

**VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday December 23, 2025**

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**I. Call To Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverdale was called to order by Acting Mayor Cassandra-Riley Pinkney 3:13pm

**II. Roll Call:**

**Trustees:** Willie Darkried, Gregory Lewis, Katherine Bourne', Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith  
Trustee Brenda Williams absent at Roll Call  
A Quorum was present meeting was in order

Present: Police Chief Mark Kozeluh, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Finance Director Michele Ellzey and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb  
Via phone Attorney Ryan Morton

**III. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited**

**IV.** Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes date July 8, 2025  
Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Lewis  
By Voice Vote Motion Passed

**V. Correspondence:** None

**VI. Announcements:** Clerk Holcomb indicated the office will be closed December 24th thru December 26th for the Christmas Holiday

**VII. Approval of the Regular Corporate Bills prior to the period ending December 19, 2025**

Trustee Bradley Smith indicated the bill amount was \$1,256,266.70  
Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to approve the Corporate Bills  
Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere  
Roll Call:  
Yeas: Trustee Levere, Smith, Lewis, Bourne' and Darkried  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed

**VIII. Unfinished Business - None**

## **IX. New Business**

### **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 Atty Morton via phone. He indicated there's a typo on the levy of \$50,000. The current amount is \$8,465,458. Director Ellzey previously provided the Board with the corrected version of the levy.

Recapitulation includes: Corporate \$3,476,118, Police Protection \$1,650.00, Fire Protection \$860,000, I.M.R.F. \$15,750, Social Security \$163,590, Police Pension \$1,350,000 and Fire Pension \$950,000.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Bourne'  
Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

### **2. 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 \$284,000 would be abated. For interest and penalties.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere  
Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

### **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 Morton. He indicated this was discussed at COW. Nothing has changed. Firearm sales will be permitted only on Northeast Overlay District Trustee Bourne'. Trustee Bourne' asked if as Evanston does could a restriction be added requiring firearm dealers to be licensed dealers at a firing range. Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney as Trustee Bourne' if she was requesting to table the item. She declined. Atty Morton indicated this kind of change would need to go before the Zoning Board as a new application. Trustee Bourne' indicated she would prefer that.

Acting Mayor Rileu-Pinkneu entertained a motion to adopt Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Lewis  
Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to recognize Trustee Brenda Williams at 3:25pm

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote Motion Carried

**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)**

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He indicated this would allow usage for large construction material storage. Currently there is no application and a text amendment would be required for future businesses. Trustee Bourne' asked if this was in relation to a truck stop. Atty Morton indicated it wasn't. A business that stores large containers inquired but no deal was finalized.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Bourne'

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**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 Morton. He indicated banquet halls would be limited to the B2 District and along Indiana Ave.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**6. An Ordinance Granting 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 received a question from Trustee Bourne'. She indicated she didn't feel the application was done in a professional matter. Atty Morton stated it was accepted by the Zoning Board and a preliminary business plan was submitted and more detailed forthcoming.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee Darkried

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Bourne'  
Motion Passed

**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 Morton. He indicated that Text Amendment allows for a gymnasium under I1.classification.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt Motion by Trustee LeVere and seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**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)**

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Atty Morton. He indicated this was discussed at the COW Meeting.

Trustee Bourne' asked about businesses renting a lot from tax exempt property and going on the tax roll. Atty Morton stated the property would be taxed either way

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Darkried and seconded by Trustee LeVere

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

**9. A Resolution Authorizing The Village President To Execute The Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2025 Subrecipient Agreement For Project No. 2506-025**

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney referred to Engineer Hodges via phone.

He stated the Resolution to execute this agreement to take advantage of the program.

Atty Morton stated the vote authorizes this.

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to adopt

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Lewis

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**X. Public Comments –**

1. Ms. Horton indicated she wanted explanation on item #1 on the agenda. Finance Director Ellzey indicated the \$12,755,000.00 was the original bond issuance amount. The date of the bond is 5/12/2011 the maturity date is 10/1/2036. Taxes principal & interest were paid annually. This agreement provides that part of the bond taxes wouldn't be passed on as property taxes

