

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday January 8, 2019

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 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present;

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Fire Chief Shun Haynes, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Hancock Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Matt Welch and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

Absent: Village Finance Director David Gonzalez

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 November 13, 2018.

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

Village Administration

Finance Director – David Gonzalez

Absent

Mayor Jackson expressed concern about the rapid turnover in the Police Department. He stated this has resulted in additional overtime and a strain in scheduling and recruitment.

Mayor Jackson stated he'd like to reopen the contract with FOP to address this problem. Money is being spent to train officers who are going to other departments. Chief DeMik stated during officers exit interview they say they're leaving for more money.

Trustee Williams asked where would the monies come from to support an increase in the officers pay?

Mayor Jackson said he and Chief DeMik would meet with Budget Director Gonzalez and the increase would be incremental.

Fire Dept. / Bldg & Zoning/Inspectional Services Deputy Chief Shun T. Haynes

Report Submitted: During the month of December 204 inspections were conducted, 25 building permits were issued, and we responded to 204 emergency responses. Chief Haynes says he plans to present awards for exceptional service to firefighters. The Police and Fire departments Toy and Food drive was a success. 65 families were served. The next Crime Free Housing class is January 17th.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: During the month of December Public Works responded to a water main break at 139th Michigan. Water was off for less than 2 hours. Remedial work for a collapsed storm sewer was completed at 141st and Stewart. Remedial work was also performed on a B-box on 144th and Wabash. Drinking water continues to be sampled with no failing tests. Street sweeper was out every day as weather permitted. We did respond to light outages due to blown fuses. There's 100 tons of salt stock piled for winter weather.

Supt. Russell mentioned the Chicago Water Agreement needs to be reviewed before renewal.

Mayor Jackson asked that Chief DeMik and Supt. Russell establish surveillance for those that are fly dumping.

Police Department – Chief David DeMik

Report Submitted: Chief DeMik stated officers Mahouski and Malecki completed one year of service. 4 officers started the Police Academy on January 7th. (Mazurek, Scott, Starks and Somers). Turkeys were given to every family during Toy and Food Drive. The Police Department is working with ATF on felonious gun cases. Chief DeMik would like 2 officers recognized for distinguished police service awards and one officer for a life saving award. Sergeant Williams completed training and is now on solo supervisor patrol. Through an insurance grant through HR we received 4 Streamlight scene lights.

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned pet tags are in proof of rabies inoculation must be provided to purchase for \$9. Coffee with the Mayor is this Saturday January 12th from 10am – noon. Office is closed for MLK day on 1/21.

Village Attorney – Matt Welch

Attorney Welch said on the upcoming meeting there will be a Class 8 Renewal for the Shell gas station on 138th and Halsted. The agreement will include conveying vacant property behind the station. We're trying to piece together with another property in order to convey to a potential business. Attorney Welch addressed the Chicago Water Agreement that has some language we'd like changed. Request for Executive at the next meeting as it relates to litigation.

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges stated there would be a second round of bidding for the Village's CDBG alley project. Initial bidding was October 29th with only 1 bidder. That bid amount was \$35,000 over the grant amount. Neither Cook County or IDOT found this competitive and requests a second round of bidding. The second round would be February 19th at 10am.

Mayor Jackson mentioned for the past year or so we've had an acting Deputy Fire Chief. He stated he and Fire Chief Haynes have interviewed and considered candidates. Mayor Jackson said he has a recommendation that he would like to submit to the Board. He is Mickil Smith. Mayor Jackson asked Chief Haynes to comment. Chief Haynes stated Mikil Smith comes with a wealth of experience. His experience is with the Phoenix Fire Department and an Inspector at Hazel Crest. He started at the age of 19 in the Robbins Fire Service. Mr. Smith was also Fire Chief in Robbins and would be a great asset to our Department and the community at large.

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 Riley-Pinkney


By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at

7:41 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed