

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday April 8, 2025

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. 144th St. at 7:12 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Present: Trustees: Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Greg Lewis, Brenda Williams and Bradley Smith

Absent: Trustee Rodrick Jefferson

Also, Present.

Police Chief Willie Darkried, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Director Todd Henning, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Maey Clare Touhy and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

Absent: Finance Director Michele Ellzey

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

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated.
March 11, 2025

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Moton by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Williams

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. 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 254 Incidents

Total Fire Responses – 9 In town fires 1, Out of town fires 6,

EMS calls 182 YTD 2024 609

Tickets issued for non-compliance 53, permits for review 54 and 43 were issued.

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

Grass cutting has begun.

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Street sweeper out daily, 114 utility locates, 3 emergency shut offs, 4 collapsed sewer repaired, 1 water main repaired, 4 trees cut down, 3 days removed debris from fly dumping, 10 days patched potholes

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department conducting interviews for Community Support Liaisons. Also, please be mindful of and use caution and expect delays regarding road construction on 134th Street 142nd & Halsted.

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb – Clerk Holcomb indicated offices will be closed April 18th for Good Friday.
Village Stickers go on sale May 1st and Spring Cleanup is May 10th

F. Village Attorney – Mary Claire Touhy

1. A Resolution adopting the update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Atty Touhy indicated this is a FEMA requirement every 5 years to be eligible for funding. We're seeking adoption of the plan.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

Engineer Hodges indicated there's a grant opportunity with the MWRD and the District of Greater of Chicago – Forging Resilient

Communities which would allow the storm sewers to be cleaned north of 138th Street. The project should commence this summer and conclude in about 6 months. There would be no cost to the Village. Also landscaping for the sidewalk replacement has begun.

H. Trustees – No reports

Public Comments:

1. M. Smith indicated there was a water main break near 145th and Union on his block. He indicated there's gaps between the curb and the sewer looks to be collapsing. He also indicated tree roots are causing the sidewalk to lift. Public Works to address.
2. Irma Hampton mentioned the condition of Pacesetter. Mayor Jackson to speak with her after the meeting.
3. Ms. Rushing congratulated the Mayor for being elected. She also stated that Director Andre Russell does help the seniors and works hard at other functions within the Village.
4. Ms. Cutter indicated there's humps in her alley. Supt. Henning to check. She also asked are rental properties being tagged. Mayor Jackson stated he'd speak with her after the meeting.

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

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

Roll Call:

Trustee Riley-Pinkney, Lewis, Williams and Smith

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

 5/13/25
Village Clerk Date Passed