Village of Sauk Village

Board Meeting of the Mayor and Corporate Authorities
Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Mayor Derrick Burgess led the constituency in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance **Allegiance**:

b. Roll Call: Present: Trustees: Burns, Coleman, Johnson, Sapp, and Williams

Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Village Administrator, Tim Williams, Interim Director Tony Gilyard,

Commander Evans, Interim Director Renee Lewis, Chief Barrett

Others in Attendance:

Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Atty. McGrath, Atty. Bolin Eng. Arnold

2) EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION NONE

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None Presented

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

- T. Jones commented that she enjoyed the Music Festival but was concerned with how much was expended.
- D. Fields expressed concerns for the Village's financial situation. He acknowledged that events bring in funds, but questioned street repairs, the medical center, and need for speed bumps; He stated that the Board was not unified and that it hurts the Village when members seek self-gratification and disrespectfulness at meetings, and the need to replace the marquee sign.
- C. Barrett expressed the need for a grocery store, the lack of wrap-a-round services for students and resources needing updated; She spoke to the water issue and flooding; torn up sidewalks, lack of maintenance of homes and the high turn-over of staff.
- Vicki addressed the error that the Mayor made in recognizing Sue
- T. O'Neal expressed concerns of the 1st concert and the Mace that was distributed in cosmetic bags
- L. Sapp spoke to the respect and transparency needed; the violation of the policy of not calling individuals by their names in an open meeting; and the replacement of the DOO with two individuals and the cost entailed. He questioned the increases in employee wages and asked where the funds came from.
- D. Smith questioned if the festival was over budget and by how much?

- J. Burns stated that D.J. Smokey was a no-show and stated that the funds must be reimbursed.
 - Mayor Burgess' Responses:
 - Answered questions but not comments
 - He stated that the Village was awaiting a final financial report on the funds expended and revenue fro the festivals as it must include the expenses from the police, fire, ESDA, and other areas
 - The Special Meeting from the previous day was called by the Board yet the items could have been included in that night's meeting
 - The financial status- an Ordinance must be passed as a stop-gap measure to continue to conduct business
 - A grocery store or other businesses would be reluctant to come to the Village as they witness Board actions.
 - He has not seen an unified Board but the can still work together
 - There are a few student programs run by volunteers and shared that the baseball team would soon be recognized.
 - The Village must continue to acquire abandoned homes as they are our liability
 - The Mayor apologized for the Mace incident, and it would be researched
 - He would look into the DJ who was a no-show
 - The medical center is seeking to secure finances, if done, the land would be returned to the Village

5) Reports of Officers

a) Mayor - Derrick Burgess

Mayor Burgess introduced Eugene Carter for consideration to fill the Trustee vacancy on the Board

i. Approve the Mayor's Recommendation to Appoint Eugene Carter as a Trustee to Fill the Vacancy on the Sauk Village Board of Corporate Authorities

Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Burns seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Coleman, Sapp, and Williams

NAYS: None

Abstentions: Trustee Johnson

Motion Carried

Trustee Carter was issued the Oat of Office by Clerk Campbell-Pruitt and was seated

- b) Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt
 - i. Announced the Community Partnership's Annual Yard Sale scheduled for August 26th
 - ii. Announced the Partnership Meeting planned for August 2nd
- c) Village Treasurer Vacant
- d) Corporation Counsel Ancel Glink's Attorney Bolin had no report but stated he had an item to bring under New Business
- e) Village Engineer Melanie Arnold, Robinson Engineering had no report

6) REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- a) Police Department Commander Evans reported:
 - i. Calls for Service 438 Arrests 25
- b) Fire Department Chief Stephen Barrett reported:
 - i. Calls for Service 80
 - ii. He reported no fireworks incidents on July 4th; The File for Life signup on July 18th; Junior Fire Camp on July 24th; and reminded of the No Open Burning in the Village
- c) Finance Department Interim Director Renee Lewis announced: that her office was working with the VA to increase to 75 -80% the number of residents to pay bills on-line
- d) Village Administrator –Interim Director Timothy Williams reported that he and staff were examining a few locations for a digital display brought forth by the Village Clerk and fielded questions presented
- e) Community Development Director Antonio Cooper was not present
- f) Public Works Interim Director Anthony Gilyard read a report highlighting the accomplishments and activities of that department

7) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- a) Public Health & Safety Trustee Aretha Burns
 - Addressed the need for Special Meetings
 - ii. Addressed the financial of the Music Festivals stating that they did not go over budget as it had \$44,000 in the budget and \$8,000 in donations. Therefore the \$47,223.26 expended was under the budgeted amount. She stated that \$751.26 was added to pay for printing
 - iii. Other items commented on was the need for the completion of audits to secure grants; justified the need for an Internal Auditor and announced that the next meeting would occur on July 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- b) Public Services Trustee Raven Johnson had no report or comments
- c) Ordinance Review Trustee Arnold Coleman announced the next meeting on July 26th with reports to be presented
- d) Budget, Finance & Audit Vacant
- e) Housing and Intergovernmental Relations Trustee Diane Sapp announced an unified Board with new changes, and welcomed Trustee Carter
- f) Community Development Trustee Debra Williams provided good tidings to Trustee Carter and announced the following: Blood Drive on July 22nd; Sauk Talk deadline; offered condolences to Sue's family; the Crossroad Church's Revival on September 16th; and the next meeting on July 26th. She addressed the Facebook rumors.

g) Trustee Carter had no comment

8) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Senior Advisory Committee Chairman Emmett Farmer announced:
 - The next meeting on July 13th; Game Nights; Breakfast Bingo; the Casino Trip; Senior Fit Classes and the Senior Picnic on August 12th
- b) Fire and Police Commission Chairman Francine Anderson
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals Commission Chairman Charles Pondexter
- 9) Presentation of Ordinances and Resolutions
- 10) Unfinished Business

11) New Business

a) Financial Matters:

i. Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$436,539.74, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded Discussions ensued with requests to remove \$14,300

i. A motion to amend the motion was made to Approve Transfers, Payroll and Accounts Payable Distributions in the Combined Amount of \$421,399.74, and authorize the Finance Department to Remit Payments

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded

On Roll Call

AYES: Trustees Burns, Carter, Coleman, Sapp, and Williams

NAYS: Trustee Johnson

Motion Carried

ii. Approve all costs and fees associated with the IML Workshop

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None **Motion Carried**

b) Petitions, Agreements, and Action Items

i. Approve the Annual Per Diem Rate of at least \$100.00 but no more than \$150.00 for Conference Travel for the 2023-2024 Budget period.

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded Recommended edits to be provided

On Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

12) GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR BURGESS

13) ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the day, Mayor Burgess called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: __ p.m. Trustee Coleman moved, and Trustee Williams seconded. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk

/s/Derrick Burgess, Mayor