

Village of Riverdale
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on
Tuesday December 9, 2025

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. 144th St. at 7:09 p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:
Trustees Darkried, Lewis, Bourne', Williams and LeVere
Absent: Trustee Bradley Smith

Present: Police Chief Mark Kozeluh, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Supt. Todd Henning, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Engineer Chuck Hodges, Attorney Matt Moustis and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated May 13, 2025

Acting Mayor Cassandra-Riley Pinkney entertained a motion to approve.
Moton by Trustee LeVere second by Trustee Williams
By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration –

1. Finance Director – No Report

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Fire/EMS

Total Responses 247

Total Fire Responses – 11 In town fires 10, EMS calls 178

Year to Date Totals 2025: 3045

The Fire Department participates in School District's 148 Annual Crisis Meeting for 1st Responders and Fire Safety for Parents at Washington School

Tickets issued for non-compliance 24 and enforced Village Codes.

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Trash picked up daily, 31 utility locates done, 1 water main break repaired, 3 days chipper truck out, 2 days out for debris removal from fly dumping, 3 days pothole patching, 3 streetlights repaired and 5 days snow plowing.

D. Police Department – Chief of Police Mark Kozeluh

Chief Kozeluh indicated approximately 35 vehicles were towed

from snow. 100 tickets were issued for no registrations. 2

lateral officers were hired and one new hire.

E. Village Clerk – Clerk Holcomb indicated the office will be closed 12/24 and 12/26 for the Christmas Holiday.

F. Village Attorney – Ryan Morton

1. Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the Village of Riverdale, Cook County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026 Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Finance Director Michele Ellzey. She indicated the proposed estimated levy for 2025 totals \$8,115,458. Fire Pension fund lev will be increased \$60,000
2. An Ordinance abating the real estate tax heretofore levied for the Tax Levy Year 2025 to pay the debt service on \$12,755,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, series 2011, of the Village of Riverdale, cook county, Illinois Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Finance Director Ellzey. She indicated that the Village will be abating the principal and interest that will be due on the portion of the 2011 Bonds. The bond ordinance provides for the

levy of taxes in the Village's tax levy 2025 sufficient to provide \$284,400.00 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the Bonds

3. An Ordinance amending chapter 17.13 (Northeast Overlay District) of the Riverdale zoning Ordinance regarding firearm sales (ZBA 25-03)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Moustis. He indicated this defines where firearm can be sold and are limited to 1 zoning district.
4. An Ordinance amending chapters 17.09 (Industrial Districts) and 17.12 (rules and definitions) of the Riverdale zoning Ordinance regarding industrial outdoor storage (ZBA 25-04) Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Moustis. He indicated this use would be for truck materials and storage.
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He indicated
5. An Ordinance amending chapters 17.08 (Business Districts) and 17.12 (rules and definitions) of the Riverdale zoning Ordinance regarding banquet halls (ZBA 25-06t)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Moustis. He indicated this item coincides with item #6 allowing for banquet hall which attorney recommendations.
6. An Ordinance granting a Conditional Use to allow a "banquet hall" use at 14116-14130 s. Indiana avenue within the b-2 service business district (ZBA 25-06c)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Moustis. He indicated this is approved by Zoning the banquet hall would be allowed at this location.
7. An Ordinance amending chapter 17.08 (Business Districts) of the Riverdale zoning Ordinance regarding gymnasiums (ZBA 25-07t)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Moustis He indicated this coincides with #8 allowing the gymnasium
8. An Ordinance granting a Conditional Use to allow a "gymnasium" use at 504 W. 138th street within the i-1 restricted industrial district (ZBA 25-07c)
This was addressed with #7

G. Village Engineer – Chuck Hodges

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Eng. Hodges. He stated IDOT has accepted our application to have the Metra parking lot on 144th to be repaired. The award amount is \$823,000. An environmental study costing \$28,000 would be the Village's responsibility. Application period opens in January for CDBG alley repairs. Grant amount is \$500,000.

H. Trustees – No reports

Public Comments :- None

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

Motion by: Trustee LeVere and second by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

Trustee: Lewis, LeVere, Darkried, Bourne''and Williams

There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned.at 7:30pm

Village Clerk

Date Passed