## Village of Riverdale

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

## Tuesday April 9, 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. 144<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

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

Absent: Trustee Brenda Williams and Trustee Smith - medical

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Fire Chief Shun Haynes, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Finance Director David Gonzalez, Village 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 March 12, 2019.

Motion made by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Lewis By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

# Village Administration

<u>Finance Director – David Gonzalez</u> - delayed by train report was given after Public Comments.

Director Gonzalez indicated budget report should be drafted and given to Mayor and Board before the end of the month. He also stated he'll be meeting with the external auditors for audit coming due on 4/30/19 and reaching out to Kasperek & Company again for engagement letter.

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

Report Submitted: During the month of March the department conducted 240 inspections 29 building permits we submitted and responded to 240 emergencies. Firefighter Doyle has completed his probationary period. We continue with our Crime Free Housing Classes the next is 4/17. There was a fire at 14137 S. Tracy with no injuries reported but residents were displaced. The Fire and Police Departments attended an Honors Banquet at Washington School. Chief Haynes read some of the thank you cards from the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

1. Discussion relating to purchase and sale agreement for 14327 S. State Street.

Attorney Welch stated this purchase and sale agreement is regarding a purchaser who has agreed to rehab this vacant building and occupy.

2. Discussion relating to a subrecipient agreement with Cook County for demolitions.

Attorney Welch stated this item refers to a Subrecipient Agreement with the County of Cook. The Village will be receiving funds to address blighted properties. There are reporting requirements in order to receive the funds. This agreement lays out Village obligations.

## Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: During the month of March Supt. Russell stated no treated road salt was used. We have 200 tons stocked piled for 2019-2020 winter season. Supt. Russell stated in the month of March we didn't experience any water main breaks. Two leaking buffalo boxes were repaired at 13901 and 13903 S. Wabash. 4/23 there was an accident where a fire hydrant and valve box was damaged at 143<sup>rd</sup> and Wabash. On 3/31 a fire hydrant was also hit at 138<sup>th</sup> and Wentworth. Water quality test are still be conducted. Plan to submit Consumer report electronically to save cost. A Nicor representative will be at the 4/13 Coffee with the Mayor.

Mayor Jackson asked about coal patching. Supt Russell said in process of patching the potholes that are rim benders. Mayor Jackson asked about the Spring Cleanup Day. Supt. Russell stated date not confirmed.

# Police Department - Chief Dave DeMik

Report Submitted: Officers Scott and Somers graduate from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on 4/12. They will begin the minimum of 12 weeks field training. Officer Starks has 5 weeks of training at the Chicago Police Academy Suburban Metro class. After this class he'll begin 12 weeks of field training. 4/12 is the last week of the USTA Foundation and Ace Project Serve and Connect at Roosevelt School where we play tennis with the students. Lateral Police applications will be available Monday 4/15 at Village Hall. Applications are due 5/3. Community Meet and Greet Schedule has been sent to the Trustees. Chief DeMik also read thank you letters from the students at Washington School.

## Village Clerk - Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb indicated Annual Shred Day is 4/13 from 9am – 12noon. Coffee with the Mayor is also on 4/13 from 10am - 12noon. Clerk Holcomb invited residents to attend to Coffee with Mayor after shredding. Clerk Holcomb mentioned Congresswoman Robin Kelly is hosting a Youth Job Expo also on 4/13 flyer were on the table. Village stickers go on sale 5/1. The cost is \$28 proof of registration must be provided.

## Village Attorney - Matt Welch

Attorney Welch referred to item #2 under Building and Zoning. See above.

Hancock Engineering - Chuck Hodges - delayed by train report given after Public Comments

Engineer Hodges stated he'll be submitting an application to Cook County for funds for alley reconstruction. The maximum amount allowed is \$400,000. The Village should be hearing back in November from County once application is reviewed. Also working with an AARP Grant Application that is due 4/17 to obtain funding to get a Veterans Memorial Park in town. This has been on the heart of Mayor Jackson for some time.

#### **Trustees**

None

#### Public Comments -

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting but resent his motion and asked for Finance and Engineers reports. See above.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by LeVere

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

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

7:24p.m.

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