

Village of Riverdale  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on  
Tuesday March 11, 2025

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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 7:12 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Present: Trustees: Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Rodrick Jefferson, Greg Lewis, Brenda William 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. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated.  
February 11, 2025

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Moton by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration –

1. Finance Director – Michele Ellzey no report

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 241

Total Fire Responses – 7, In town fires 1, Out of town fires 6,  
EMS calls 178 YTD 2024 609

Tickets issued for non-compliance 53, permits for review 37,  
permits issued 28.

Total amount received from issuance of permits \$10,394.

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Street sweeper out daily, 50 utility locates done, meter reading done for 2 days, 4 water main breaks repaired, 4 days meter appointments, 5 days of pothole patching, 3 emergency shut offs, 3 days salt truck out, 5 days potholes, picked up fly dumping at 4 locations

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department is accepting applications for Community Support Liaisons and will be hiring additional staff. Chief Darkried reminded us of the construction on 142<sup>nd</sup> & Halsted through 134<sup>th</sup> & Halsted. Both north and southbound lanes have been reduced to one lane.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb – Clerk Holcomb mentioned business license renewals will be mailed this week and that licenses expire 4/30.

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton Nothing to report

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges indicated the CDBG grant application amount is \$500,000 for alley improvements. There's a grant for Invest in Cook for transportation improvement to address the parking lot issues at the 144<sup>th</sup> Ivanhoe Metra Station. Also the sidewalk replacement program will resume.

H. Trustees – Trustee Jefferson asked Engineer Hodges when the alleys on the north side of town would be addressed. Engineer Hodges indicated the alley on School Street between 138<sup>th</sup> & 139<sup>th</sup> should be addressed the latter part of the year.

Public Comments:

1. M. Smith inquired how much the Village owes the City of Chicago for water. He also inquired about Village salaries and credit card statements. He will be submitting a foia.
2. A. Dennis questioned posting of minutes. Clerk Holcomb explained that the minutes she was referencing were under the Zoning Board Mtg which isn't recorded by the Clerk. The Electoral Board Meeting minutes are recorded by a court reporter. Atty Morton confirmed.

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

Motion by: Trustee Jefferson and second by Trustee Riley-Pinkney  
Roll Call:

Trustee Riley-Pinkney, Jefferson, Lewis, Williams and Smith  
There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting  
adjourned at 7:29pm

	
<hr/> Village Clerk	<hr/> Date Passed