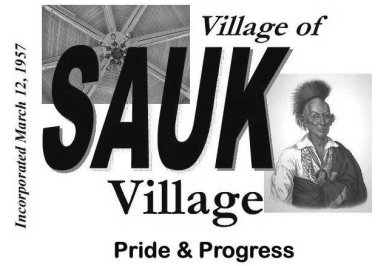


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TURNER GETS NOD FOR VILLAGE MANAGER POST



Village Manager Henrietta Turner greets former Trustee John Dennis

By Joseph Wiszowaty 16 years in south suburban Country SAUK VILLAGE | Henrietta Club Hills.

Turner has been hired as the new Village Manager. The Village Board of Trustees voted 4 to 1 with Trustee Robert Chavez voting no and Enoch Benson vote recorded as "present".

Turner began her first day on November 12th and will work with interim Village Manager Richard Dieterich for a brief period during the transition.

Prior to being hired by the Village, Turner served as City Manager for

The Village conducted a nationwide search for a Village Manager and received 21 applicants. Dieterich was selected to weed through the resumes and pick the top qualified and experienced candidates. The Village Board then sat in on the interviews while Dieterich questioned the candidates.

Each of the Trustees present scored the candidates and the highest scored (Continued pg. 2 see- MANAGER)

Business Remains Closed Pending Hearing

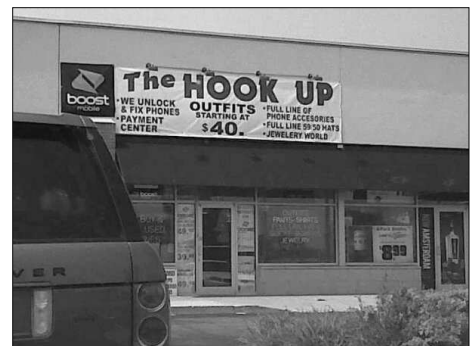
by Joseph Wiszowaty SAUK VILLAGE | The Village Board of Trustees met November 16th to discuss the business license revocation for the Hook Up 2583 Sauk Trail in Sauk Village.

The hearing on the matter was continued at the request of attorneys representing owners for the Hook Up. The business will remain closed until the hearing which will be No-

vember 29th at Hall.

Two employees of the Hook Up have been charged with purchasing stolen property from local thieves in a police sting and subsequent investigation by the Sauk Village Police Department in October according to Police Chief Tim Holevis. The Village suspended the business license

Village at that time pending a hearing on the matter with the Village.



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candidates were contacted. Turner, was the second highest scored candidate. The first highest declined the offer for the position.

Turner will be facing some financial challenges as the Village Budget was only balanced by a \$15 margin for error and litigation costs were not considered.

Mayor Lewis Towers and Trustee Benson refused to participate in the selection process but have welcomed Turner as manager for the Village.

Towers told the Village Board that he would sue the Board and the taxpayers of Sauk Village to stop the process he called "stripping the power of the mayor".



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TOWERS WANTS NEW CHIEF

SAUK VILLAGER | Interim Police Chief Tim Holevis has been informed, once again, that his services as interim Police Chief will no longer be needed after November 22nd. For the second time this year, Holevis has been told to stand down as Police Chief and return to his position as Sergeant. Holevis has served on the Sauk Village Police Department for over twenty-years but Towers has not made any attempt to appoint him or anyone from within the Department. Towers last year wanted to fire the entire Police Department and bring in Cook County Sherriff's police to patrol Sauk Village under the gise of "budget savings".

Mayor Lewis Towers, who was elected by the people of Sauk Village in 2009, over Village Trustee Derrick Burgess, has made some erratic appointments without a selection process with the Village Board of Trustees. Burgess challenged Towers when he most recently attempted to appoint William Shaw a 72 year old retired Chicago police

officer and retired chief of security at a Chicago college. Burgess asked at that time the mayor to begin a selection process, open the process up to everyone, not just a political appointee. "That's not open, honest and transparent government" Burgess contended.

Towers also appointed Burnetta Hill-Corley as Chief of Staff before there was even a position created by the Village Board. Towers would bring an ordinance to the Village Board and cast the tie vote eliminating the position of Village Manager and creating a political appointee position of Chief of Staff. Corley was summarily terminated "with cause" in May, 2010 and the position of Chief of Staff abolished.

Towers appointed a 73 year old Frank Martin as police chief who allegedly heard voices and thought his office was bugged according to the Federal lawsuit filed against Martin

alleging among other things discrimination. Martin, who is black, was fired by the Village Board "with cause" on the same day as Hill-Corley and has resulting litigation has cost the Village residents about \$500,000 in litigation costs as a result of claims by Village employees, and more still pending.

