

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday February 13, 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, Fire Chief Rob Scharnhorst, 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 January 9, 2018.

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Jefferson

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

Village Administration

Budget Director – David Gonzalez

No report

Fire Dept. / Bldg. & Zoning/Inspectional Services Fire Chief Rob Scharnhorst

Report Submitted: Chief Scharnhorst said during month of January responded to 296 emergencies, conducted 422 inspections and complaints and 23 building permits were submitted.

Next Crime Free Housing Class is March 22nd. With program through Cook County Sheriff's department 13905 S. Wentworth will be demolished. Chief Scharnhorst said working with some people who are interested in bringing businesses to Indiana Ave. Cal Sag project should start when weather breaks. Waiting for an environmental report. The bridge portion of the project won't start to 2019.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: Supt Russell said last couple of weeks Public Works has been tackling the snow. 450 tons of road salt has been used. 500 tons remain in our silo. Chlorine and chloroform levels are being checked with both passing testing. Street sweeper was out in January. Mayor Jackson asked Supt is the sewer prepared for the melting snow and possible flooding. He said they were.

Police Department – Chief David DeMik

Report Submitted: Chief DeMik said 4 officers are in the Police Academy. Sgt. Kozeluh has taken over field training program. During the recent snow storms the officers made sure snow routes were free and clear of parked vehicles. On February 23rd at 3:30 pm officers will have a kickoff event at Roosevelt Elementary School for "Serve and Connect" which pairs law enforcement with kids to learn to play tennis. The program runs from February 23rd thru May 4th on Fridays. Deputy Police Chief Darkried has been conducting lock down drills at our schools as required by the State.

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned that CEDA is sponsoring a program whereby you may obtain assistance to repair your furnace. Peoples Gas, ComEd and CEDA are hosting a Winter Resource Fair providing information on how you may obtain assist with your utility bills. Congressman Bobby Rush is an invited guest. Pet tags are in. The cost is \$9. Our annual Shred Day is Saturday April 14th from 9-12noon in the Municipal Parking lot. Village Hall will be closed on February 19th for Presidents Day.

Village Attorney – Matt Welch

Attorney Welch stated there's a number of redevelopment agreements where we're trying to get Village owned property back into private hands and on the tax roll. A couple of agreements to appear on next Board Meeting.

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges stated working on an agreement to present to Board for alley reconstruction. Would like agreement on upcoming Board Meeting Agenda. This agreement would outline efforts between the Village of Riverdale and Riverdale Materials. Riverdale Materials is interested in donating equipment and materials to assist with this project. Mayor Jackson asked if contact had been to Bonita Parker regarding the alley lighting. Engineer Hodges said he made several attempts but unable to reach Ms. Parker.

Engineer Hodges stated he has been getting conflicting reports from another ComEd representative that program may not have been approved. ComEd indicated they would provide labor and materials to upgrade alley lighting to LED fixtures.

Chief of Staff Tim Williams to follow-up with ComEd's external affairs. Engineer Hodges said Cook County will be releasing their 2018 CDBG block grant applications within 2 or 3 weeks. The County is having a workshop for February 21st and would like a Village representative present..

Trustees

The Board of Trustees thanked Supt. Russell and his department in tackling the snow during recent storm. Trustee LeVere thanked the Police and Fire Department also.

Public Comments –

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 7:28 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed