

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday August 14, 2018

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. 144th Street at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present;

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Deputy Chief JP Muirhead, Hancock Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Matt Welch and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

Absent: Supt of Public Works – Jerome Russell – medical
Finance Director – David Gonzalez

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.

Village Administration

Budget Director – David Gonzalez

Absent

Fire Dept. / Bldg. & Zoning/Inspectional Services-Deputy Chief JP Muirhead

Report Submitted: for the month of July there were 748 Inspections and complaints, 47 Building Permits submitted, responded to 257 Emergency Responses. Engineer Ken Wilkins celebrated 17th year with the department and Lt. Scharnhorst 21 years. Inspectional Services continues with our grass cutting season. 5 grass cutters were contracted. Next Crime Free Housing Class is 9/19.

Cal Sag Trail construction is well under way final items to be done are pavement stripping and landscape restoration. We're in Phase 16 of demolition of townhouses in Pacesetter. The addresses are 504, 506, 508 and 510 Pacesetter Parkway.

Mayor Jackson said we're moving forward with the Pacesetter demolitions. Trustee Williams asked if there's going to be placement for the occupants. Attorney Welch explained we've acquired title because the properties have been abandoned. Mayor Jackson said no one has been displaced. Trustee Lewis asked if new residents will be accepted after the old residents vacate. Mayor Jackson explained that the buildings that we're demolishing have been vacate for years or not been able to be brought up to code.

1. Discussion related to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Firefighters
Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated negotiations with the firefighter's union is concluded. Draft CBA will be distributed for review and vote at 8/28 Regular Board Meeting. The union has approved the agreement.
2. Discussion related to a Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding 14230/34 S. Indiana. Item was missed.

Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell

Absent

1. Discussion related to an Amendment to Water Regulations regarding Shut-offs. Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated there are some properties where the service line is non-functional or broken and leaking water in the property. We need to have the ability to shut the water off if a resident doesn't maintain or repair their service line which can cause the water to continue to run in to the ground. This amendment will give Public Works the authority to shut the water off at the service line if it's not in functioning order.

Police Department – Chief Dave DeMik

1. Discussion related to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Community Service Liaisons and Community Service Officer. Attorney Welch stated negotiations have concluded and the Board will be emailed copies of both agreements. They'll both be up for vote on upcoming agenda.

Chief DeMik said the Fire and Police Commission finished administering the test for the promotional exam for sergeants. Preliminary list will be posted. Officers Malecki and Machalski are in their final week of field training. Probationary Officer Wilson tendered his resignation on July 16th. Officers have begun their sweep of the town for no village sticker and abandoned vehicles etc. Deputy Darkried currently in process of doing backgrounds for candidates for the September police academy. On August 23rd and 24th FBI will be conducting a record audit at the Police Department of all NCIC Nation Crime Information Center records. School starts August 21st. New stop signs have been installed at 139th School Street going north and south.

Mayor Jackson mentioned possible longevity bonuses for new recruit to help reduce the high turnover.

2. Discussion related to a Settlement and Release Agreement

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch who stated this agreement releases the Village of all claims regarding the elimination of the CSO position. It allows for a 4 week severance agreement.

Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb mentioned the Back to School Bash on August 18th from 10am to 2pm. Parents will be able to register their children on the day of. Special Event request from Masonic Temple 600 W. 138th Street. They pass out book bags and school supplies the date is August 18th as well.

Two Block Party requests one from Ms. Harris at 12 E. 140th Ct. August 18th starting at 10:00am. And from Ms. Randle at 14221 S. Lowe on August 25th 7am – 6pm. She requests the police and fire department come out as well and lastly from Ms. Wilkins 14324 S. Michigan September 23rd from 12noon-5pm.

Flyers are on the table for Sunrise Clinical Services.

Village Attorney – Matt Welch

Attorney stated his items were addressed previously.

Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges says there's nothing to appear on this month's agenda for action.

Engineer Hodges gave a status update on active projects. The Village's 2017 program year CDBG project is under design and will be submitted for IDOT's review. It targets alley improvements. IDOT's review is approximately 30 days. We should have an award of a contractor in the month of October. The Village's 2018 CDBG program year application for funds was submitted for more alley improvements for \$400,000. The County approved the application but funded for \$200,000. More money is allocated for alley improvements and construction will take place next year.

ComEd LED field lighting program will commence whereby they will be swapping out all the high pressure sodium lamps in the alleys in town. Mayor Jackson asked where we are on that since they gave us a date of July 1st. Engineer Hodges said was the start of the field survey. Crews should start in October.

Trustees

None

Public Comments –

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

Motion by: Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Smith

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

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

7:47 p.m.

Karen Holcomb

9/11/18

Village Clerk

Date Passed