

VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 26, 2021

- I. **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 via telephone conference at 7:02 P.M.
- II. **Roll Call:** Trustees: Rodrick Jefferson, Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Gregory Lewis, Brenda Williams and Bradley Smith
Trustee Erik LeVere was absent during Roll Call

Department Heads attending:
Police Chief Dave DeMik, Fire Chief Mick Smith, Supt of Public Works Jerome Russell, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Finance Director David Gonzalez, Village Attorney Rich Bruen and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.
- III. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA was recited**
- IV. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes dated December 21, 2020**
Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.
Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee Lewis, Smith, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney, Williams and LeVere
Nays: None
Motion Passed
- V. **Approval of the Regular Corporate Bills for the Period Ending Friday January 22, 2021**
Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve
Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Jefferson to approve the Regular Corporate Bills in the amount of \$952,250.08
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee Jefferson, Smith, Riley-Pinkney, Lewis, Williams, and LeVere
Nays: None
Motion Passed

VI. **Correspondence: None**

VII. **Announcements:**

Chief DeMik indicated the Police Department is doing a "Code Red" to assist the elderly or handicap who may need assistance with shoveling. They are to contact the Police Department and we will contact Public Works to help.

VIII. **Unfinished Business: None**

IX. **New Business**

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, REAFFIRMING THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE AS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE VILLAGE, EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S SOLIDARITY WITH CHICAGOLAND'S SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF RELIGION AND CASTE, HONORING INDIA'S 72ND REPUBLIC DAY, AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF ANY FAITH WHILE UPHOLDING THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND SECULAR PROVISIONS OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

Mayor Jackson says this resolution addresses people who have interest in the Village of Riverdale and who are lobbying their congressmen for support to address inhumane treatment of people around the world, including India. This resolution would help business owners and people in the Village who have been affected.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to acknowledge Trustee Erik LeVere at 7:10pm.

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Lewis

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution

Motion by Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mayor Jackson requested a certified copy of the Resolution be prepared for Mr. Vihoz

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2021 PROGRAM YEAR**

Mayor Jackson referred to Engineer Hodges.

He stated this Resolution will accompany the application for funds \$396,500, for the alley reconstruction project. 3 alleys were selected based on residential complaints and need based on the condition. The alleys are 145th St – 145th St (Wentworth-LaSalle, 144th St.-145th St. (Wentworth-LaSalle) and 142ndSt – 143rd St (Wentworth-LaSalle).

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 458 W. 144TH STREET, RIVERDALE, IL**

Mayor Jackson referred to Chief Smith. He stated this is the house with the bad stairs. We have an investor who would like to obtain the property and bring up to code.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Lewis and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed

4. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 500 W. 144TH STREET, RIVERDALE, IL**

Mayor Jackson referred to Chief Smith. He stated this property has been an eyesore and an investor would like to obtain this property and bring up to code.

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, LeVere and Smith

Nays: None

Motion Passed

5. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14411 S. WENTWORTH, RIVERDALE, IL**

Mayor Jackson referred to Chief Mick. He stated this property was slated for demolition. There is an investor who wants to obtain the property and bring in up to code.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Public Comment:

1. B. Jordan thanked Public Works for how they handled the snow removal.
2. M. Gay asked if there was anywhere close that was giving the COVID vaccine. Chief Smith stated the CVS in town will be giving the vaccines. The start date hasn't been given. He stated there are currently locations in Robbins 13450 Kedzie Cook County Health Ctr, Ford Heights 1658 Cottage Grove. They're open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. The Tinley Park Convention Ctr on 183rd Harlem. They're open from 8am-8pm Mon-Fri on Saturday & Sunday from 8am-6pm.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lawrence Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

Trustee Lewis, Jefferson, Riley-Pinkney, Williams LeVere and Smith

Motion Passed

There being no other business the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Village Clerk

Date Passed