

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday December 10, 2024

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1. 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. 144<sup>th</sup> 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, Erk LeVere 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 – nothing to report

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 258

Total Fire Responses – 14, EMS calls 175 YTD 2024 3106

Tickets issued for non-compliance 22, permits issued 26.

Chief Bruce's new assistant starting 12/2 .Total amount received from issuance of permts \$6415.00.

B. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Street sweeper out daily, 73 utility locates done, meter reading done for 2 days, 2 water main breaks repaired, 1 day of snowplowing & salting, 5 days of patching potholes, picked up fly dumping at 3 locations and Christmas decorations put up on 144<sup>th</sup> and 138<sup>th</sup> Streets

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has opened the application process to attempt to hire lateral police officers. The Department requests that checks be made of neighbors due to the cold weather. One Officer has transitioned to the final phase of field training and will be on his own shortly.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb – nothing to report

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. An ordinance authorizing and approving an amendment to the automatic aid agreement between the Village of Riverdale and other cooperating municipalities regarding fire protection and emergency medical services Atty Morton referred to Chief Bruce who stated it had been 20 yrs since the agreement was updated.
2. An ordinance amending chapter 17.011 (off-street parking and loading requirements) of the Riverdale zoning ordinance regarding off-street parking requirement exemptions (ZBA 24-05) Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He indicated the Village realizes there isn't off street parking for these businesses which don't have their own parking lot. There's nothing in the Code allowing for use of on street parking to compensate. The Text Amendment allows spaces 100 ft of the lot line to count toward the parking for the business. Referring to item 3, Atty Morton indicated if there's 5 parking spaces 100 ft of lot line that would compensate for parking.
3. An ordinance granting a conditional use to allow a "beauty parlor" use at 450 w. 144<sup>th</sup> street within the b-1 community shopping district (ZBA 24-

- 04) Atty Morton indicated there are 5 parking spaces around the property which would satisfy the Code.
4. An ordinance denying a conditional use to allow a “motor vehicle repair garage” use at 13727 s. Halsted in the b-3 general commercial district (ZBA 24-06) Atty Morton indicated this is for storage of vehicles. The applicants site plan indicated fencing extending to Emerald Ave which is the Village’s right of way. This results in a denial.

#### G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

1. Discussion regarding a resolution to prepare and apply for funds as part of 2025 program year Community Development Block Grant application administered by Cook County  
Mayor Jackson referred to Engineer Hodges. He indicated applications are open January 15, 2025. Maximum grant amount \$400k. This a qualifying grant that most meet the low to moderate income criteria. Resolution from the Village must be submitted
2. Discussion regarding an agreement for preliminary and design engineering services on the School Street resurfacing project  
Engineer Hodges indicated this is for School Street from 138<sup>th</sup> St - 144<sup>th</sup> Street. IDOT grant is for \$1,187,010.00
3. Discussion regarding a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project – Area 1  
Engineer Hodges indicated for items 3 & 4 there are 2 contracts for M & J Underground to replace sidewalks. The Resolution is necessary to utilize Motor Fuel Tax dollars.
4. Discussion regarding a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project – Ivanhoe

#### H. Trustees – Nothing

##### Public Comments:

1. Thomas Richards stated the alleys are in bad condition.  
Mayor Jackson explained that grant funds are awarded and the process is slow. He also explained it was asked of the residents if they wanted their property tax increased to pay for alleys repairs. The referendum was voted down.
2. Kathryn Burnay indicated there would be a Christmas Concert at South Suburban College 12/14. She also asked who she needs to talk to about shutting water off. Clerk Holcomb indicated it was her department.

3. Vickie Williams asked how it's determined whose low – moderate income as it relates to the awarding of the qualifying grants for alley repairs Eng Hodges mentioned. He indicated it's through the census.

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

Motion by: Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

Trustee LeVere, Smith, Lewis and Williams

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Karen Hodges                      2/11/25  
Village Clerk                              Date Passed