

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday June 9, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at Park Elementary School at 14200 S. Wentworth at 7:03p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:
Rodrick Jefferson, Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith

Trustee Lewis absent Roll Call.

Also, present;

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Fire Chief Mickil Smith, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Matt Welch and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

Absent: Finance Director David Gonzalez

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 10, 2020.

Motion made by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

By: Voice Vote Motion Carries

Village Administration

Budget Director – David Gonzalez

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to recognize Trustee Lewis at 7:04pm

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

Budget Director – Absent

Mayor Jackson stated the coronavirus has greatly impaired our financial status. Overtime has increased with police, fire and public works. Mayor Jackson acknowledged both Chiefs for their outstanding response during the civil unrest. Mayor Jackson stated we're now confronted with budget shortfalls due to revenue declines with the State. We can expect revenue decreases in gaming, payroll taxes, sales taxes, motor fuel taxes and telecommunication taxes to the tune of between \$800,000.00 and \$1,200,000.00. Some departments are slated for layoffs and some will be taking furlough days.

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

Report Submitted: Since our last Board Meeting the Fire Department ran a total of 586 calls. We have applied for a FEMA Grant for about \$18,000 to purchase gloves, masks, gowns and sanitizer. Food was given to Seniors as well as essentials. The Department wasn't able to conduct inspections due to onset of COVID-19 but has started limited inspections. Permits are being issued. Code Enforcement has resumed their duties.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Report Submitted: Superintendent Russell says ComEd is in town trimming trees and will be placing notes in mailboxes. NiCor Gas is installing new gas mains on 138th Street and throughout the year on the side streets. We had to repair a water main break that caused damage to the Metra Station at 144th Street.

Police Department – Chief David DeMik

Report Submitted: Month Ending 5/19/20. January of 2021 Cook County is narrow banding the radio frequencies and the current radios won't work. Chief DeMik has mitted several small grants. One for \$33,918 has been awarded. The CRPSN 3 Taskforce is operational. Currently it consists of only South Holland and Riverdale. They operate minimum of 2 days a week. 4 –8 Officers will be conducting surveillance and traffic stops. Sgt. Kozeluh has been appointed as the Police Department interim Patrol Commander until which time he can be brought in front of the Village Board for approval.

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned the Spring Cleanup Day on 6/13. Rhema Word Kingdom Ministries located at 501 W.138th St. Ministries is providing free Breakfast and Lunch from 6/22 – 8/17 from 10:00am – 11:30am. Village Stickers are \$28 in June \$7 for Seniors. Stickers can also be purchased at Public Safety Bldg. 725 W. 138th Mon – Thurs 9am – 5pm. Proof of current registration is required.

Village Attorney – Matt Welch

Nothing to report.

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges stated Alley Reconstruction Project is located between the alleys of Clark/Dearborn at 144th St – 146th Street. Storm sewer will be installed and asphalt paving. We are waiting for approval from MWRD for the permit.

2019 CDBG Alley Reconstruction Project. Notice was put out to bidders. Bid Opening is 6/23 at 10am. The Village has been awarded \$200,000.00 for alley improvements. 143rd & Lowe and 145th Parnell are the 4 alleys involved.

Mayor Jackson asked Engineer Hodges to elaborate on the Capital Grant from the State. Engineer Hodges stated it allows for road improvement projects. Monies would disburse in the next 2 years with 6 installments and managed by Motor Fuel Tax funds.

Mayor Jackson stated since the bid opening is 6/23 did anyone have an issue with the next Board Meeting being 6/30. No one did.

Trustees – Trustee Riley-Pinkney mentioned that due to the COVID our Census numbers are low. We're only at 46% currently and should be at 65% by now. We need to get our numbers up. Trustee Riley-Pinkney was open to ways to get residents to respond. Deputy Chief Darkried to help Trustee Riley-Pinkney to get the word out.

New Business:

1. **A discussion related to the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure for the property located at 14040 Parnell.**

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated this property has a lien due to lack of lot maintenance. The property is across from the old Granary. The Village is trying to acquire the properties around the Granary to consolidate into one parcel to make it more attractive to investors. The deed to the property would be signed over to the Village.

2. **A discussion related to the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure for the property located at 537 Pacesetter.** Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch.

He stated the Village has a lien on the property and the owner has agreed to sign deed over to Village

3. **A discussion related to the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure for the property located at 14319 Clark.** Attorney Welch said this is the same process as for the other 2 above items.

4. **A discussion related to a conditional use application for the property located at 15 W.137th Place.** Attorney Welch said this property was utilized as a group home but was a 3-unit building. New owners want to reconvert the property back to a 3-unit apartment bldg. This matter went before the Zoning Board of Appeals in March and they recommended approval.

5. **A discussion related to sale of property located at 14324 Emerald.** Attorney Welch stated this property that was acquired with a deed in lieu of foreclosure

process. Purchaser agrees to rehabilitate the property and pay \$10,000 for the property.

Tornado siren was heard.

6. **A discussion related to the sale of property located at 13837 Michigan.**
Attorney Welch said this property was acquired through a deed in lieu of foreclosure. The purchaser has agreed to rehabilitate the property. Purchaser has agreed to pay \$7,000.
7. **A discussion related a property tax incentive for the property located at 704 W. 134th.** Attorney Welch stated this property was acquired through an abandonment process. The Village acquired the property through a judicial deed. USM repaid the Village all its cost incurred. It has since incorporated this property into them operations on 134th Street. The property currently has a 6B classification under the larger operations. They're asking that the smaller portion of the property also be granted a 6B classification.
8. **A discussion related to an Intergovernmental Agreement related to the provision of fire station alerting equipment and associated software under a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.** Mayor Jackson referred to Chief Smith. He stated this would update our alert system inside the Fire Department. Our portion would be up to \$6300 and over \$70,000 worth of equipment is coming.

Chief DeMik stated tornado cloud was seen over Dolton.

Attorney Welch asked if there were any **Public Comments**.

1. Juanita McEven said she wanted to become involved with the Village.

Attorney Welch entertained a motion to adjourn meeting due to Tornado Emergency.

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

9. A discussion related to establishing a 501(c)(3) organization related to Veteran's Memorial in the Village of Riverdale.
10. A discussion related to a contract with Taylor Media.
11. A discussion related to a settlement between the Village of Riverdale and Dennis Malloy, Jr.

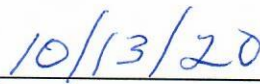
12. A discussion related to prohibiting the sale, purchase and furnishing of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products and electronic cigarettes within the Village to or by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.
13. A discussion related to an employee drug free workplace policy for the Village of Riverdale.
14. A discussion related to a solid waste management tax for the Village of Riverdale.
15. A discussion related to amending a certain Intergovernmental Agreement for the Village of Riverdale.
16. A discussion related to installation of protective security screens to protect the real property of businesses.

Public Comments – See Above

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Motion by: Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis
By: Voice Vote Motion Passed
There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at
7:54 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed