

**Village of Riverdale**

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

**Tuesday October 13, 2020**

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at Park School 14200 S. Wentworth 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 Mickil Smith, Supt of Public Works. Jerome Russell, Finance Director David Gonzalez, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Rich Bruen 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 June 9,2020.

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Lewis, Smith, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Village Administration**

Mayor Jackson stated Board will need to go into Executive Session regarding pending litigation. Atty Rich Bruen to brief us at next Board Meeting.

**Finance Director – David Gonzalez**

Stated the CARES ACT Application had been submitted.

**Fire Dept. / Bldg. & Zoning/Inspectional Services – Chief Mickil Smith**

Report Submitted: From 9/1/20-10/13/20 – Total Calls 389, Fire related 60, EMS 299 and Other 30. Inspections 236. October is Fire Prevention Month. Information will be noted on website. There will be a new eligibility exam on 10/24 10am at George Patton School. Alley Project is nearing completion. Fire Department received 2 grants one for \$56,000 from FEMA AFG (Assistance Firefighter Grant) to cover new extrication equipment and Arcellor Mitttal for \$5000 for thermal imagining cameras.

**Public Works – Jerome Russell**

Report Submitted for month ending 10/13/20. Director Russell stated he's pricing road salt. Cargill stated that road salt will cost approximately \$86.00/ton and Central Management Services informed us their cost would be \$50.00/ton. The sewage pumping station at 134<sup>th</sup> and Halsted has damaged float control valves. We're looking at cost for repair. ComEd will be out this month cutting down ash trees that are adjacent to power lines. Notice will be given to residents to access their property for this purpose. In month of September street sweeper was out every day. No failing test of drinking water. Public Works responded to over 200 Julie Locates during September most for new gas main and service line installation.

**Police Department – Chief David DeMik**

Report Submitted: Month ending 10/13/2020 Chief DeMik indicated 1/2021 Cook County is narrow banding the radio frequencies and the current radios will not work. Chief DeMik indicated he is researching grants to fund new radios. He stated he received a grant of \$5000 to go toward down payment for radios. Chief DeMik indicated speed bumps are being installed in various locations in town. This is a pilot program. The Department will be preparing a list for the Christmas food and toy giveaway. We are currently accepting applications for lateral police officers until Friday 10/16.

**Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb**

Clerk Holcomb mentioned Early Voting starts 10/19. The closest places are Calumet Township at 12633 S. Ashland and Thornton Township 333 E. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street in South Holland. Handout with times and dates were made available.

**Village Attorney – Rich Bruen**

Nothing to report.

**Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges**

Engineer Hodges stated IDOT is accepting applications for their Transportation Enhancement Program. 25% of their funding is set aside for communities with high needs. There is a cost share. Engineer Hodges says he'd like to prepare an application for submittal for the Street Scaping Program for 144<sup>th</sup> Street from State St – Tracy Ave past Metra Station. This would include new sidewalks (beautification program). Resolution is required. Applications are due 11/2. Will speak to IDOT representative regarding repair of Metra lot on southside of 144<sup>th</sup> St. On 9/11 inspection was done by Giorba Group on School Street bridge. A report will be provided to the Mayor. There were typical maintenance issues nothing major. Cost estimate for those repairs will be included in their report.

Trustees: None

New Business

Finance Director Gonzalez stated the CARES ACT Application has been submitted.

**Public Comments**

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

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

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed