

VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 26, 2025

I. Call To Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverdale was called to order by Mayor Lawrence Jackson at 7:01pm pm

II. Roll Call:

Trustee: Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Gregory Lewis, Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith
A Quorum was present meeting was in order

Present: Chief Mark Kozeluh, Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Supt Todd Henning, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges Village Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

III. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited

Mayor Jackson asked if the Board would mind if the order of agenda was changed. He entertained a motion to move Public Comments up on the Agenda
Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere
By Voice Vote Motion Passed

X. Public Comments –

1. Michael Smith mentioned trees and abandoned property on 145th Union. He also expressed concern about repairs that need to be made after water a main break- 144th Union.
2. Sandra Coulter mentioned bats being found in her house. Mayor Jackson suggested a chimney cap.
3. Ms. Sargent 14200 S School vacant house next door has raccoons. Inspectional Service to check.
4. Mr Oyedoipo inquired about vacant property located at 14116 S. Indiana. He wants to know if it could be used as a banquet hall. Village Atty Morton to discuss Zoning process.

Mayor Jackson asked Attorney Morton to elaborate on the meeting they had with Cook County Land Bank. He indicated that the Land Bank has been acquiring property due to delinquent taxes. Some tax deeds have not been recorded. Meaning

some properties are sitting without actual owners to take care of them. The Mayor has voiced concern to the County and advised residents to do the same.

IV. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes dated July 29, 2025

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Announcements: Village Clerk Holcomb mentioned the office would be closed 9/1 for Labor Day

VII. Approval of the Regular Corporate Bills prior to the period ending August 22, 2025

Trustee Smith indicated the amount was \$1,130,751.33

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt the Corporate Bills

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

VIII. Unfinished Business - None

IX. New Business

1. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Village of Riverdale and Galeo Residential Construction Company for demolition services

Mayor Jackson indicated there's a gray home on School Street that Galeco has agreed to demolish in installment payments. Atty Morton indicated we'll go through the proper abandonment procedure as required.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. An Ordinance implanting a Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Grocery Service Occupation Tax in the Village of Riverdale

Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated because of the State getting rid of the 1% grocery tax this coming January approval of this ordinance would allow the Municipality to enact our own tax. We wouldn't see a lost or gap in revenue.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. A Resolution Appointing Rodney Owens to the Office of Deputy Chief of the Village of Riverdale Police Department

Mayor Jackson referred to Chief Kozeluh. He indicated that he and Deputy Chief Owens were at Staff Command at Northwestern and he was Deputy Chief at Richton Park. Chief Kozeluh said he has nothing but confidence in his ability to help lead the department.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion by Trustee LeVere and seconded by Trustee Smith

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Village Clerk Holcomb swore in Deputy Chief Owens. His wife pinned him.

Deputy Chief indicated he'd do his best in this position.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Lawrence Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting

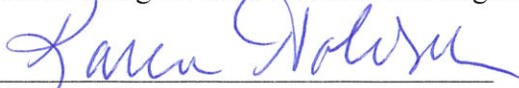
Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

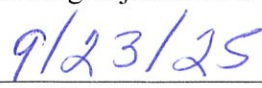
Yeas: Trustee Williams, Smith, Riley-Pinkney, Lewis and LeVere

Nays: None

There being no other business the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.



Village Clerk



Date Passed