

VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday , November 20, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverdale was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Smith at the Village Board Chambers located at 157 W. 144th Street, Riverdale, IL at 10:09AM

II. ROLL CALL: Upon Roll Call, the following Trustees answered present:
Trustees: Cassandra Riley-Pinkney, Gregory Lewis, Brenda Williams, Erik and Trustee Bradley Smith (Mayor Pro Tem)

There being a quorum present the meeting was in order

Present: Chief Mark Kozeluh, Fire 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS RECITED

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Motion to Declare Vacancy in Office of Village President
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Smith entertained a motion and referred to Atty Morton. He stated the statute states upon a guilty verdict the office becomes vacant..

Mayor Pro Tem entertained a motion to adopt
Motion by Trustee LeVere and seconded by Trustee Lewis
Yeas: Trustee Lewis, LeVere, Riley-Pinkney, Willams and Smith
(Mayor Pro Tem)
Nays: None
Motion Passed

2) Motion to Elect Acting Village President
Mayor Pro Tem Smith entertained a motion to appoint Cassaandra Riley-Pinkney
Motion by Trustee Bradley Smith (Mayor Pro Tem) and seconded by Trustee Levere
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee LeVere, Smith, Lewis and Williams

Nays: None
Motion Passed

- a. Swearing In of Acting Village President
Village Clerk Holcomb swore in Cassandra Riley-Pinkney as Acting Village President. She gave words and expressed thanks for the opportunity.

- 3) Motion to Declare Vacancy in Office of Village Trustee (Trustee Vacancy 2)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He stated the now Acting Mayor and former Trustee submitted a conditional letter of resignation from the office of Trustee contingent on being elected by the Board of Trustees as Acting Mayor. Following her appointment. Her seat is now vacant
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt
Motion by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee LeVere
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee LeVere, Williams, Lewis and Smith
Nays: None
Motion Passed

- 4) Resolution Appointing Replacement to Fill Vacant Office of Village Trustee (Trustee Vacancy 1)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney indicating appointing Willie Darkried to this position. She explained his credentials and experience as Chief of Police.
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to appoint
Motion by Trustee LeVere and seconded by Trustee Lewis
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee Lewis, LeVere, Williams and Smith
Nays: None
Motion Passed

- 5) Resolution Appointing Replacement to Fill Vacant Office of Village Trustee (Trustee Vacancy 2)
 - a. Swearing In of Village Trustee(s)\
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney indicating appointing Katherine Bourne'. She explained her credentials.
Acting Mayor entertained a motion to adopt
Motion by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Lewis
Roll Call:
Yeas: Trustee Lewis, Williams, LeVere and Smith
Nays: None
Motion Passed

Village Clerk Holcomb swore in Trustees Willie Darkerid and Katherine Bourne'

- 6) Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Riverdale (2019 Chevrolet Tahoe)
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He indicated the vehicle previously driven by former Mayor Jackson would be sold to him for \$9,000

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. M. Smith indicated he believed this meeting was illegal and referenced 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10 50 He questioned Acting Mayor being selected from among the Board of Trustees Mr. Smith indicated he would like a forensic audit of Village finances. He questioned Trustee LeVere's resignation and subsequent re-election back on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Smith inquired why the vehicle former Mayor Jackson was sold to him and not auctioned. Atty Morton indicated since there were inaccuracies he would clarify. He stated the statute Mr. Smith cited clearly states the replacement for Village President would be voted on/selected by the Board of Trustees. He also indicated former Mayor Jackson did appoint a replacement Trustee within the 60 days period but it was denied by the Board. After the denial there was no timetable for the replacement.
2. A.. Horton indicated she'd also like a forensic audit to be performed.
3. D. Parker said former Mayor Jackson was a good man and did a phenomenal job as Mayor. He asked that prayers be made for him and his family.
4. T. Williams stated the former Mayor didn't address her concerns.
5. A. Johnson indicated she didn't get notice of today's meeting but was told by a neighbor. She also asked if microphones could be used.
6. A. Dennis expressed that the Board would be more transparent and allow residents to be involved in decision making.
7. J. Clay asked that we work together and asked that prayers be made for the former Mayor and his family.
8. J. McEwen questioned the 2019 Tahoe former Mayor Jackson had been driving was being sold to him for \$9000. She indicated she checked Kelly Blue Book and indicated the price was \$17,000.
Chief Kozeluh indicated he made 3 comparison for the cash value and they were less than the Mayor's offer due to the vehicle being a commercial vehicle.
- 9 Mr. O'Neal indicated when he asked former Mayor Jackson for assistance he responded.
10. J. Russell expressed he was available if the Board needed his assistance.
11. J. Sims expressed residents need to be more responsible.
12. A. Raggs indicated Riverdale is a nice place to live and we need to come together.
13. B. Miles indicated she's a new resident to 145th Parnell and properties on the block are not well kept.
14. J. Atkins asked if the residents have to pay for former Mayor's legal bills.

Atty Morton explained that this was his personal issues and the Village was involved.

VI. ADJORN

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adjourn:

Motion by Trustee Darkried and second by Trustee Smith

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trustee: Smith, Darkried, Lewis, Bourne, Williams and LeVere

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am



Village Clerk

12/23/25

Date Passed