

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday September 13, 2022

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:

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

Also present.

Police Chief Dave DeMik, 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.

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated August 9, 2022

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.
Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere
By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration — Finance Director David Gonzalez – Absent

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Chief Jon Bruce

From 8-9 thru 9/12 the Department responded to 280 calls, 2 fires in town, 212 EMS calls, ytd 2217 calls. Inspectional Services responded to complaints and enforced all Village Codes. 120 tickets were issued. 53 permits were issued. Advertising to hire Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

C. Public Works — Supt Todd Henning

Trash was picked up daily, Street Sweeper was out daily, 9 dead trees were cut down, 2 days of water sampling was done, 35 Julie locates, meter reading was done for 4 days, 5 days cold patch truck was out 2 days to pick up fly dumping debris, 18 days out cutting grass and 11 days the Chipper truck was out. Handicap sign installed at 3 locations and removed at 1.

D. Police Department – Chief DeMik

Researching grants that are expected to be released for Officer retention and recruitment. Finishing up a \$100,000 grant from Improve Illinois for possible repairs to the Public Safety Building. Police Officers have begun a sweep of the Village for illegally parked, registered, and cars with no Village Sticker. 1565 tickets have been written. Police Officers are actively looking for buildings that are vacant and unsecured to have them boarded up.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Amnesty is from 9/1 – 10/31. Penalties can be removed from water accounts and fines can be settled at 50%.

F Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13906 S. STATE STREET, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS

Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated this property is to be given to Village. Back taxes would be wiped out hopefully be turned into a usable property. Trustee Riley-Pinkney asked if property was residential. Attorney Morton said he thought so.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PROPERTY REHABILITATION IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Morton. He stated this is an RFQ (Request For Qualifications) for property rehabilitation. He stated there's a lot of interest in rehabbing properties in the Village. This ordinance would allow us to see who has the experience and resources to rehab these properties. We'll open up for a month for people to submit their application. Trustee Lewis asked if there would be a set time for repair.

Atty Morton indicated agreements would be put in place. Trustee Jefferson asked if this is for Riverdale residents only. Atty Morton says it's for those with a proven record of rehabbing properties in Riverdale over the past 2 years and similar project types.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALAGZOO SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS LLC TO PROVIDE WEBSITE CONSULTING SERVICES

Atty Morton stated this is a consulting agreement with a web company who has submitted a proposal to redo the Village's website, update and assist with social media.

4. RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS LLC TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE'S MUNICIPAL OFFENSE SYSTEM

Atty Morton indicated this is change in how the pricing would work. No increase for the 1st year but an increase in the 2nd year and yearly increase following. This system keeps all Municipal Code violations.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

He stated there was a bid opening today at 10am. It was held to receive proposals for alley repairs as part of the CDBG Project. This is for alley repairs at 142nd – 143rd Wentworth &

LaSalle alleys. Davis Construction bid \$231,355.00, Gallagher Asphalt \$233,700.25 & M&J \$215,315.00. M&J was the lowest bidder. All these prices exceed Engineer's estimate. Engineer Hodges asked if the Board wants to go back to M&J and asked for resubmittal of quantity/cost list or wait until the spring. Mayor Jackson polled the Board and they decided to wait.

H. Trustees – Nothing

Public Comments:

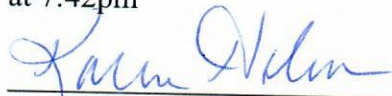
1. Ms. Horton thanked the Mayor for donation of baby formula to Missionary residing in Jackson Ms.
2. A. Metro expressed concern about feral cats, cat poop on properties. She says they carry disease. She said Elliott has written tickets. She asked for solution of this problem. Mayor Jackson deferred to Chief Bruce. He stated tickets have been written and if the Village were to approve a service to come out to resolve. Crew Leader indicated the alley is clean.
3. T. Wilson asked if residents would considered first in obtaining Village owned property.
4. L. Maxwell 14317 S. Clark expressed concern about vacant house at 14319 S. Clark that's infested with cats & raccoons. Code Enforcement to inspect.

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

Motion by: Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Lewis

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm



Village Clerk



Date Passed