

Village of Riverdale  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on  
Tuesday June 11, 2023

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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:

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

Also present.

Chief of Police Willie Darkried, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Crew Leader Jim Horn, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

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

Mayor Jackson mentioned the Trustees had been given the bios of Dr. Marlene Brown & Katherine Bourne candidates for the Civil Service Commission.

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated.  
June 13, 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 — Finance Director David Gonzalez –  
Absent

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services  
Chief Jon Bruce  
Total Fire/EMS responses 348 – 263 Fire Responses 25 Fires  
Inspectional Services: boarded up bldgs. as needed, 205 tickets  
issued & 56 permits issued with total value of \$18,444.00.

C. Public Works — Crew Leader Jim Horn

Street Sweeper was out daily, 10 dead trees cut down, meters.  
read 2 days, 6 days cold patching, 20 days grass cutting, 11.  
days chipper truck was out, and handicapped signs installed at  
3 locations and removed at 1.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has awarded it first two recipients of  
the hiring bonus to 2 lateral police officers. Both officers have  
completed training and are on solo patrol. The police  
department intern is completing her final weeks of training.  
Steering wheel locks are available for residents who have Kia  
or Hyundai vehicles.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Letters will be sent to businesses who haven't renewed their  
business licenses and those with delinquent taxes.  
Mayor Jackson requested Clerk Holcomb read an invitation from  
Riverdale Baptist Church to their annual barbeque on 7/22.

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. Appointment of members to the Riverdale Civil Service  
Commission  
Dr. Marlene Brown  
Katherine Bourne. Candidates would be on next Board Mtg  
Agenda.  
Purchase and Sale Agreements will appear on next agenda.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges  
Alley 90% completed at 142<sup>Nd</sup> Street LaSalle/Wentworth,

underground sewer work 139<sup>th</sup> -140<sup>th</sup> Tracy/Atlantic to begin.  
tomorrow & 15 Speed Humps were installed.

H. Trustees – Nothing

I. Public Comments:

1. J. Clay says 2 empty houses at 14318 & 14322 S Wabash have racoons on the roof. Inspectional Services to check.
2. A. Metro thanked the Mayor Jackson and staff for their prompt response when she has concerns.
3. M. Caruthers says vacant house has high shrubbery at either 5 or 7 E. 144<sup>th</sup> St. Shingles are loose on roof. Inspectional Services to check.
4. K. Rickman 14534 S. Union indicated alley is being used as a dumping ground. Inspectional Services to check.
5. Ms. Causey asked about alley repairs. Engineer Hodges indicated the grant is usually for \$200k and those in worse condition are addressed first.
6. M. Brown 14311 S. Lowe says walkway in front of her home needs repair. Public Works to check.
7. M. Stewart 14320 S. LaSalle has concern about the alley being filled with rocks. Engineer Hodges addressed.
8. L. Hayes 17 W. 140<sup>th</sup> Ct. says low spot in alley damaging his garage – water is sitting there near railroad. Chief Bruce to contact railroad.

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

Motion by: Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Lewis

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned.  
at 7:53pm

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VILLAGE CLERK

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DATE PASSED