

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities

Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. **Roll Call:** Present: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, and Williams
Absent: Trustee Sapp

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator, Anthony Gilyard, Interim P.W. Director Renee Lewis, Chief Barrett, Chief White

Others in Attendance: Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Atty. Bolin Eng. Melani Arnold

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

NONE

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approve the Journal of Proceedings for the Committee Meeting on 10/17/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

- b) Approve the Consent Agenda for the Review of the Following Executive Board Minutes reviewed 11/7/2023

- I. As the Need for Confidentiality still exist as to all of part of the closed session meetings, thus a Motion to Continue to Keep Closed the Executive Board Minutes for:
1/10/2023
1/17/2023
2/14/2023
3/21/2023
4/4/2023
4/11/2023
4/18/2023

5/23/2023

6/6/2023

6/27/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Carter, Coleman, and Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION: Trustee Williams

Motion Carried

- II. As the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection, thus, a Motion to Release/Open the Executive Board Minutes for
7/18/2023
8/22/2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- J. Burns commented on an incident between two residents, an incident of July 4th and October 31st where camera footage was needed but were inoperable. He asked when the cameras be fixed
- T. Odell spoke to incidents that transpired at the October 31st event. She admitted that a relative pulled a knife for which she took
- K Boyens spoke to the Restorative Justice Program and offered her expertise, assistance and willingness to serve on a commission
- D. Fields commented on the attendees' obligated reports and asked if they had all been presented; he spoke of successful events and untruths surrounding them
 - Mayor Burgess' Comments
 - Asked the Police Chief if the investigation of the October 31st incident had concluded
 - IT would be asked to repair/replace all inoperable camera
 - The Village would proceed with the Restorative Justice Program and would need the assistance of Ms. Boyens
 - Trustees were asked to present reports from IML if not they had not done so

5) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess provided Updates on:
 - i. the Veteran's Day program
 - ii. Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
- b) Village Clerk - Marva Campbell-Pruitt announced:
 - i. The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Cheer
- c) Village Treasurer – Mr. Louis Williams was not present
- d) Corporation Counsel – Ancel Glink Attorney Bolin had no report
- e) Village Engineer – Mrs. Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering spoke on the CDBG Resolution, and the final steps needed to accept the Cook County Round 2 grant
- f) Village Administrator –Interim Director Timothy Williams was not present

6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Police Department - Chief Malcolm White reported
 - i. Calls for Service – 377 Arrests 23
 - ii. Chat with the Chief will have speakers on Thursday to discuss Juvenile and Restorative Justice
 - iii. Addressed parking tickets, ordinance and laws and efforts officers are taking for adherence
 - I. A Trustee suggested the need to inform and educate residents before implementation; asked how it has deterred crime and requested the statutes
- b) Fire Department – Chief Stephen Barrett reported:
 - i. Memorializing of Ed Myers
 - ii. Calls for Service – 115
 - iii. Issued warnings on open burns
 - iv. Announce a 30-day challenge to operate in love
- c) Finance Department – Interim Director Renee Lewis had no report
- d) Community Development – Vacant
- e) Public Works – Interim Director Anthony Gilyard had no report

7) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Senior Advisory Committee – Chairman Emmett Farmer announced events on the second and fourth Fridays
- b) Fire and Police Commission – Chairman Francine Anderson
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission – Chairman Charles Pondexter

8) PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- a) A Resolution Denying a Petition For Disconnection from Sauk Village Property Address: 225 Rush Street/Aka 2001 Lincoln Highway Property Pin Number: 32-24-400-136-0000

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

- b) A Resolution Approving an Economic Development Consulting Proposal and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement by and Between the Village of Sauk Village and Southland Development Authority (SDA) for \$55,000 annually.
Trustees asked where the funds would be derived, another stated there was no budget. Mayor Burgess stated that the position was in the budget as Community Development Director and the funds would be paid from that line item
- c) A Resolution Accepting a Grant From The Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program – Round 2.

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

- d) A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Sauk Village to execute the Subrecipient Agreement with Cook County for The Community Development Block Grant Funds

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Coleman seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Reconsideration of the Calendar of Meeting Dates Relative to the November 28, 2023, Meeting

It was decided that there would be no meeting on November 28th and that it would be rescheduled to November 30, 2023

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Williams seconded a motion

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Carter, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: Trustee Burns, Coleman

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- i. Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$386,587.70, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

Discussion/Debate

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Burns seconded the motion to Amend the motion to change (strike) the amount of \$386,587.70 and change (replace) it with the amount to \$325,805.32

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Williams

NAYS: Trustees: Carter, Johnson

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

Final Motion to Approve Transfers, Payroll, Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$325,805.32, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Williams

NAYS: Trustees: Carter, Johnson

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION: None

Though there was no tie, Mayor Burgess voted to not pay the amended amount as Counsel advised that a procedural vote was required (2/3 vote?) The motion failed because of the lack required votes, and Accounts Payable was not approved.

Motion Failed

b) PETITIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- i. Approve the Settlement of Litigation and the Execution of a Certain Settlement Agreement in the Case of Javier Robinson v. Sauk Village, A Municipal Corporation, Officer Mark Bugajski, Officer Andrew Vaughan, The Village of Crete, A Municipal Corporation, Officer Allen Rinchich, and Officer Juan Garcia, Third-Party Plaintiffs v. Ryan Nelson, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Mark Coffey, Deceased, Case No. 2018 L 002000

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

Discussion/Debate

A Trustee inquired why the amount of the settlement was not included and asked for the record to include it (One Million Dollars) ; another asked if the insurance company would pay the entire amount

and how will it impact the budget and renewal rates; another question regarding seeking restitution from the other Village involved. The last question will be referred to the Defense Counsel

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Johnson, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION:

Motion Carried

- ii. Approve The Illinois Funds Account Change of Information Form Designating Derrick Burgess, Mayor, as the Authorized Trader.

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded a motion

Discussion/Debate

Motion to Postpone until the form is completed in its entirety and further discussed and in a Committee Meeting

Trustee Williams moved and Trustee Coleman seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Williams

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

ABSENT: Sapp

ABSTENTION: None

Motion Carried

11) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- a) Public Health & Safety - Trustee Aretha Burns
 - i. Expressed condolences to Myers' family
 - ii. Stated that a Supermarket Study had been completed the year prior and another was not needed
 - iii. Stated that without a budget, there could be no allocations of funds
 - iv. Announced the committee meeting for November 17th
 - v. Stated that it was confirmed that weapons were on the premise, thus they were there at the children's party on Oct 31st as she stated her discomfort, unrest ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called for a Motion to adjourn because of unrest. The remaining agenda items were not called. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Carter seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- b) Public Services - Trustee Raven Johnson
- c) Ordinance Review - Trustee Arnold Coleman
- d) Budget, Finance & Audit – Trustee Eugene Carter
- e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations -
- f) Community Development - Trustee Debra Williams

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

/s/Derrick N. Burgess, Mayor

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk