

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday February 13, 2024

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lawrence Jackson called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at Village of Riverdale Board Chambers located at 157 W. 144th St. at 7:00 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Rodrick Jefferson, Greg Lewis, Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Greg Lewis

Also, present.

Police Chief Willie Darkried, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Superintendent of Public Works Todd Henning, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated.
November 14, 2023

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote Motion Carried.

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration

1. Finance Director – Michele Ellzey

Director Ellzey indicated that the Village revenue is at 39.5% and should be at 58.3%. She indicated this is due to

property tax not received. She also stated some departments are over budget and that would be discussed later.

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Chief Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 321

Total Fire Responses – 221, 210 EMS calls

In town fires -1. Preventative maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and repairs made as needed

Inspectional Services:

80 tickets were issued in the amount of \$26,875.00 and 21 permits issued in the amount of \$5,493.00

Interviewing for 5 Fire Fighter positions. Research still being conducted for grants.

C. Public Works — Superintendent Todd Henning

Street Sweeper was out daily as weather permitted, 6 emergency shut offs, 18 final reads, 5 high bill appts, repaired 5 water main breaks, 4 street lights repaired. 13 days potholes were patched, fly dumping was removed from 3 locations and 175 tons of road salt was delivered.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has used the Attorney General's Retail Theft Grant to pay for the installation of 18 camera systems provided by Portable Solutions in various locations around Riverdale. The Department has experienced an increase in domestic calls. There are resources available. The lateral police hiring process has opened.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb indicated the office is working with Public Works to turn off delinquent water accounts. The office will be closed February 19th for President's Day

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. A Resolution appointing Vicki Williams as the citizen representative of the Village of Riverdale to the Ecom/SouthCom Joint 9-1-1 emergency telephone system board of directors
Atty Morton indicated public representative is required. That person is Vickie Williams
2. An Ordinance setting aside certain revenue for the acquisition and maintenance of Village-owned vehicles
Atty Morton indicated that is funds allocated from the General Fund for vehicles such as, ambulances, police and public works vehicles. Mayor Jackson added that this money would only be spent for Village vehicles.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

1. Discussion related to accepting a proposal prepared by Meade Inc. For installing a light pole along 146th Street between Parnell Avenue and Normal Avenue.
Engineer Hodges indicated that City of Harvey recently removed the street light at this location and there's a dark spot which poses a safety risk. Four contractors have bid on the job. They are:-H&H, Elmund & Nelson, Taylor Electric and Meade Electric. Meade Electric was the only one to submit a proposal.
2. Discussion related to a Resolution between the Village of Riverdale and the Regional Transportation Authority for technical assistance provided on the Riverdale Mobility Improvement and Transit Oriented Development Study. Engineer Hodges indicated that RTA is overseeing the vendors. The study includes the 138th Street Corridor from Halsted to Indiana and Halsted to the Pace Bus Route

H. Trustees – Nothing

I. Public Comments:

1. Vickie Williams asked when the new pizza restaurant is coming to town. Chief Bruce indicated plans were submitted and we look to move forward toward an opening.
2. Yvonne Russell 138th Stewart expressed concern about potholes. Supt Henning to address. Engineer Hodges indicated there's no grant funding for paving.

3. Linda Henning 14114 S. Clark indicated that a tree in front of her home needs to be cut down. Branches are falling. Supt Henning to check.

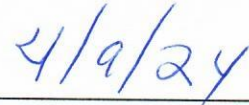
Mayor Lawrence Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Jefferson
By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

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



Village Clerk



Date Passed