

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday January 13, 2026

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1. Call to Order

Acting Mayor Cassandra-Riley Pinkney 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 7:00p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Trustees: Willie Darkried, Gregory Lewis, Katherine Bourne', Brenda Williams, Erik Levere and Bradley Smith

Village Clerk Karen Holcomb- Absent

Dept Heads: Deputy Police Chief Rodney Owens, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Supt Todd Henning, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges and Attorney Ryan Morton

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2025

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney 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 - Absent

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 322

Total Fire Responses – 9 In town fires 9, EMS calls 145

Year to Date Totals 135

The Riverdale Fire Department hosted 66 families for the Annual Police and Fire Toy Drive. The Fire Department is no longer using ECOM as our dispatch service and will be partnering with Bud's Ambulance for these services.

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

Properties were boarded up as needed.

In the process of hiring 2 new firefighters

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Trash picked up daily, 47 Julie locates, 3 water main breaks repaired, chipper truck out for 3 days, 5 days patching potholes, 4 days meter appointments, 6 streetlights repaired and 2 days snow plowing and salting streets

D. Police Department – Deputy Chief of Police Rodney Owens indicated there has been an increase in traffic and parking citations. There was an arrest for the recent hit and run on New Years Eve. 2 lateral officers will be hired.

E. Village Clerk Karen Holcomb – Absent

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

**1. An Ordinance establishing a request for qualifications for rehabilitation services for property rehabilitation in the Village of Riverdale**

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He indicated this process was opened as before to allow for qualified developers to obtain village owned properties and rehab them. This would accomplish the same and increase the list.

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

**1. Approval of a Agreement between the Village of Riverdale and Hancock Engineering Company for engineering Services needed on the IEPA Lead Service Replacements Loan Application Process.**

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Engineer Hodges. He stated low interest loans are available for funding for lead pipe replacement. Application must be submitted to the State by 3/31 for work to be done in 2027. The water service line would be replaced. \$400,000,000 of forgiveness funds would be available.

Engineer Hodges also mentioned the Green Alley Program which would help the

alleys on the north side of town. East of Stewart Ave and West of Indiana from 136<sup>th</sup> St – 140<sup>th</sup> St. This would be for alleys that don't have underground utilities. This program is through the MWRD.

H. Trustees – No reports

Public Comments:

1. Vanessa Segura asked if homeowners would be charged for lead water line replacement. Engineer Hodges indicated she wouldn't.
2. Cheryl Wright mentioned pothole on 144<sup>th</sup> Halsted. Trustee Darkried indicated that is a county road. Engineer Hodges indicated he would reach out to the maintenance yard.
3. Melvin Manning 1 W. 137<sup>th</sup> Place inquired about the process for those interested in purchasing Villag owned properties. Atty Morton indicated notice would be put in the paper. Qualifications developers would be considered to participate in this program.

Acting Mayor Cassandra Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

Trustee Williams, LeVere, Lewis, Dartkried, Bourne' and Smith

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting

adjourned at 7:22pm

 2/10/26

Village Clerk

Date Passed