

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday February 11, 2025

I. 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 7:01 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Absent: Trustee Cassandra Riley-Pinkney – medical. Trustee Rodrick Jefferson absent

Present: Trustees: Greg Lewis, Brenda Williams and Bradley Smith

Also, Present.

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

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

III. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration

1. Finance Director – Michele Ellzey – Absent

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 262

Total Fire Responses – 10 in town and 8 out of town. EMS calls 179

Tickets issued for non-compliance 47, permits reviewed 22 and 19 issued \$10251.00 received for permits issued

B. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Street sweeper out daily, 21 utility locates done, meter reading done for 2 days, 2 water main breaks repaired, 1 collapsed sewer repaired, 2 days removing fly dumping debris, 2 days patching potholes, 1 dead tree cut down and cleaned up area at 140th and Atlantic

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has opened the application process to attempt to hire lateral police officers. Two officers are to be sworn in on March 3rd. The Department has one officer that has completed field training and has started his regular duties.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb – indicated the office would be closed 2/17 for President’s Day

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. Discussion related to a resolution withdrawing the Village of Riverdale from participation in the intergovernmental Combined Dispatch and Communication System Agreement dated November 30, 2004 (E-COM),
Attorney Morton referred to Chief Bruce. He indicated the increasing cost of E-Com is pricing us out and the Village is looking for other dispatch services which are mentioned below. We’re ’re looking to make the change by 5/1 otherwise we could incur cost of \$130,000 for 800 frequency megahertz radios and 6 new dispatchers. We’re looking to save between \$70 – 130k annually By switching from E-Com we’re looking to be picked up by another agency by 5/1.
2. Discussion related to a resolution withdrawing the Village of Riverdale from participation in the intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between E-COM and SOUTHCOM Public Safety Communications to form a Joint Emergency Telephone System and repealing Resolution 2023-27 of the Village of Riverdale concerning the same.

Attorney Morton stated this indicates that the Village would be withdrawing from E-COM and SOUTHCOR before the agreement takes effect. This resolution would need to be repealed.

3. Discussion of a resolution accepting and approving a proposal from Central Dispatch to provide 911 Fire/EMS dispatch services. Attorney Morton indicated that Central Dispatch could provide ONLY Fire/EMS dispatch. The monthly cost would be \$8832 monthly. They also provide services to Harvey, Dolton and Phoenix.
4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to provide 911 police dispatching services. Chief Darkried indicated additional radios and computers would be provided. Attorney Morton indicated Cook County would have an option for Police Dispatch. Referencing item #5 all surcharges would go to Cook County instead of E-COM
5. Discussion of a resolution authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board for distribution of 911 surcharge funds.
6. Discussion of an ordinance authorizing and approving the purchase of a 2019 Ford Expedition for use by the Riverdale Fire Department. Chief Bruce indicated the Deputy Chief's vehicle is a 2012. It has 125,000 miles and has required numerous repairs. The cost of purchasing the Ford Expedition would be \$24,500.
7. Discussion of an ordinance granting a conditional use to allow a "truck parking area or yard" use at 824 W. 136th Street within the I-1 Restricted Industrial District (ZBA 25-01) Attorney Morton indicated there is a PSA (Purchase and Sale Agreement) to this Village owned property. Developer agrees to make necessary improvements. Zoning was approved for truck usage.
8. Discussion of an ordinance authorizing and accepting the donation of real property commonly known as 526 W. 136th Place, Riverdale, Cook County, Illinois. Attorney Morton indicated this is vacant land BANK OWNED with no back taxes. The Village will acquire at no cost.

G. Village Engineer

1. Discussion related to approving a Resolution for submitting an application to Cook County for the 2025 PY Community Development Block Grant Program

Engineer Hodges indicated the application is due 3/21. The alleys considered are 138th St 139th St at School Street and 144th – 145th Streets at Dearborn.

H. Trustees – Nothing

I. Public Comments:

1. Vanessa Segura expressed concern about parking conflicts with her neighbors. Chief Darkried to bring resolution.
2. Yvonne Russell indicated there's potholes at 13815 S. Stewart needing patching. Public Works Supt. Henning to address.

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

Motion by: Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis


Roll Call:

Trustee Lewis, Smith and Williams

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm



Village Clerk



Date Passed