

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday April 10, 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, 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 Ingersoll 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 February 13, 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 Chief Rob Scharnhorst

Report Submitted: for March 317 Inspections and complaints, 36 building permits submitted and responded to 273 emergencies. We were awarded IDA Grant giving us \$250,000 to maintain vacant houses, demolitions, grass cutting and board ups. Next Crime Free Housing Class is 4/18. Cook County Sheriff has completed the demolition project at 13905 S. Wentworth.

1. Discussion related to a purchase and sale agreement for 500 W. 144th Street. Chief Scharnhorst says this is an 8 unit apartment building that's been vacant for number of years.
2. Discussion related to a purchase and sale agreement for 14150 S. Indiana. Chief Scharnhorst says this is a commercial property on corner of 142nd Indiana that's been vacant for a couple of years. We acquired it because the roof caved in and was given to the Village. Chief Scharnhorst says he has spoken to someone who wants to put an auto repair shop there. They are Mr. Austin and Mr. Brown who are in the audience. Mr. Brown stated he would like to bring revenue to the Village and stated he's a Riverdale resident. Mr. Brown says he's been in business a year and trying to expand. Mayor Jackson stated Chief Scharnhorst will be bringing a recommendation.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: Superintendent Russell stated the City of Chicago is increasing water rates by 1.54%. The water rate increase equals to \$0.06 per 1,000 gallons which will commence on June 1, 2018. Street sweeper out daily. Checking chlorine levels at chlorination stations. Fuses being replaced on the LED lights. Removed fly dumping in Pacesetter area. Mayor Jackson asked if Superintendent Russell received written communication regarding City of Chicago increasing water rates. He stated he did. Mayor Jackson asked that this notice be placed in the Newsletter. Mayor Jackson asked Trustees' if Village is going to increase rates along with Chicago or stay with our current rate and run deficits. Mayor Jackson asked Budget Director Gonzalez if he had a recommendation. He stated there is a deficit in the water/sewer fund and we haven't been raising rates to equate with Chicago's increases. We starting out having to make some principle payments on some water bonds that came due. Before the bonds came due we were paying about \$68,000 in interest. Now we're paying \$68,000 and another \$170,000 in principle. Totaling about \$240,000 in bond debt we have to pay yearly. Mayor Jackson asked Director Gonzalez how much our water deficits are. He stated about a \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Police Department – Chief David DeMik

Report Submitted: Chief DeMik stated there's 4 officers outstanding in the Chicago Police Academy. Graduation is 6/1. Deputy Chief Darkried and Sergeant Milton just completed 4/10 weeks training at Northwestern. Officer Santiago tendered his resignation letter yesterday and is going to the Burr Ridge Police Department. Serve and Connect is again at Roosevelt School on 4/13 whereby we play tennis with the kids in town. Sergeants list is expiring. Chief DeMik stated he has a recommendation that REM Management Services conduct written and assessment testing for Sergeants and would like this item up for approval at next Board Meeting. The packet was distributed to the Board.

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned Shred Day is 4/14 from 9:00am -12noon in the Municipal Parking lot. Village stickers go on sale 5/1 cost is \$28. Business licenses are currently being renewed. IHB road closure at 140th and Indiana from 4/23 – 5/5.

Village Attorney – Matt Ingersoll

No report

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

1. Discussion regarding an Alley Reconstruction Project Agreement. Engineer Hodges says this agreement is between the Village of Riverdale and Riverdale Materials with local vendor that will donate aggregate materials to reconstruct the base of the alleys. The 2 alleys considered are located between 146th Street and 145th Street between Wentworth and LaSalle. Engineer Hodges stated there's a detailed categorized outline of obligations for the Village and Riverdale Materials. Mayor Jackson asked for update on removal of ComEd poles. Engineer Hodges stated will be meeting with local affairs rep from ComEd on 4/12 at 3pm.

Trustees

Trustee Jefferson stated there was a Free Wash Day on 4/3 at Mr. Kim's laundromat Mama's Laundry and it was well supported and covered by the media. He stated Jayera Griffin should be acknowledged as this was her idea. Mayor Jackson said she would be acknowledged. Trustee Riley-Pinkney also stated she attended as well as Trustee Lewis and Jayera should be acknowledged. Mayor Jackson asked that it be explained how this event came to be. Trustees Riley-Pinkney, Trustee Jefferson and Clerk Holcomb explained. Mayor Jackson commended Jayera Griffin for her excellent community service. She will be honored at Board Meeting.

Public Comments –

Mayor 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
7:28 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed