

**VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

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**Call To Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village Of Riverdale was called to order by Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson in the Village Board Chambers, 157 W. 144<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:02 P.M.

Meditation/Personal Reflections

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA was recited

**Roll Call:** Trustees: Rodrick Jefferson, Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Greg Lewis, Brenda Williams and Erik LeVere

Absent: Trustee Bradley Smith – medical

and Budget Director David Gonzalez

Department Heads attending:

Police Chief Dave DeMik, Fire Chief Rob Scharnhorst, Superintendent of Public Works Jerome Russell, Chief of Staff Tim Williams, Chuck Hodges Engineer, Village Attorney Matt Welch and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2017, Special Board Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 2017 and December 23, 2017.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Lewis

By: Voice Vote Motion Carried

**Approval of Corporate Bills:**

- a. Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Jefferson  
Smith to approve the Regular Corporate Bills in the amount of \$2,836,905.67 for the period ending Friday, January 19, 2018.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney, Lewis, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT CONTRACT IN CASE NUMBER 2016 WC 17306 AND A SEPARATION AGREEMENT;

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated this relates to workmen's compensation claim regarding Officer Woodson due to a car accident. Officer had surgery related to neck injury. \$70,000 settlement as assigned by workmen's compensation assessment of the injury. Due to extent of this and other injuries Officer Woodson agreed to separate his employment with the Village.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Riley-Pinkney, Jefferson, Lewis, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN CASE NUMBER 2016 CV 4560; Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated this case involves false arrest, excessive force and deliberate indifference. Through involvement of the Village's insurance this is the best settlement.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Williams, LeVere, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney and Lewis

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A "RECYCLING FACILITY AND TRANSFER STATION" WITHIN THE I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (17-05: 1201 W. 138<sup>TH</sup> STREET) – CORRECTING DRAFTING ERRORS IN ORDINANCE 2017-22;

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated this is Riverdale Materials site. A previous ordinance was used for structure which involved Universal Scrap Metal which is also a recycling facility. Universal Scrap Metal was inadvertently left as the grantee of the license. This ordinance strikes Universal Scrap and inserts Riverdale Materials.



Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Riley-Pinkney, Jefferson, Lewis, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL SCRAP METALS, INC.;

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated we approved an agreement with the Township whereby they acquired the building north of the Senior Center on Halsted to file a lawsuit on behalf of the Village to acquire this abandoned property. There's an abandoned commercial building in front of Universal Scrap Metals. The Village will file an abandonment action for this property. Universal Scrap will pay all costs incurred by the Village to obtain this property. Once obtained the judge will issue a judicial deed. The deed will be conveyed over to Universal Scrap who will either demolish or rehabilitate the property.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Lewis, LeVere, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney and Williams

Nays: None

Motion Passed

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NSI PROPERTIES INC.;

Mayor Jackson referred Attorney Welch. He stated NSI rehabilitates residential properties.

There's a property at 13831 S. Halsted which has the same concern regarding the vacant property at 13827 S. Halsted. This would be same process as No. 4 above. Property would be rehabilitated not demolished.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Williams and second by Trustee Jefferson

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Jefferson, Williams, Riley-Pinkney, Lewis and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Passed

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOKCOUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH S.M.J. TOWING INC. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13912 S. HALSTED AVENUE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated we entered into a purchase and redevelopment agreement with SMJ Towing. They're moving from Harvey to a vacant property in Riverdale. A Plat of Subdivision was also approved in relation to this property. SMJ needs to move there operations from Harvey before we can close the sell. This agreement allows them to go onto the property prior to the sell. We plan to close in the next month.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Lewis and second by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee LeVere, Lewis, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney and Williams

Nays: None

Motion Passed

7. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION BY S.M.J. TOWING INC. LOCATED AT 13912 SOUTH HALSTED AVENUE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated SMJ has begun redevelopment of this property. Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated SMJ has begun redevelopment of this property. This a 3200 sq. foot facility. Class 8 lowers their property tax liability for 10 years.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee Lewis, Riley-Pinkney, Jefferson, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Motion Passed

8. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY FOR ISSUANCE OF INCOME TAX SECURITIZATION BONDS.

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Welch. He stated in 2011 the Village of Riverdale issued approximately \$12,000,000.00 in bonds with an 8% interest rate. Payments are now due on the bonds at \$700,000.00 in interest. Prior to this point the bonds were not eligible to be refinanced. In July the Illinois General Assembly passed a law which allows municipalities to create a Special Purpose Entity. The municipality can convey its right to revenues to the Special Purpose Entity and the Special Purpose Entity can bond off those revenues. We're hoping to get the interest rate down to 3%. This ordinance is the first step in the statutory process and authorizes the filing of necessary documents with the State to create the entity. The entity is made up of a three person board including the office the Mayor, Clerk and the Treasurer. Trustee Riley-Pinkney asked would this be refinancing the \$12,000,000.00. Attorney Welch stated we're creating the entity because it would have a better credit rating because it has no liabilities only revenue.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee LeVere, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney, Lewis and Williams

Nays: None

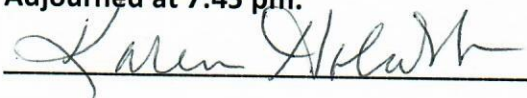
Motion Passed

#### **Public Comments –**

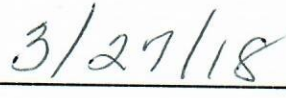
**Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion by Trustee Williams and second by Trustee Jefferson**

**By Voice Vote Motion Passed. There being no other business the Regular Board Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Date Passed