

**Village of Riverdale**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on**

**Tuesday December 13, 2017**

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**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. 144<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:01 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, Chief of Staff Tim Williams, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Hancock Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney John Wise and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Jefferson to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes dated November 14, 2017.

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

**Village Administration**

1. Budget Director – David Gonzalez –Absent

**Fire Department/Building & Zoning/Inspectional Services/Chief Rob Scharnhorst**

Absent – On a fire call

**Supt. Of Public Works – Jerome Russell**

Report Submitted: Prepared for the snow. Our trucks are operational.

**Police Department – Chief David DeMik**

Report Submitted: 4 Police Officers should be going to the Police Academy starting 1/8. With changes to the boot and tow ordinance over 800 scofflaws were added to the list of eligible violators. 200 notices a week will be mailed to violators. 21 days after they receive notice they're eligible to be booted and or towed.

**Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb**

Clerk Holcomb indicated delinquent accounts are being shut off to recoup monies owed to the Village. Office will closed Monday 12/25 Christmas Day. 12/26 Open as a regular business day. Next Coffee with the Mayor is 1/13/18 from 10:00am – noon.

**Village Attorney – John Wise**

No report

**Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges**

The alley reconstruction and alley lighting project are in planning and discussion. Haven't heard back from ComEd regarding their structure for the lighting. Darkness of each alley will be measured to ensure proper lighting. Cook County Sewer Project is 99% complete.

**Trustees**

No Report

Mayor Jackson asked Chief of Staff Williams to summarize the activities of the Finance and Fire Departments. Chief of Staff Williams stated Chief Scharnhorst is working with our legal department in finalizing several redevelopment agreements. In Chief Scharnhorst's report he summarized new businesses interested in coming in town. Regarding the Finance Department we're working with them to make sure bills are being paid in a timely manner.

Mayor Jackson asked Attorney Wise to explain what the Villages' plan is with former business Platinum 144, located at 200 W. 144<sup>th</sup> Street. Board gave approval last year to declare a public nuisance. We initiated litigation. Owner filed an appearance and there was an on-line tax auction and sold to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. 3<sup>rd</sup> party has made no improvements. We are moving to have the property declared abandoned and get title. Or to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> party give a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

Mayor Jackson asked Chief DeMik to elaborate on the Toy Drive. He stated Toy Drive was on 12/15 was successful. Mr. Bracken from Riverdale Materials donated 18 bags of toys. 60 families and 180 children were served.

Chief of Staff Williams indicated the Coat Drive at Riverdale Early Childhood Center on 12/15 was very successful. Event was also supported by vendor donations.

Mayor Jackson indicated there will be a Special Meeting to be held on 12/19 at 7:00pm

**Public Comments –None**

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

Motion by: Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Date Passed