service honoring first responders on Sunday, September 11th. Chief Stoffregen thanked all who attended the service. Chief Stoffregen stated that the Firefighters Association will be sponsoring a golf outing on Saturday, September 16th. Assistant Chief Myers will be handling the circus. There will be no charges from Bud's Ambulance for the ambulance dedicated to the circus.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that all branches must be out by September 11th. There will be one sweep through the neighborhood. The Public Works department is preparing for winter with certain roadwork repairs. Some residents are questioning the criteria for curb repair. Sidewalk repair will begin soon due to a recent grant.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that the financial reports for May, June and July will be available at the next meeting.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 10 calls during the period of September 6th and September 12th.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the September 13th Senior Movie at the library is cancelled due to the library being closed. The next movie, The King's Speech, will be October 3rd at 1:00 pm. The Free Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee has now been expanded to all Village residents, employees and area churches. Two registered nurses and one LPN volunteer their time. Blood Pressure screenings will be provided during the Senior Movies. The Senior Committee is still reviewing the Senior Center rental policy. The next quarterly event, the 8th annual Spaghetti Dinner, will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Tickets are \$5.00 for all you can eat spaghetti. Entertainment will be provided. The committee is working on a Senior Survey to discover what activities and programs the seniors would like. Rose thanked the Police Department for donating a large cabinet for the Senior Center for ceramics.

The next Bloom Township Community lunch will be held Tuesday, October 18th. Bloom Township is offering free flu shots by appointment only 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday – Wednesday, October 24th- 26th; call 708/754-9400 for an appointment. Rose attended a voluntary training meeting to receive updates on senior services that are available. Rose will attend the Age Options luncheon on September 26th.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt announced the winners of the Hootsie Awards. The Beautification Committee presented Hootsie Awards to:

Single Family Category

1st Place - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin and Hazel Neal, Deer Creek

2nd Place - Mr. & Mrs. James & Sharon Samuels - 1700 East Peterson Street

3rd Place - Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Sue Phillips -221st & Brookwood Street

Honorable Mention- Derrick and Juanita Burgess - Deer Creek

Business Category- Dunkin' Donuts - Sauk Trail & Torrence Avenue

Mayor Towers thanked the Beautification Committee for the marvelous job they are doing.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

Mayor Towers stated that Ms. Booker was called out on an emergency three weeks ago. Trustee Williams suggested a new chair should be proposed and offered to take on the committee.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt is presenting three new members to the Human Relations Commission; Steve Blom, Linda Todd and Frank Williams.

7. CONSENT AGENDA- None

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of Purchasing Manual Requirements Regarding Competitive Bidding (Metropolitan Industries, Inc.)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion authorizing the waiver of purchasing manual requirements regarding competitive bidding (Metropolitan Industries, Inc.).

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that this relates to waiving the bid for the purchase of the SCADA machine to be used in the water department in the amount of \$75,483.00.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for August 24, 2011 through September 13, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for August 24, 2011 through September 13, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Williams questioned Finance Director Rao about the large amount of Accounts Payable (\$530,244.48) being presented. Finance Director Rao stated that after all bank accounts had been reconciled from the period of May 2009 until present; errors uncovered \$300,000.00 enabling many older bills to be paid at this time. Trustee Williams thanked Finance Director Rao, Genorise Carmichael and Richard and Sandy Dieterich for their efforts on completing the reconciliations.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve Re-establishing K-9 and Drug Seizure Accounts

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve re-establishing K-9 and Drug Seizure Accounts.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. Motion to Approve New Member (s) to the Human Relations Commission

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve new member (s) to the Human Relations Commission.

The new members are Steve Blom, Linda Todd and Frank Williams.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams swore in the newest members to the Human Relations Commission at this time.

D. Motion to Approve Bid Award for 2011 DCEO Sidewalk Removal & Replacement Program
Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the bid award for the 2011 DCEO Sidewalk Removal and Repair Program.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. Motion to Approve Police Department Vehicle Purchase – Currie Motors- Ford Expedition XL- \$27,538.00

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to the police department vehicle purchase – Currie Motors- Ford Expedition XL- \$27,538.00.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustee Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams thanked the Fire Department and ESDA for offering to volunteer their time at the circus. Trustee Williams stated that because there is no Police Chief or Deputy Chief that are not in the union they cannot volunteer their time as was done by prior salaried Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs. Trustee Williams stated that the Winpak groundbreaking ceremony was a nice event and asked Andy James and Mr. Dermody to provide an article and pictures for the website and Sauk Talk.

Trustee Myers informed Economic Development Committee Chair Trustee Burgess that Wayne Steel is looking for an additional 13,000 square feet.

Trustee Burgess congratulated and thanked Trustee Chavez for a great Corn and Dog Roast. All of the corn was sold out. Trustee Burgess stated that the 911 tribute was also well organized. Trustee Burgess announced the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Monday, October 3rd.

Trustee Chavez thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, ESDA and Public Works for their help with the circus and understands that the Police Department cannot volunteer at this time. Trustee Chavez stated that he was happy with the Corn and Dog Roast and thanked everyone for coming and making it a success, including the Boy Scouts, the PLAN and Gary Holcomb for taping the event.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

12. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **SEPTEMBER 20, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Hanks (with notice)

2. Motion to Recess To Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment, and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2(C) (1) (2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session as stated above. The motion was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:04 pm.

3. Reconvene Open Session-

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Williams made the motion and Trustee Chavez seconded the motion to reconvene.

All Ayes

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm.

4. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Judy Cast stated that the PLAN's Meet and Greet with the Police Department was well attended and very successful. Judy stated that a small group is planning on setting up a Police Academy. Another Meet and Greet will be scheduled in the near future. Judy asked if wells number one and two are contaminated. Mayor Towers stated that there is some level of contamination.

Trustee Williams stated that the issue is in pending litigation and cannot be discussed at this time. Trustee Benson stated that he knows nothing of pending litigation and he has a right to discuss the issue.

Trustee Williams stated that the Board has not received official notice from the IEPA or the Village Engineer. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers to stop the discussion of this topic until the Board can confer with the Village Attorney due to the pending litigation.

Trustee Benson stated that there is no documentation before him that states pending litigation.

Mayor Towers verified that there is pending litigation on well number 3.

Trustee Williams made a motion to recess to take the opportunity to call the attorneys regarding this matter. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Trustee Chavez agreed that legal counsel is needed at this time.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session in order to call the attorneys. Trustees Williams and Myers rescinded the previous motion. Trustee Williams made the motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of contacting the Village attorneys. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Hanks

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:38 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Benson made the motion to reconvene. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 7:56 pm.

Mayor Towers stated that there are some levels of contamination in wells 1 and 2.

Judy asked when it was found and why wasn't the entire community being told instead of a small group of people who are being given flyers by going door to door to select people. Judy stated that Mayor Towers and Trustee Benson have been seen passing the flyers out. Mayor Towers stated the Village Engineer did mention something at a previous meeting and that he knows nothing about the papers being distributed. Trustee Benson stated that the statement is false.

Mayor Towers stated that he will try to research when the information was released.

Trustee Williams stated for the record that while in executive session there were attempts made to contact the Village Attorneys who were not available. The Village Engineer could not state the legalities of discussing the issue. Trustee Williams stated again for the record that the conversation should be stopped at this point. Trustee Benson stated for the record that he has received no documentation that wells 1 and 2 are in litigation or that there is a gag order in place. Trustee Williams agreed that no documentation was received regarding litigation with wells 1 and 2 but there was also no documentation that has been received stating that there is contamination either. There was a conversation in executive session with the Village Engineer that got leaked out. This should not be discussed until we have exact information and facts. There is a special meeting on Saturday, November 5th to discuss the water issues; all questions will be answered at that time.

Trustee Benson asked if Robinson Engineering is an Environmental Engineer. Mayor Towers stated that they do act for the Village in that capacity.

Bernice Houston-

Bernice stated that she informed the Board that wells 1 and 2 were contaminated. Bernice stated that the levels are not high enough to be hazardous to your health but it is going that way and they need to be torn down. Bernice referred to the loan under consideration with the IEPA and contamination that was discovered in Crete. Bernice stated that nothing has been added to the wells since 1953.

Trustee Williams clarified and corrected some information stated by Ms. Houston including stating the fact that the wells are treated as per standards. Trustee Williams suggested that everyone tour the pump station to get an understanding of the wells and encouraged everyone to attend the November 5th meeting for the facts.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street

Francine commented on item 7 & 8 on the agenda. Francine stated that she would hope the fees would not be as high as the tow fee. Francine hoped the Go Green presentation would motivate residents to go green. Francine stated that the 2010 water quality report does not state the well it refers to.

Pat Couch

Pat stated if you do the crime– you pay the fine. Fees prevent crime in town. Fees are not high enough.

Larry Stewart- Gailine Avenue

Larry asked Mayor Towers when we will get water and how much will it cost. Mayor Towers said to wait for the November date.

Bernadine Hopkins-

Bernadine asked how the public will know if the water will be addressed by competent individuals and asked who the individuals will be. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Williams contacted Robinson Engineering and the attorneys and IEPA hopefully will be on Board.

Bernadine asked if it would be wise to replace the infrastructure to prevent water main leaks and increase cost efficiency. Trustee Williams stated that the cost for that will be presented on November 5th. The last estimate 1 ½ years ago was 10 – 15 million dollars to replace the infrastructure alone.

Bernadine asked how residents can deal with incorrect information from the Board if there is no rebuttal. Mayor Towers stated that after the residents three minutes are up they can follow up with the Trustee in writing or after the meeting.

John Hinko- 216th Place

John asked how the money was put in the wrong places and if the people who were handling this no longer work here. John asked if there will ever be an audible system in the Village Hall. Residents cannot hear. John stated that residents will be shocked by the first water bill if we get Lake Michigan water. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Clerk is researching the sound system. Village Clerk

Williams stated that the sound system will be placed on the next Committee agenda. Village Clerk Williams and Trustee Williams met with one distributor at the conference who will be presenting. Kevin Weller has spent a great deal of time getting a quote from a second company.

Trustee Williams stated that the money was discovered due to record keeping errors and the employees are no longer employed.

Rose Langston stated that the Senior Committee and the PLAN are hosting the free Blood Pressure screenings for all Sauk Village residents and employees on Wednesday, September 21st from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center – east entrance. Bloom Township is offering free flu shots by appointment only 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday – Wednesday October 24th- 26th; call 708/754-9400 for an appointment. The next Bloom Township Community lunch will be held Tuesday, October 18th at the Serbian Center located at 186th and Stoney Island. The cost is \$4.00 for residents and \$8.00 for non-residents. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Vega. Rose Langston reported that the September 13th Senior Movie at the library is cancelled due to the library being closed. The next movie, The King’s Speech, will be October 3rd at 1:00 pm. The 8th annual Spaghetti Dinner, will be held on Saturday, October 22nd 3pm- 6pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for all you can eat spaghetti. Entertainment will be provided. The Senior Committee is still reviewing the Senior Center rental policy. Rose stated that she lives in an area does not loop and she has reverse osmosis instead of bottled water.

Trustee Benson corrected the allegations that the Mayor placed non qualified people in place. These people were very qualified but the Board had them illegally removed. Trustee Williams stated that statements are being made incorrectly and this is also in pending litigation and should not be discussed. Discussions on matters in pending litigation could adversely affect the Village’s pending cases.

Frank Williams- 216th Place

Frank thanked Trustee Chavez for the last two successful events and bringing more to the Village. Frank suggested that politicians in higher places need be brought in to help us with the water. We don’t have the money to do it.

Mark Brown-217th Place

Mark asked if the Village will be getting more police officers. Kids won’t move in the streets and call out names. Police are either afraid or they won’t get out of their cars.

Mayor Towers stated that the Board is preparing the budget now and hopefully police officers who have left can be replaced.

David Dew- Sauk Trail

David stated that his truck was impounded due to driving on a revoked license. David would like to retrieve his work tools from the truck. Mayor Towers stated that he could speak to the police for more information and asked Trustee Myers for clarification. Trustee Myers stated that the next step is to appear before the hearing officer and suggested that David speak with the Chief or Deputy Chief. Trustee Benson asked if Mayor Towers could give an executive order for him to receive his tools. Trustee Williams stated that neither the Chief nor Deputy Chief is on duty and suggested David speak to the sergeant on duty to find out where the truck was taken and speak to the person at the tow yard for his tools.

5. Viridian Presentation/ Go Green-Laurie Glover and Betty Cramer

Greg Amos and Dennis Byron made a presentation for Viridian. Viridian is a third party energy supplier. Viridian is federally regulated and buys their energy on the open market. Viridian is a green supplier that is 24.8% cheaper than ComEd. Bills and service will still be provided by ComEd. Viridian is free to join and there is no long term contract; month to month. Viridian is 20% greener than the State mandates. Dennis stated that Viridian can save the Village money on their ComEd bill as well as offer a fundraising option. Viridian will set up a website for Sauk Village. Sauk Village will receive \$2.00 per month per meter for anyone who signs up through the Sauk Village- Viridian website. This is not restricted to residents and is residual income. Customers are free to switch back to ComEd and the same prevailing rates. Dennis stated that ComEd suggests in their flyer that customers should work with third party suppliers; they make their money on distribution and service. Viridian works with over 1300 non for profit organizations.

Trustee Williams thanked them for their presentation and stated that it sounded like a great idea. Mayor Towers stated that the Board will take this under consideration and will ask for more information when the entire Board is present.

6. Rock Solid Paving (Outdoor Basketball Court)- Hugh Graham

Mayor Towers stated that the outdoor basketball goals were removed from their previous location. Mayor Towers asked CN Railroad for a donation to be used for programs and a new basketball court. Mayor Towers asked DH Weller to research the cost and placement for the basketball court. The court will be placed behind the Community Center/ Village Hall.

Hugh Graham proposed building a basketball court 50' X 100' that would take two days to excavate and put in 6-8 inches of stone and a binder. The basketball system can be installed by Kevin Weller and the Public Works Department at the same time. Mayor Towers stated that the goals are available. Trustee Williams asked if there would be lighting at the court. Trustee Chavez stated that all parks are closed at dark. Trustee Williams suggested that a sign be posted. Hugh stated that resurfacing to fill in the voids, coloring and striping the court can be done at an additional charge; approximately \$700-\$800.00 for materials; he could donate his labor. Hugh will work up a total package to present to the Board before the next Board meeting. Mayor Towers asked that this item be placed on the agenda next week for approval.

7. Review Ordinance Pertaining to Facility Rental – Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee is submitting the final draft of the Facility Rental Ordinance to be placed on next week's agenda for approval after reviewing everyone's suggestions. Trustee Chavez added that the police department can shut the activity down if the group is too rowdy in the Community Center and that any group that wants to sell alcohol must come to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval as well as the Mayor who serves as the Liquor Commissioner. The Police Alliance, Beautification Committee and the Human Relations Commission can use the facility free of charge. Trustee Myers also reviewed the refund policy.

8. Review Parental Responsibility Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Parental Responsibility Ordinance has been reviewed by the Police

Department. The ordinance is now under review with the Village Attorney and Adjudicator. State Statute will be followed. The final draft will be available by Friday. Trustee Myers asked to have this ordinance on the next Board agenda if it is approved by the attorneys. Trustee Myers thanked everyone for their input on these ordinances.

9. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Myers stated that it is likely that he will not be able to attend next week's meeting due to a work obligation. Trustee Myers stated that in view of the recent changes to the Chicago curfew, he would like to remind residents that a curfew ordinance has been in place since 2006. The adjudicator has the right to place a fine between \$25.00- \$750.00. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet Wednesday, September 21st at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Chavez stated that the Community Center will be closed through Sunday due to the volunteer who runs the center going on vacation Trustee Chavez will look for additional volunteers. Trustee Chavez stated that this Thursday's Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is cancelled due to a work obligation.

Trustee Williams stated that coupon books filled with coupons are still available for \$10.00. Trustee Williams stated that the library recently reopened due to break- ins and they were vandalized again tonight. Trustee Williams asked that residents take a stand and put the word out and take action.

Trustee Chavez thanked everyone who helped at the circus including the Fire, Police and ESDA Departments, Public Works and Trustee Myers and Larry Stewart. The Family Fun Circus fundraised \$517.00 which includes the rental fee.

Mayor Towers stated that the Midwest Families and Supporters of Military Personnel has asked the Village to declare the week of September 19th – September 25th as Gold Star Mothers Week and to educate the public on military life and support of families while their family members are serving here and abroad. Mayor Towers asked that a proclamation be prepared for next week's agenda.

10. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **SEPTEMBER 27, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers announced that Trustee Myers will arrive late and DH Weller and Rao will be absent.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (arrived 8:18 pm)

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. All questions must be directed to the Mayor. Responses requiring further research or the assistance of outside consultants may take additional time. Questions asked and answered at the Board meeting will not require a written response.

Rose Langston-

Rose asked why the Village is going out of state for a contractor to build the basketball court and why there was no bid process. Mayor Towers stated that DH Director Weller did get other quotes and has worked with this company before; theirs was the best quote by far. DH Jasinski stated that the company does have a Sauk Village office.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street

Francine asked if the money that was borrowed from the gift to construct the basketball court was repaid after a portion was used to repair the air conditioning in the Community Center. Mayor Towers will refer that question to FD Mohan. The loan will need to be repaid but there should still be enough left to continue with the basketball court.

Francine asked if the facility charges referred to in item 8b is for both the Community Center and the Senior Center. Mayor Towers stated affirmatively.

Larry Stewart questioned the money that was found recently. Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the actual funds available in the General Ledger were discovered after several months of bank reconciliations were completed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. September 13, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

B. September 20, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2011 Committee Meeting.
Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Chavez and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Burgess and Trustee Hanks

Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the proclamation for the Gold Star Mothers Week is dated for the week of September 19th. This request was received late but will still be honored. VC Williams stated that the Budget Review meeting will take place Saturday, October 1st at 12:00 pm. A Special Meeting will be held Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 am to discuss water issues only.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

C. Village Attorney – Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the State law has changed to requiring a bid process after \$20,000.00 due to the expense and other issues with the bid process. The Village Code states \$10,000.00. VA McGrath suggested the Board may want to decide if there should be any changes made to the Village Code.

Trustee Williams asked VA McGrath to expound on the matter from last week regarding if a particular issue could be discussed in an open meeting. VA McGrath stated that he did try to return the phone calls he received during last week's executive session regarding ongoing litigation. VA McGrath stated that ongoing litigation is typically discussed in closed session, which is not a matter of concealing anything from the public but rather to discuss strategy and updates. VA McGrath stated that any discussion concerning any of the wells or the well water would be under the umbrella of pending litigation with the IEPA and suggests that these discussions be held in closed session; discussions could jeopardize the representation and defense of the Village. Trustee Benson stated that the attorney is wrong; wells 1 and 2 have nothing to do with the litigation. There is no court order in place stating that it cannot be discussed. Trustee Benson will continue to answer questions from the public. VA McGrath stated that gag orders are not typically ordered in this type of case. The Attorney General is representing the IEPA in a case against Sauk Village that pertains to all wells and the water in those wells and again suggested that all discussions be held in executive session. Trustee Williams asked that a copy of the complaint be given to all Board members. Trustee Williams stated that the action of one member speaks for all and we need to be cautious with matters in litigation. Trustee Benson stated that it was not stated that the Board could not discuss but rather should not discuss this matter.

Trustee Burgess asked if the Odelson group is handling all Village matters, including TIF. Mayor Towers stated that they are handling all matters except the TIF. Trustee Burgess asked VA McGrath for the findings of the review of past TIF bills. VA McGrath stated that there were no discrepancies but they seemed excessive. Trustee Burgess stated that the TIF should not incur expenses every month and if the past TIF expenses are excessive why couldn't the Odelson group handle everything. Mayor Towers stated that there is ongoing TIF work related to Winpak. Mayor Towers is not aware of any problems with the TIF expenses. Mayor Towers directed Trustee Burgess to speak with the Finance Director regarding any questions regarding TIF billing. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board was under the assumption that all legal matters would be handling everything. Mayor Towers stated that VA Attorney Odelson stated that their firm would like to put everything under their umbrella but would handle everything except TIF. Mayor Towers will speak with VA Odelson for clarification. Trustee Williams stated that TIF attorneys are getting paid and it was not known when the last TIF meeting was. Trustee Williams requested a TIF meeting to update the Board.

Trustees Hanks polled the Board to determine if the majority agreed that the Odelson group should be handling all ongoing legal matters. The majority of the Board agreed. Trustee Hanks stated that the DelGaldo Group was to stay on until new attorneys were in place. The new attorneys should have also gotten the TIF

work. Trustee Benson asked if Attorney Lapp is still representing the Village. VA McGrath stated that Attorney Lapp is still representing the two cases he started with.

(Trustee Benson made an allegation that the Board requested to discuss further in executive session)

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik passed out the Quiet Zone study. VE Czarnik recommended that a meeting take place at the railroad crossing with all of the Quiet Zone committee and any other interested parties in order to move forward.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held Thursday, October 6th at 6 pm at the Community Center. The Harvest Walk will take place on October 22nd; flyers will be distributed to the schools. Trustee Chavez stated that the Community Center is now open now that volunteer Cortez Stewart is back from vacation.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks has met with a representative regarding Red Light Enforcement. Red Light Enforcement can decrease accidents. A presentation will be scheduled in the near future. There were problems in the past with state and county roads that have been alleviated. Three corners are under consideration: 394 and Sauk Trail, Sauk Trail and Torrence Avenue and Torrence Avenue and Route 30. The Police Department has also researched Red Light Enforcement. Trustee Hanks will meet with Interim Chief Holevis.

Trustee Hanks stated that Senate Bill 16 will allow municipalities to secure vacant homes until the bank can take control of the home. Trustee Hanks is working with South Suburban Mayors and Managers and will ask the Board to pass a resolution to support the passing of this bill and to support the Vacant Property Registration that is still under discussion for both home rule and non home rules communities. Vacant Property Registration would require all vacant properties to be registered with the Village and provide contact information. Trustee Hanks will pass this information on to Trustee Myers.

Trustee Hanks also mentioned the SSMMA's web based mapping. The new program will provide access to zoning, land, housing and transportation management. This mapping process could assist the Police Department, Economic Development, etc... Trustee Hanks would like to present this in October or November. There are two openings on the Housing Authority Commission. Please submit letters of interest to Trustee Hanks.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- Absent

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated the Economic Development Committee has reviewed the last Sauk Village Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Burgess is speaking with developers and architects to help bring some ideas that will improve the façades of the local businesses and will help to attract more retail businesses to Sauk Village. This is at no cost to the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the Village needs to be more presentable both in structure and how the Board presents itself. Trustee Burgess is working with SSMMA looking for grant money for incoming businesses. Trustee Burgess stated that all communities are suffering. We need to come up with solutions to bring new income to the Village. Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held Monday, October 10th at 7 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the coupon packs filled with coupons from local businesses are still on sale for \$10.00. Coupons from Panda Express, Popeye's, Popolano's, Iuccio's Pizza, Pop's Italian Beef , Tony's Grocery, Round the Clock, Pampered Chef, Ace Hardware and other various restaurants are included. Sales are going really well. Proceeds will be used towards the fireworks.

