

**VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday November 12, 2024**

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**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. 144<sup>th</sup> Street Riverdale, IL at 6:30 PM

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

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order

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

**III. New Business**

**A. Approval of the Regular Corporate Bills prior to the period ending Monday, October 21, 2024 in the amount of \$888,020.16**

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

For the record Mayor Jackson indicated this was a Committee of the Whole Meeting. He corrected that and stated this was a Special Meeting.

**IV. Departmental Reports**

**A. Village Administration**

1. Finance Director – Michele Elzey - Nothing

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

**C. Public Works – Supt Todd Henning**

Trash is being picked up daily, street sweeper went out daily, 2 days hanging red tags, meter read 2 days, 6 days out for debris removal from fly dumping, 5 days pothole patching, 6 days grass cutting, 3 dead trees cut down and begin painting viaduct at 144<sup>th</sup> St.

**D. Police Department – Chief Willie Darkried**

Chief Darkried indicated the department is in the process of hiring police officers to facilitate the usage of grant funds awarded to the Village of Riverdale under the COPS grant program. One police officer is in field training and progressing with no issues.

**E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb**

Clerk Holcomb indicated the Amnesty Program, which waived penalties on water bills and 50% reduction on Municipal debt ended 10/31. Also, the office will be closed November 28 & November 29<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**F. Village Attorney**

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH HALSTED REAL ESTATE LLC FOR THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 824 W. 138<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He indicated notice was published inviting proposals. Atty Morton asked Clerk Holcomb if any proposals were submitted. She indicated there were none. Atty Morton indicated developer owns adjacent property. This location would be used for truck storage. Improvement would be made to the property such as paving and lighting for safety.
2. DISCUSSION REGARDING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATION BY 13601 S. ASHLAND, LLC FOR A TRUCK TERMINAL LOCATED AT 13601 S. ASHLAND AVENUE  
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Mortin. He indicated` pursuant to an agreement to adopt a Tax 8 real estate assessment this would gain Village support and supported by this resolution.
3. DISCUSSION REGARDNG A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT ON THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 112 E. 140<sup>TH</sup> COURT

Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He indicated this property was involved in litigation. The terms of litigation involved a deed in lieu of foreclosure to the Village

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT ON THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13856 S. HALSTED STREET  
Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He indicated owner had overgrowth and property maintenance issues and agreed to deed property to the Village in lieu of foreclosure.

#### G. Village Engineer

1. DISCUSSION RELATED TO AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON THE VILLAGE'S SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT-AREA 1, MFT SECTION NO. 24-00139-00-SW

Mayor Jackson referred to Engineer Hodges. He indicated these items are for the Village's Sidewalk Replacement Program. He said he'd combine both items 1 & 2. They are for replacement of hazardous pedestrian sidewalks. The lowest bidder for the project was from M & J UNDERGROUND INC with a bid of \$59,200.00. Engineer's estimate was \$90,000.00. This a savings to the Village and funded by Motor Fuel Tax funds.

2. DISCUSSION RELATED TO AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON THE VILLAGE'S SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT-IVANHOE, MFT SECTION NO. 24-00140-00-SW

Mayor Jackson referred to Engineer Hodges. He indicated the lowest bid was from M & J UNDERGROUND INC. at \$85,250.00. Engineer's estimate was \$125,300.00. This was also a savings to the Village.

3. DISCUSSION RELATED TO APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE AND HANCOCK ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE SCHOOL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, TIP ID NO. 07-22-0022.

Mayor Jackson referred to Engineer Hodges. He indicated this resurfacing project is on School St. from 138<sup>th</sup> St – 144<sup>th</sup> St. The Village was awarded \$1,187,010.00 through the State Resurfacing Program. Submittals to IDOT are due January 2025. The work would need to commence in 2026.

**V. Trustees - Nothing**

**VII. Public Comments**

1. Ms. Horton expressed concern about stray animals. Mayor Jackson indicated our resources are exhausted but Police Officers respond as Pound Master. They are trained to catch animals and Public Works sets traps

**VIII. Executive Session**

**IX. Adjourn**


Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn:

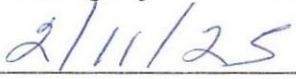
Motion by Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

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

There being no other business the Special Board Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Date Passed