

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday May 13, 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 7:00 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, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Village Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

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

Mayor Jackson asked if the Board wouldn't mind if Engineer Hodges' presenters were moved up on the agenda. Mayor Jackson entertained a motion

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

(This item was number #3 under Engineer's Report.)

Engineer Hodges introduced Lesley Roth – Principal (Urban Design & Planning) from Lamar Johnson Collaborative. Ms. Roth's presentation included Existing Land Use – 138th & 144th Street Corridors which includes supporting mixed-use development near Metra Stations, improve pedestrian/cycle access to the Metra stations, Pace bus stops, and future Pace Pulse Halsted Line stations, Also, add wayfaring signage along key corridors, enhance viaducts with public art, address pedestrian crossing and safety and create new opportunities for under utilized parking areas.

Mayor Jackson expressed the need for the 138th Street Metra station to become

ADA compliant. Ms. Roth indicated that would be addressed as well as access to the station itself.

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated.

April 8, 2025

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee Lewis

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration –

1. Finance Director – Michele Ellzey indicated she was working on the budget for fiscal year 2026 and it would be presented at next Board Meeting.

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 294

Total Fire Responses – 10 In town fires 5, Out of town fires 5,
EMS calls 217

Preventive maintenance was performed on all vehicles and
necessary repairs made.

Properties were boarded up as needed.

Tickets issued for non-compliance 36, permits for review 65
and 58 were issued.

Total amount received from issuance of permits \$14,973

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

46 Utility locates done, meters read 2 days, red tags were hung, 3
days water shut offs, 2 trees were cut down, 2 collapsed sewers were
repaired, chipper truck was out 2 days, 5 days removal of fly
dumping, 11 days cutting grass and 10 days out patching potholes.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Willie Darkried

The Police Department has hired 2 new Community Support Liaisons, who are in the process of being trained. Please be mindful of and use caution and expect delays regarding road construction on 130th Halsted - 142nd Halsted

E. Village Clerk – Karen Holcomb indicated the Spring Cleanup on 5/10 was successful. Village stickers are on sale and are \$35 in May and \$10 for seniors 62 and older. Business licenses are currently being renewed.

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 9.24 of Title 9 of the Riverdale Municipal Code related to time restrictions for Sound Amplifiers. Atty Morton indicated Village Clerk brought to his attention. Attorney Morton indicated the time would be increased for music to cease at 10pm instead 8pm as the ordinance currently reads.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

1. Discussion related to approving an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for expending Motor Fuel Tax dollars on the annual General Maintenance Program.
Engineer Hodges indicated the MFT funds would be used for a variety of needs such as road salt, traffic signal parts and also electricity, Engineer Hodges indicated he'd be working with Finance.
2. Discussion related to approving an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for expending Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds on the 139th Street Resurfacing Project
Engineer Hodges indicated expending funds from Rebuild Illinois will be used to improve Lowe Ave from 144th – 145th St, Wabash Ave from 142nd – 143rd Street, Tracy Ave from 139th St – 140th St. School Street is also scheduled to be resurfaced.
3. Presentation by Lamar Johnson Collaborative of the Regional Transit Authority's Development of a Mobility Improvement and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Action Guide (Addressed after Roll Call)

H. Trustees – No reports

Public Comments :- None

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

Motion by: Trustee Lewis and second by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

Trustee Williams, Lewis, Riley-Pinkney and Smith

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

	
Village Clerk	Date Passed