

Village of Riverdale  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on  
Tuesday April 9, 2024

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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. 144<sup>th</sup> 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 Deputy 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.

February 13, 2024

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 financials have been presented to the department heads.

B Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Chief Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 220

Total Fire Responses – 160, 156 EMS calls

In town fires - 4

Preventative maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and repairs made as needed.

Inspectional Services:

108 tickets were issued. 29 permits were issued in the amount of \$6,307.

Maintaining list of vacant properties.

Mayor Jackson indicated we're exploring grass cutting for seniors and the disabled.

C. Public Works — Superintendent Todd Henning

Street Sweeper was out daily as weather permitted, 2. emergency shut offs, 27 final reads, 23 Julie locates, 27 final. meter reads, repaired 1 sewer cave in, 12 days patched. potholes, 2 streetlights, repaired. 12 days potholes were. patched, 11 remove fly dumping from 11 locations, 75 tons of road salt was delivered.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has 2 new officers in field training. The Department is screening for lateral police officers. Spring Break is ending please aware of more foot traffic.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb indicated business license renewals have gone out. Shred Day is 5/4 from 10am – 12pm.

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton indicated he wasn't comfortable with the language of the IGA (Indemnification Clause on Pg 5) between the Village of Riverdale and the City of Harvey's regarding the Infrastructure Project. The County made some changes. What remains would remove the Village of liability since the Village isn't performing the work. Atty Morton recommends approval when the item comes up for a vote.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

1. A Discussion related to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Riverdale, City of Harvey, and Cook County for inspection and potential dewatering and repair of a water utility located at Halsted Street and the Little Calumet River.  
The problem is shut down on Harvey's water main. Ashland Ave construction is 644 days behind schedule. 138<sup>th</sup> Street Halsted – Cottage Grove is a truck route.

Mayor Jackson made space for Carlton Knight to present his redevelopment proposal. He proposed to redevelop 21 properties on School, Stewart, Tracy & Atlantic. He stated this would be non-for-profit but that the Village would receive tax revenue.

H. Trustees – Nothing

Public Comments:

1. N. Creamer introduced himself as the new owner of 6 flat at 140<sup>th</sup> School.

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

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

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

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Village Clerk

Date Passed