

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday January 9, 2018

Call to Order

Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order in the Village Board Chambers at Village Hall, 157 W. 144th Street at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:
Rodrick Jefferson, Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Gregory Lewis, Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith

Also present;

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Acting Deputy Fire Chief James Muirhead, Chief of Staff Timothy Williams, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Budget Director David Gonzalez, Hancock Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Matt Welch and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2017.

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

Mayor asked for brief summary from Department Heads.

Village Administration

Budget Director – David Gonzalez

No report

Fire Department/Building & Zoning/Inspectional Services Deputy Chief Muirhead

Report Submitted: During month of December responded to 271 emergencies, conducted 336 inspections and complaints and 24 building permits were submitted.

During 2017 there were 7910 inspections and complaints, 491 building permits submitted and responded to 3255 emergencies. Continuing with the Crime Free Housing classes, next class is on January 17th. Through the Blight Reduction Program we've demolished 3 additional properties: 13942 S. Atlantic, 14102 S. Edbrooke and 13835 S. Stewart.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: Street sweeper was out a couple of times in December. As the temperature dropped we responded to 8 water main breaks. Responded to residents with frozen water meters. Supt. Russell included a photo of the process of blowing out a buffalo box when residents have filled to avoid disconnection. This can be a timely process. Supt. Russell stated frequent water main breaks are due to an aged infrastructure.

Police Department – Chief David DeMik

Report Submitted: 12/13/17 – 1/8/17 four officers started the Chicago Police Academy on Monday. They will be in the Academy for 16 weeks. On New Year's Eve we had 14 officers and 2 supervisors on duty. Chief says he got the report that there was much less gun fire this year. The Police Department got only 2 calls for shots fired. Photos were provided to the Board and Mayor of the Toy and Food Drive on December 15th. Some of the major donors were Jim Sr. from ABC, Jim Bracken from Riverdale Materials, Israel of God and Tri-State Disposal. 60 families were served. .

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned the pet tag are late in coming but should be arriving soon. Cost is \$9. Proof of rabies inoculation is required. By end of the week should have the confirmed day for the Annual Shred Day. It will be in April. The next Coffee with the Mayor is January 13th. Village Hall will be closed January 15th for Martin Luther King Day.

Village Attorney – Matt Welch

Attorney Welch stated there would be an item on the next agenda. The Illinois General Assembly passed legislation mandating every governmental entity to pass a sexual harassment policy. The Village has a policy in place but it needs some updates to be complaint with the law.

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges says no active projects open at this time. Northeast Sewer Separation Project was the last project for 2017. The Village of Riverdale received an award from the APWA (American Public Works Association), Southwest branch, for the Storm Sewer Project. Village of Riverdale was awarded \$250,000 through Cook County Development Block Grant for alley reconstruction. We can't start with any professional services until we receive the authorization letters to incur grant cost which is required in the CDBG Program. We expect the release of the letters in February.

Trustees

None

Public Comments –

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Williams

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed