

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

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. 144th St. at 7:00 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Absent: Trustee Cassandra Riley-Pinkney - medical

Present: Trustees: Rodrick Jefferson, Greg Lewis, Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith

Also, present.

Police Deputy Chief Willie Darkried, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Crew Leader Jim Horn, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Maryclare Touhy 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.
April 9, 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 – Absent

B Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 233

Total Fire Responses – 169, 157 EMS calls

In town fires - 12

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

Inspectional Services:

202 tickets were issued. 36 permits were issued in the amount of \$10,427.

Chief Bruce indicated the Department in the process of hiring Code Enforcement Officer.

Maintaining list of vacant properties.

5 New Firefighters started on April 29th.

4 Lieutenants were sworn in and 3 Engineers on My 28th.

C. Public Works — Crew Leader Jim Horn

Trash is picked up daily as well as street sweeper. 71 Julie locates done, 16 final meter reads, 15-meter appointments, 2 emergency tree removals, 4 days patching potholes. 14 days of grass cutting and 6 days of picking up fly dumping.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department is in the process of hiring police officers to facilitate grant funds awarded to the Village of Riverdale under the COPS Program. Chief of Police Darkried informed residents to be aware of motorcycles. There have been numerous accidents. 2 police officers have completed field training.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb Back to School Bash/Ice Cream Social is on 8/2. It was indicated that you must be a Riverdale resident.

Proof of residency is required.

New Deputy Clerk April Wayne was introduced. She formally worked in Inspectional Services

F. Village Attorney – Maryclare Touhy

1. An Ordinance Amending the Riverdale Municipal Code to provide for abatement of dead or dying trees.

Atty Touhy indicated since Chapter 8 provided for what's noted there's no need to bring this forth.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

1. A Discussion for Proposals received for the Pavement Marking Removal and Replacement School Street: 144th Street to 138th Street Project
Engineer Hodges indicated there had only been 1 bid which was for \$28,91.00. He would like to reach out to additional contractors with the hope of having 3 to present at next Board Meeting to more competitive.
2. A Discussion for Proposals received for the Village's Pavement Patching Project
Engineer Hodges indicated only got one proposal from M & J at \$29,889.00. He indicated we would like this bidding to be more competitive. This would address deficient pavement.
3. A Discussion for Engineering Agreement for Village's Sidewalk Replacement Project (**2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project - Area 1; 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project – Ivanhoe**)
Engineer Hodges indicated this would include the 2 divided sections in town. This project is supported by MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Funds. Mayor Jackson indicated the areas addressed with be prioritized based on structural deficiencies.
4. A Discussion regarding LeadCare Cook County Program for local Childcare Facilities
Engineer Hodges indicated Cook County would be funding the program which would affect residential and commercial properties. Public Works to inspect the service lines to determine lead or indicate other materials. This program would be zero cost to the Village.
5. A Discussion regarding Letter of Understanding for IDOT Project State Section No. 15-00131-01-BR, Halsted Street (IL Route 1) over Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and CSX Railroad
Engineer Hodges indicated IDOT had prepared a letter but legal wasn't comfortable with the language that obligated the Village. Engineer is looking

for another that could be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

6. A Discussion regarding Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Forging Resilient Communities Updated IGA
Engineer Hodges indicated this is regarding the sanitary sewer. The IGA language would need to be changed and a draft available for review. Possible Special Meeting needed.

H. Trustees – Nothing

Public Comments:

1. C. Sardin 14200 S. School. Ms. Sardin states there's a vacant house next door. Ms. Sardin stated they've been cutting the grass. Inspectional Services to inspect. She asked about installing speed bumps. Chief Darkried to make assessment.
2. P. Dunn asked about getting trees cut that are overgrown on sidewalk. Mayor Jackson indicated Public Works could trim the trees.
3. Ms.; Causey mentioned tree removal. Mayor Jackson indicated if trees are alive they won't be cut. She also asked about property tax increases. Mayor Jackson referred her to Assessor Fritz Kaegi.
4. Ms. Henning expressed concern about lead pipes. Engineer Hodge indicated an inventory would be conducted and replacement done as funding from IEPA is made available. Ms. Henning expressed concern about contaminated water. Mayor Jackson indicated there's no proof of that and water report could be made available at Village Hall.
5. J. Lambert 14432 S. Clark mentioned increase in property taxes. Mayor Jackson referred her to Assessor Fritz Kaegi.
6. Ms. Carter indicated abandoned homes are an eyesore and asked what is process to demolish. Chief Bruce to assess the location.
Mayor Jackson indicated there is planning to have a meeting about the increase in property taxes.

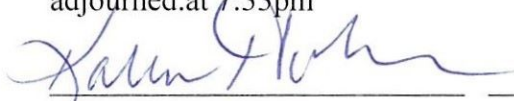
Mayor Lawrence Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the
Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Lewis and second by Trustee Jefferson

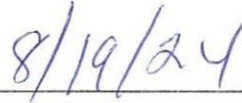
Roll Call:

Trustee Jefferson, Lewis, Williams, LeVere and Smith

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting
adjourned at 7:33pm



Village Clerk



Date Passed