Trustee Williams announced that the free clothing fair will continue through Thursday at the Catholic Charities home office at 16100 Seton Drive in South Holland from 9 am – 12:30 pm. The Spooky Halloween Dance will take place at Bloom Township Youth and Family Services located at 425 South Halsted Street in

Chicago Heights on Friday, October 28th from 5pm- 8 pm. America's Salute to Soldiers and Veterans will take place Tuesday, October 11th from 1-3 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Alsip. This is a free event for all military personnel, reservists and veterans. An honorary salute certificate will be given to all participants. The United Church of Christ is sponsoring the Taste of UCC Culture Saturday, October 15th from 5- 8 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for ages 5-12. Line Dancing will follow. Featured cuisine includes Italian, Polish, Liberian, Nigerian, Haitian, Chinese, Mexican and American Soul Food.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis stated that two officers have interviewed for the SWAT Team. Chief Holevis stated that 170 arrests have been made so far this month which included 90 "P" tickets, 147 traffic tickets and 7 burglary arrests. Chief Holevis reported that 21645 Cynthia has been boarded up. Annual purchasing for tires for squad cars is continuing. The Parental Responsibility Ordinance has been sent to the attorney for final review. DUI enforcement will continue through the holidays. Another officer is down for about ten weeks due to an attack by an offender. Another squad car needs transmission repairs. The Gang Unit Special Operation in association with Cook County Gang Unit on Saturday resulted in a gun arrest. Chief Holevis reported that the Meet and Greet was well attended; sixty or more attended. Chief Holevis thanked those who did attend. Three landlords have voluntarily accepted Crime Free Housing Registration and have evicted troubled tenants. Chief Holevis asked when the Police Department will be up on the website. Village Clerk Williams stated that IT has attempted to put the department on the site. VC Williams will follow up.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Fire Chief Stoffregen reported that the Fire Department responded to 11 calls from September 20th through September 26th. Chief Stoffregen reminded everyone to change their furnace filters, maintain the furnace, check the batteries in the smoke detector avoid placing smoke detectors less than three feet from any object and do not place electrical cords under the rug. Chief Stoffregen reported the Fire Fighters Golf outing was held on September 17th. A great time was had by all. Chief Stoffregen thanked all of the sponsors. Chief Stoffregen stated that street signs removed by vandals create a hazard when new firefighters are looking for an address. Chief Stoffregen reported that CN will be doing repairs to the railroad tracks on Route 30 in Lynwood.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- Absent

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Administrator Jasinski reported that George Panos has stated that Subway may be looking into moving into the old Thrift Store location on Sauk Trail. They would like to put tables outside. Ms. Jasinski is researching the possibility; concrete pillars may be an option. Ms. Jasinski has not heard any more from the church that made a presentation to the Board. They are waiting for the Village to change the zoning before they purchase the property; that cannot be done. A bar is also looking at that property.

FOIA Report- There has been three allegations filed against the Village with the Attorney General stating that the Village failed to provide information to the requestor. The Attorney General replied in favor of the Village; the Village did respond to these requests. Ms. Jasinski stated that she is offended that the allegations were filed. Ms. Jasinski stated that she gives the FOIA requests 100% even while doing all of her other job duties. The FOIA log has been updated and reflects the nine that were received today. Ms. Jasinski will attend a CDBG grant meeting on Wednesday, September 28th.

Mayor Towers stated that Hometown Gyros is pleased with their new location. Trustee Burgess asked for an update on the BBQ Restaurant. Ms. Jasinski stated that there has been no recent communication. Trustee Williams asked if the FOIA nuisance policy can be researched. Ms. Jasinski stated that two FOIA's that were received today were already submitted in a different format. Ms. Jasinski notifies the PAC (Public Access Counselor) when questions or concerns come up. Ms.

Jasinski stated that she was told she could deny the request but she filled it anyway. Trustee Williams stated that one name in particular is listed on the FOIA log 58 times since February. Ms. Jasinski stated that person is considered a “reoccurring requester” and therefore the responses can now take up to 21 days to answer the request. FOIA’s and questions from the audience are getting redundant. Trustee Williams stated that the library has copies of minutes and ordinances on file for patrons to use for research. Ms. Jasinski asked that the FOIA form and FOIA email be updated on the website. Village Clerk Williams will research this.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 11 calls during the period of September 20th and September 26th and assisted the Police Department with school patrol on five days.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, October 13th at 5 pm. The next senior movie, The King’s Speech, will be October 3 rd at 1:00 pm. Refreshments are provided. The Free Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee has now been expanded to all Village residents and employees. Two registered nurses and one LPN volunteer their time. The next Blood Pressure screenings will take place on Wednesday, October 5th and 19th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center. Blood Pressure screenings will be provided during the Senior Movies. The next quarterly event, the 8th annual Spaghetti Dinner, will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Tickets are \$5.00 for all you can eat spaghetti. Entertainment will be provided. Rose thanked the Police Department for donating a large cabinet for the Senior Center for ceramics and Public Works for delivering the cabinet. Rose thanked the McConathy Public Library for donating paper back books for the Senior Center. The date to submit recipes to Bloom Township Cookbook has been extended to November 1st. Please add name and town to your submission. There have been changes to the Illinois Circuit Breaker and Illinois Care RX. Flyers are posted. Check that all Senior Exemptions are included in your upcoming tax bill. Rose attended the Age Options luncheon on September 26th in Oak Brook. Rose is a Red Tape Cutter volunteer and helps to provide information for seniors. Rose stated that oneway.org provides information on the 1 in 3 program; 1 in 3 seniors are economically insecure.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

Mayor Towers stated he spoke with Ms. Booker; she was still out of town. Mayor Towers is waiting to see if another person needs to be added to the Police Alliance Committee.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- Absent

7. CONSENT AGENDA- None

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of Competitive Bid to Construct a Basketball Court (Rock Solid Paving)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion approving an ordinance authorizing the waiver of competitive bid to construct a basketball court (Rock Solid Paving).

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Trustee Benson asked if the waiver is still necessary since the State law has been changed to require bid waivers on \$20,000.00 and up. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the Village Code still states \$10,000.00 and up. Trustee Hanks stated that the Village code must be followed.

Trustee Hanks stated that the contract presented last week in his absence is different from the one before the Board now. Trustee Hanks asked if the additional costs were discussed last week. Village Attorney McGrath stated that an additional \$3,500.00 was added to provided surfacing and striping. An additional \$500.00 was added to the labor and materials. Mayor Towers stated that he is not aware of the reason for the extra \$500.00.

Trustee William amended the previous motion and included the new motion from \$13,000.00 to \$16,500.00. Trustee Chavez seconded amending the previous motion. VA McGrath stated that the original motion to authorize the waiver can stand.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 35.01 (Facility Use Charges Plan) of Chapter 35 (Village Policies) of Title III (Administration) of the Village Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion approving an ordinance amending Section 35.01 (Facility Use Charges Plan) of Chapter 35 (Village Policies) of Title III (Administration) of the Village Code.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 14, 2011 through September 27, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for September 14, 2011 through September 27, 2011.

Trustee Burgess asked if funds were available to meet the Accounts Payable. Mayor Towers stated that he verified the information with the Finance Director that funds are available.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve Contract to Construct a Basketball Court- Rock Solid Paving

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a contract to construct a basketball court- Rock Solid Paving in the amount of \$16,500.00.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Chavez asked if this item could be tabled until the contractor verifies the reason for the additional \$500.00 in labor and materials.

Trustee Williams rescinded the previous motion to approve. Trustee Myers seconded the motion to approve.

Trustee Williams made a motion to table this item until Trustee Chavez's questions are satisfied. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion to table.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried to table

C. Motion to Approve a Proclamation to Declare the Week of September 19th as Gold Star Mothers Week.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a proclamation to declare the week of September 19th as Gold Star Mothers Week.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that last week there was no windows broken at the library during the attempt to break in the door. Trustee Williams will contact FD Rao to see when the Tow Fund will be separated from the General Fund. Trustee Williams asked if meals will be coordinated for the budget meeting. Trustee Williams reported that the IML was extremely beneficial and a great opportunity to network with other communities and Board members. The Social Networking class addressed Twitter, Facebook, Linked In can be both positive and negative. Trustee Williams stated that the speaker stated that Burt Odelson has a communications contract. Trustee Williams asked for a copy of this and asked that this be placed on the next Committee agenda. Trustee Williams asked that Safeguard Properties be placed on the next Board agenda. Safeguard comes in with direct lines to banks to facilitate grass cutting, board ups, etc... for the Village at no charge. Trustee Williams would like to see Code Enforcement brought back. Outsourcing those duties needs to be considered in the event that does not happen by spring. Trustee Williams reported that she met with the Village Clerk and a Muni Code Representative to discuss recodification during IML. The Village Clerk will be meeting with the Muni Code rep next week to discuss recodifying (updating all ordinances on line making them more accessible to residents). Trustee Williams will also be introducing a water security insurance company that covers water main breaks that residents are responsible for. Trustee Williams stated that networking at IML is very valuable and helps to move the Village forward. Trustee Myers agreed that Safeguard will do the investigation to find the vacant home owners or banks and will contact them to secure and maintain the property.

Trustee Myers stated that there is lots of talk about Lake Michigan water. Trustee Myers reported that it has been stated that if other municipalities fail to pay their water bills all municipalities that are down line from them will also be shut off. Several towns are now behind in their payments. Trustee Myers reminded everyone to come to the November 5th meeting to get the correct information about the water.

Trustee Hanks stated that the IML was filled with a wealth of information. Other communities are facing the same problems Sauk Village is facing. Trustee Hanks met with other trustees to see how they are making it. Sessions included information on economic development, how to run your meeting, theft, budget and Robert's Rules of Order. There was something for everybody; especially for a new Trustee. The trustees were able to split up attend different sessions and bring the information back. There is really a need for vacant home registration. Trustee Hanks thanked the residents for allowing the trustees.

Trustee Chavez stated that the IML was very positive and informative. Trustee Chavez stated that he picked up books and learned that other communities struggle in communicating but still just get the job done. Trustee Chavez stated that he is learning that the Board is not compliant with Robert's Rules of Order. Trustee Chavez will move forward with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Trustee Chavez reported some public safety information that he learned at IML. Trustee Chavez informed residents that dialing 112 on your cell phone will connect you with the emergency dispatch in the area, do not put water on eggs thrown at your house, how gang members are looking for ways to rob people, etc...

Trustee Burgess asked Chief Holevis for an update on the Rickover crossing guards. Chief Holevis stated that volunteers are helping with Torrence and 223rd. Trustee Burgess thanked the volunteers that patrol that corner. Trustee Burgess stated that the Board should be working to move the Village forward and bring in more commercial businesses but people are concerned because the Number One Village official is passing out literature with a group of people about what is wrong with the water and things that may or more not be true. There are ways for the Village to advertise and promote public awareness, such as, the Sauk Talk, website or call a press conference. There is a special meeting set up in November to discuss the water and how we are trying to rectify the problem. The Mayor should be promoting positiveness. Everyone has problems but they stay positive and promote positive growth.

Mayor Towers stated that for the last few months he has been walking every Monday to speak with the residents to inform them of break-ins, telling seniors where they can go for air conditioning during hot weather, starting a neighborhood watch and sharing other information. Mayor Towers stated that he knocks on black and white people's doors; he does not talk negatively and shares the same information with everyone. He started the walk and others started joining him. Mayor Towers invited anyone to walk with him. Many residents do not get on the website, come to meetings or get the Sauk Talk. People have said this is the first time a Mayor has ever knocked on their door. Mayor Towers asked why Trustee Burgess did not speak with him personally. Trustee Burgess stated that he tried to call 4 times. Mayor Towers provided his cell phone number and invited anyone who has concerns to call him at 708/932-8217 or 753-5124 or email him at ltowers32@yahoo.com; he will return the call.

Trustee Burgess also commented on how Trustee Benson votes no on everything and does not have a committee. Trustee Benson stated that he does not vote on corruption. It is obvious when certain officials are dealing with corruption, misappropriation of funds, deception and lying to the public they will not want the truth known. The public knows what's going on and who is performing. If they do not want to inform the public they should resign their position.

Trustee Williams stated that everyone is entitled to talk about what they want on the street but asked if people can promote awareness of the break-ins at the library and talk about the water hearing on November 5th where factual information will be presented. It was disheartening to hear loud claps when it was stated that the Mayor walks the street but no one clapped when Chief Holevis mentioned there were seven burglary arrests when people come to the meetings complaining about break-ins. Trustee Williams commended the Police Department. Trustee Williams asked Village Attorney Mike McGrath how to deal with accusations that the prior or current Board misappropriated funds, deceived people and is involved in corruption. Trustee Williams asked if there is any legal action that can be pursued in her professional capacity as Trustee or privately for being slandered for two years. Village Attorney McGrath stated that he could not take a case against another Board member; he works for the Mayor and the entire Board. VA McGrath stated that a lot of what is said is covered under the legislative process but there is a line that someone can go over. Trustee Williams asked for memo on where the line is.

Trustee Chavez stated that Mayor Towers owes Judy Cast an apology because he stated at a different meeting that he did not know anything about flyers being passed out but now admits to it.

Trustee Hanks stated that there is a rogue trustee who continues to make false accusations about misappropriation of funds and corruption by this Board. This same trustee voted no on every item before the board tonight with one exception. The issues voted on were approving minutes, approve Accounts Payable so employees and bills can be paid and amending policy. Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson should prove what he is saying and that people who accuse other people are usually the guilty ones. He is guilty of stealing money from the Parks and Rec account, starting a football program and not returning the money

(people were coming to the meetings looking for their money), misuse of Parks and Rec funds and being unable to provide reports. If this trustee has evidence he has to provide it. This trustee is continuing to divide the community by telling lies while he knocks on doors and from the dais.

Mayor Towers stated that he has been walking the streets for six months every Monday and Trustee Benson has never been out with him.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Mayor Towers called Trustee Hanks out of order and stated that he cannot make the motion to adjourn.

Trustee Benson stated that Trustees Hanks and Williams have stated that he has made these allegations and he admitted that he did make those allegations but these same trustees made the same allegations against the Police Chief and the Chief of Staff and degraded them. Trustee Benson stated that these trustees and (pointing to) Trustee Burgess are corrupt and they need to resign and he will try to prove it.

Trustee Hanks left the dais at 9:17 pm and remained on the sidelines.

Village Attorney McGrath called point of order- a quorum was still present and the meeting is still continuing.

Mayor Towers recognized Village Clerk Williams. VC Williams reported that the IML was very helpful and reported that the State has hired an engineering firm to perform a deslicking process on the "s" curve and to widen the curve. VC Williams will bring in more information at a future meeting. VC Williams and Trustee Williams met with a vendor at the IML that would like to make a presentation on a sound system for the Village Hall. VC Williams will meet with the vendor next week to allow him to come in and spec the project. VC Williams asked that this item be placed on the next Committee agenda.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the reasons listed above. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:20 pm.

12. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene open session. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Benson.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:50 pm.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 1, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Trustee Chavez enters at 12:55 pm)

Also Present: Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich

2. Department Budget Review

Mayor Towers thanked Interim Village Manager Dieterich for all of his efforts in preparing the 2011- 2012 budget. Trustee Hanks asked for the meeting to be recessed sfter 4 hours until Monday at 6 pm.

Interim Village Manager Dieterich presented a proposed 2011-2012 budget with a \$220,000.00 deficit. Interim Village Manager Dieterich and department heads Fire Chief Al Stoffregen, Interim Police Chief Tim Holevis, Public Works Director Kevin Weller and ESDA Director Art Johnson reviewed their prospective budgets with the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 2:32 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3:56 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess. Trustee Hanks made a motion to recess until Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6pm. The motion to recess was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 3:56 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting.

Trustee Williams made the motion to reconvene. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson (Trustee Benson entered at 6:17 pm)

Also Present: Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich

The meeting was reconvened at 6:09 pm.

Trustee Hanks chaired the meeting until Mayor Towers entered at 7:00 pm.

4. Review Proposed 2011-12 Village Budget

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that taking into account the proposed changes from the October 1st Special Meeting the proposed budget stands with a \$230,600.00 deficit. The Mayor and Board of Trustees continued to review the proposed 2011-12 budget for Administration, TIF, Debt Service and various others funds and departments.

After proposed changes a \$76,500 budget deficit remained for the 2011-2012 budget. Mayor Towers asked Interim Village Manager Dieterich to bring recommendations back to the Board to balance the 2011-12 budget.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hanks made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:48 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 4, 2011.**

1.Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Wayne Steel Proposed Expansion- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers reported that Wayne Steel is proposing a 3rd expansion adjacent to the Ford Plant. Wayne Steel Representatives Mike McIntosh and Dave Dunning stated that they receive 1,000 rail cars per year to bring steel to the Ford plant. Wayne Steel also works with Set Enterprises. The proposed expansion could bring 4-5 more jobs to Wayne Steel and 5-10 jobs to Set Enterprises. Construction will begin after the completion of the building plan. Wayne Steel is requesting a Class 6b tax abatement. This matter will be addressed in the near future.

3. Cook County Restaurant Inspection Agreement- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich presented the Cook County Restaurant Inspection Agreement and asked that the agreement be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

4. Resolution Approving a Subrecipient Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Project No. 11-034

Interim Village Manager presented the Subrecipient Community Block Grant Agreement and asked that the resolution approving the agreement be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

5. Bid Waivers/ Competitive Bid Process- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers reported that the State Law does not require a formal bid process for projects under \$20,000.00. Village Code requires the bid process for projects \$10,000.00 and up. Mayor Towers asked if the Board wanted to be in line with the State or remain the same. The consensus of the Board was to remain at \$10,000.00 and up.

6. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Rose Langston reported that the paper book exchange is up and running in the Senior Center thanks to Ms. Morgan and the McConathy Public Library. Blood Pressure testing will take place tomorrow from 1-2 pm and is available to all residents, church members and employees. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 for the October 22nd All you Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner. The cost is \$5.00. The next Senior Movie will be held on Monday, November 14th. A luncheon will be served at 12:00 pm. Speaker Monique Davis

from South Suburban Senior Services will be present. RSVP through the library. Bloom Trail has extended the recipe submission until December 1st. The deadline for the senior luncheon is November 14th. The cost is \$8.00.

Bernice Houston stated that the cost to replace the infrastructure was inflated by Trustee Williams. Bernice referred to Ordinance 06-10 asking if there is a debt service fund for water users. Bernice stated that no amendment has been filed for wells 1 & 2. Bernice handed her questions over to Mayor Towers for a written response.

Larry Stewart stated that the budget process went well. Larry stated that he saw a packed house at the Community Center and saw Cortez coaching flag football; more men should volunteer.

Judy Cast asked if money is in place to repair the fire hydrants and if the repairs to the Fire Station driveway will be taken care of. Judy stated that the PLAN has met with Chief Holevis to voice some concerns. The meeting went well. There is grant money coming to help repair the hydrants. DH Weller stated the driveway will be patched temporarily; permanent repairs are on hold.

Frank Williams stated that things are falling into place; budget meetings went smoothly.

Pat Couch thanked the Beautification Committee for the fall decorations

Mr. Jones complained about the break-ins and street lights not working. Mr. Jones asked where the protection is. Mr. Jones also complained about the pot holes. Mayor Towers referred Mr. Jones to speak with DH Weller. DH Weller suggested everyone put lights on at night in both the front and the back of the house.

7. Proposal for New Collection Company Agreement- Municipal Collections of America, Inc.- Interim Chief Holevis

Interim Chief Holevis stated that the company that handled “P” ticket collection is now defunct. Interim Chief Holevis presented a proposal from Municipal Collections of America, Inc. MCA currently handles 37 out of the 42 surrounding municipalities. MCA representative Roger Wood stated that there is a 20-50% recovery rate. MCA receives 35% of the amount of debt collected; a recent State Statute allows for the fees to be added on to the debt. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

8. Board Room Speaker System- Kevin Weller

DH Weller stated that he has been reviewing estimates for a sound system for the Board room along with Village Clerk Williams for the past year. DH Weller stated the \$8,700.00 proposal from The Little Guys includes six mikes on the dais, 6 on each table and a wireless mike on the podium. This is a basic system that is upgradeable. DH Weller stated that the room is wired for 4 speakers. Conduit is in place but wiring was cut out of the initial budget for the Municipal Center.

Village Clerk Williams met with a second company last week and stated that a presentation with “live mikes” will take place at the next Committee Meeting.

9. Rock Solid Paving (Outdoor Basketball Court)- Mayor Towers

Mayor Towers stated that Rock Solid Paving presented a proposal removing the additional \$500.00 previously added to their contract. The current contract states that the basketball poles need to be

installed by others. DH Weller stated that the cost of 4 yards of concrete that is needed to set the poles into is approximately \$300.00. Mayor Towers directed DH Weller to ask Rock Solid to provide a quote including the installation of the poles and place this item on the Board agenda for approval. Resurfacing, painting or striping cannot be done until spring. Trustee Benson stated that two poles are not enough. The Board should use the money to bring the 4 poles back to old location and for park repairs. Trustee Hanks stated that a survey was conducted and several residents brought concerns to the Board about the old location being gang infested. The Board agreed to move the hoops behind the Police Department. The area is now cleared up. Trustee Benson stated he did not see the survey, never saw a problem in that area and only one family complained.

10. Safeguard Properties- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams presented a proposal from Safeguard Properties. Safeguard Properties will work with the Village to help identify owners of vacant properties and will work with the bank or owner to secure and maintain the property. This service is free to Sauk Village. Safeguard would charge the banks or owners directly for the services which will prevent liens from accruing on the property. Trustee Hanks stated that the proposed Cook County Vacant Property Registration will work hand in hand with Safeguard. Trustee Myers has experience dealing with Safeguard and recommended them.

11. Review Parental Responsibility Ordinance- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the Parental Responsibility Ordinance has been reviewed by the Ordinance Review Committee, the Police Department, Adjudicating Attorney and Village Attorneys. The ordinance is comparable to the State Statute. Community Service is mentioned in the agreement. Community Service must be documented by someone from an approved agency such as a church or business. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

12. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, October 28th by midnight. Trustee

Williams stated that she will be introducing National League of Cities to the Board in the near future. Trustee Williams met with them at the IML conference. National League of Cities will provide a warranty for water main breaks that are the responsibly of the homeowner. A fee of \$4-\$5.00 per month will be charged for the 24 hour service. NLC will pay a user fee to Sauk Village to advertise in our community.

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee will be held on Monday, October 10th in the Village Hall at 7 pm.

Trustee Chavez stated that the next Parks and Recreation committee meeting will be held in the Community Center on October 6th. Trustee Chavez requested copies of the Village Code book, Employee Manual and the last Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Hanks stated that there are two openings on the Housing Authority Commission. The Housing Authority Commission will be moving forward in the near future. Trustee Hanks stated that the Board is still working to balance the budget. The budget currently has a \$76,000.00 deficit.

Trustee Benson inquired about the debt service for the Ordinance #10-06 and referred to the November 5th meeting and a court date (?). Trustee Myers stated that he will research Ordinance # 10-06. Trustee Benson asked how many Village service providers are asking for retribution from the time spent at the circus. Mayor Towers stated that every department volunteered except the Police Department. Interim Police Chief Holevis stated that he worked the circus on Comp time- not overtime. Trustee Williams stated that it has been discussed previously that the Police Department does not have a Full Time Chief that is not a union employee. Union employees must be paid for hours worked. Appointing a Police Chief would alleviate that issue.

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review meeting will be held on October 17th at 7 pm. Trustee Myers thanked the Ordinance Review Committee for working diligently on several new ordinances. Trustee Myers will be attending a conference this weekend at no cost to the Village.

Mayor Towers thanked the Board, Dick Dieterich and department heads for all of their work on the budget. The budget is close to being balanced. Mayor Towers stated that tax bills are in. Check bills closely for all exemptions. Tax appeals can be filed at www.cookcountyassessor.com. Mayor Towers will hold a tax seminar in the near future.

13. Adjournment of Committee Meeting.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **OCTOBER 11, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers. Written questions may be considered as FOIA requests.

Bernice Houston stated that the FOIA information she received regarding the parks grant is incomplete. Bernice also stated that it is illegal to subject questions from the audience to FOIA regulations.

Trustee Williams stated that all questions that were addressed to her were answered in writing.

Trustee Williams also asked if the board was going to enforce the three minute rule with no rebuttal.

Mayor Towers stated that will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- stated that it is appalling and illegal that public comment may be considered FOIA requests.

Trustee Williams asked that the Village Clerk provide clear cut FOIA / Freedom of Information Act Rules at the next meeting.