Not to be forgotten, Towers appointed Gloria Gibson as Finance Director following the resignation of Beverly Sterrett, who worked for the Village for over 20 years. Gibson left her position after her brief stay with about 14 months of bank statements unopened on her desk.

Now Towers, who was elected by the people of Sauk Village, wants to appoint Robert Fox. Fox was Police Chief in Dolton until June 3, 2010 when he resigned under pressure from Dolton Mayor Ronnie Lewis who questioned Fox holding 2 full-time jobs as (Continued on Pg 3- see CHIEF)

CHIEF (Continued from Pg 2) Chief of Dolton and Cook County medical examiners office appointed by then Board President Todd Stroger.

Fox is also named as a defendant in a Federal lawsuit filed in 2010 by Dolton Police Officer David Graham alleges discriminatory practices by top city officials against white employees. Graham, who is white, alleges Fox ordered him to wear brightly colored gloves making Graham, the only white officer, a target as other officers were allowed to where white gloves. Fox is alleged to have said in a police staff meeting that the department, which is predominately African-American, "with the exception of you white speckles". Also Fox is alleged to have referred to a group of white officers as a "Klan meeting".

Fox's resume and a contract are alleged to have been provided to the Sauk Village Board of Trustees and the matter is to be brought to them by Mayor Lewis Towers for Fox's appointment.

Under Illinois law, the Mayor or Village President, have the right to appoint a Police Chief with the "advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees". If the Village Board fails to approve the appointment, the Mayor has the right to make a "temporary appointment of no more than thirty-days". The Village Board can by ordinance restrict the term of temporary appointments, however, the Village Board has not acted put any time limits on temporary appointments.

The Sauk Village Police Department currently have 5 full-time Sergeants, including Timothy Holevis, who has served as "interim" Police Chief since the Village Board terminated Frank Martin. The organization People Looking for Answers Now (the PLAN) presented the Village Board of Trustees with a petition signed by some 600 registered voters calling for Holevis to be appointed Chief. To date Towers has not acted or discussed the matter publicly.

PLAN on Attending

**The People Looking for Answers Now
(the P.L.A.N.)**

Want everyone who can attend

The Village Board Meeting

On Tuesday, November 22nd

At

7:00pm

Municipal Center 21801 Torrence Ave.

We need to stand UNITED to

STOP politics in our Police Department

Lewis Towers wants to appoint

Another political hack!

UNITED WE STAND...



TO LEWIS
TOWERS: 615
registered voters
signed a petition
to support the
appointment of

Tim Holevis for our Chief of
Police... Why are you ignoring
the PEOPLE of Sauk Village?

News From Village Clerk— Debbie Williams



Village Clerk
Debbie Williams

The Sauk Village Board recently agreed to purchase a sound system for the boardroom and to begin the process of providing online and phone payments options for water bill payments for a small convenience fee. Payments can also be placed in the night deposit box located at the northeast corner of the Municipal Center. Also under consideration is updating the Sauk Village Municipal Code Book which

was last updated in April of 2003. Look for all of these exciting changes in the near future.

HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS: The Municipal Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the holidays.

SAUK VILLAGE WATER

SAUK VILLAGE | Hang on to your wallet the Village is being forced to spend money in order to come into compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standards under an action taken by the Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office.

The Village Board of Trustees voted 4 to 0 with Trustee Enoch Benson not wanting to vote on the matter and "abstained" from voting on the Referendum for Lake Michigan Water. The vote came after Benson and Mayor Lewis Towers disrupted the entire Student Government Day with their political antics on March 22nd as they tried to block a vote from being taken on a referendum for Lake Michigan water.

A volatile organic compound known as vinyl chloride was detected in Well #3, which is located near Roadway and just south of Carlisle Estates. The Village took the well offline in May, 2009 and consequently has raised life safety issues with respect to fire fighting should either Well #1 or #2 go down. The Village's only option for an emergency connection for water is Bloom Trail High School which has a 12 inch water main and recently converted to Lake Michigan water. No water will flow from this source unless either of the wells should go down. The cost to the Village to

do this will be \$400,000 according to Jim Czarnik of Robinson Engineering.

Czarnik presented numerous options and alternatives to the residents that the Village Board must decide should be put before the people in a referendum. It's not likely that the Attorney General's office is willing wait for a referendum to be decided for the Village to move forward with cleaning up the wells according to Czarnik.

