

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS  
21801 TORRENCE AVENUE  
SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS  
November 15, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. On Roll Call**

Present: Trustees Bell, Coleman (Remotely), Grant, Jasinski, and Williams

**Absent:** None

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**3. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- **Trustee Gary Bell**

Trustee Bell discuss an Ordinance and Resolution Authorizing Retention of Legislative Special Counsel and provided justification for the request and modes of financing. He suggested using ARPA Funds

Both concepts brought forth charged discussions between the Mayor and Trustees with many allegations lodged, refuted, or left hanging.

Questions of the audit delay, transfer of funds without Board approval; whether ARPA funds were restricted or unrestricted; budgets not being followed; the use a firm that was previously released were express, but there was little closure.

- **Director Anthony Finch/Dr. Viviann Jones**

- Touched on the BC/BS Health Insurance for all employees effective January 1, 2023. He refuted items from the above discussion that did not pertain to the subject.
- Discussion of YTD revenue and Expenses was not discussed. But had been previously provided
- Discussion of Transfers, line of credit and APRA Funds of the three APRA funds pertaining to the Music Fest was discussed
- Potential New hires – There is a potential of hiring two staff as the audit findings are used to determine staffing patterns.

- **Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt**
    - Digital Sign Consideration and Funding - This topic was brought forward for the fourth time with suggestions to utilize ARPA funds to increase the sufficiency of communications with residents. It was not approved.
  - **Chief Malcolm White**

Had planned to discuss, “We Never Walk Alone,” but had to depart prior to being able to address the program. It will be rescheduled.
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#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- D. Fields asked about when leaves would be picked up and if there is a consent form for seniors to provide EMS permission to enter their homes for a well-being check.
- L. Sapp spoke on the discussed Legislative Counsel and the cost to residents.
- M. Sterling asked if the leash and pet ordinances were enforced.
- S. Moren expressed that it was unfair to allow only three minutes for public comment and that she wanted the named for her daughter.
- A. Burns inquired about the process of the Housing Development program.

##### Mayor Burgess’ Responses

- The leaves are being picked up, but may need to revisit some areas
  - He did not know about providing Consent to EMS
  - He did not know how much Legislative Counsel would cost
  - The Village is without a dog catcher. Police ticket owners
  - The dedication of the park is under consideration
  - Recounted experiences with two previous attorneys. The Board votes on the allocation of funds
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#### 5. GENERAL COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES & MAYOR

- Trustee Williams commented on why Trustees speak on or bring items to the Committee Meeting. She appealed to others to respect all positions and to maintain positive communication and decorum.
  - Trustee Jasinski had no comment.
  - Trustee Bell recounted the position that he was not “casting stones”
  - Trustee Coleman commented that the Village could have another counsel
  - Mayor Burgess stated that vacancy would be announced, and that the Village has exceptional employees and has notable successes.
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#### 6. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

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#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burgess requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. Trustee Jasinski moved, and Trustee Williams seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

/s/ Marva Campbell-Pruitt  
Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess, Mayor  
Mayor