Judy Cast stated that the overabundance of FOIA requests are getting out of hand and time consuming.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. September 27, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. October 1, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2011 Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Abstain: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. October 3, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011 Special Board Meeting with one correction. The meeting was reconvened at 6:09 pm.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

D. October 4, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made the motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that Mayor Towers and Village Attorney McGrath agreed to the procedure for public comment that appears on the agenda. Written questions may appear as a FOIA request due to the need to do additional research or to direct the questions to another individual. The request will be logged in on the FOIA log and checked for duplication. Additional research time will not be required if that question was asked and answered previously. VC Williams stated that FOIA Clerk Jasinski received notification from the Attorney General's office that a frequent FOIA requestor reported that replies to three FOIA requests were incomplete. Upon further review, the Attorney General's office notified Sauk Village that the responses were answered completely. VC Williams stated that there are times when FOIA requests come in with the wrong date, amount or other information that makes it difficult to determine exactly what information the requestor is seeking. FOIA requests need to be specific. In the case referred to above, the response to the Parks grant was not incomplete. VC Williams turned the FOIA request over to the Attorney General stating that the requestor submitted the wrong information by confusing a Parks grant with a Cops grant.

Village Clerk Williams stated that a Special Meetings will be held on Monday, October 17th at 7pm for final budget review and on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 am to discuss water issues only.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael stated that the Police Pension Board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 10th. The Fire Pension Board meeting is still pending.

C. Village Attorney – Mr. McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath reported that memos in response to recent questions are ready for board review.

Trustee Burgess asked what the procedure was to discuss findings from the report prepared regarding TIF consultant expenses and how to appoint different TIF attorneys . VA McGrath stated that those items can be placed on a Committee meeting agenda for discussion. VA McGrath stated that no 2011 TIF report has been filed. Trustee Benson asked that the board receive copies of all TIF agreements.

Trustee Hanks asked who the Village Attorney would defend with regards to rules of conduct for elected officials. VA McGrath stated that they would defend the board.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik is working to finalize the water study presentation. The final draft will be ready for review at the next Board meeting in order to be ready for the Special Meeting of November 5th.

VA McGrath stated that due to pending litigation both the IEPA and the State's Attorney's office have been invited to attend on November 5th.

Trustee Hanks stated that flyers are circulating with false information. Residents need to be given factual information. Trustee Benson stated that residents have a right to pass out flyers according to what they believe.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers reminded residents to review their tax bills carefully for exemptions. Appeals can be filed for 2011 tax bills. Call 708/232-4100 for more information.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that he has received all of the information he was looking for except the park's survey. Trustee Chavez invited everyone to the first anniversary of the Line Dancing program on Monday, October 17th. Freaky Friday Movie Night is October 28th from 4-6pm for kids 12 and under and 7-9pm for kids 13 and over. Admission will be \$1.00. Kids in costume will receive a free bag of popcorn. Freaky Friday is co-sponsored by the McConathy Public Library. The line up for the Great Pumpkin Walk will begin at 12:00 pm at Rickover Junior High. Kids will walk to the Community Center where the Trunk or Treat will be set up to pass out candy. The first 100 kids will receive a free pumpkin to decorate. The Community Center is very busy with kickball, dodge ball, crafts and coloring, Family Fun Night, board games, sign language on Fridays and party rentals. Trustee Chavez stated that he would like to start a free website for Parks and Recreation. Trustee Williams will email the website guidelines to Trustee Chavez.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association have provided information on the Illinois Hardest Hit fund. The Illinois Housing Development Authority has partnered with the US Department of the Treasury to offer temporary mortgage payments assistance to homeowners that are struggling to pay their mortgage due to loss of employment or underemployment but are working to increase their income to keep their homes. Follow instructions provided on www.illinoishardesthit.org to apply. A review agency will contact homeowners to discuss eligibility. Trustee Hanks will present recommendations for two new Housing Authority commissioners during executive session and requests that action can be taken tonight on the appointments.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

The Ordinance Review Committee will be meeting Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm in the Village Hall to discuss current and future ordinances. Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee has worked hard on the Parental Responsibility Ordinance which has been reviewed by the attorneys. This will place more responsibility on the parents. Trustee Myers urged the Board to pass this ordinance tonight.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee met Monday, October 10th. The Economic Development Committee is performing in depth research to formulate an Economic Development plan that will detail a road map of the vision for economic growth. The committee will work with the Zoning Board, department heads, commissioners, committees, schools and library to compile current data and future projections that will be part of the future economic development plan. Trustee Burgess presented a draft makeup of a marketing brochure for Board review that the committee would like to have published as soon as possible. Compiling future data will be a lengthy process. Volunteers are needed to conduct a village wide study. Trustee Burgess asked if Winpak is currently taking job applications. Mayor Towers stated that applications are being accepted at the offices located at the 3400 block of Butler Avenue. Trustee Burgess reminded residents that Behr Paint and Warehouse Specialties in the Logistic Center often have open positions. Applicants are often directed to a temporary agency for consideration.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that Sauk Talk articles will be due early on October 21st to include the water presentation of November 5th. The Sauk Talk is available on the website, at the Village Hall, library and local businesses. The Public Relations committee met last week to discuss continuing fundraising efforts and Student Government Day. Essay topic suggestions should be given to Trustee Williams. Volunteers will be needed to help judge essays.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Sgt. Sailsbery

Sergeant Sailsbery stated that the records clerk will be returning tomorrow but the department is extremely short handed with vacations and Officer Langan still on light duty with a hand injury that occurred while on duty and Officer Melenchanco with an off duty injury.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Asst. Chief Myers

Assistant Chief Myers reported that the Fire Department is visiting all of the schools during Fire Commission Week. The Fire Department and equipment will be at an Open House at McDonald's and Dunkin Donuts on Saturday, October 15th from 10 am – 1pm. Five engineers attended driver's training last Saturday to meet State guidelines and four firefighters attended the University of Champaign for Fire College at no cost to the village. The cost is picked up by the Firemen's Association. The fire truck is out of service due to asphalt repairs being conducted by Public Works. Steger is on standby until after the repairs have been completed.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Department Head Weller reported that street sweeping will begin November 1st and run through November 20th. Residents were asked not to rake leaves in the street before November 1st and to avoid clogging drainage areas. Due to plants closing November 1st some landscaping from dig operation will have to wait until spring. The DECO side walk repair program will begin October 17th which may affect parking for some residents. Alternative parking has been discussed with the Police Department. Fire Station asphalt repairs will be completed within a couple of days. DH Weller reported on various projects that have been completed throughout the year.

Trustee Burgess stated concerns regarding the concrete repairs that are needed at Torrence Avenue and Sauk Trail. The legalities of Sauk Village doing the repairs will be on the next Committee agenda because the intersection is not a Sauk Village roadway but is State / County owned. This is a safety issue. Mayor Towers stated that IDOT reported that they are not planning to make any repairs at this time.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- absent

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported a General Fund balance of \$63,063.30 which includes an October 7' 2011 Cop's grant reimbursement of \$21,749.08. There has been no activity in the first quarter of the DECO grant and third quarter of the Chirp's grant. Finance Director Rao, Interim Chief Holevis and Village Treasurer Carmichael have negotiated with Midwest Bank not to charge a bank analysis fee which will save the village \$5,000.00 per year. The audit is staggering while waiting for a report from the actuary. Approximately \$125,000.00 will be borrowed from the water fund. Income tax and sales tax revenue of approximately \$100,000.00 is anticipated by October 19th.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA will assist the Police Department with Halloween patrol October 28th-30th from 7pm -11pm and 3pm – 7pm on the 31st to ensure the safety of the residents and homes. Official Halloween hours will appear for discussion on the next Committee agenda. DH Johnson reminded residents to look out for kids in the streets trick or treating.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose thanked the Police Department and Public Works for delivering the cabinet for ceramics. Rose thanked Nadine and Betty for donating paperbacks and the McConathy Public Library for donating paper back books and a book rack for the Senior Center paperback book exchange. The 8th annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Tickets are \$5.00 for all you can eat spaghetti. Entertainment will be provided. The deadline to purchase tickets for the Bloom Township Community senior luncheon at the Serbian Hall, 186th & Stoney Island, is Friday, October 14th. The luncheon will take place at 11:30 am on Tuesday, October 18th. Entertainment will provided by Joe Vega. The cost is \$4.00 for township seniors and \$8.00 for non township seniors. The senior committee is finalizing the Senior Center Rental Policy. The next Blood Pressure screenings will take place on Wednesday, October 19th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center.

Rose reported that the next Senior Committee meeting is Thursday, October 13th at 5 pm.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee chair Marva Pruitt thanked Linda and Jack Todd, Sharon Nowak, Cheryl Thomas, Steve Blom and Susan Barker for the October 1st cleanup and for decorating the Village Hall and various village sign areas. Marva also thanked her committee members and Living Springs Church for the joint effort to clean up the Wagoner baseball fields, the old Jiffy Lube and the corner of Torrence and Sauk Trail. Marva reported that the Illinois Highway mural project is up and moving. An agreement was submitted for attorney review in order to be signed by Trustee Burgess and Mayor Towers. The agreement will then be signed by Fairway Foods. Kevin Weller and the Public Works Department will be installing the frame for the mural on the Fairway Foods building. Marva thanked Nan Wargo for her diligent behind the scenes efforts to keep the project moving.

Marva reported that the Beautification Committee will be working on the Fiskar's Orange Thumb grant project for a Community Garden. Village permission is needed to apply for the grant of \$3,500- \$5,000.00. Marva is also proposing an adopt a spot program for businesses to donate materials and be recognized for their donations. Marva would like to place signs at the Village Hall and village signs identifying the committee for their efforts.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent

Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with Ms. Booker; she was still working out of town but will be returning shortly.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Chair Marva Pruitt stated that 6 out of 7 commissioners have been seated. A recommendation for the seventh commissioner was given to board. Marva asked that the recommendation be discussed in executive session and approved tonight.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. A Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspection Services between the Village of Sauk Village and the County of Cook

B. A Resolution Approving a Subrecipient Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Project No. 11-034

C. Motion to Enter into a Collection Services Agreement with Municipal Collections of America, Inc.

D. Motion to Amend Ordinance No. 11-029- An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of Competitive Bidding for the Construction of a Basketball Court from \$13,000- \$16,500.00.

E.A Motion to Approve the Contract for the Construction of a Basketball Court- Rock Solid Paving- \$16,500.00

F. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 131 (Parental Responsibility for Acts of Minors) of Title XIII (General Offenses) of the Village Code

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Benson asked for clarification of the Consent Agenda.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

(Trustee Benson stated for the record that he mistakenly cast his vote on the consent agenda. He meant to vote no for items B.C.D.E. and F only.)

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for September 28, 2011 through October 11, 2011.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for September 28, 2011 through October 11, 2011.

Trustee Burgess stated for the record that \$125,000.000 will be borrowed from the water fund for this Accounts Payable. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked that the consent agenda be removed from the agenda to avoid confusion. Removing the consent agenda will appear on the next Committee agenda.

Trustee Williams stated that the Illinois flag is down on the flagpole on 394 and Sauk Trail. Trustee Williams explained that the response to Ms. Houston's questions are on the back table. Trustee Benson asked what happened to the money that came from the increase in the water bills. Trustee Williams explained that the entire explanation is included in the response to Ms. Houston. In 2006, the board agreed to slight increases in the water bills to have more money available in the water and sewer funds for water main breaks, salaries, chemicals, etc...

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the reasons listed above with action to be taken. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:51 pm.

12. Motion to Reconvene to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene open session. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:06 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Larry Stewart and Gary Holcomb to the Housing Authority Commission.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Larry Stewart and Gary Holcomb will be sworn in at a later date.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 17, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson, Chavez and Myers (Chavez enters at 7:26 pm- Myers enters at 7:52 pm)

2. Review Proposed 2011-2012 Village Budget

Interim Village Manager Dieterich announced that after incorporating all of the changes that the Board agreed to the budget is still out of balance \$88,545.00. This includes higher than anticipated increased personnel costs such as IMRF, Social Security and fringe benefits added while budgeting for a couple of places including the new Village Manager who will have a one month overlap while he stays in the interim position.

VM Dieterich suggested additional options to increase revenue and reduce expenses. Among those suggestions were furlough days at a savings of \$8,000.00 per day and a raise in vehicle sticker rates of \$5.00 across the board for \$22,000.00 in additional revenue. There has not been an increase in vehicle stickers for over 25 years. Increased vehicle sticker compliance is needed. Mailing vehicle sticker reminders did increase compliance in the past and is suggested for this year.

Future projections of state and property tax collection, vehicle tow fees and major construction fees have been conservatively budgeted and may fluctuate.

Other issues that affect the budget either way could include negotiating insurance rates and other union contract negotiations, vacant property registration fees, three crossing guards 3 hours a day at the local schools (at a cost of \$11,800.00), police department overtime, possible increased legal fees and future possible litigation that has not been disclosed at this time.

The Board agreed to no raises, furloughs or layoffs at this time, a \$5.00 increase across the board for vehicle stickers and keeping crossing guards at a \$1.00 cut in the hourly rate of pay.

The final draft of the proposed 2011-2012 budget will be released for public viewing on Wednesday, October 19th and will appear on the November 8th Board meeting agenda for approval. Public notices will be posted.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 18, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

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

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

2. Midwest Computer Products Sound System Demo- Steve Sepiol

Steve Sepiol performed a live demonstration of various microphones and sound system options for the Boardroom.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion for a 15 minute recess. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

The meeting was recessed at 7:37 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:52 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

3. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Marva Pruitt- Sauk Village Beautification Committee- Eastbrook Drive- Marva stated that the Beautification Committee is seeking grants from various businesses and organizations but the committee would have to incorporate with the State of Illinois and a 501C3 status is required. After researching the Village codes Marva is unable to determine if the committee is eligible to apply for a 501C3 as a Village committee. Marva asked that the Village Attorney review this matter as soon as possible due to upcoming grant deadlines. Trustee Burgess stated that his past experience is that Village committees are not eligible for a 501C3 but do have a Tax ID number.

Bernice Houston asked that Board decorum be placed on the next agenda.

Lack of Board and audience decorum was discussed. It was also stated that Mayor Towers should shut down personal attacks.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- Mr. Griffin asked why Trustee Williams answers most of the questions.

Will Smith agreed that Board members should not interrupt each other.

Ms. Jackson- 216th Court- Ms. Jackson was concerned about burglaries and break-ins. Quicker response time and follow up is needed by the Police Department.

Larry Stewart stated that the departments are doing a great job; a lot of burglars have been caught. Larry stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee is doing a great job and asked when the audit will be done. Mayor Towers stated that the audit will be done within a couple of weeks.

Wayne Patterson- Peterson Avenue- Mr. Patterson stated that the leak in front of his house was repaired and is leaking again. Wayne did speak with Kevin Weller and needs to know when it will be repaired. Kevin Weller stated that the repair is on the list and should be completed within 2 weeks.

Lynda Washington- 225th Place- Ms. Washington stated that there are positive things going on in Sauk Village. Ms. Washington tried to start a Block Club but was unable to meet in a village building. Trustee Benson asked why the village requires one million dollars insurance to rent the facilities.

John Hinko- 216th Place- Mr. Hinko stated that there are inappropriate comments from the audience. John asked why it is taking so long for the audit to be completed. Mayor Towers stated that no one is present to answer that question.

Lizette Hawkins stated that her house has been broken into twice. Ms. Hawkins stated that there was no follow up to her burglaries. It was stated that burglars were caught but nobody notified her.

Clarissa Argue- Merrill Avenue- Ms. Argue stated that her house was broken into while she was at home. Ms. Argue stated that police should pick up kids that are walking around in broad daylight. There is nothing for the kids to do. Trustee Chavez stated that there are activities for kids at the Community Center which is open 6 days a week on a volunteer basis. Activities include Line Dancing, Sign Language classes, floor hockey, dodge ball, basketball, board games, family fun night, movie night, etc... Trustee Chavez announced the plans for Halloween. Volunteers are needed.

Tamika Smith- Merrill Ct.- Ms. Smith stated that the police caught the kids who broke in her house but they were juveniles and they let them go. Ms. Smith stated that the lights are out in the court and the residents need protection.

Rose Langston- Rose stated that the next Blood Pressure screening sponsored by the Senior Committee and the PLAN group will take place October 19th from 1- 2 pm in the senior building for all village residents and employees. There will be a speaker at 11:30 am before the luncheon and senior movie on Monday, November 14th at the library. Lunch is at 12:00 pm followed by the movie at 1:00 pm. Reservations can be made by calling the library. The Lansing Police Department is the closest location participating in the drug take back program on October 29th. Do not dispose of drugs in the sink or garbage. The senior activity survey is available for senior's input. The all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, October 22nd from 3-6 pm. The cost is \$5.00. The Morgan Family will be entertaining. Rose is concerned about the \$5.00 Village sticker increase. The sound system sounds expensive; only a microphone is needed. Rose asked that Code Enforcement be brought back. Rose stated that it is hard to hear when the audience interrupts. Mayor Towers stated that residents have requested a sound system and other options are also being considered.

Bernadine Hopkins- Bernadine stated that she was denied the opportunity to join the Parks and Recreation Committee after getting a background check. Bernadine asked who decides the Community Center hours and if the Line Dancing program is now under Parks and Rec. Trustee Chavez stated that the committee is full but volunteers are always needed. The hours for the center are posted at the Community Center.

Teresa Cox- Teresa stated that the Community Center is working very well and the mayor needs to take control of the audience and the board.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- Ms. Anderson stated her concerns about questions that were answered verbally at a previous meeting instead of in writing. Ms. Anderson would like the answers in writing.

Judy Cast- Ms. Cast submitted petitions to the Village Clerk stating that the petitions include 600 signatures which is more than 10% of the 1,300 registered voters in the last election. The petitions ask that Tim Holevis be appointed as the permanent Chief of Police. Ms. Cast stated that juveniles are arrested but the judge lets them go.

Pat Couch stated that Acting Police Chief Holevis' hands are tied asked if Trustees are allowed to take tape recorders into executive session.

Frank Williams stated that Tim Holevis should be appointed Police Chief for 90 days and dismissed if he does not do the job correctly. As Acting Chief he is expected to discipline officers that belong to his own union.

Jeff Morden- Brookwood Drive- Mr. Morden stated that the community has to get together. He has never had a problem with the police responding. Jeff stated that the Beautification Committee joined with Living Springs Church to help clean up the baseball fields, the old Jiffy Lube and 7- Eleven. Jeff stated that the committee is looking for volunteers.

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4. Resolution Supporting and Consenting to a Class 6b Incentive for KTRILL, LLC

Mayor Towers stated that KTRILL, LLC has purchased a vacant warehouse located on Torrence Avenue that will require over 1 million dollars worth of repairs. KTRILL, Inc is asking for a tax incentive from Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess stated that a Class 6b incentive is normally granted after a business is occupied. The building is vacant and it is not known what type of business will be occupying the space. The space may even be sold with the Class 6b incentive grandfathered in. The Board requested further attorney review and more information regarding the financial impact. This item will appear on the November 1st Committee agenda.

5. Handicapped Parking- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that a resident is requesting a handicapped sign be placed in front of her home to allow medical personnel to park there during visits to her home. The supplies are burdensome. There is a handicapped parking sign available at Public Works. Trustee Myers stated that they may still get a citation if they do not have a handicapped placard or handicapped plates displayed. Trustee Benson stated that he will verify Ms. Perkins' paperwork and get back to the Board. This item is tabled pending additional research.

6. Halloween Hours

The Board agreed to post Halloween hours as 4pm- 7pm.

7. Repairs to Sauk Trail/ Torrence Avenue- State/ County Responsibility

No information has been received from IDOT or Cook County at this time. This item is tabled pending additional research.

8. Proposal to Update Sauk Village Code Book-Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Sauk Village Municipal Code Book has not been updated since April 2003. Most municipalities update annually. Village Clerk Williams met with a representative from Municipal Code Corporation to review what is necessary to update the code book. All ordinances from April 2003 through present need to be copied and sent to Municipal Code Corporation. MCI will determine which ordinances need to be replaced with new ordinances and provide an updated version of the code book at approximately \$25.00 per ordinance. Additional charges include additional copies of the code book for various departments. Village Clerk Williams stated that she needs the Board's direction before proceeding. The total cost could exceed \$10,000.00 with a possible four year payment plan. Trustee Myers agreed that the update is necessary and suggested that the process continue. Mayor Towers instructed Village Clerk Williams to proceed and report back with the final quote.

9. Payment Services Network, Inc. - (Online Bill Pay)-Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that residents have been requesting the option to pay their bills on line. Village Clerk Williams discussed this option with Sandy Dieterich, Sherry Jasinski, Finance Director Rao and Interim Village Manager Dieterich who participated in a tutorial conference call with Payment Services Network. It was determined that PSN can work in tandem with the Civic Systems for water payments but cannot work with payment services for village stickers or police and code tickets without additional hardware. The set up fee is less than \$1,000.00. There is an annual security fee of \$89.00. The convenience fee of approximately \$2.99 (depending of the amount being charged) and NSF fees will be charged to the resident. This is a convenience for the resident and will alleviate traffic at the front desk. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for approval.

10. Village Board Decorum- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess referred to a memo from the Village Attorneys regarding rules of procedures and conduct of elected officials. The Board needs to address the issue of conduct at board meetings and follow rules already in place. Ordinance 30-36 calls for unruly members to be called to order and possible expulsion by motion and 2/3rds vote by board members. There has to be decorum without gaveling more than two times. Meetings should stop until order is restored. People come to the meeting to hear the business at hand. Cell phones should be turned off and hats should be removed. People looking to relocate businesses to Sauk Village are often subjected to a lack of decorum by the Board and the residents.

11. Written Questions/ FOIA Requests/3 Minute Rule- Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the new Village Attorneys have made a variety of suggestions regarding public comment and the three minute rule; there is an ordinance in place. Village Clerk

Williams asked that the Board decide if they are going to follow the most recent policy suggested by the attorneys and approved by Mayor Towers. Public comment is encouraged and limited to three minutes after approaching the podium with no rebuttal. All questions should be addressed to the Mayor. The Mayor may respond or defer to another individual. The Mayor may also state that additional research is needed and will follow up to see that the answer is provided. It has been stated that FOIA requests have not been answered completely. The Attorney General's office received a complaint alleging that three FOIA requests were incomplete. The Attorney General's office reviewed the FOIA responses and found them to be complete. The Village faces a fine if the FOIA requests are not answered appropriately. Sherry Jasinski works very hard to make sure that all FOIA requests are accepted, logged in and answered on a timely basis. Statements that they are incomplete are not true. The Attorney General's office has found in favor of the Village in each case. The Village Attorney suggested that written questions be answered in writing and placed on the back table. There was a problem with repetitiveness because the same questions were being submitted as a FOIA request, asked at a Board meeting and asked directly of an elected official or department head. The Village Attorney has now suggested that all questions in writing be submitted to the Mayor and be considered requests for information or a "Freedom of Information" request. The Mayor will request that the questions be logged in with the other FOIA requests and answered according to his direction and abide within the FOIA requirements. The Mayor has agreed to this procedure. Village Clerk Williams asked if the Board members had any concerns proceeding in this manner.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Board meetings have gotten personal and political. Literature is being placed on the back table that is inaccurate and non factual. If it appears on the table in the back of the room it appears that the Board agrees with the information. Recent literature referred to claiming that a Parks and Recreation grant was placed in the General Fund and used for general village expenses. The grant in question was actually a Cop's grant supposed to be placed in the General Fund in order to pay for an officer's salary not a Parks and recreation grant. Factual information for both grants was provided as a response to a FOIA. Village Clerk Williams asked if the Board will continue to allow information that does not pertain to Village business to be placed on the table during board meetings. Mayor Towers stated that only things pertaining to Village business should be allowed on the back table.

12. Social Networking Policy- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that she did not receive all of the information she has requested regarding social networking and asked that this item be tabled for additional review.

13. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due early on Friday October 21st in order to allow time to get the word out about the November 5th Special Meeting to discuss water issues.

Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet at 6pm on Thursday, October 20th. Supporters are needed to pass out candy at the Trunk or Treat on October 29th. ESDA and the Fire Department will be on hand for the Great Pumpkin Walk. Trustee Chavez stated that there will be a movie night on Friday, November 28th. The Community Center is open 6 days a week and

volunteer Cortez Stewart needs help. Trustee Chavez asked that the Board needs to move forward and that the Mayor keep decorum at the meetings and stop the personal attacks.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Trustee Myers asked everyone to watch out for trick or treaters and because of all of the burglaries to watch out for things in the neighborhood that do not look right.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the final budget is available for public inspection at the Village Hall, library and village website. The 2011-2012 budget will appear on the November 8th Board meeting agenda for approval.

14. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 11:01 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene at 11:18 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

15. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Benson.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 24, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

In Mayor Tower's absence Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Chavez enters into executive session at 6:41 pm)

2. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011)

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:13 pm.

3. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn the Special Board Meeting

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting was reconvened at 8:32 pm.

4. Adjournment

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Trustee David Hanks- In absence of the Mayor

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER OCTOBER 25, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams
Absent: Trustee Myers (Called in- arrived 7:59 pm)

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers. Written questions may be considered as FOIA requests.

Bernice Houston-

Bernice wanted to know where it is written that public questions are subjected to FOIA. Village Attorney McGrath stated that a memo was prepared and was made available to the public on the back table regarding public comment and FOIA's. VA McGrath stated that if the answer to a question is readily available the Mayor will respond. Any questions regarding further research will be converted into a FOIA request; this does not violate any FOIA laws.

Larry Stewart- Gailine Avenue

Larry stated that the 3 minute rule keeps changing.

Francine Anderson-216th Street

Francine questioned Accounts Payable pages 6 & 7 regarding water fund/ water department expenses. Francine asked if the water comprehensive project plan prepared by Robinson Engineering will be available before or after the November 5th meeting. Copies will be available by Friday and will be subject to FOIA requirements.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. October 11, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

B. October 18, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Village Clerk Williams asked that the above minutes be tabled due to technical difficulties. The matter is being investigated by IT Consultant Gerald Pyke.

Trustee Williams made a motion to table the minutes of October 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and October 18, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams
Absent: Trustee Myers

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that the final draft of the 2011-2012 budget is available for review at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library and the village website. The budget will be on the November 8th Board meeting agenda for approval. Questions and comments can be addressed at the Committee meeting of

November 1, 2011. There will be a Special meeting held on Wednesday, October 26th for the purpose of personnel and a Special Meeting held Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 am to discuss the water issues only. Public notices for these meetings have been also posted at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library and the village website.

Village Clerk Williams stated that public comment has been a subject that has been discussed and changed a number of times. Mayor Towers, a majority of the Village Trustees and the Village Attorneys have agreed to the policy that is in place at this time. Questions from the audience will be considered FOIA requests due to duplicity in the same questions from the audience being asked in both written and verbal form as well as a FOIA request. All FOIA requests are logged in and can be checked if the same request was asked and answered previously and that the answer is readily available for another requestor seeking the same information.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011.

C. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that memos have been prepared for the Wayne Steel tax incentive resolution and suggested that the Board approve the resolution.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik distributed the Water Quality Improvement Plan and stated that he will be available for questions.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is collecting candy for Saturday's Trunk or Treat and movies for Friday's Movie Night. Movies for kids 13 and under will be from 4- 6 pm. Movies for kids 13 and above will be from 7pm- 9pm. All kids in costume receive a free bag of popcorn. Donations include Chicago Air Power \$25.00 and Pacesetter Steel \$50.00. Trunk or Treat setup is 11:00 am in the parking lot. Everyone is invited to pass candy out from their trunk when the kids come from their walk. The walk will start at noon from Rickover Junior High. Public Safety services are on board. Trustee Benson polled the Police, Fire and ESDA departments to see if they will be volunteering their time for these events.

Trustee Williams stated that there is a line item for special events. They are not required to volunteer but it is appreciated when they do. The Parks and Recreation website is up and running at no cost to the village. The Community Center is open for fun and games and line dancing. Community Center volunteer Cortez Stewart stated that he is glad to be working with Trustee Chavez and provided a report on current activities available at the Community Center six days a week. Activities include basketball for all ages, Family Fun Day, volleyball, etc.... A calendar is available at the Community Center. Cortez stated that following in Sandy's footsteps is not easy but there is growth at the center and volunteers are needed. The board thanked Cortez for his time and dedication.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- No report

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers- Absent- No report

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated the Economic Development Committee is in the process of formulating a new questionnaire for residents and businesses. Trustee Burgess will be meeting with a possible big box investor who is interested in Sauk Village. Trustee Burgess contacted IDOT about the problem at Sauk Trail and Torrence Avenue. IDOT said repairs will be done to Torrence Avenue from Sauk Trail to Steger Road in June 2012.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams reported that the Sauk Talk is in the final stages and will be released early to get the word out about the water referendum meeting on November 5th. The Public Relations Committee is looking for suggestions for essay topics for Student Government Day.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Acting Chief Holevis

Chief Holevis stated that the new truck has been delivered and could be in service by mid November after the emergency equipment is installed. Chief Holevis stated that burglaries for October are higher than average at approximately 37 with 25 related arrests. A report will be submitted that will detail that a large amount of stolen property was recovered from The Hook Up and arrests that were made. Chief Holevis will work with Trustee Myers to research an old ordinance relating to payment schedules that may need to be revamped for the tow ordinance. Chief Holevis introduced Sergeant Mieczak. Pat Couch, on behalf of the PLAN organization, recognized his accomplishments on the force since 2001 including joining SWAT in December 2003 and the Canine Unit in 2005 with Officer Boscoe. Frank Williams, Gary Holcomb and Judy Cast presented a jacket and certificate to Sgt. Mieczak and a certificate and plaque to Officer Boscoe.

Chief Holevis reported on Halloween safety, the mapping of sex offenders and that an officer was stuck with dirty needles during an altercation over the weekend.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 15 calls between the period of October 18th and October 24th. Chief Stoffregen suggested that residents check their furnaces, smoke detectors and CO detectors to prepare for winter. The ATV was delivered Friday. Driver's training will be held in the Village.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller-Absent- No report

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

Administrator Jasinski stated that information was submitted in the board packets relating to the request for an electronic fence that is currently not allowed in the zoning ordinances. It was requested that this item be placed on the next Board agenda.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao

Finance Director Rao reported that property tax money is coming in. The General Fund balance is \$651,120.58. The completion of the audit is about a week away. September Collector's reports will be available soon.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 15 calls during the period of October 18th and October 24th and will assist the Police Department with Halloween patrol. DH Johnson reminded motorists to watch for kids who are not looking as they cross the streets.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston

Rose Langston reported that the paperback book exchange is in use and thanked Barb Dorman and Nancy Baker for donating books. Another book case is needed. The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Rose thanked the committee, Gary Holcomb the chef and volunteers that included seven US Bank employees, Angela Cox and son, and the Morgan family. The next senior movie, "Shakespeare's Love" will be November 14th at 1:00 pm. A speaker from South Suburban Senior Services will be on hand at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon provided by the library. The library will be taking reservations. The Bloom Township luncheon is noon on Wednesday, November 16th. Doors open at 11:30 am. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, November 11th. The next Senior Committee meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, November 17th at 5 pm.

The Senior Center Rental policy has been completed. A senior survey for additional activities will be included in the next Sauk Talk. The next free Blood Pressure screenings for residents and employees will take place on Wednesday, November 16th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center. The free

Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings are co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee. Two registered nurses and one LPN volunteer their time. Rose reminded everyone that tax bills are due December 1, 2011.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent- No report

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report

Mayor Towers stated that he spoke with Ms. Booker; she is back in town and hopes to have a report at the next meeting.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- Absent- No Report

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution Approving and Supporting a Class 8 Tax Incentive for Wayne Steel

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a Class 8 Tax Incentive for Wayne Steel. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers. Trustee Benson requested additional information. The matter was discussed for clarification.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for October 12, 2011 through October 25, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for October 12, 2011 through October 25, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers. Trustee Williams asked that a balance due report on the Stuttley and Del Galdo Groups be distributed to the Board.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Approve an Agreement between Payment Services Network, Inc. and the Village of Sauk Village (Online Utility Bill Payments)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an agreement between Payment Services Network and the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson stated that no other presentations were made for comparisons. Village Clerk Williams stated that the matter was discussed during the last Committee meeting. Payment Services Network works directly with the software that is used for the water billing. Trustee Hanks stated that matters need to be discussed in Committee and asked for roll call.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve an Agreement between The Little Guys, Inc. and the Village of Sauk Village (Board Room Sound System)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an agreement between The Little Guys, Inc. and the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated that more companies should have the opportunity to present a system. Trustee Williams stated that two presentations were made and Kevin Weller did extensive research before a determination was made that this was the least expensive option.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that Mayor Towers agreed to an interview process for potential Village Manager candidates during a Committee meeting but did not attend last night's meeting. Trustee Benson was also absent. Mayor Towers stated that he did not call for the meeting and is not on board with the selection process that the Board has chosen and that he will probably be bringing a lawsuit against the Board for acting inappropriately by changing the ordinance taking the power of the Mayor and using it for the Board to appoint the Village Manager. Mayor Towers will not be a part of that process.

Trustee Burgess stated that Mayor Towers did agree to a 6pm meeting and asked if Mayor Towers has a person to submit to be a part of the interviewing process. Trustee Burgess asked if Mayor Towers would work with the Board and become part of the interviewing process. There has been no action taken and the Board would like to come to an agreement; the Village cannot afford another lawsuit. The Village has spent over \$150,000.00 in litigation due to mismanagement and other pending litigation. The contract of the current Interim Village Manager is expiring soon and someone needs to be placed in the position for a smooth transition to take place.

Mayor Towers stated that he does not have a candidate. He has a problem with the process and the way the ordinance was changed taking the power away from the Mayor. Mayor Towers suggested that a committee be formed to bring three candidates to him for final approval as was done in the past.

Trustee Burgess stated that at the time the ordinance was presented the Mayor did not veto the ordinance.

Mayor Towers restated that he will not be a part of the process.

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers eliminated the position of Village Manager at the beginning of his administration without amending an ordinance or going to the village residents. Trustee Hanks stated that also under Mayor Towers' administration a Chief of Staff position was created, filled and eliminated.

This position for Village Manager is a new position that was spelled out in the ordinance as an administrative position compared to the officer position that the former Village Manager position had. The Mayor did not veto the ordinance when it was presented. The Board is reaching out. Trustee Benson stated that the Board has never worked with the Mayor. Trustee Williams stated that the Mayor was aware of yesterday's meeting and did not provide written documentation that he was not on board which could have altered whether or not the process continued. The Board will follow the process as stated in the ordinance that was set in place. The Mayor had a right to veto but chose not to.

The legalities of the ordinance were discussed. Trustee Myers stated that the ordinance was reviewed by the Stuttley Group before it came before the Board. Mayor Towers stated that the Board was aware that he had a

problem when he did not sign the ordinance. There is a problem when the Mayor's power is removed without a referendum.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (SILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011) with further action to be taken.

12. Motion to Reconvene to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **OCTOBER 26, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

In Mayor Tower's absence Trustee Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Chavez enters into executive session at 7:15 pm)

2. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011)

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:33 pm.

3. Motion to Reconvene Open Session to Adjourn the Special Board Meeting

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All Ayes.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 pm.

4. Adjournment

Trustee Hanks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Trustee David Hanks- In absence of the Mayor

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 1, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Resolution Supporting and Consenting to a Class 8 Application for KTRILL, Inc.

Mayor Towers introduced Attorney Brian Liston. Brian Liston is representing KTRILL, Inc. in the request for a Class 8 tax incentive. Mr. Liston stated that KTRILL, Inc. purchased the property located at 21399 Torrence Avenue as a foreclosure sale. The 46,000 square foot building has been vacant for 6 years and needs approximately two million dollars in immediate repairs that include a whole new roof, revamping the dock doors, foundation issues, etc. before the facility can be opened and to prevent further disrepair. Local contractors will be used bringing approximately 25 jobs to the community. Two potential tenants are interested in the facility which will also bring additional jobs to the community giving qualified Sauk Village residents first consideration.

It was further discussed that without the repairs KTRILL, Inc. is making to the building it will only fall into greater disrepair and become an eyesore. KTRILL, INC. and the employees will generate revenue for the community by paying taxes and shopping at local businesses. Even with the tax incentive KTRILL, Inc. will pay 32% more property tax than it does in its current state.

Mr. Liston stated that repairs could take up to 36 months and the tax incentive does not need to be activated until the property is 51% occupied. Trustee Burgess stated that before the 12 year tax incentive is offered he would like to see it in writing that it will not take effect until the building is 51% occupied and would also like to know what businesses will be going in there. This item will appear in the next board meeting agenda for approval.

3. Request for Variance- Electric Guard Dog Fence/ Roadway

Central Security Systems representative Cindy Gsell presented the need for a variance to the zoning ordinance in order to install an electric guard dog fence on the Roadway property per their request. The fence would be installed at the south end in a non-residential area in close proximity to the existing chain link fence. The fence will have a short 12 volt surge and is safe for humans and animals. The matter will be passed on to the Village Attorney and Zoning Board for review.

4. “The Hook Up” Update- Interim Chief Holevis (absent- family emergency)

Interim Chief Holevis reported that stolen merchandise and cannabis was found inside The Hook Up store. The Board agreed to place this item on the next board meeting agenda to close the business and schedule a hearing as soon as possible.

5. Presentation by Mesirow Insurance- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Mesirow Insurance representatives Patrick Sheahan and Cherita Perry presented a brief overview of the Risk Management and Property and Casualty services they could provide as the broker of record for the Village of Sauk Village. This item will be placed on the next board meeting agenda for approval.

6. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak.

Bernice Houston - Citizens for Public Awareness- inquired if there was a capital improvements plan being developed for waste water sewerage and if any shovel ready plans are available in draft for public viewing. Ms. Houston disputes the board's decision regarding the distribution of non-Village material and the manner that public comment is addressed and requests clarification. Ms. Houston also asked what performance measures were used to develop the 2011-2012 Budget and why there was no line item for contingency fund for pending litigation, 911 operators and repair and maintenance of the infrastructure and the wells. Mayor Towers asked that those questions be submitted in writing.

The board discussed the memo from the Mayor that states that all non-Village related paperwork placed on the back table needs prior approval of the Mayor.

Thelma Taylor- 217th Street- stated that her home was burglarized. Ms. Taylor stated that merchandise has been recovered from burglaries but she did not get any notice if any of her items were recovered. Mayor Towers suggested that Ms. Taylor contact Interim Chief Holevis. The board discussed the procedures that take place after a home is burglarized and the issues with the court system particularly when a juvenile is involved. Trustee Benson stated that the Police Department needs to allow residents the opportunity to view recovered stolen merchandise and alert them to upcoming court dates in reference to their burglary. Trustee Williams suggested that a forum focusing on Village burglaries be scheduled allowing the Police Department, Village Adjudicator and Markham Courthouse representatives to address the procedures followed in the case of burglaries.

Lynda Washington- 225th Place- Ms. Washington stated that she submitted a second request to use the Community Center for a Village Wide Block Club where the break-ins can be discussed. There is currently a fee to use the center. Ms., Washington stated that residents should not be rushed out of the building after Board meetings when speaking with elected officials. Mayor Towers stated that he does not agree that citizens should not be able to use the Community Center without paying a fee. The board passed the policy per the Parks and Recreation Chairman. Mayor Towers stated that he believes that the public should be able to communicate with the board but board meetings often run very late and residents should contact the officials by phone, email or arrange to meet with them. Trustee Burgess suggested that the last elected official in the building should be responsible for locking up the building.

A resident stated that her home was burglarized twice and is frustrated with the Police procedures used in her case. Mayor Towers stated that the Interim Police Chief reported last week on the number of arrests and stated that the neighborhood needs to be aware of the issue. Mayor Towers supports the Neighborhood Watch Club.

Larry Stewart- Gailine Avenue-expressed his concerns about break-ins and the judicial system.

Nathan Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- inquired about the curfew ordinance. Trustee Myers stated that curfew begins at 10:00 pm on weekdays and 10:30 pm on weekends. Interim Chief Holevis has requested the Ordinance Review Committee to research other options. Mr. Griffin asked for an ordinance holding parent's responsible for their children and asked for clarification on the juvenile court system. Trustee Myers stated that the board recently passed the Parental Responsibility Ordinance which holds the parents responsible for the juvenile and charges fines to the parents. Mayor Towers stated that once the juveniles are charged and the case is transferred to Markham it is out of our hands.

Tamika Smith-stated her concerns about her house being broken into. Ms. Smith stated that she brought her receipts to the Police Department and was not able to see the stolen merchandise. There is a need for more street lights and the vacant buildings need to be boarded up.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- stated that she FOIA's a copy of the petition submitted by the PLAN and the signatures were redacted. Ms. Anderson stated that signing a petition eliminates the privacy of the person signing the petition. Ms. Anderson recapped the recent reports of break-ins and arrests and asked for clarification about how many were solved. Ms. Anderson stated that the 2011-2012 Budget does not include actual expenditures from the previous years or a summary sheet.

John Hinko- 216th Place- asked Mayor Towers to control the outbursts from the audience. Mr. Hinko asked why there was no investigation regarding the missing Parks and Recreation money. Mayor Towers stated that the allegations were false. There was further discussion regarding the Winpak employment application process.

Judy Cast-stated that Mr. Benson is on tape admitting to taking the money.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- expressed concerns over the audience behavior, personal attacks and moving the village forward.

Pat Couch- asked for an update on the presentation regarding insurance for water main breaks. Trustee Williams stated that the issue was passed on to Public Works director Kevin Weller and hopes to see it on the agenda soon.

7. New Accounts Payable Bank Account- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich reported that Finance Director Mohan Rao is seeking board approval to open a new bank account to segregate Accounts Payables income and expenses. This matter will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

8. Schedule CDGB Performance Hearing- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that a CDBG Performance hearing needs to be scheduled and notices posted. VM Dieterich suggested the hearing be scheduled for November 22, 2011. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

9. An Ordinance Increasing Vehicle Sticker Fees- Interim Village Manager

Interim Village Manager Dieterich presented an ordinance increasing vehicle sticker fees as directed by the board. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

10. Reorganization of the Administration Department- Interim Village Manager Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich recommended removing the supervisory responsibilities for the Administration Department from Finance Director Rao to Building and Zoning Administrator Sherry Jasinski. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval. VM Director recommended Administrative Services Director. Mayor Towers asked the board to submit recommendations for a title change for Ms. Jasinski. This matter will be readdressed at a later date. Trustee Myers asked VM Dieterich to provide a job description to the board.

11. Replacement of Payroll/ Accounts Payable Administrative Clerk- Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich

Interim Village Manager stated that the Payroll/ Accounts Payable Clerk will be leaving after the first of the year. VM Dieterich suggested researching possible replacements as soon as possible to allow time for a transition. Labor union contracts, laid off employees and contracted services need to be considered. Trustee Benson requested a copy of the union contract. This personnel change should not affect the budget. This matter will be readdressed at a later time.

12. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Benson thanked VM Dieterich for providing the TIF information he requested. Trustee Benson provided an update on the handicapped sign requested by Ms. Perkins for the use of medical staff that visit her home. Trustee Benson reported that the State informed him that Ms. Perkins can apply for a sticker for her own car but there is no sticker for her medical team. The village can erect a sign for her and affix the plate number of the medical staff cars to the curb or sign. Trustee Myers stated that the Police Department can also keep a record of the license plate numbers. Trustee Hanks stated that this will start a precedence that may cause additional requests for the same sign. Trustee Hanks stated that the village has to approve the purchase of the signs, review procedures, notify village residents, and put a policy in place as to the qualifications before the process begins. Trustee Chavez asked for a cost analysis to purchase and install the signs. Public Works Director Weller will check if there are any signs available and research the cost. DH Weller alerted the board of the parking restriction on garbage day. This matter will be readdressed at a later date. Mayor Towers recommended forming a committee to research how other towns handle this process and to be available to address resident's requests. Mayor Towers asked for volunteers to work on this committee; citizens are encouraged to participate.

Trustee Burgess stated that public comment should be open to discuss day to day village business; personal attacks should not be allowed. Trustee Burgess stated that information that was passed out in the audience that contains information involved in pending litigation and personnel information. The village cannot be involved in that. The Economic Development Committee will meet Monday, November 14th at 7pm.

Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk is available. The November 5th meeting to discuss the water issue included in this issue. Trustee Williams stated that the audience members continue to speak and rebuttal after their 3 minutes are over. The policy is in place. It is unfair to those who obey the policy. All questions should be asked within the 3 minutes and relinquish the podium after the questions are answered. The outbursts and disruptions from the audience need to stop.

Trustee Chavez stated that the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2011. Trustee Chavez thanked VM Dieterich for order the volleyball nets. Volleyball is being well received.

The Great Pumpkin Walk and Trunk and Treat were a great success. Trustee Chavez thanked all who participated. Trustee Chavez stated that the light in front of the Community Center needs to be repaired. Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers also remarked on the lack of decorum from the audience and the inability to keep the meeting professional. Trustee Hanks suggested that a police officer be placed in the front of the room to monitor audience outbursts. Trustee Hanks suggested that the information that was passed out be given to the Village Attorney for review.

Trustee Myers asked for a copy of the list of repairs needed for the parks and stated that the Great Pumpkin Walk was a great event. Trustee Myers asked for a copy of the information that was passed out in the audience. Trustee Myers will review information received from a resident that addresses decorum that may be turned into an ordinance. Trustee Myers requested an update of village break ins. Trustee Myers offered to volunteer a committee to address a neighborhood watch. Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation committee would also like to be a part of the neighborhood watch committee.

13. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 10:27 pm.

14. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene at 11:07 pm. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 5, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Benson (arrives at 10:32 am.)

Mayor Towers stated that the purpose of the special meeting is to provide residents with an update on the Sauk Village water system and the action plan for treating the wells or obtaining Lake Michigan water. Mayor Towers stated that in order to bring Lake Michigan water to Sauk Village it would have to appear as a referendum on the March 2012 ballot for residents to make the decision by a majority vote.

2. Present Action Plan for the Water Supply for the Village of Sauk Village- Jim Czarnik- Robinson Engineering

Village Engineers Jim Czarnik, Jennifer Prince and Steve Zayner provided a water improvement plan at the request of the Sauk Village board. VE Czarnik stated that in addition to common problems with the well water, such as bad odor, taste, scaling and corrosion, there was vinyl chloride detected in well number 3 in 2009. As a result, well number three was shut down leaving the village to rely on wells one and two. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Attorney General's office are requiring that Sauk Village come up with a solution. Wells one and two recently had vinyl chloride detected in them but the levels were not unsafe.

VE Czarnik provided several options including air stripping, reverse osmosis, a new treatment plant, digging a new well and obtaining Lake Michigan water. The costs, operations and time frames of each were explained in detail including the costs of receiving Lake Michigan water from an adjacent community such as Hammond, Chicago Heights, Lynwood, South Chicago Heights or Dyer.

Summary of estimated costs and time frames:

Strategy # 1-

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Cost: 4.6 million

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Completion Spring 2013.

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The increase in the water bill for the average household could range from \$30-\$98 per month depending on the option chosen. (Sauk Village water bills are bi-monthly).

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3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers stated that questions from the audience will follow after the meeting is adjourned.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 5, 2011.**

Call to Order

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On roll call:

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Absent: Trustee Benson (arrives at 10:32 am.)

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All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **NOVEMBER 8, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

(Deputy Clerk Baughman was Acting Clerk until Village Clerk Williams arrived at 7:44 pm)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to amend the agenda to recess to executive session to discuss negotiations.

Trustee Williams made the motion to amend the agenda. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

The meeting was recessed at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 7:29 pm.

2. Public Comment and Questions- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers. Written questions may be considered as FOIA requests.

John Dennis invited everyone to the Veteran's Day Memorial Service on Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the St. James Cemetery. John also reported that former Police Chief Frank Shogren passed away a few weeks ago.

Ms. Brown asked for a copy of the independent audit. Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that the audit has not been completed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. October 11, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes due to technical difficulties.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table the minutes of October 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion to table carried

B. October 17, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. October 18, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes due to technical difficulties.

Trustee Hanks made a motion to table the minutes of October 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion to table carried

D. October 24, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

E. October 25, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. October 26, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that both the water quality report and the November 5th slide presentation are available at www.sauk.village.org.

B. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael

Village Treasurer Carmichael reported that the Police and Firemen's Pension Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011.

C. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that as per request of the Board the binding question for the water referendum should be available within the week.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik met with the Quiet Zone committee last week in order to get recommendations on how to finalize the report for CN Railroad. A sight meeting with all involved parties should be scheduled for next month.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers stated that Respond Now is taking applications for food stamps. There has been a large increase in people using the Sauk Village food pantry. Mayor Towers is contacting DP Partners who in the past has worked with Respond Now to provide the annual turkey gift basket giveaway.

5. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the Great Pumpkin Walk and the movie night was a great success. Trustee Chavez thanked his wife and family, the McConathy Public Library, the Parks and Recreation Committee and volunteers, Walgreens, Pacesetter Steel, Chicago Air Power, Smits Farm, US Bank, Sauk Village Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Sauk Village Police, Fire and ESDA Departments, Alguirre's Tree Service, Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness, Cindy Wagner and Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and their families. The Parks and Recreation Committee is working with Kevin Weller and other department heads to finalize the December 10th Christmas event and asked to be informed of any costs anticipated for the event. The volleyball nets have come in. Trustees Myers and Chavez will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch program in the Community Center Friday, November 11th. Trustee Chavez stated that the basketball court ground work has been completed.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the next Housing Authority Commission meeting will take place on Monday, November 14th at 6pm in the Village Hall.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that he is working with the State and Chief Holevis in order to get information on starting a Neighborhood Watch program. The first meeting is Friday at 7:30 pm in the Community Center. The goal is to let people know where to go to get information and help. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 pm. A code of conduct ordinance that refers to trustees and residents will be reviewed. Section 35 of the Sauk Village Municipal codebook already has a lean version. Mayor Towers introduced Lynda Washington as the Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7 pm.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the Sauk Talk is available on the back table. The Public Relations Committee met last Wednesday to discuss the Student Government Day process. A timeline was developed. Student Government Day will be March 27th. The committee is looking for suggestions for essay topics.

6. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Acting Chief Holevis

Acting Chief Holevis reported on a battered 3 year old child case where the father has been charged with aggravated battery. The Sauk Village detectives have been working with the South Suburban Task Force in the past several weeks on five homicides; all cases have been resolved. Six more officers have been outfitted with vests. Some landlords are already voluntarily participating with the Crime Free Housing program. Cards will be sent out to all landlords. There is a grant in the works to obtain automatic defibrillators in the squad cars. There will be state wide roadblocks through the month of November; particularly around the Thanksgiving holidays. Sauk Village won a drawing for a Safety Pup mascot costume. Safety Pup will be in the community soon.

Trustee Chavez inquired about the missing crowns. Trustee Benson inquired about training for the defibrillators.

Trustee Myers thanked Officer Langhan and the Police Department for their assistance in the recent arson investigation.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 19 calls between the period of November 1st and November 7th. The Fire Department will be having a Boot Drive on Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th to benefit the Firemen's Association. The Firemen's Association pays for equipment and training for the firefighters. The Firemen's Association will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th. Bring cameras to take pictures with Santa.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

Public Works Director Weller reported on leaf repairs. The leaf pickup program is continuing depending on the weather. All leaves must be out by November 20th. A final sweep will be done after November 20th. Street patchwork and street light repairs will begin after the street sweeping is completed.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent

In Finance Director Rao's absence Village Treasurer Carmichael reported the General Fund balance is \$951,420.49

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 15 calls during the period of November 1st and November 7th. DH Johnson reminded motorists to be aware of their surroundings.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston- Absent

Trustee Williams reported in Rose Langston's absence that Thursday, November 10th is the last day to purchase tickets for the Wednesday, November 16th Bloom Township senior luncheon. Donations to the Bloom Township food pantry will be accepted at the luncheon. Bloom Township offices will be closed on Veteran's Day. The Veteran's Day service will take place at 11:00 am on Friday, November 11th at St. James Cemetery located at 394 and Sauk Trail. The public is invited to attend. The Medicare Fall Open Enrollment period is October 15th through December 7th. Circuit Breaker must be applied for annually in order to avoid losing benefits.

The next senior movie, "Shakespeare's Love" will be November 14th at 1:00 pm. Speaker Monique James from South Suburban Senior Services will be on hand at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon

provided by the library. Call the library 708/757-4771 for reservations. The next free Blood Pressure screenings for residents and employees will take place on Wednesday, November 16th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center. Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings are co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee. The next Senior Committee meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, November 17th at 5 pm in the Senior Center. The senior public is invited. Bluegrass will not be meeting on Sunday, November 20th. Leisure Timers will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt- Absent- No report

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker-

Ms. Booker stated the Police Alliance Committee will meet Monday, November 14th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Community Center. The committee will be discussing setting up a Town Hall meeting to discuss the break-ins.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt- Absent- No Report

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution Supporting and Consenting to a Class 8 Tax Application for KTRILL, Inc.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve a Class 8 Tax Application for KTRILL, Inc.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Burgess stated that the information stipulating that 51% occupancy is required before the Class 8 tax incentive would take effect is not included in the resolution. The type of business that will be occupying the property has not been disclosed.

The matter was discussed for clarification. KTRILL, Inc. has applied for permits and is already spending money making improvements to the property. The property has been vacant for many years.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Hanks and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Williams

Mayor Towers cast the deciding vote - Aye

Motion carried

B. An Ordinance Approving an Increase in Vehicle Sticker Fees

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve an ordinance to increase Vehicle Sticker fees.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

The matter was discussed for clarification.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for October 26, 2011 through November 8, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for October 26, 2011 through November 8, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. A Motion to Schedule a Hearing to Suspend or Revoke Business License- The Hook Up

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve scheduling a hearing to suspend or revoke the business license for The Hook Up.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Benson asked why the business was not closed at the time the stolen merchandise was discovered.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that a hearing must be scheduled and the business notified before the business can be closed.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

C. A Motion to Approve Mesirow Insurance as the Broker of Record for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Mesirow Insurance as the broker of record the Village of Sauk Village.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to table in order to get competitive quotes from other companies.

Trustee Chavez seconded the motion to table.

This matter was discussed for clarification.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez and Myers

Nays: Trustees Benson, Hanks and Williams

Mayor Towers cast the deciding vote – Nay

Motion to table failed

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Mesirow Insurance as the broker of record the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Hanks and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson, Burgess and Chavez

Abstain: Trustee Myers

Motion failed

D. A Motion to Approve the Opening of a New Accounts Payable Bank Account for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve opening a new accounts payable bank account for the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

E. A Motion to Approve the Reorganization of the Administration Department

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the reorganization of the Administration Department. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. A Motion to Approve the 2011-2012 Village Budget

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Village budget. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Chavez stated that he did not feel that he had the opportunity to speak about his budget (Parks and Recreation). Trustee Myers thanked the department heads for their assistance.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustees Benson and Chavez

Motion carried

G. A Motion to Approve 36 Hour Compensatory Time for Alan Stoffregen, Richard Atwood and Kevin Weller

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve compensatory time for Alan Stoffregen, Richard Atwood and Kevin Weller. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

H. A Motion to Approve the Hiring a New Village Manager

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Henrietta Turner as the new Village Manager for the Village of Sauk Village. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson stated that he will not participate in the vote due to the process of hiring the new Village Manager.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Chavez

Present: Trustee Benson (Not participating)

Motion carried

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess reiterated that the Village loses a bargaining chip when allowing a Class 8 tax incentive. The Village needs revenue. Trustee Burgess asked for additional information regarding the 51% occupancy requirement and information on what type of business will be occupying the property. Mayor Towers asked Interim Village Manager to provide that information to all trustees.

Trustee Benson stated that the 2900 block of 223rd Place has a light out. Kevin Weller stated that the issue is on the list waiting for repairs.

Trustee Hanks commented on how well the Board worked together during this meeting.

Trustees Myers and Williams agreed that the meeting went very well. There was lots of debate with the Board working together.

Trustee Williams welcomed Village Manager Henrietta Turner and looks forward to working with her. Trustee Williams stated that she was sad to see Dick Dietrich leaving.

Mayor Towers welcomed Henrietta Turner as the new Village Manager and looks forward to working with her. Mayor Towers stated that this was a difficult process for him. Mayor Towers stated that he did not have a problem with Ms. Turner but did have a problem with the process.

Trustee Burgess thanked Mayor Towers.

Trustee Hanks asked for clarification whether he can sit on two commissions. Village Attorney McGrath stated that Trustee Hanks can sit on two commissions providing there is no conflict. Trustee Hanks will be sworn into the Human Relations Commission at the next regular board meeting.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- No additional executive session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

12. Motion to Reconvene to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting- None

13. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 8, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Burgess and Chavez

2. 2011-2012 Budget Hearing

Mayor Towers asked Interim Village Manager Dieterich to provide the budget information. VM Dieterich stated that the 2011-2012 is balanced in the amount of \$16,139,660.00.

Mayor Towers stated that the final budget will be available for review at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library and www.saukvillage.org.

3. Public Participation- None

4. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams
(as recorded by Deputy Clerk Colleen Baughman)

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 15, 2011.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Follow-up to Resolution Supporting and Consenting to a Class 8 Application for KTRILL, LLC

Mayor Towers stated that KTRILL, LLC Attorney Brian Liston returned for a follow-up discussion at the board's request. Mr. Liston stated that the building located at 21399 Torrence Avenue was purchased while in foreclosure. The 375,000 square foot building has fallen into disrepair and requires up to 2 million dollars worth of repair. In addition to the \$167,000 already spent on the HVAC, caulking and weeding, the building has structural problems and requires the roof to be repaired at a cost 1.6 million.

Trustee Burgess stated that even though the board has voted to move forward he is still asking what the village would gain by providing the Class 8 tax incentive for 12 years and what type of business would occupy the space. Trustee Burgess referenced a letter from Mr. Liston that did not specifically state that there must be 51% occupancy before the Class 8 incentive kicks in. Mr. Liston stated that the 51% rule is on a case by case basis and usually refers to retail. In this case, the building would be difficult to partition for any less than 100% occupancy. Mr. Liston stated that the occupied building would pay 1.5% more in property taxes than it would in the unoccupied state as well as bring jobs and other opportunities to the village. Mr. Liston stated that the Class 8 application would still need to be approved by Cook County. The building owners are willing to make the 2 million dollar investment to showcase the property in Sauk Village and would like Sauk Village to share the vision.

3. Comcast Franchise Agreement- Mike Paulos

Comcast representative Mike Paulos requested the renewal of a ten year term franchise agreement between the Village of Sauk Village and Comcast. Mike met with Interim Village Manager Dieterich, Kevin Weller and Village Attorney McGrath and addressed a punch list of items that were brought to his attention. The franchise agreement is a standard agreement that was reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The franchise agreement will be placed on the next board meeting agenda for approval. Discussion concerning Village Board meetings being taped for public viewing will be addressed at a later time.

4. Vision Insurance Renewal- VSP- Dick Dieterich

Interim Village Manager Dieterich recommended renewing the existing vision insurance policy with no increase in premium. The renewal date is January 1st. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

5. Dental Insurance Renewal- Metlife

Interim Village Manager Dieterich recommended renewing the existing dental insurance policy with no increase in premium. This item will be placed on the next board agenda for approval.

***11. Appropriations Ordinance- Dick Dieterich**

Interim Village Manager Dieterich reported that according to State statute any municipality with less than 500,000 people must approve an appropriations ordinance after it has been available for public inspection for no less than ten days. The Appropriations Ordinance allows the board the authority to spend unexpected revenue of approximately 15% over the amount of the budget. VM Dieterich stated that the final draft of the ordinance will be prepared and available for public viewing within the next few days. A public hearing will be scheduled prior to passing the ordinance at the December 13th board meeting.

***12. Compensation Plan for Non-Union Employees- Dick Dieterich**

The Compensation Plan clearly states for the record what all full time permanent position employees will be paid during the fiscal year. Trustee Benson stated that he needed to research this information further. VM Dieterich stated that the plan was based on the 2011-2012 budget approved by the board and does reflect union contracts and salaries subject to negotiations. VM Dieterich stated that if the compensation plan is not approved employees will receive the same pay as last year. Mayor Towers stated that this item will be placed on the agenda of the next regular board meeting for approval which allows time for further research.

Trustee Benson stated that there is no actual pay scale for the Chief of Police. VM Dieterich stated that no pay scale is included in the budget subject to negotiations when a police chief is hired. Trustee Williams stated that any additional employees would cause a deficit. Trustee Hanks stated that there is no money allocated for a police chief in the budget; employees would need to be eliminated in order to bring on additional employees.

6. South Suburban GIS Consortium Presentation- Michael Rizzitiello (not present)

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association representatives provided information on the Geographic Information System that received a HUD Sustainable Grant in 2007. GIS provides web based applications to communities for Economic Development purposes as well as information on transit lines, assessor, treasurer and recorder of deeds info for all parcels, zoning, TIF's, businesses layers, etc... Cook County is backing this program and will work seamlessly to automatically upload to this system. The cost of Tier One is \$6,000. per year with limited support from SSMMA. The cost of tier two is approximately \$7,500. Per year and includes unlimited support from SSMMA. Updates from LOIS could be provided. This system will provide valuable information to public users and potential businesses as well as allow for private information relating to police, fire and other departments.

The program will be finalized by December or beginning of January. Sauk Village can start loading information without a commitment. This item will be readdressed at a future committee meeting.

7. Mesirow Insurance – Workers Comp/Property & Casualty Ins. (Broker of Record- 2nd Presentation)

Mesirow representatives Patrick Sheahan and Cherita Perry addressed the board two weeks ago. In readdressing the board they restated that they have a dedicated staff that is experienced in the public sector. Mesirow works with many Illinois taxing bodies. Mesirow offers many loss control services and return to work programs as well as helps to establish safety committees. Mesirow will develop a risk management plan and perform quarterly claim reviews.

8. HUB, International- Workers Comp/ Property & Casualty Ins. (Broker of Record Presentation)

HUB, International representative Tom Kelly stated that HUB, International became the broker of record after the non renewal of the IML policy and the ICRMT cancellation after only 3 months due to safety and loss concerns based on inspections. HUB has placed property, casualty and risk management programs with various companies since March 27, 2011. The current Illinois Public Risk Fund worker's comp policy expires on December 15, 2011 annually. HUB will present a renewal proposal within 5-10 days. Other policies will renew on March 27th for a full year. Tom stated that the loss history for the past year has been favorable. A safety control audit and assessment plan is in place to help reduce losses in order to negotiate lower premiums. Most insurance companies look at the past five years.

Mayor Towers recommended that both companies be placed on the next board agenda for approval after receiving a recommendation from Village Manager Turner.

9. Fulcrum Energy Group and Jenncore- Brenton C. Payne/ Darrell Chillers

Fulcrum Energy Group representative Brenton Payne gave a presentation on thermal conversion of organic matter. Fulcrum would like to build a 25 million dollar plant in Sauk Village to convert municipal waste that the village currently pays to dispose of into organic matter that could be sold to outside interests. Mr. Payne explained the process which exceeds IEPA guidelines by 150%. Mr. Payne is requesting a land agreement stating that Sauk Village will provide 25 acres of land and in return Fulcrum will provide 100 jobs directly and indirectly giving Sauk Village residents the right to refusal. Mr. Chillers explained that this could provide 1.5 million dollars in potential revenue. The process needs to be fast tracked due to investors that are willing to come on board based on tax incentives that expire during early 2013. The board questioned how there could possibly be any benefit to the village, how the waste collection would be handled, if the land is available and requested more financial information. Mr. Chillers would like to discuss various scenarios with the investors after discussing the board's concerns with Village Manager Turner. This item may be readdressed at a later date.

10. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. All written questions will be considered a FOIA request.

Leo Miller- Merrill Avenue- stated that microphones are needed; residents cannot hear what the board is saying. Mayor Towers stated that is in the works.

Pat Couch- Shirley Avenue- commended the Police Department for arresting an individual with a weapon on her block. Pat is also concerned with the code violations that are occurring in the home of that individual; we need to bring the code department back.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood- asked if the Police Department checked the serial numbers before returning stolen items back to the owners. Some people claim that they did not get their items back. Interim Chief Holevis confirmed that practice is done in the department.

Sue Calow- Yates Avenue- inquired about the leash schedule program and the ordinance pertaining to leashes on dogs. Mayor Towers asked her to provide her name and address to the Village Manager to verify the schedule. Trustee Myers stated that there is a leash ordinance for cats and dogs to be leashed at all times. Interim Chief Holevis stated that the code community service officer was laid off and the burden is placed on the police department. They are trying to deal with it.

Larry Stewart- Gailine- is concerned with the low staffing and controversy surrounding the Police Department and the division among the board.

Angela Cox- 222nd Place- asked if background investigations are done before they are hired or appointed. Mayor Towers stated that what appears in the newspapers are allegations that have not been proven. The board goes by what individuals can bring to the village.

Judy Cast- Merrill Avenue- stated that Mayor Towers had the confidence to appoint Tim Holevis 1 ½ years ago as Interim Chief. He should get the job. Petitions with 615 signatures of registered voters were presented to the Village Clerk to submit to the Mayor and the board and she has not heard anything.

Lynda Washington- 225th Place- clarified that the Mayor did not appoint the Village Manager; the majority of the board appointed her. Lynda thanked Trustees Myers and Chavez for their assistance with the Neighbor Watch Block Club. Fifteen residents were in attendance. The next meeting will take place on December 15th.

Bernice Houston- stated that the water forum was informative and referred to the lead and copper levels being excessive. Bernice asked if residents have been notified, if so, she would like a copy of the letter. Bernice asked where the board gets information before they hire people or vote on items and questioned the ordinance relating to the Village Manager. Mayor Towers stated that the board approved the ordinance and solicited resumes for the Village Manager. The board chose the candidate they felt was best.

James Harvey- Brookwood- asked how the fireworks were paid for. Trustee Williams stated that money was collected through various fund raisers and donations. The final balance of \$3,000.00 was paid from a gift from the WinPak Corporation. No taxpayer's money was used for fireworks. Trustee Williams stated that fund raising will continue and some money may be returned to that allocation.

Sid Harris- 225th Place- questioned the appointment of the Village Manager with an ongoing investigation in the papers. Mayor Towers stated that the allegations have to be proven. Trustee Burgess stated that a search was conducted. Out of 21 applicants the final six were determined by Interim Village Manager Dieterich using a certain criteria that was required as the board instructed. Four out of six were available for an interview by the Interim Village Manager and the board. A blind scoring system was used by the board for all applicants. The person with the highest score declined the offer of the position. The person with

the second highest score was given the position. Ms. Turner has sixteen years experience and passed a background check. The board is not aware of any proof to any of the allegations. Additional discussion continued. Trustee Benson agreed that the person should not have been hired until all allegations were proven false. Trustee Benson also questioned Interim Chief Holevis' vacation time.

Trustee Williams stated that the majority of the board was present during the application process and agreed that Ms. Turner was the most qualified to move the village forward. The allegations came out in the paper the following day. The village attorneys were consulted. There is no proof to the allegations.

John Hinko- 216th Place- asked additional questions about the petitions submitted to the board. Mayor Towers stated that he did not see the petitions. Village Clerk Williams stated that she was instructed by the village attorneys to send a letter to all elected officials stating that copies were available upon request.

Rose Langston-welcomed Village Manager Turner stating that rumors do get in the paper. Rose stated that the leaf program is behind due to high winds and rain. Rose alerted the board to a situation where furniture has been left outside at 224th and Yates for several months. Free blood pressure tests sponsored by the Senior Committee and the PLAN group will take place on Wednesday, November 16th from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center. The last Senior Movie at the library had a speaker that discussed senior issues. A meeting will be set up to help seniors with food stamp and circuit breaker assistance. The next Senior Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at 5 pm in the Senior Center. Rose asked why the village still has two sets of attorneys. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager will address the furniture issue with Public Works.

Will Smith- 216th Street- requested an ordinance to sanction trustees. Mr. Smith stated that we can't afford not to fix the water due to the health issues.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- questioned if the board will still move forward with an appointment for an individual for police chief based on information the board has received. Mayor Towers stated that he will move forward.

13. Discussion of Possible Termination of the Del Galdo Group as TIF Attorneys for the Village of Sauk Village- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that he has spoken with Del Galdo Group Attorney Vasselli about TIF related activity including grants for potential businesses. Trustee Burgess is satisfied that the Del Galdo Group will be in contact with the village within a week and asked that a TIF meeting be scheduled in December or January. Trustee Burgess also inquired about hiring a consultant to help enhance the TIF districts; especially the TIF that is expiring soon. Attorney Vasselli stated that the TIF report has been on hold until the Police Pension Board completes their financial study. Trustee Burgess asked to remove this item at this time.

14. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Williams referred to the petitions. Mayor Towers is adamant not to appoint Interim Chief Holevis as the Police Chief. Trustee Williams addressed the issue of sanctioning trustees, personal

attacks that take place at village board meetings and audio taping during executive session. Sanctions should apply to everyone. Trustee Williams warned the board to keep personnel discussions in executive session.

Trustee Burgess stated that a guest attended the last Economic Development Committee meeting that will bring some great ideas to the village at no charge. Trustee Burgess thanked Village Manager Turner for attending. The Economic Development Committee is looking forward to ideas Ms. Turner can bring to the table knowing how instrumental she was in the redevelopment of Country Club Hills. The committee is working to improve the façades of the village businesses and to encourage more economic growth in both retail and commercial. Sauk Village is in a very strategic location. Trustee Burgess announced that the Economic Development Committee meets every second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

Trustee Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of November 17th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. The basketball court is completed and can be played on tomorrow. Nets will be installed and resurfacing will be completed after the winter. Trustee Chavez would like to organize a Grand Opening. The basketball court is open from dusk to dawn.

Trustee Hanks thanked Village Manager Turner for attending the Housing Authority Commission meeting last night. Ms. Turner provided good information to the commission. The two newly sworn in members were also in attendance. The Housing Authority Commission is in the process of forming sub committees, planning the next NACA event, contacting HUD for a resident expo, exploring the vacant homes in the village and reviewed the vacant property ordinance that has been passed in other communities and which is currently being reviewed by the Sauk Village Ordinance Review Committee.

Trustee Benson also addressed personal attacks and the Police Chief petitions.

Trustee Myers stated that the Ordinance Review Committee meeting will meet on November 16th instead of November 23rd due to the holiday. Trustee Myers thanked Lynda Washington for bring the idea of the Neighborhood Watch program to the board's attention and Trustee Chavez for joining them in the successful kick off. Trustee Myers received free placards for the neighborhood watch block captains from Representative Anthony DeLuca and is getting information from the National County Sheriff's Association. Trustee Myers asked if Francine Anderson can give a neighborhood watch report at the next board meeting. Mayor Towers agreed. Trustee Myers requested that a copy of the petition be given to Mayor Towers. The Ordinance Review Committee is reviewing a Code of Conduct ordinance and the vacant house ordinance. Village Clerk Williams stated that she will provide copies of the petition to everyone tomorrow. The names have been redacted per instructions from the village attorney. The memo addressing redacting the name will also be made available. Trustee Benson stated that the petitions are no good without the signatures. The purpose and the legality of the petitions were discussed.

Village Clerk Williams stated that a Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7 pm to address the revocation of the business license for The Hook Up. A Special Meeting is also scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 6:30 for the CDBG Hearing.

15. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess to executive session was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 10:37 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 am Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

16. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 am Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*altered agenda order

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 16, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez (Chavez enters at 7:12 pm)

Also Present: Village Attorney Mike McGrath, Village Prosecutor Dennis Gianopolus, Interim Chief Holevis, Detective Grossman and Officer Luke

2. Revocation of Business License Hearing– The Hook Up

Sauk Village Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that he has been in contact with Attorney Ken Goff. Attorney Ken Goff is working with the licensee in the matter of the revocation of the business license for The Hook Up. Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that Mr. Goff will be present and has indicated that he may ask for a continuance.

Attorney Goff and business owner Mr. Ramadan entered the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Attorney Goff respectfully requested a two week continuance due to an issue that came up within the past hour and half.

Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that the continuance could be granted at the Board's discretion and suggested that the business remains closed during that time.

The consensus of the Board was to grant the two week continuance and agreed that the business would remain closed.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess until Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 7 pm.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:21 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER **NOVEMBER 22, 2011.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

Trustee Williams made the motion to recess to executive session. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:03 pm.

3. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 7:44 pm.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers. Written questions may be considered as FOIA requests.

Judy Cast asked if Mayor Towers has seen the petitions with 615 signatures asking that Tim Holevis be appointed Police Chief. Mayor Towers stated that he saw the petitions with the names redacted. Judy referred to the Mayor's decision to appoint from outside the department which could cause layoffs and the need to pay back the cop's grant. Mayor Towers stated that there will be no layoffs in the Police Department. Trustee Chavez stated that the budget needs to be amended or layoffs will be necessary.

Pat Couch- Shirley Avenue- Pat stated that the background of the Mayor's appointment should be addressed.

Mike Brown stated there is a person being removed from his position that has served in the Police Department since the early 80's and has the knowledge, experience and the voice of the people.

Frank Williams- 216th Place- Frank asked if both Tim Holevis and Robert Fox can be tested and see who scores the highest.

Angela Cox- Angela is concerned with issues surrounding the background of the potential Chief appointment.

Tyrone Isom, Jr.- 223rd Street- Tyrone expressed his concerns over the recent break in of his home.

Robert Shaw- former Chicago Alderman and former County Commissioner- Board of Tax Appeals

stated that Robert Fox is committed and will do a good job. Mr. Shaw has seen crime reduced under Mr. Fox's direction.

Larry Stewart stated that Sauk Village is divided and does not need any more controversy.

Michael Woodson- Principal of Lincoln School of Dolton- Michael dealt with Robert Fox in his capacity of Dolton Police Chief. Crime was not there because Chief Fox worked on fundraisers and stepped forward to work with the kids.

Sean Howard- Dolton Police Department and Cook County Television Spokesman- spoke of his experiences with Mr. Fox.

Bernice Houston commented on the police department regarding recent break- ins.

Jerry Jones- Youth Coordinator/ President and Director of the Dolton Youth Football Organization – Jerry stated that Mr. Fox has always been there for the kids.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- Francine addressed recent reports that addressed Sauk Village break ins. Francine is looking forward to a new Sauk Village Police Chief and suggested ending some overtime to pay for the new Chief.

John Hinko- 216th Place- John questioned the past Mayoral appointments.

Janice Clark- Janice stated that Tim Holevis has proven himself.

Lester Long- President of the Dolton Park District-Lester stated that all crime went down in Dolton while Fox was the Chief of Police.

Eunice Benson- 223rd Place- Eunice referred to item 10C asking if the ordinance needs to be discussed in public before it can be voted on; will 10C be tabled. Mayor Towers stated that it does need to be discussed in public.

Rose Langston- Ross Crescent- Rose stated that Police Chief's are normally hired through a search team where the board could hire the most qualified individual. Rose stated that Tim Holevis has accomplished a lot and knows the village and the people. Rose agrees that temporary appointments should be limited.

Trustee Burgess addressed the residents' concerns about break ins and stated that the police officers cannot be in all places at all times and often risk their lives for the citizens. Trustee Burgess stated the issue up for discussion tonight is the Police Chief not the rank and file and that the board does need to know if the police are not responding timely to calls in order to follow up.

Philip Bazile stated that the village people appreciate the job that Tim Holevis does. Philip stated that regardless of who the Chief of Police is if the officers do not respond quickly it could mean that they are already on an emergency.

Liz Hinko stated that police officers do respond. There are 10,000 residents in Sauk Village and very few officers. She hears officers respond to calls by priority; they are doing their job.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. October 11, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. October 18, 2011- Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

Trustee Benson explained that he votes no to all of the minutes that the board is asked to approve. Trustee Benson stated that the minutes do not reflect the actions and everything that is said at the meetings. Trustee Benson stated that he often votes no to ordinances that are up for approval because the board does not receive them with enough time to research them.

Village Attorney McGrath stated the minutes of all of the Village board meetings are a summary of the business conducted by the board and they are forwarded to attorneys dedicated to review and edit them. The attorneys would never allow any minutes that are illegal to be processed. It is the opinion of the village attorneys that the Madame Clerk is properly preparing the minutes. Village Attorney McGrath stated that trustees can make a motion during the meeting to add or delete anything from the minutes; corrections should be made at that time.

Village Clerk Williams stated for the record that she is requesting all trustees to bring all necessary corrections of the minutes to her attention either before the meeting or during the meeting. Village Clerk Williams stated that every effort is made to reflect the business portion of the meeting while leaving out any references to race, politics or anything that does not pertain to agenda items on agenda item only nights.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. November 1, 2011 – Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. November 8, 2011- Special Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

E. November 8, 2011- Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. November 16, 2011- Special Hearing

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2011 Special Hearing.

Trustee Hanks seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams stated that verbatim minutes are not required and asked that all elected officials and department heads bring all necessary corrections to the minutes to her attention.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner stated that she met with the Economic Development Committee, the TIF Consultants and Baxter and Woodman (TIF 3 Engineer). VM Turner also met with the Housing Authority Commission. VM Turner will be reviewing some community action plans, training opportunities and CDBG programs for the Housing Authority Commission after meeting with South Suburban Mayors and Managers Representative Joe Martin after the holiday. VM Turner is also meeting with Trustee Myers to discuss a letter of notification program for the banks that own the vacant houses. VM Turner is working with Trustee Chavez on Parks and Recreation job descriptions and has contacted the county to clarify what the recent grant can be used for.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath

Village Attorney McGrath stated that an amendment to the prior ordinance regarding the water system which will include the binding question must be approved soon and filed with the county by the beginning of January in order to be placed on the upcoming ballot. The binding question will be made available to the public for review.

D. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik

Village Engineer Czarnik stated that he will contact the Village Attorney with comments on the binding referendum question. VE Czarnik will notify the IEPA that the water project is on hold pending the outcome of the referendum. VE Czarnik stated that both resurfacing projects have been completed. The sidewalk program is 90% completed and has been suspended until spring due to the asphalt plants being closed for the season.

E. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers- No report

7. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that the Santa Parade will take place on December 10th starting at 9 am. Trustee Chavez asked all department heads to inform him of any costs and their participation associated with the event. Trustee Chavez asked if there has been any progress made on the crowns stolen from the cabinet; no progress has been made.

Trustee Chavez stated that the Community Center is running fine but volunteers are needed. Trustee Chavez applauded Tim Holevis and stated that he has been at all of the Parks and Recreation events; the kids will miss him.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks reported that the next Housing Authority Commission meeting will take place on Monday, December 12th at 6pm in the Village Hall.

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that the next Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 7 pm. State Representative Anthony DeLuca provided fifty signs for the neighborhood watch program. Trustee Myers asked Village Attorney McGrath to investigate the ownership of the Talandis house that exploded. It is creating a hazardous situation that needs to be addressed.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the Economic Development Committee met Monday, November 14th. The Community Economic Development plan is progressing. The Economic Development Committee is looking to establish a formalized structural design standard for Sauk Village that will capture the look of our history. Trustee Burgess met with VM Turner and the TIF consultants on Monday. TIF 1 is set to expire in December of 2012. The revitalization of TIF 1 and will be the primary focus.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Student Government Day will be March 27th. The committee is looking for suggestions for essay topics. Essay judges will be needed.

8. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Acting Chief Holevis

Acting Chief Holevis reported that the seatbelt and DUI enforcement has been successful. On a recent seatbelt enforcement ride along with an officer, Interim Chief Holevis and the officer came upon a man beating his wife. Chief Holevis is waiting for word on the Police Department radios. The new PD truck is completed except for the new command box. Chief Holevis reported with deep regret that retired canine Apollo passed away. Apollo retired in 2006 after 16 years of service. Chief Holevis reminded residents to park in well lit areas when Christmas shopping and not to put boxes from high end Christmas presents out on garbage day; this alerts burglars what is in your home.

In Chief Holevis' farewell speech as Chief he thanked the Board of Trustees, residents and fellow officers for their support during his tenure as Chief. Chief Holevis believes he was selected based on his integrity, work ethic and professionalism. Chief Holevis stated that he has served on the Sauk Village Police Department for 25 years. His reassignment is not voluntary. He still enjoys being the Chief of Police and still has a vision for the Police Department. He has no intention of leaving the Police Department. He will always be interested in being the Chief of Police. Chief Holevis stated that he will stand up for the integrity of the officers and for the service the officers give the residents.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen

Chief Stoffregen stated that the department answered 14 calls between the period of November 15th and November 21st. Chief Stoffregen thanked the Public Works Department and residents for alerting the Fire Department of a gas leak and averting a potential problem. The Firemen's Association will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th from 8 am-12 pm. Bring cameras to take pictures with Santa. Chief Stoffregen reminded residents to check their smoke detectors and CO detectors. Trustee Myers stated that residents should inform the Police Department if they smell gas. There have been cases were pipes are being removed from houses without turning off the natural gas; this can be deadly.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller- No report (vacation)

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski- Absent- No report

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent

Finance Director Rao stated that the audit is still in progress. Additional information is needed from the Police and Firemen's Pension Board. The new Accounts Payable account will be opened on Monday.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson

DH Johnson reported that ESDA assisted the Fire Department in 15 calls and did one school patrol during the period of November 15th and November 21st. DH Johnson reminded motorists to be aware of their surroundings; motorists may not pay attention while driving.

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston- Absent

Rose Langston reported that the book exchange is going well. The next senior movie, "Holiday Inn" will be December 12th at 1:00 pm. Free blood pressure exams will be available before the movie. Speaker Monique James from South Suburban Senior Services was well received at the November 14th luncheon at the library. December 7th is the deadline to enroll or change Medicare Part D for seniors. Circuit Breaker must be applied for by December 31st. The next Senior Committee meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, November 8th at 5 pm in the Senior Center. Only one senior survey has been received.

The next Bloom Township senior luncheon will take place at Serbian Hall at 186th and Stony on Wednesday, December 14th. Tickets are \$4.00 for Township seniors and \$8.00 for non Township seniors. Doors open at 11:30 am. Deadline for tickets is December 9th. Jones Community Center luncheon is Wednesday, December 14th at noon. The cost is \$5.00. the 2012 dues will be \$5.00.

The last free Blood Pressure screening for residents and employees will take place on Wednesday, December 14th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center. Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings are co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee. Five individuals have been identified with high blood pressure. Rose stated that flyers for various senior events have been removed from the racks in the lobby.

Rose thanked Tim Holevis for his years of service.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt reported that the committee met on November 17th. The Beautification Committee filed Articles of Incorporation on October 18th and inquired on the feasibility of obtaining 501C3 status. The village attorneys have given the committee the go ahead to file the 501C3. Marva may need their assistance in filing the 501C3. The Fiskar's grant is still in process. The Community Garden will be established behind the library; land has been donated by the library. Christmas decorations will be put up this weekend at the Village Hall, Parks and Rec and the sign at 394.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker-Ms. Booker stated the Police Alliance Committee will meet Monday, December 12th at 5:00 pm in the Community Center.

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission chair Marva Pruitt announced that the final commissioner should be sworn in tonight. The commission will meet December 3rd at 10:00 am and will continue to meet the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.

9. CONSENT AGENDA- None

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution Approving a Cable Television Franchise Agreement Between the Village of Sauk Village and Comcast

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the cable franchise agreement.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. A Resolution to Approve the 2011-2012 Compensation Plan for Non-Union Employees

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Compensation Plan.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that Village Manager Dieterich recommended that the motion state that the compensation plan would be retroactive from November 1st.

The motion to approve the resolution retroactive from November 1st was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson does not remember this matter being discussed previously. Trustee Williams stated that this item was included in last week's board packets and discussed at the committee meeting.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

C. An Ordinance to Limit Temporary Appointments

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to strike this item from the agenda due to the fact that there has been no discussion on this matter and that state statute states that there is no limit to temporary appointments.

The motion to strike was made by Trustee Benson. There was no second.

Motion to strike fails

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson stated that this is a ploy to limit the powers of the Mayor and should be stricken from the record and the agenda. Trustee Burgess stated for the record that that statement is Trustee Benson's statement and not a statement made by the board. Trustee Hanks stated that there are case studies that have been enacted in other communities that do limit the appointments of the Mayor to thirty days and that also limits the appointments to two appointments in a twelve month period. This ordinance was drafted by the village attorneys per the request of the majority of the trustees. Trustee Benson asked Village Attorney McGrath if he drew up the ordinance. Village Attorney McGrath stated that he did draw up the ordinance. Mayor Towers asked for clarification from the village attorney. Village Attorney McGrath stated that there is limited case law. Roland Burris' offices interpretation of the municipal code allows the village board to limit the temporary appointment powers of the Mayor. This has been enacted in other communities and the opinion has not been challenged. There is no Appellate Court decision that prohibits this.

Trustee Benson stated that the state statute has not been changed to reflect that; the village attorney should be removed.

Trustee Hanks read a statement from Attorney Roland Burris' opinion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that because this is not a law but an opinion and because Sauk Village is not Home Rule he will veto this ordinance to limit temporary appointments.

Trustee Hanks stated that the Mayor has the right to veto appropriations; this is not appropriations. The Mayor has to wait 5 days to veto and the Board has the right to override that veto at the next regular board meeting. Even if the Mayor does not sign the ordinance it still is enacted.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that it is an ordinance that the Mayor can veto and must give written notice within 5 days. The veto can be overridden the with a 2/3rds majority vote. Trustee Hanks asked that the motion overriding the veto be placed on the next board agenda.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for November 9, 2011 through November 22, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for November 9, 2011 through November 22, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Burgess asked for verification that the funds are available. Trustee Benson asked what funds were used to pay Accounts Payable. Finance Director Rao verified that funds were available; General Fund balance: \$926,155.17. Various funds are used to pay Accounts Payable. Water funds are used for water and sewer fund expenses and personnel. The Accounts Payable also includes reimbursements for water bills and Skyline Disposal.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Trustee Hanks asked that Trustee Benson be placed on the next agenda to address allegations and provide proof of the allegations he has placed upon the board. Trustee Benson stated that the board has never provided proof of allegations against him either.

B. Tax Levy Update and Discussion

Mayor Towers stated that the proposed property tax levy for 2011 is \$2,470,550.00 which is a 1.5% increase over last years tax levy of \$2,434,040.00. The levy will be placed on the Committee agenda of December 6th and the Regular Board agenda of December 13th for approval.

C. Motion to Approve HUB, International as the Broker of Record for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve Hub, International as the broker of record the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. A Motion to Approve Mesirow Insurance as the Broker of Record for the Village of Sauk Village.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to strike the motion to approve Mesirow Insurance as the broker of record the Village of Sauk Village from the agenda.

The motion to strike the above motion from the agenda was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion to strike fails

E. A Motion to Approve Vision Insurance Renewal- VSP

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the vision insurance renewal.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

Trustee Benson clarified that no other insurance company was researched. Trustee Burgess stated that the broker of record does the research and brings the most feasible option to the board for both the vision and the dental. Trustee Hanks clarified that the rates did not go up this year.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

F. A Motion to Approve Dental Insurance Renewal- Metlife

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the dental insurance renewal.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

G. A Motion to Approve the Appointment of a Certain Individual to the position of Human Relations Commissioner

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Trustee David Hanks as Human Relations Commissioner. The motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Village Clerk Williams swore in Trustee David Hanks as Human Relations Commissioner.

H. A Motion to Declare a Vacancy on the Police and Firemen's Pension Board

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to declare a vacancy of the Police and Firemen's Pension Board.

The motion to declare a vacancy was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Hanks stated for clarification that the temporary 30 day appointment of Andrea Boyd on August 23, 2011 has expired which leaves a vacancy. Ms. Boyd has attended one meeting since her appointment expired. The Pension Board attorney needs to be consulted if there are legalities

involved with her serving on the board while the appointment is expired. Mayor Towers stated that he is reappointing Ms. Boyd. Trustee Burgess asked if Ms. Boyd would come before the board before the next appointment and any further action is taken. Mayor Towers stated that Ms. Boyd will appear at the December 6th Committee meeting and will be reappointed at the December 13th board meeting.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

I. A Motion to Approve the Contract for the Chief of Police

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to switch items I and J in order per the request of Trustee Benson. Trustee Benson made the motion. There was no second to the motion.

Motion failed

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the contract for the Chief of Police. There was no motion.

Motion failed

J. A Motion to Approve the Appointment of a Certain Individual to the Position of Police Chief

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Fox to the position of Police Chief. The motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Benson. There was no second to the motion.

Motion failed

Mayor Towers stated that he is temporarily appointing Robert Fox as the Police Chief for every 30 days.

Trustee Williams stated that she requested that Robert Fox provide documentation that he stated he would make available that disproves allegations surrounding ongoing litigation he may be involved in; that was not received. Trustee Williams stated that the position was never posted; other applicants, including Tim Holevis and other sergeants on the force, were not given the opportunity to apply. Trustee Williams stated that Tim Holevis provided a plan and a vision when he was appointed in June of 2011. Trustee Williams stated that Mayor Towers has not tried to talk to Tim Holevis which has never given him the opportunity to succeed or fail. The board has not been given any reason why Tim Holevis should be removed. Mayor Towers could have given him a 60 day plan; if he did not follow it he could have a reason to remove him. Trustee Williams stated that there is no stability and low morale in the Police Department. Most importantly, there is no money. The budget was passed with a \$15.00 surplus. Trustee Williams asked Mayor Towers to reconsider his appointment. The appointment will cause financial hardship to the village as well as even greater decline in moral. His capabilities or character are not in question. Tim Holevis has the support of the police department and the majority of the board and he is being removed after 18 months as Interim Chief without a justifiable reason. It is fiscally irresponsible to hire Robert Fox.

Trustee Myers asked Mayor Towers to hold off on his appointment. Village Manager Turner has stated that she could work with Interim Chief to reduce overtime. The board requested a reason in writing why he is being removed; that was not received. Background checks should be done before someone is hired. People may need to be laid off to pay Mr. Fox's salary. Trustee Myers asked Mayor Towers to reconsider his appointment.

Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers was aware that it was discussed during budget hearings that there is no money in the budget for a Chief; promotions would have to come from within. After the budget was approved Mayor Towers brought Robert Fox before the board.

Trustee Hanks stated that the appointment was illegal for the following reasons:

Temporary appointments can be made to fill a vacancy; there is no vacancy.

The appointment of Chief Fox came before the removal of Interim Chief Holevis.

The temporary appointment was made without asking for a motion to waive the posting and publication requirements which is part of Sauk Village policy.

According to State statutes 65ILCS5 – Mayor or President- Removal of Appointed Officers-

Sec. 3.1-35-10. Mayor or president; removal of appointed officer. Except where otherwise provided by statute, the mayor or president may remove any officer appointed by the mayor or president under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the mayor or president is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The mayor or president shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than 5 nor more than 10 days after the removal. If the mayor or president fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a two-thirds vote of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. The vote shall be by yeas and nays, which shall be entered upon the journal of the corporate authorities. Upon restoration, the officer shall give a new bond and take a new oath of office. No officer shall be removed a second time for the same offense.

Trustee Hanks stated that Sauk Village code 31-01 Part B also states “that any officers so appointed may be suspended or removed from the office at any time by a majority vote of all corporate authorities at any regular meeting or any special meeting called in accordance with law. Any vacancies may be filled in the manner this section provides”. Trustee Hanks stated that Mayor Towers has not brought the Interim Chief before the board for a vote; there is no vacancy.

Trustee Hanks stated that there is no money in the budget for this individual. The board agreed not to lay off officers to balance the budget. Mayor Towers has not shown the board where the money to pay this individual will come from. The laying off of 2-3 officers and repaying grant money due to those layoffs may be necessary in order to make appropriations for hiring someone from the outside. Hiring sergeants from within the department as Chief and Deputy Chief will end their overtime and could actually allow the hiring of additional officers. The temporary appointment of an outside individual could also bring on additional litigation.

Trustee Benson stated that it is the Mayor’s position to make appointments. The same trustees bring consistent division among the board and make derogatory statements about the Mayor’s appointments. Trustee Benson stated that Interim Chief Holevis has not been able to do his plan because he is always on vacation and made over \$36,000.00 in overtime. Trustee Benson stated that Interim Village Manager Dieterich has stated that the money is there by stopping overtime; no layoffs were mentioned.

Trustee Chavez stated that there is no money in the budget. It is the Mayor and the board’s responsibility to monitor the resident’s money. It is irresponsible to place the village in a deficit. Trustee Chavez stated it was a great honor to work with him.

Trustee Burgess stated that he is not adverse to Mr. Fox; he is adverse to the process of his appointment. The board asked the Mayor to work within the department; four other sergeants were available. Elected officials are expected to be fiscally responsible or risk breaking the law. Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers to reconsider the appointment. Mayor Towers is choosing to place the village in the red again. Trustee Burgess stated that he does not want to be a part of layoffs at Christmas. The board needs to move the village forward. A 1.5% tax levy was needed to balance the budget without including a salary for a Police Chief. The last Police Chief and the current Village

Manager went through a procedure. There needs to be a procedure in place to hire a Police Chief. This individual will eventually need to be paid which will place the village in the red.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated Happy Thanksgiving and asked that the personal attacks stop and that the village move forward for the betterment of the village.

Trustee Williams stated Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Tim Holevis for his years of service and all employees for their hard work and stated the need for continuity and consistency.

Trustee Chavez stated Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the police officers for attending. Trustee Chavez would like to see more people serving their obligation.

Trustee Benson wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for coming out. Trustee Benson made several biblical references.

Trustee Hanks stated that the amendment to the ordinance that was passed tonight reads all appointments by the Mayor shall be made with the advice and consent of the Corporate Authorities. Such officers shall hold office for such time the Corporate Authorities or such ordinance shall provide. The Mayor's appointment failing to get a majority of the vote will serve as a temporary appointment for a period of 30 days. After the expiration of the 30 days the Mayor may resubmit the same nominee for appointment. If the nominee again fails to receive the majority vote the nominee may remain in that position for a second 30 day period. At the expiration of that 30 day period the Mayor must submit another name for consideration by the Corporate Authorities. No temporary appointment of one individual should be made by twice within a fiscal year.

Trustee Hanks stated that there should be a separation of Church and State.

Trustee Hanks reported that Representative DeLuca's Public Safety Advisory Board is working on programs addressing problems with the youth and parental responsibility, housing and training. Trustee Hanks wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Myers reminded everyone about seatbelt enforcement.

Mayor Towers asked Village Clerk Williams to swear in Robert Fox as Chief of Police. The board asked if the Interim Chief needed to be voted out first. Village Attorney McGrath stated that Mayor Towers could appoint the temporary Chief at this time. Village Manager handed Interim Chief Holevis a letter relieving him of his duties at this time. The board asked for a copy of the letter.

Village Clerk Williams swore in Robert Fox as Police Chief of Sauk Village.

13. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION- No additional executive session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

14. MOTON TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING - None

15. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Benson.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 22, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Chavez

2. 2011 CDBG Performance Hearing

Village Engineer Czarnik reported that the purpose of the CDBG hearing is to summarize the status, estimated completion date and financial status of Sauk Village's one open project:

Cook County Project Number 10-040.

Project Number 10-040 involves funding targeted to improve the following streets:

Ross-Crescent cul-de-sac, Strassburg Avenue from Clyde Avenue to 223rd Place, 215th Place from Merrill Avenue to Olivia Avenue and 215th Place from Orion Avenue to the eastern street termination in a cul-de-sac.

