

VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday August 19, 2024

I. Call To Order: The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village Of Riverdale was called to order by Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson at the Village Board Chambers located at 157 W. 144th Street Riverdale, IL at 7:00 PM

II. Roll Call: Upon Roll Call, the following Trustees answered present:
Trustees: Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Rodrick Jefferson, Brenda Williams, Bradley Smith and Erik LeVere

Absent: Trustees Gregory Lewis

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order

Present: Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Supt Todd Henning, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

Absent: Chief Willie Darkried

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2024

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. New Business

- A. A Resolution Providing For And Requiring The Submission Of An Advisory Referendum To The Electors Of The Village Of Riverdale, Cook County, Illinois, At The General Election To Be Held On November 5, 2024, The Question Of Whether The Village Of Riverdale Shall Adopt A Resolution Urging The State Of Illinois To Pass Legislation That Requires The State To Increase State Funding For Public Schools

Mayor Jackson stated this referendum would put pressure on the General Assembly to uphold their constitutional responsibility to fund public education instead of the homeowners through taxes.

Trustee Smith asked if this would mean lower taxes for the Village.

Atty Morton indicated if more communities adopted referendum, then there would be lower taxes for everyone.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and seconded by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None
Motion Passed

V. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration

.Finance Director – Michele Elzey indicated we're approved for a new fire truck and she'd have more information at the next Board Meeting.
Chief Bruce indicated we currently only have one Engine and have had to borrow from neighboring towns.

B. Building/Zoning, Fire Department & Inspectional Services – Chief Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS Totals

Total Fire Responses 233, Total Fire Responses 169, In Town Fire(s) 12
EMS 157, YTD 1669

We're getting 3 new pickup trucks for Code Enforcement Officers. They're working half day on Saturdays.

202 Tickets were issued & 36 permits issued total value \$10,427.

5 new firefighters started 4/29. 4 lieutenants & 3 Engineers on 5/28.

C. Public Works – Supt Todd Henning

Trash is being picked up daily, street sweeper is out daily, meters read 2 days, 16 final meter reads, 1 street light repaired, 2 emergency tree removals, chipper was out for 2 days, 4 potholes were patched and picked up fly dumping at 6 locations.

D. Police Department – Chief Willie Darkried

Chief Darkried indicated the police department is in the process of hiring police officers to facilitate the use of grant funds awarded to the Village under the COPS grant program. 2 officers have completed field training and are on solo patrol. There is one remaining officer completing field training.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb

Clerk Holcomb indicated that Solicitation Permit Applications have been submitted for 3 solicitors to explain possible assistance with taxes through the Cook County Property Tax Solutions – who aren't a County organization. Letters will be going out to those who haven't renewed their business license as well as those who have delinquent taxes

F. Village Attorney

1. An Ordinance Amending Section 17.10.220 (Business Districts) Of The Riverdale Zoning Ordinance Regarding Window Sign Regulations. (Zba 24-01)
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton this was approved by the Zoning Board. Chief Bruce the posting of signs on the windows is a safety concern and you see in or out. Atty Morton indicated 30% coverage is allowed.
2. An Ordinance Granting A Conditional Use To Allow "Truck Parking," "Truck Repair," "Truck Sales," And "Motor Vehicle Repair" At 13601 Ashland Avenue Within The I-2 General Industrial District. (Zba 24-02)
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated the Zoning Board approved. Mayor Jackson asked Mr. Vohra to approach the Board. He indicated the lot would be paved for approximately 30 -40 semi-trailers. Atty Morton indicated 60 truck maximum is permitted at this time. The parking lot would be fenced and heat sensor. Cameras would be around the perimeter.
3. An Ordinance Amending The Planned Development Located At 13750-13762 S. Lowe Avenue And 13751-13763 S. Lowe Avenue (Whistler's Crossing) To Allow A "Club Or Lodge, Private" Use Within The Planned Development In The B-3 General Commercial District. (Zba 24-03)
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated approved by Zoning Board and this would a fraternal lodge. Jermaine Walker, David Pierce and Lillian Williams approached the Board. It was indicated they wanted to meet twice a month with about 30 -40 people. No alcoholic beverages would be used. Parking would be on the street and Lowe Ave front and back.
4. An Ordinance Amending Chapters 84, 96, 100, 106, And 126 Of Title Five And Chapters 12 And 20 Of Title Twelve Of The Riverdale Municipal Code Regarding Permit Requirements.
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated code would need to be

amended to release the Board from being included in the approval of solicitation. license and require the Police Chief's approval.

G. Village Engineer- Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges indicated work over Ashland Ave bridge would be completed and north south traffic permitted. He also mentioned the IDOT Wood Street improvement project is 770 days delayed.

VI. Trustees - Nothing

VII. Public Comments

1. Faye Silas 145th Michigan says tree was removed from in front of her house but hole not filled. Supt Henning to address.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn

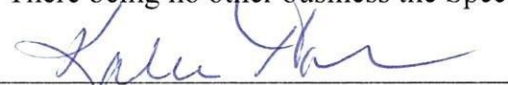
Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn:

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Smith

Roll Call:

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

There being no other business the Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Village Clerk



Date Passed