

**VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday July 8, 2025**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER::** The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village 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 7:03 PM

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

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order

Present: Police Chief Mark Kozeluh, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Crew Leader Jim Horn, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WAS RECITED**

**IV. MINUTES:**

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes Dated May 27, 2025  
Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt.  
Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Lewis  
By Voice Vote Motion Passed

**V. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VII. CORPORATE BILLS:**

1. Approval of the Regular Corporate Bills prior to the Period Ending June 20, 2025  
Mayor Jackson referred to Trustee Smith he indicated the bill approval amount was \$1,134,222.32  
Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to approve  
Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Riley-Pinkney  
Roll Call:  
Yeas: Trustees: Riley-Pinkney, Smith, Lewis, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None  
Motion Passed

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

(Mayor Jackson indicated he would like to skip down to item # 2).

1. A Resolution Appointing Mark Kozeluh to the Office of Chief of the Village of Riverdale Police Department

Mayor Jackson indicated in the 12 years he's been Mayor he's been impressed with Mark Kozeluh. He indicated he's a hard worker and admires his integrity. Mayor Jackson also indicated he's fiscally sound and has his wholehearted recommendation.

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

2. An Ordinance Establishing a Request for Qualifications for Rehabilitation Services for Property Rehabilitation in the Village of Riverdale

Mayor Jackson referred to Attorney Morton who indicated this is the list of qualified developers to rehab properties. The current list is expired and this would allow for an updated list.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement and General Release of Claims in Case Number 2024 CV 09072

Mayor Jackson indicated the Village Attorney communicated with him via email with settlement details. Mayor Jackson indicated if there's a question the Board could go into Executive Session. There were no questions.

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

4. A Resolution authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and general release of claims in Case Number 2025 CH 00927

Mayor Jackson indicated this applies to this settlement agreement as well.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee Riley-Pinkney

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

5. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.32 of the Riverdale Municipal Code regarding Liquor License Qualifications

Mayor Jackson referred to Atty Morton. He stated the Liquor Act doesn't require an applicant to be a citizen to apply for a liquor license. For this reason our code would need to be amended.

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

6. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Riverdale and Galeco Residential Construction Company for demolition services

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to table to expected changes to the contract.

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to table

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote motion passed

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. J. Sims indicated the Fire Department's response to a fire was excellent. She also indicated there's a mound of dirt near hydrant near 137<sup>th</sup> and Eggleston and asked that it be smoothed.. Public Works to address.
2. B. Smith expressed concern about the excessive amount of handicap signs on 142<sup>nd</sup> Dearborn. Mayor Jackson asked Chief Kozeluh to address.

3. Ms. Rushing asked if the Police Department would check the abandoned vehicles on 14300 S. Dearborn.
4. S. Coulter inquired about youth programs and mentioned hearing gunshots on 145<sup>th</sup> and /Atlantic. She was asked to speak to Chief Kozeluh after the meeting. Mayor Jackson asked that she contact the School, Park & Library Boards regarding youth programs.

Mayor Jackson requested to go back to item #1 on the agenda. (Please see above.)

Mayor Jackson entertained a motion to adjourn:

Motion by Trustee Riley-Pinkney and second by Trustee Williams

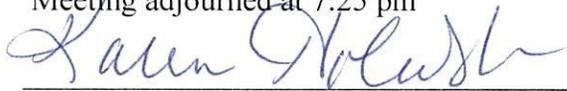
Roll Call:

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

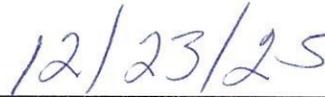
Nays: None

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm



Village Clerk



Date Passed