Option 1 was the least costly is an "air stripping" process which removes the volatile organic compound from the well water the village currently has. The air stripping equipment would be installed at wells #1 and #2 on Sauk Trail at the pump house, and well #3 near Roadway; however, additional property would need to be acquired in order to accommodate the new building. The cost for this process would be \$4.6 million according to Czarnik. This would increase an average monthly cost by \$9.83 according to Czarnik

Option 2 includes option #1 and would be a water treatment plant with a reverse osmosis system to soften the water and purify the Village's water more so than Lake Michigan water. This option, according to Czarnik, would require additional staffing and building as well as water and sewer line improve-



Village Trustee Derrick Burgess talks to a resident before the Town Hall Meeting

ments. This would cost about \$20.7 million according to Czarnik. This would increase an average monthly cost by \$50.87 according to Czarnik

Option 3 is golden! This is the Lake Michigan water option which would require a new (Continued on Pg 5— see WATER)

WATER (continued from pg 4) pump-ing station, an additional 2 million gallon water storage capacity and a water loss reduction plan to reduce the Village's water loss from 23% down to 8%. This option would cost \$19.7 million and would increase an average monthly cost by \$72.09. An average bill for a resident would be about \$155 per month according to Czarnik.

Czarnik also recommended, no matter what option the village chooses, adding a 16 inch water main on the north end of the village



About 130 people attended the Town Hall Meeting on options for Sauk Village Water. Village Engineer Jim Czarnik presented the water study to the residents. Audible groans could be heard when Czarnik discussed the costs for Lake Michigan water.



Village Engineer Jim Czarnik of Robinson Engineering presents the findings of a Water Study conducted on options for Sauk Village Water

to cross over west of Illinois 394 to "loop" the system and ensure a safe flow of water to the West side of the village. This would cost \$740,000 according to Czarnik.

The water loss reduction plan is not required for option #1 and #2 but is for Lake Michigan water which is estimated at \$8.9 million. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has very stringent standards that communities must adhere to concerning water loss. This plan would replace residents' water meters to ensure more accurate readings and replacement of about 20% of

the Village's water mains according to Czarnik.

An aggressive timeline puts the "Air Stripping" to remove the vinyl chloride from the well water completion date at July, 2014; Emergency hook-up to Bloom Trail at May, 2013 in the event of a catastrophic event; and for Lake Michigan water sometime in July, 2016 according to Czarnik.

The Village attorney who was present during the meeting advised the Village Board members to not comment or make statements because of the litigation with the Attorney General of Illinois. That didn't stop the rogue Trustee Benson who felt it necessary to state the Village Board needs to get "three or four more engineers to prepare reports". "They're all lying to you" Benson said.

The report prepared for the Village by Robinson Engineering, who has been the Village Engineer for decades serves as a private engineering firm cost the Village about \$25,000 Czarnik said. Czarnik holds a degree in engineering from Rose-Hulman College which is a leader in engineering, science and mathematics in the academic circles. Benson holds no degree in engineering or law.

Editorial Note: Jim Czarnik gave an excellent presentation stuffed full of facts and figures and delivered it in a clear and concise manner. The report prepared is irrefutable and factual. I urge everyone to read the information and learn about this matter. This is your money, make sure you pick the best option for the future of Sauk Village.

WATER POLL NOT GOOD FOR LAKE MICHIGAN WATER ADVOCATES

With 681 people who took the survey, a GOOD number, 86.8% of those being residents of Sauk Village the results are as follows:

OPTION 1- Village to obtain \$4.9 million in loans or revenue bonds to add/install air stripping equipment only to all village wells to remove vinyl chloride from the current water source. (Least costly alternative). This option would increase water rates to \$4.44 per 1000 gallons of water- average increase to monthly would be about- \$9.83 (increase of \$19.66 per water bill) – 540 people or 79.4% picked this option.

OPTION 2- The Village should build a water treatment plant and add air stripping equipment to treat all village wells to "Lake Michigan quality" water and remove vinyl chloride from the current water source. This option would increase water rates to \$10.48 per 1000 gallons of water- average increase to monthly water use would be about - \$73.33 (increase of \$146.66 per water bill) – only 81 people picked this option or 11.8%

OPTION 3- The Village should obtain Lake Michigan water, make all necessary infrastructure improvements- Lake Michigan water would be online about 2016. This option would increase water rates to about \$10.37 per 1000 gallons of water (subject to increase) an increase of an average of \$72.09 per month (increase of \$144.18 per water bill +plus your current bill)- Only 60 people picked this option or 8.8%