

**Village of Riverdale**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on**

**Tuesday July 14, 2020**

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**Call to Order**

Trustee Rodrick Jefferson was Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Lawrence L. Jackson. The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at Park School 14200 S. Wentworth at 7:03 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, Fire Chief Mickil Smith, Supt of Public Works. Jerome Russell, Finance Director David Gonzalez, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Rich Bruen and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson entertained a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated June 9, 2020.

Motion made by Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

By: Voice Vote Motion Carries

**Village Administration**

**Budget Director – David Gonzalez**

Finance Director had no report but stated there will be a Public Hearing for the Budget Appropriation 7/28 at 6:45.

**Fire Dept. / Bldg. & Zoning/Inspectional Services – Chief Mickil Smith**

Report Submitted: From 6/15 – 7/14 – Total Calls 270, Fire related 51, EMS 194 and Other 25. In house ambulance will be in service as of 7/15. Lt. James Muirhead is retiring. Alley tree project beginning soon. CPR Training is forthcoming for residents.

**Superintendent of Public Works – Jerome Russell**

Report Submitted for month ending 6/30. Public Works is continuing to address residents' complaints. Nicor Gas is continuing with the natural gas main replacement work throughout the Village. ComEd is trimming trees near power lines in East Ivanhoe. 6/13 Spring Cleanup Day was a huge success. The Consumer Confidence Report for 2019 has been completed and submitted is available on Village website. The department responded to 125 Julie locates. Streetlights have been repaired at 13930 S. Indiana, 14201 S. Wabash, 14301 S. Wabash, 14307 S. Wabash, 14214 S. Tracy, 14418 S. State and 14323 S. Atlantic.

**Police Department – Chief David DeMik**

Report Submitted: Chief DeMik indicated 1/2021 Cook County is narrow banding the radio frequencies and the current radios will not work. Chief DeMik indicated he is researching grants to fund new radios. The 1/2021 may be pushed back due to COVID. We applied for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The Village was awarded \$1,046,519 in federal funds. This is 100% for 5 officers for 3 years. Testing for Police Officers will be coming soon. Masks and hand sanitizers are available at the Public Safety Bldg. Numerous tickets were written for the discharge of fireworks. We hope to bring Sgt. Kozeluh before the Board of Trustees on 7/28 to make him Commander for the Police Department.

**Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb**

Clerk Holcomb mentioned Village Stickers are \$33 in July for Seniors 65 and over \$7. Hopefully, we'll be able to have a Shred Day this year.

**Village Attorney – Rich Bruen**

Nothing to report.

**Hancock Engineering – Chuck Hodges**

Engineer Hodges stated there was a preconstruction mtg 5/9 for 2019 CDBG Alley Reconstruction Project. Contractor is M & J Construction Co. We're waiting for their performance bond and insurance. Work is to be done at 143<sup>rd</sup> – 144 Lowe/Parnell.

Trustees: None

New Business

1. Discussion regarding the Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Village of Riverdale Appropriations Ordinance scheduled for 6:45pm on July 28, 2020 at Park Elementary School, 14200 S Wentworth Avenue, Riverdale, IL. Village Clerk indicated Finance Gonzalez had already addressed this item during his segment.
2. Discussion related to authorizing intervention in non-residential proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. Village Clerk Holcomb referred to Attorney Bruen. He stated a hearing must be set with a 10-day notice to the public.

**Public Comments – None**


Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Lewis and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

By: Voice Vote Motion Passed

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Date Passed