The work completed consisted of surface removal and replacement, preparation of base and aggregate base repair; combination concrete removal and replacement; sidewalk removal, replacement and installation of detectable warnings; structure adjustments; and all necessary restoration. This work provided safer street conditions for those travelling on it and who live alongside the roadway. A total of 2,930 linear feet of roadway was replaced.

Cook County awarded Sauk Village \$270,000 for the project. The project bid price was \$295,619.98. The remainder of the project was paid for with Motor Fuel Tax funding. 50% of the CDBG funding was applied for in August 2011. The remaining 50% of the CDBG funding will be applied for once the contractor submits a final invoice.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 29, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

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

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks and Williams

Absent: Trustee Myers (arrived at 8:03 pm)

Also Present: Sauk Village- Police Chief Fox, Detective Grossman, Village Attorney Mike McGrath, Village Prosecutor Dennis Gianopolus

Defendant Rusan Ramadan and Attorney Ken Goff

A court reporter was also present.

2. Reconvening of the Board Re: Business License Revocation Hearing- The Hook Up

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the continuance was granted on November 16th per Attorney Goff's request. The reconvening of the revocation hearing is to allow Prosecutor Gianopolus an opportunity to provide the burden of proof that illegal activity was held in the place of business known as The Hook Up and for the licensee to present their defense. After all exhibits and testimony are completed the board may make a motion to go into executive session to deliberate. After returning from executive session the board may direct the Village Attorney to prepare a verbal or written statement.

Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that he will provide evidence and testimony to prove that the business known as The Hook Up is a public nuisance.

Attorney Goff asked that the board keep an open mind as testimony is given on both sides and to allow Mr. Ramadan to remain a part of Sauk Village at the conclusion of the hearing.

Testimony included Detective Grossman relating to an incident that occurred on May 19, 2011. Detective Grossman was called to the business when a strong odor of cannabis was reported coming from the store. Detective Grossman stated that the smell was overwhelming and also noticed small scales, metal grinder and a large quantity of small bags. Upon execution of a search warrant, other drug paraphernalia was also discovered in a back room. A small amount of cannabis was also found in the clothing of an employee.

A second incident occurred on October 11, 2011 when it was reported to the Police Department that the business could be dealing in stolen goods. A resident filed a complaint that she went into the business stating that she was interested in purchasing a television and she was shown several items at that time; some of which could have been her property. At the time of the investigation, Detective Grossman stated that he needed to obtain consent to search the premises. Store employees contacted the owner, Mr. Ramadan, by phone. Mr. Ramadan was present when the back room was opened. Several electronic items including televisions, laptop computers and game systems were discovered in the back room. When the employees were questioned they stated that they buy things from kids. An inventory was conducted and serial numbers were cross checked with previous burglaries. All items were returned except two Wii games.

The third incident occurred in October when a resident reported that his computer was seen at The Hook Up. Employees tried to sell this resident his own computer for \$100.00.

On cross examination, Detective Grossman stated that Mr. Ramadan was not cooperative on the phone during the May incident. The employees involved in the October incident cooperated fully and never stated that they were working at Mr. Ramadan's request regarding the stolen property. The layout of the store and the legalities of the drugs and paraphernalia were discussed. As a result of the investigation, one employee was charged with possession of cannabis and two employees were charged with 6-7 counts of stolen property. Mr. Ramadan was not charged in either incident.

Mr. Ramadan's testimony included a history of himself, his family and information on his other businesses. Mr. Ramadan explained that he works out of the Harvey store and that most of his time is spent scouting out merchandise to sell and delivering merchandise to stores. Mr. Ramadan stated that he would often visit the Sauk Village store on Sunday but would not have a reason to access the back room. Mr. Ramadan stated that he was not aware of any stolen merchandise at that location until he was notified by Detective Grossman and that he does not condone that. Mr. Ramadan stated that consent was given to search the store and employees from another store were sent to Sauk Village to assist the police. As an owner, Mr. Ramadan stated that he cannot fire an employee until they are proven guilty. The employees involved in the October incident were dismissed due to stolen merchandise. The employee involved in the May incident was also terminated.

Mr. Ramadan stated that he intends to take a more personal role at the Sauk Village location and that he has installed an internal camera system through ADT that allows him to watch the store from his phone.

In closing, Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that the business application states that only cell phone and clothing items will be sold. Officer Grossman's testimony clearly states that the business fails to meet reasonable standards.

1. Items are being sold outside of what the business license applied for.
2. Business of an illegal nature is being conducted on the premises.
3. Cannabis possession and drug paraphernalia in the store.
4. Stolen merchandise being sold in the store.

Prosecutor Gianopolus stated that a revocation of the business license is appropriate. The business owner now states an attempt to modify. He could have done a better job of monitoring his business which merits appropriate action from the board.

In closing, Attorney Goff stated that they are not contesting the cannabis or stolen merchandise. Mr. Ramadan will agree that is wrong due to rogue employees. Mr. Ramadan was not aware of the cannabis or the stolen merchandise and was never present when those things were sold. Mr. Ramadan stated that he never went into the backroom and that he cooperated fully when the police department asked to conduct a search. Mr. Ramadan stated that he is aware of the situation and plans to take appropriate measures. The employees have been fired, he will be present more, will monitor the store with ADT offsite monitoring and will comply with the laws and regulations.

Attorney Goff stated that Mr. Ramadan is willing to pay the costs and wants to fight for his business license and will accept whatever punishment the board finds appropriate. Mr. Ramadan will also provide additional information if needed.

3. Executive Session- Personnel

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session to discuss the revocation of the Hook Up business license.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

All ayes.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:15 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Myers to reconvene.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 8:55 pm.

Village Attorney McGrath asked for a motion which states that the licensee has been found liable for operating as a nuisance within the Village of Sauk Village.

The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

Village Attorney McGrath asked for a motion based upon the finding that the The Hook Up licensee is a nuisance within the Village of Sauk Village and that the business license issued to The Hook Up by the Village of Sauk Village is hereby revoked immediately.

The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Benson.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

Village Attorney McGrath asked for a motion to direct the Village Attorney to prepare a short, written decision of the Mayor and the village board revoking the license of the licensee to be prepared within the next seven days.

The motion was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried

4. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **NOVEMBER 29, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Discussion of Temporary Police Chief's Benefits, Compensation and Use of Department Equipment
(Executive Session)

3. Executive Session- Personnel

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session for the purpose of personnel. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:00 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

All present

The meeting was reconvened at 10:24 pm.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **DECEMBER 6, 2011.**

1.Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

***2. Appointment of a Certain Individual to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board (Andrea Boyd)**

Andrea Boyd gave a brief history of herself after being introduced to the board. Mayor Towers will ask for a permanent appoint of Ms. Boyd to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board on the next board agenda.

***3. MTO Energy Consulting Presentation- Trustee Myers**

MTO Energy Representative Michael O'Donnell proposed that the Village can save \$10,000.- \$12,000. per year with their program. Mr. O'Donnell stated that a review of a couple of month's payment histories will determine the savings. Terms can be locked in for a term of 6 months to 3 years. MTO Energy will be listed as the provider on electric bill. Consumers will still contact Com Ed with problems. The board will take this item under consideration.

***4. Public Comment and Questions-**

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. All written questions will be considered a FOIA request.

Larry Stewart discussed possible litigation between the Mayor and the board.

Bernice Houston addressed her concerns with the water referendum resolution and asked what the difference was between a binding and non-binding referendum question. The March 20th referendum becomes binding if more than 50% of the voters vote "YES". A majority vote on a non-binding referendum is simply to advise the board of what the residents recommend.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- asked how the cost of the water was determined. The water study was done by Robinson Engineering. A short recap of other options was discussed. Three questions are proposed for the referendum that residents can choose from with one question being binding and two questions being non-binding.

Linda Freeman- Jeffrey Avenue-expressed her concerns regarding a break in that occurred in her home November 22, 2011 and the lack of response from the Chief of Police and police officers. Mayor Towers asked Ms. Freeman to contact the Police Chief Fox.

Sid Harris- 217th Place- expressed his concerns about repairing the wells and the water referendum. The board cannot override the results of the resolution. If the residents vote "NO" for Lake Michigan water

the IEPA is expecting Sauk Village to take immediate action to repair the wells.

Rose Langston- stated that the Senior Movie- “White Christmas” will be on Monday, December 12th at 1 pm at the library. Refreshments and free blood pressure screening will be available. Free Blood Pressure testing is also scheduled for December 14th from 1-2 pm in the Senior Center. The deadline for enrollment to Medicare Part D is December 7, 2011. Chase Bank is hiring and is offering mortgage assistance for military personnel and waiving fees. The Sunshiner’s Christmas party is Saturday, December 10th in the Senior Center. Rose stated that there is an issue with garbage at a home at 224th Street and Brookwood. The owner of the property on 224th Street has taken care of the problem. Rose thanked Public Works for taking care of the issue on Yates Avenue. The next Senior Meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm in the Senior Center. The Bloom Township luncheon is December 14th. Tickets must be purchased by December 9th. Rose was concerned that trustees speak during public comment when there is a place on the agenda for their comments.

John Hinko stated that audience disruptions should be stopped. John also stated that once the vinyl chloride is removed from the water it will be gone.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- stated that the resolution will confuse citizens with three questions and the cost of each option listed. The original resolution was binding and included no other options. Francine also inquired about Human Relations Commission appointments.

Copies of the resolution were made available to the audience before the meeting. The board will be reviewing and finalizing the resolution for the water referendum later in the agenda in order to approve the resolution at the next board meeting. Village Attorney Matt Byrne will verify the costs of the options with Robinson Engineering.

Linda Washington- 225th Place- asked if there was a time limit for trustees to speak. There is no time limit for trustees to speak.

***5. 2011-2012 Appropriations Ordinance- Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich**

Interim Village Manager Dieterich distributed the final Appropriations Ordinance. The Appropriations Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

***6. 2011 Tax Levy- Interim Village Manager Dick Dieterich**

Interim Village Manager Dieterich proposed a 1.5% tax levy for 2011 as is typical for Sauk Village. Vacant homes could affect the collection process. The reduction in the Streets and Bridges allocation was reduced due to the elimination of the sweeper payment. This item will be on the next board agenda for approval.

7. An Ordinance Approving the Binding / Non Binding Questions for the March 2012 Lake Michigan Water Referendum- Village Attorney Matt Byrne

Village Attorney Byrne stated that a referendum was prepared based on information presented and recommended by Robinson Engineering at the November 5th Special Meeting. The ordinance includes three questions that include options for residents to consider on the March ballot; two non binding and one binding. If the binding question has the majority vote that is the direction the village will pursue. The board recapped the options that were presented on November 5th and how it needs to be presented on the ballot. It was decided that the village residents have asked for a binding referendum that will offer

a permanent solution. A binding referendum must pass by a majority vote of the residents resulting in an immediate increase in water rates. The two non-binding questions are advisory questions only. If either of the non-binding questions has the majority vote the village can take this under advisement as the direction the residents would like to pursue but may not necessarily act on. Mayor Towers stated that three questions on the ballot would confuse residents. Originally residents had asked for Lake Michigan water. The majority of the board agreed that the referendum will include only the binding question that directs the village to pursue Lake Michigan water as a permanent solution. Information on the increase of water rates to pursue this option will be included on the ballot. If the referendum fails, the village is still obligated to pursue the option of removing the vinyl chloride contamination.

8. Enterprise Zone Extension- Village Attorney Matt Byrne

Village Attorney Byrne stated that the Enterprise Zone Agreement between the Village of Ford Heights and the Village of Sauk Village expires this year. The Enterprise Zone is set up to provide sales and utility tax incentives for potential businesses. Ford Heights is requesting a ten year extension to the agreement which requires a hearing to be scheduled that includes both parties. The hearing will be scheduled accordingly with proper notice posted.

9. 2012 Sauk Village Board Meeting Schedule- Village Clerk Williams

Village Clerk Williams presented the 2012 Sauk Village board meeting schedule. This item will appear on the next board agenda for approval.

10. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that the debris at 3002 224th Street was removed by the owner with the help of Sherry Jasinski and Kevin Weller. Trustee Burgess reported that the next Economic Development meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th. Mayor Towers thanked everyone who was involved for their assistance.

Trustee Chavez stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm. The Parks and Recreation Committee is planning to meet Thursday morning at Public Works to decorate the float. The Santa parade will take place starting at 9 am on Saturday, December 10th and end up at the Community Center at approximately 5 pm for the tree lighting and Christmas carols.

Trustee Hanks stated that the board has received the Mayor's veto of Ordinance 11-034. Trustee Hanks asked that a motion to overturn the Mayor's veto be placed on the next board agenda. Trustee Hanks asked that the agenda include an opportunity for Trustee Benson to prove allegations made against the board. Trustee Benson stated that he will not respond. Trustee Benson stated that he would like to see the proof of allegations against him. Trustee Hanks stated that the proof has been provided in the past.

Trustee Myers reported on a two fires that the village was involved in today back to back. Trustee Myers reported that the next Ordinance Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st at 7 pm.

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due on December 30, 2011. Trustee Williams stated that the Public Relations Committee is working with the South Suburban Pads Shelter to provide new, unwrapped Christmas gifts to Sauk Village residents. A list is available of the sex and ages of the

children available. Trustee Williams asked if the documents Chief Fox stated he would present to the board regarding allegations and the document from Interim Village Manager Dieterich detailing where payment for Chief Fox's salary can come from in the budget has been received. Village Manager Turner stated that no documents have been received. VM Turner will meet with Interim VM Dieterich on Friday, December 9th. Trustee Williams verified that VM Turner would follow up with the resident that had the break in. The break in occurred the night of the Chief's transition. Trustee Williams reminded residents that without replacing the entire infrastructure of the village contamination and sludge may still be a problem with either solution.

11. Motion to Recess to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2011)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:45 pm.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Chavez and seconded by Trustee Benson.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 pm.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

*Agenda order was amended

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER DECEMBER 13, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Towers lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks (joined the meeting in progress by remote- cell at 9:50 pm)

2. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session.

The motion to recess was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was recessed at 7:03 pm.

3. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 pm.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS- Limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only. Please direct all verbal and written questions to Mayor Towers. Written questions may be considered as FOIA requests.

Bernice Houston asked for an update on the binding question that will appear on the March 20th ballot. Village Clerk Williams stated that the proposed question has been placed on the back table two weeks in a row and the resolution will appear on the internet upon approval.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the binding and non binding questions have been discussed at length at several meetings. The board has instructed that only the binding question appear on the resolution. The resolution is on the agenda for approval. Copies of the proposed resolution were provided to the public.

Larry Stewart questioned item 11E. Mayor Towers stated that item 11 E will be tabled until January 3, 2012.

Bernice Houston asked why the referendum question includes a dollar amount; that will be confusing to the voters. Ms. Houston stated that the second part of the question should be removed and only a simple question- Lake Michigan water- Yes or No. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the original resolution contained a non binding question. After the water study, both binding and non binding questions were presented to the board. The board decided to include only the binding question on the resolution. A binding question must include how it will impact the community.

Francine Anderson- 216th Street- questioned how the dollar amount on the referendum was determined and cautioned the board on overturning the Mayor's veto on Ordinance #11-034. Ms.

Anderson stated that the police department is four officers short which means that there is money in the budget to pay the Police Chief.

Judy Cast stated that there is no provision in the budget for a Police Chief. Where will the money come from? Mayor Towers stated that they will find the money.

Bernadine Hopkins stated that costs for replacing the infrastructure should also be compared. Mayor Towers stated that three options were discussed. It was decided that offering three options would be confusing to the residents. If the referendum fails one of the other options will need to be implemented. A future Town Hall meeting and a newsletter will be available for the residents before the March 20th election.

John Hinko- 216th Place- asked if the newsletter will go out to every house in the Village. Mayor Towers was uncertain at the time. Mr. Hinko asked if it is true that the village has to prove that it will cost more to treat the water than it will to get Lake Michigan water in order to get an allocation for Lake Michigan water. Mr. Hinko asked if the vinyl chloride is removed by treatment of the wells will the water be safe for drinking. Village Engineer Czarnik confirmed both statements. Trustee Benson stated that if the source of contamination has not been identified the contamination could still occur. VE Czarnik's response was inaudible.

Lynda Washington commented on the board's intent to override the Mayor's veto and the petitions filed by a resident in support of the Interim Chief.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt- Lincoln Meadows- stated that all comments should be directed to the chair; load outbursts and gaveling should stop.

Ed Shankel questioned the chromium contamination found in Chicago water. Trustee Myers stated that was reported on the news.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. November 5, 2011 Special Meeting- Water Issues

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2011 Special Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

B. November 15, 2011 Committee Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 Committee Meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

C. November 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

D. November 22, 2011- Special Hearing- CDBG

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 Special Hearing- CDBG.
Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

E. November 29, 2011- Special Hearing- Hook Up

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table the above minutes due to technical difficulties.

Trustee Williams made a motion to table the minutes of November 29, 2011 Special Hearing- Hook Up.
Trustee Burgess seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion to table carried

F. November 29, 2011- Special Meeting- Personnel

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above minutes.

Trustee Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2011 Special Meeting.
Trustee Myers seconded the motion.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Village Clerk- Mrs. Debbie Williams

Village Clerk Williams reported that a Special Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 6 pm. This will be a joint hearing between the Village of Ford Heights and the Village of Sauk Village to discuss extending the Enterprise Zone agreement. A Special Meeting will follow at 6:30 pm where action will be taken on the Enterprise Zone agreement, the reappointment of Police Chief Fox and the cancellation of the December 27th board meeting. The Village Hall will be closed on December 23rd and 26th and January 2nd.

Village Clerk Williams asked all board members and department heads to check their packets before the meeting and bring any inaccuracies to the attention of the Village Manager, Village Attorney or Village Clerk before the meeting. Agendas are emailed to Mayor Towers, the Village Attorney and the Trustees the Friday before the meeting for any changes. Final agendas are attached to their Friday packet.

B. Village Manager- Henrietta Turner

Village Manager Turner reported that the staff is working to implement the PSN credit card payment option for water bills. This option should be ready by January 2012. VM Turner presented a letter from the Cook County Treasurer's office stating that their office is in the process of rectifying an error made on their part. The audit should be submitted by the end of January. The staff is working with the Fire and Police Pension boards to avoid further delay. VM Turner prepared information for Trustee Burgess on the status of the TIF areas. VM Turner attended the Housing Authority meeting at SSMMA and will be touring the vacant homes to address code enforcement issues with bank owned homes. Sauk Village has applied for a bike rack grant. VM Turner is still waiting for information regarding the Cook County park grant.

C. Village Treasurer- Mrs. Genorise Carmichael- No report

D. Village Attorney – Odelson & Sterk- Mike McGrath- No report

E. Village Engineer- Mr. Czarnik- No report

F. Mayor's Report- Mayor Lewis Towers

Mayor Towers thanked DP Partners for the \$10,000.00 donation and Respond Now for their assistance which will provide 300 turkeys to residents for Christmas. Residents can register on a first come first served basis by calling 708/753-5124 or 773/983-7137. Turkeys will be distributed on Wednesday, December 21st from 6pm-8pm in the Paesel Center. This is open to all Sauk Village residents. Residents must leave their name, address and phone number to be placed on the list.

7. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Parks and Recreation Committee- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez reported that last week's Santa Parade was a great success. Refreshments were available at the Community Center after the parade. Trustee Chavez thanked Santa Claus, State Rep. Anthony DeLuca, Senator Toi Hutchinson, School Supt. Al Travaglini, Mayor Towers, Trustees Rosie Williams, David Hanks and Ed Myers, Frank and Debbie Williams, the Police, Fire, ESDA and Public Works Departments, Emmanuel Church, St. James Church, Tom's Tap, Jeff and Ann Marie Morden and family, Marva Pruitt and the Beautification Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Volunteers over the age of 18 are needed to assist Volunteer Cortez Stewart in the Community Center. Trustee Chavez requested that hiring two part time employees be placed on the next Committee agenda. The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting has yet to be determined but will be posted.

B. Housing Authority Commission- Trustee Hanks- Absent

C. Ordinance Review Committee- Trustee Myers

Trustee Myers stated that Ordinance Review Committee is reviewing an ordinance addressing meeting conduct. Approximately 25-30 people attended the neighborhood watch program. Trustee Myers asked Police Chief Fox to meet with him for new ideas. Trustee Myers thanked everyone for coming out for the Santa Parade. It was a great success. Trustee Myers suggested that everyone find a way to donate toys to needy children.

D. Economic Development Committee- Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that guest speaker, Shannon Armstrong, attended the last Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, November 14th. The Economic Development Committee is looking to finalize formal structural commercial design guidelines that will show uniformity within the town. Trustee Burgess asked for a formal TIF meeting that will include the TIF consultants. TIF 1 is set to expire in December of 2012. Mayor Towers instructed Trustee Burgess to work with Village Manager Turner to set up the formal TIF meeting. Trustee Burgess stated that all TIF bills should be paid before the meeting takes place.

E. Public Relations Committee-Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due on Friday, December 30th. Trustee Williams reported that the Public Relations Committee is working with the PADS Shelter to collect new, unwrapped gifts for

children of different age groups. See Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams for the sex and age of the children. Sauk Village Student Government Day will be March 27th. The essay topic has been chosen. Fundraising is under way.

8. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

A. Police Department- Chief Fox

Chief Fox reported that since November 22nd there have been 1836 calls for service which included 31 burglaries, 8 armed robberies and two homicides. All are under investigation with possible charges pending soon.

B. Fire Department/911 Committee- Chief Stoffregen (Called out on fire call at 8:22 pm)- report read by Trustee Burgess

Trustee Burgess stated that the department answered 9 calls between the period of December 6th and December 12th. The Fire Department dealt with a serious gas leak at the DP Partners site that was the result of a six inch gas main break that took NICOR Gas Company 6 hours to contain. Traffic was averted during that time. Trustee Burgess credited the Fire and ESDA Departments, including Deputy Fire Chief and Trustee Myers, for a job well done. The Fire Department held its first driver's training; ten members of the Fire Department, 4 members from ESDA and 2 members from the Police Department participated in the training. Additional training will take place when the weather breaks. The Fire Department thanked all who attended the Santa Pancake Breakfast and the Firemen's Association Christmas party. Both were a great success. Space heaters should be three feet away from any objects, avoid using extension cords when possible and keep sufficient amount of water in the base of real Christmas trees. Trustee Myers reported that NICOR hit their own line and was unable to locate their own line. Residents in the area were evacuated and 176 trucks were averted. Trustee Myers thanked the Police Department for their assistance. Mayor Towers commended everyone on a job well done.

C. Public Works Department- Mr. Weller

DH Weller reported that the leaf program was completed at the end of November. Skyline will continue to pick the leaves up for free until the end of the month if they are placed in yard waste bags. Lights are out in several areas. Ten repairs have been completed at this time, twenty more are on the list and four require more detailed involvement. Building maintenance will continue.

D. Zoning and Building Administrator- Ms. Jasinski

DH Jasinski reported that work has begun in implementing the online and phone payment system for the water bills. The PSN system should be in place after the 1st of the year. Labels will be placed on the water bills for two cycles to alert residents of this new service. Handouts will also be available at the Village Hall. Ace Hardware will become Do It Best in January. The owner, Roger, is leaving. DH Jasinski stated that she is not receiving FOIA requests that are being handed in at board meetings. They need to be directed to her in order to be answered timely.

E. Finance Director- Mr. Rao- Absent (Report read by Village Manager Turner)

Village Manager Turner reported that the current fund balance is \$1,029,430.93 which includes funds to cover the Accounts Payable of 12/13/11. New accounts have been opened at First Midwest Bank for the Accounts Payable Bank Account and the E-Pay Account.

F. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency- Mr. Johnson (Called out on fire call at 8:22 pm)- No report

G. Senior Committee-Ms. Langston- Absent (Report read by Village Clerk Williams)

Village Clerk Williams stated that Circuit Breaker applications must be applied for by December 31st. Call Bloom Township at 708/754-9400 for assistance. The Senior Committee has scheduled events for 2012 that include the Chili Cook Off, Senior Spaghetti Dinner and Craft Show. Movies were also selected. The next Bloom Township senior luncheon will take place at Serbian Hall at 186th and Stony on Wednesday, December 14th. Doors open at 11:30 am. The Jones Community

Center Golden Agers meeting and luncheon is Wednesday, December 14th at noon. The cost is \$5.00. The 2012 dues will be \$5.00 and will be collected at that time. The last free Blood Pressure screenings for the year for residents and employees will take place on Wednesday, December 14th from 1-2 pm at the Senior Center. Wednesday Blood Pressure Screenings are co-sponsored by the PLAN and the Senior Committee. Five individuals have been identified with high blood pressure. The last meeting of the year for the Leisure Timer's will be Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm. Chase Bank salutes the military with exclusive benefits and support for unemployed Veteran's and military personnel at 1000000jobmission.com, helping Veteran's own homes – call 1/877-469-0110 and Military mortgage benefits- 1/866-705-1259. Military ID is required. The Blue Grass Pot Luck is Sunday, December 16th from 6 pm- 10 pm. There will be no meetings on December 25th and January 1st. Seniors and disabled individuals can receive up to \$200.00 for assistance with water bills, prescriptions for eye glasses and emergency repairs for unforeseen circumstances. Must reside in the south suburbs of Cook County and provide ID and proof of the last three months of income, hardship info and social security cards for all household members. Call 708/371-1220 Ext 3013 or 339-3610 Ext. 225 for assistance.

H. Beautification Committee- Ms. Pruitt

Beautification Committee Chair Marva Pruitt reported that Illinois Highway Commission contacted the committee with information on the available bike racks. The committee requested 7-8 bike racks that will be placed at the parks, Community Center, library, etc... The committee moved forward without board approval after speaking with Village Manager Turner due to time restraints. The Beautification Committee is partnering with the Economic Development Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Marva thanked everyone on her committee. Marva stated that the Christmas decorations do not include lights due to no outlets available. Marva asked if a study can be done to see if outside outlets can be installed. The mural should arrive within the next three weeks. The unveiling will need to be scheduled. Marva suggested a stand up sign to post notices and Village Hall closings and cleaning or replacing the Village flags. Marva would like to use the water bills and marquee to provide information to the residents. The committee would also like to sell coffee and beverages during Board and Committee meetings in order to raise funds. Mayor Towers asked that Marva ask that those ideas be placed on the next agenda.

I. Police Alliance Committee- Ms. Booker- Absent- No report

J. Human Relations Commission- Ms. Pruitt

Human Relations Commission Chair Marva Pruitt announced that the first meeting will take place December 15th at 7pm in the Municipal Center.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

A. A Motion to Approve the 2012 Sauk Village Board Meeting Schedule

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the 2012 Sauk Village Board meeting schedule. The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hanks

Motion carried

Mayor Towers announced that Trustee Hanks asked to be contacted by phone to participate in this portion of the meeting. Village Clerk Williams contacted Trustee Hanks and placed him on speaker phone at 9:50 pm.

B. An Ordinance Making Appropriations for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Sauk Village, Counties of Cook and Will, State of Illinois, for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification and stated that he cannot approve the appropriations and levy due to the misappropriations of funds he is alleging against the board. Trustee Williams stated that Trustee Benson continues to allege misappropriations and has been asked to provide proof to the allegations. No proof has been provided. Trustee Chavez asked what would happen if the Appropriations Ordinance and the Tax Levy Ordinance failed. Village Attorney Mike McGrath stated that the village would not receive any money from either Cook or Will Counties to pay their bills.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell), Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

C. An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year for the Village of Sauk Village, Counties of Cook and Will

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell), Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

D. A Resolution Amending Resolution Number 11-12 and Initiating the Submission of a Public Question Regarding Lake Michigan Water and the Village Wells

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above resolution.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

Discussion regarding the wording of the resolution included Trustee Myers stating that residents requested that the cost information be included in the resolution. Trustee Benson questioned the amending of the resolution. Village Attorney McGrath stated that if this resolution fails the original resolution would remain in effect. Trustee Benson stated that estimates should have been prepared by at least three companies and not solely by the Village Engineer. Mayor Towers stated that he is confident with the Village Engineer's report.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell), Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Accounts Payables and Disbursements for November 23, 2011 through December 13, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Disbursements for November 23, 2011 through December 13, 2011.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Trustee Burgess asked that the Accounts Payable be amended by removing items #3367 and #2711 pending further review.

Trustees Myers and Burgess rescinded the motion and second to the original motion.

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable and Disbursements for November 23, 2011 through December 13, 2011 with items #3367 and #2711 removed.

The motion to approve the amended Accounts Payable was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell), Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

B. Motion to Approve the Appointment of a Certain Individual to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board (Andrea Boyd)

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Appointment of a Certain Individual to the Police and Firemen's Pension Board (Andrea Boyd)

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell) and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

Motion carried

C. Motion to Override the Mayor's Veto of Ordinance #11-034

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the Override of the Mayor's Veto of Ordinance #11-034

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Hanks (by remote- cell), Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Motion carried

Mayor Towers stated that he will file an injunction the next morning for the override to the Mayor's veto of Ordinance #11-034.

Trustee Hanks read Illinois State Statute 31-30-5 and stated that other municipalities have passed similar ordinances limiting the temporary appointment powers of the Mayor. Trustee Hanks also referred to an opinion of Attorney General Burriss and stated that the permanent appointment made by the Mayor should be approved by a majority of the board.

Mayor Towers thanked Trustee Hanks for his comments and stated that Village Attorney McGrath stated that the Mayor has the right to appoint every 30 days.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the ordinance that was passed was valid based primarily on the Attorney General's opinion, however, the case may be overturned in court based on the judge's decision.

Trustee Hanks stated that the power of the Mayor to appoint every 30 days has not been removed; the Mayor's power to appoint the same individual more than two times in a fiscal year has been limited.

Trustee Williams clarified that the Village Attorney will represent that board if the matter goes to trial. Village Attorney McGrath stated that was correct.

D. A Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement reached between the Village of Sauk Village and Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela in Settlement Conference directed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

E. A Motion to Expunge all Disciplinary Action made by Former Chief of Staff Brunetta Hill-Corley and Former Chief Martin to the Sauk Village Police Officers Christopher Mueller and James Vela

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to table both agenda items D and E until further review on January 3, 2012.

The motion to table was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks (by remote- cell) and Myers

Nays: Trustee Williams

Abstain: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Burgess stated that Mayor Towers is intentionally trying to circumvent the Village board's legal authority to represent the "Advice and Consent" as stipulated in Illinois Compiled Statutes. While the Mayor has the legal right to appoint, the power is checked by the Village board of Trustees with the requirement of the Village board's advice and consent. This Village board of Trustees has received a copy of the Mayor's executive order which clearly violates the intent of the law mandated by the Mayor/ President of any municipality. While the Mayor has the authority to make "temporary" appointments he is still supposed to do so within the scope of the law. The Mayor does not have the power to dictate to the village board or the Village Manager terms and conditions of said appointment to go beyond his authority including the power to make appropriations of village monies and assets which are not stipulated on approval of this board. Trustee Burgess stated that he repudiates any attempt by Mayor Towers to sidestep the legislative and fiduciary responsibilities of the village board. Trustee Burgess demanded that Mayor Towers revoke his executive order signed on December 8th.

Trustee Burgess stated that the Mayor cannot appropriate the money that the board had not approved.

Mayor Towers stated that the chief needs the use of the take home car and cell phone in order to do his job. Chiefs and sergeants have take home cars. Trustee Burgess stated that the car and the phone are not the problem. Trustee Burgess stated that there are three years of unpaid uniform allowances due to officers under contract as part of their salary. Allowing the Chief a uniform allowance without any consideration to the officers does not look good. It has been stated before that there is no money appropriated for this particular position. Lawsuits will follow.

Trustee Burgess asked to suspend the rules and present the Mayor's executive order as part of the official record. Trustee Burgess made a motion to be placed before the board to revoke the Mayor's executive order striking any and all language calling for the expenditures of village funds including the use of vehicle, cell phones, uniform allowances and business cards. Said revocation shall not affect the Mayor's authority to make temporary appointments pursuant to State law and village ordinance.

Mayor Towers stated that the motion is out of order.

Trustee Burgess stated that it has been stated several times that there is no money for the position and the items for this person and asked where the money is going to come from. There will be repercussions from the other officers.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Village Attorney McGrath stated that the item needs to be added to a future agenda. The motion to suspend the rules can take place. The formal action of invalidating the executive order must be placed on another agenda.

Trustee Hanks asked for clarification why the village board cannot take action when it was decided in executive session that action would be taken. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the board can request the suspension of the executive order but formal action to invalidate the executive order would need to follow on another agenda. Village Attorney McGrath stated that it is true that the village board holds the purse strings of the village; without the proper appropriations or the approval of the village board it does not get approved and it does not get paid.

Trustee Williams asked that the revocation of the Mayor's executive order be placed on the agenda for the Special Meeting of December 20th and that all expenses that have been paid out as a result of the Mayor's executive order be presented at that time for reimbursement.

Mayor Towers stated that the board will still have to pay the Chief of Police- either now or later.

Trustee Burgess clarified that Mayor Towers is prepared to put the village in the red by following through with an appointment that he knows that there is no money appropriated for and setting the village up for another lawsuit with the officers. The board is in place for checks and balances.

Trustee Williams stated that the ordinance passed two weeks ago states that the Mayor can appoint an individual two times in a fiscal year. The Mayor's term in office has 16 months remaining. Sixty days from November 22 the Mayor has the power to appoint again.

If no Police Chief is appointed and approved by the board there is a possibility for eight Police Chiefs who will require uniforms, business cards, letterhead, etc...

Trustee Benson contends that the State statute does not state that the Mayor can make "temporary" appointments; the Mayor can make "appointments". Trustee Benson stated that the village is already in the red due to misappropriations of the board for the past thirty years. Trustee Benson addressed the amount of current litigation and settlements approved by the board. The board should accept the Mayor's appointment to avoid the need for additional appointments.

Trustee Williams directed the Village Attorney to submit information on sanctioning Trustee Benson for accusing her individually and the board as whole for misappropriating funds. Past executive session tapes and minutes prove where Trustee Benson misappropriated funds. Trustee Williams stated that to continue to accuse the board of misappropriations without proof is irresponsible. Trustee Benson needs to provide documentation to prove the allegations or the allegations need to stop.

Trustee Hanks also stated that there is no documented proof to the allegations. Trustee Hanks stated that there is no money for the appointment. It was stated during budget talks that the hiring a chief from outside was not budgeted for. Chief Fox was aware of the fact that there was no money before he took the position. The board has asked Mayor Towers how the Chief will get paid. The Mayor has not provided any suggestions or direction on how the Chief will get paid.

Trustee Williams questioned the status of the crossing guards; they appear to be absent. Chief Fox stated that one crossing guard recently had open heart surgery and the other is working. Trustee Williams stated that the board has not received a final contract for the Police Chief.; the last contract submitted had the salary omitted. Mayor Towers stated that the Village Manager and the Village Attorney are in the process of drafting the contract. The contract will be submitted to the board. Trustee Burgess asked Mayor Towers and Village Attorney McGrath how funds can be appropriated for the contract if the budget passed without the appropriations. Village Attorney McGrath stated that the budget can be amended. Trustee Burgess stated that he is aware of budget amendments but where is the money going to come from.

Trustee Benson stated that police salaries are in the budget. Cutting the police department overtime by 90% will pay for the chief.

Trustee Burgess also commented on sanctioning Trustee Benson stating that personal attacks and allegations without proof need to stop.

13. MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1) (2011).

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to recess to executive session. The motion to recess was made by Trustee Myers and seconded by Trustee Chavez.

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Inaudible: Trustee Hanks

Meeting was recessed at 10:58 pm.

14. MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to reconvene. The motion to reconvene was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Hanks

The meeting was reconvened at 11:58 pm.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **DECEMBER 13, 2011.**

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Chavez, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson and Hanks

2. 2011- 2012 Appropriations Hearing

Interim Village Manager Dieterich stated that the Village is required by State Statute to prepare an Appropriations Ordinance and to hold an Appropriations Hearing prior to the passing of that ordinance.

The Appropriation Ordinance includes a dollar amount of approximately a 20% increase to the amount that was levied which is provided for in the State Statute.

The amount of \$19,201,160.00 is appropriated for corporate purposes according to the Appropriations Ordinance that will be presented for approval at the Regular Board meeting following this Special Meeting.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for comments or questions from the Board of Trustees and the audience. Hearing none, Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Williams.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **DECEMBER 20, 2011.**

1.Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Chavez, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: None

2. Safeguard Properties- Property Management- Trustee Williams

Trustee Williams stated that the representative asked that this item be tabled until January.

3. National League of Cities- Utility Service- Trustee Williams

National League of Cities representative Oscar Arras presented a warranty program that covers the water and sewer lateral lines from the foundation to the water main for Sauk Village residents; obvious neglect (excavation, landscaping, etc...) is not covered. Water leaks, breakage, clogs, etc... are covered. The cost of the program would be approximately \$4.50 for the water lines and \$5.75 for sewer lines per month. This is an optional program that would include emergency repairs up to \$4,000.00 with no deductible or trip fee. Additional coverage may also be provided due to certain circumstances, such as, the need to cut into the curb or the street. Homeowners would contact National Cities direct to sign up and to call for service. A draft letter will be provided to the village for proofreading before it is mailed to homeowners. National Cities will hire local contractors that are familiar with the village code and to keep the money in the village. Payment options were discussed. Homeowners can opt out at any time. A 10% royalty can be paid to the village or passed on to the homeowner. This item will be considered at a later date.

4. Public Comment and Questions-

A. Comments and questions on any topic must be directed to the Mayor or designee. Each speaker will be given three minutes to comment on the topic(s) of their choice. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak. All written questions will be considered a FOIA request.

Mike Brown asked if police officers who live in the village have the right to speak in the public forum without ramifications.

Bernice Houston stated that she has not received answers to all of her questions. Ms. Houston inquired about space for the Water Referendum Committee and asked Trustee Benson to head up the committee. Ms. Houston discussed the money collected for water usage and repairs to the wells.

Village Manager Turner will research the questions that have not been answered. Trustee Benson stated that he will head up the Sauk Village Water Referendum Committee. Trustee Chavez stated that according to policy outside organizations need to pay to rent the Community Center and provide insurance, however, trustees can meet in the village buildings without charge; an ordinance was passed

by the board that discusses this policy. It is important to maintain the Community Center for all residents and it is irresponsible to allow one resident to use the facility free of charge and then to charge others. Trustee Chavez will work with Trustee Benson to accommodate the committee.

Discussion involved whether or not the board should decide if one or two trustees should head up this committee and that in the past the board was told to remain neutral on referendum issues. Mayor Towers stated that it should not be necessary for a trustee to head the committee; citizens should be able to use the Community Center to meet on their own. There is no violation of the Open Meetings Act if trustees attend open meetings as long as no village business is being conducted.

This is a resident committee that cannot be considered a village sanctioned committee. Meeting notices need to be posted in village buildings to inform all residents and board members who care to attend.

Rose Langston agreed that the board should remain neutral on the referendum. Another Town Hall forum should be scheduled for all residents to attend. Rose also agreed that the rental policy should be enforced. Rose referred to the Senior Center Rental Policy.

Bernadine Hopkins asked Mayor Towers what his plans and goals are for Sauk Village residents. Ms. Hopkins asked if it is a mandate that a trustee be present when residents want to meet in the Community Center.

There was further discussion regarding providing rental income and records of building usage from 2009 to present.

Francine Anderson- 1606 216th Street- stated concerns that the Delta Sigma Theta sorority was unable to use the Community Center for the annual toy and bike giveaway because it was not available on December 17th. Ms. Anderson also stated concerns that her home was burglarized and stated that the Mayor can appoint committees. Trustee Chavez stated that he was not contacted by the sorority.

Frank Williams stated concerns about water coming from other towns being limited and about board behavior.

Nate Griffin- Brookwood Avenue- was concerned about board behavior.

5. Hiring Part Time Parks and Recreation Employees for the Community Center- Trustee Chavez

Trustee Chavez stated that the Community Center has been running 6 days a week for 7 months with volunteers. One individual is spending 6 days a week there after working his full time job. Trustee Chavez stated that he was not given the opportunity to address the issue of hiring part time employees for the Community Center during budget talks. Trustee Chavez asked that two part time employees be hired as independent contractors without benefits. Trustee Chavez asked that the hiring freeze be lifted due to the fact that there is money in his budget under “consultants” that can be transferred to personnel to accommodate the employee payments; transferring \$22,000.00 for personnel will leave \$6,400.00 for other contractual services. Wages discussed would be \$12.00 per hour for one employee and \$10.00 per hour for the other employee. Trustee Chavez also stated that the Parks and Recreation Center generates money. Village Manager Turner stated that this would require a budget amendment and asked that she be allowed to hire two new part time positions and move the money. Village Manager Turner stated that the village cannot run programming on volunteers alone. This could cause a liability for the

village. Contractual services cannot be paid long term; independent contractors are responsible for their own insurance. Employees hired by the village would require training and unemployment insurance. Trustee Chavez stated that employees are needed to open the center on time and background checks will be done on all employees and volunteers.

Additional discussions included that it is a good idea to have part time employees for the Community Center but that appropriations for personnel were removed from the budget when Sandy Cosey left. Mayor Towers stated that Trustee Chavez should work with Village Manager Turner to work out a schedule and other issues.

There was a concern if there is actually money for employees and unemployment insurance even though it appears on paper. Hiring only one employee at this time was considered. Trustee Chavez restated that his committee brings in revenue and that his request for employees was not addressed at budget time. The Community Center was never solely run by volunteers. Also, the board put a hiring freeze in place because there was no money for additional employees. All new hires have to be approved by the village board.

The \$135,000 grant for the park repairs can only be used as specified in the grant for the two parks named in the grant.

6. Proof of Allegations Made by Trustee Benson against the Village Board and Clerk- Trustee Hanks

Trustee Hanks stated that Trustee Benson often makes allegations against the board of illegal acts and misappropriations of funds. Trustee Hanks asked that the proof be presented to the board for review.

Trustee Benson chose not to address the allegations at this time.

7. Miscellaneous Business

A. Comments from the Trustees

Trustee Burgess asked about a flyer that is being passed out for the turkey giveaway that lists Mayor Towers and the SVCPA but does not list the Village of Sauk Village and the actual donors of the turkeys. Mayor Towers stated that he did not see the flyer; the circulation of the flyers was stopped as soon as Trustee Burgess made him aware of it. Trustee Burgess asked for clarification where the donation came from. Mayor Towers stated that this is the 3rd annual giveaway sponsored by DP Partners. The payment of \$10,000.00 went directly to the Food Depository. The turkeys are picked up and delivered by Respond Now. SVCPA will help pass out the turkeys. Trustee Chavez stated that not naming the donors of the turkeys is a dishonor to them.

Trustee Williams was concerned that outside organizations that use Sauk Village in their title confuse residents that the organization is approved by Sauk Village. Trustee Williams stated that Sauk Talk articles are due Friday, December 30th by midnight.

Trustee Myers stated that contrary to a previous statement any number of trustees can attend the Neighborhood Watch program without violating the Open Meetings Act because they stick to the

subject matter and follow a program. Mayor Towers commended Trustees Myers and Chavez for taking on that responsibility.

Trustee Hanks stated that the board in the past had a working relationship. Respect went both ways.

Village Clerk Williams stated that the Regular Board meeting of December 27th has been cancelled.

Village Manager Turner asked that the board provide direction regarding union negotiations.

Trustee Williams requested that the board receive a copy of the blank Police Chief's contract and the letter issued from Mayor Towers to Village Manager Turner directing that Police Chief Fox get paid. Village Manager Turner stated that the contract is still in draft form and does not include all of the changes the board discussed.

8. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- None

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters and Update of Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining Matters, Real Estate, Employment and Compensation if needed (5ILCS) 120/2 (C)(1)(2011)

9. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hanks and seconded by Trustee Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, DECEMBER 20, 2011.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustee Chavez (enters at 6:58 pm)

2. An Ordinance Approving an Extension of the Enterprise Zone with the Village of Ford Heights

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the above ordinance.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

3. An Ordinance Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Village of Ford Heights and the Village of Sauk Village Regarding the Enterprise Zone

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The motion to approve was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanks.

Trustee Benson asked for clarification. Mayor Towers stated that the date is extended through December 2021.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Benson, Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

4. Motion to Reappoint a Certain Individual to a Specified Position- Police Chief Fox

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Police Chief Robert Fox.

The motion to approve was made by Trustee Benson. There was no second to the motion.

Motion failed

Mayor Towers made an appointment of Police Chief Robert Fox for an additional thirty days.

Trustee Williams stated that no contract for this individual has been presented to the board. Trustee Hanks stated for the record that the appointment is a temporary fulltime Police Chief for 30 days. Trustee Burgess stated that information has not been provided to the board on how this individual will be paid. There has been no money allocated for a Police Chief. Trustee Benson stated that the Village Manager previously stated that funding will be recommended and that reducing overtime in the Police Department would allow for the Chief's salary; there is no line item for the Chief's salary in the budget but it is included in the lump sum for the Police Department.

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4. Motion to Cancel the Regular Board Meeting of December 27, 2011

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to approve the cancellation of the Regular Board meeting of December 27, 2011.

The motion to cancel was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

On roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Burgess, Hanks, Myers and Williams

Nays: Trustee Benson

Absent: Trustee Chavez

Motion carried

6. Motion to Revoke Executive Orders made by Mayor Towers

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Motion carried

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7. Adjournment

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All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

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All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL HEARING** OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE AND THE VILLAGE OF FORD HEIGHTS HELD IN THE SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER, **DECEMBER 20, 2011.**

Hearing on Application to Extend the Termination Date of the I-394 Enterprise Zone from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Towers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

On roll call:

Present: Trustees Burgess, Myers and Williams

Absent: Trustees Benson, Chavez and Hanks (Trustee Hanks enters at 6:12 pm)

Also Present: Sauk Village- Mayor Lewis Towers, Village Clerk Debbie Williams and Attorney Matt Byrne

Ford Heights- Village Clerk Gloria Bryant and Attorney Dirk Van Beek

Mayor Towers turned the meeting over to Attorney Van Beek.

3. Description of Enterprise Zone purpose

Attorney Van Beek stated that proper notice was posted for the purpose of holding a public hearing to extend the termination date of the I-394 Enterprise Zone. The I-394 Enterprise Zone was set up 20 years ago and originally included only Ford Heights. In December 1999, the Enterprise Zone was expanded to include Sauk Village TIF's 2 and 3.

4. Description of the purpose of the meeting

The current Enterprise Zone Agreement between Ford Heights and Sauk Village is set to expire on December 31, 2011. Attorney Van Beek requested that the agreements be amended to include an extension through December 2021 that will continue to include all of Ford Heights and Sauk Village TIF's 2 and 3.

Attorney Van Beek described the benefits of the Enterprise Zone which included flexibility in financial assistance that can be available when economic development turns around allowing certain incentives to developers.

5. Opportunity for Ford Heights and Sauk Village elected officials to speak

Sauk Village Trustee Myers asked for clarification on the area that is involved in the Enterprise Zone particularly Clarke's Garden which was possibly responsible for hazardous dumping years ago. Clarke's Garden is included. Ford Heights Village Clerk Bryant stated that she was not aware of past hazardous situations.

6. Opportunity for citizens to speak

Sauk Village resident Frank Williams asked who will work with future investors. Developers will work with the Zoning Administrators.

Sauk Village resident Bernice Houston asked if new developments will be screened for environmental impact and if they can be turned down if they have a negative impact. They will be screened. Sauk Village can act independently.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Towers asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Myers.

All Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Mayor Lewis Towers

Village Clerk Debra L. Williams