

Village of Riverdale

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes held on

Tuesday April 14, 2026

I. 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 7:00p.m.

11. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present:

Trustees: Gregory Lewis, Katherine Bourne', Brenda Williams, Erik LeVere and Bradley Smith

Absent: Trustee Willie Darkried

Dept Heads: Police Chief Mark Kozeluh, Fire Chief Jon Bruce, Public Works Supt Todd Henning, Finance Director Michele Ellzey, Village Engineer Chuck Hodges, Attorney Ryan Morton and Village Clerk Karen Holcomb

III. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated February 10, 2026,

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to approve.

Moton by Trustee Smith and second by Trustee LeVere

By Voice Vote Motion Passed

IV. Departmental Reports:

A. Village Administration

Finance Director – Michele Ellzey – indicated April is last month of our fiscal year. She also indicated there would be a transfer of funds from our General Fund for Capital Projects and Debt Fund for bond payments

B. Building/Zoning Fire Department & Inspectional Services

Fire Chief - Jon Bruce

Total responses 365, Fire responses 8, In Town Fires 8 and EMS 252

Year to Date 1004

Properties have been boarded up as needed. 30 tickets issued for non-compliance. The Fire Dept has begun accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT-B positions. Application deadline is May 11th.

C. Public Works — Director Todd Henning

Trash picked up daily, 5 days sampling water, 2 water services, 6 days out for water shut offs, 1 water main repaired, 8 storm sewers cleaned and jetted, 12 days patching potholes, 3 street lights repaired and 6 days chipper truck was out

D. Police Department – Chief Mark Kozeluh – indicated training has ended and all officers are on the street. There's been significant call volume due to temperature increase. There's been weekly traffic details aimed at aggressive drivers, unlawful parking and abandoned vehicles. There was a shooting a Ruby's restaurant and a temporary emergency closure was issued. Last week Dolton was expecting a teen takeover. Traffic was closed from 138th to 144th and Indiana Ave.

E. Village Clerk Karen Holcomb – indicated the Shred Day held on April 11th was successful. Annual Spring Cleanup Day is May 16th. Items should be placed at regular garbage pickup location. No electronics will be pickup. Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney indicated she was aware of Thornton Twsp through the college would accept electronics. Clerk Holcomb read notice that. Clerk Holcomb read a notice that Thornton Township Senior Lawn Care Program is offering assistance to help with lawn care and maintenance. The deadline for applications is April 17th. Contact them at 708/596-6040 ext 4007 or 4008. Business license renewals are due April 30th. Fees double May 1st.

F. Village Attorney –

1. Resolution for Expending Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Dollars on the Annual General Maintenance Program
Atty Morton referred to Engineer Hodges. He indicated that this allows for the Village's annual allotment

G. Village Engineer – No report

H. Trustees – No reports

Public Comments:

1. Ida Harris 13838 S. School indicated there's a vacant house located at 13836 S. School with trash blowing into her yard. Chief Bruce indicated the property needs to be demolished. Atty Morton indicated it would be secured.
2. Beverly Tyler indicated 13817 S. School is vacant and possums are residing there, roof needs repair, broken windows and debris falling onto her property. Chief Bruce to look at tomorrow. Chief Kozeluh to look into boarding up.
3. Margret Jones 13821 S. Stewart inquired about availability of grants for street repairs.
4. Darryl Smith had complaints about the alley on 139th and School. Engineer Hodges indicated the Acting Mayor is working to secure funding. Hopefully next year project will be addressed.
5. Wallace McWillis resident and representative of American Care 2 indicates this program assists veterans and asked for Village support.

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

Motion by: Trustee Bourne' and seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call:

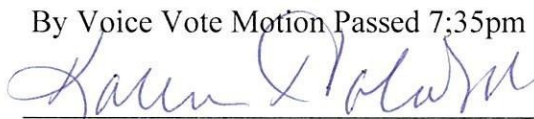
Trustee: Williams, Bourne' Lewis, LeVere and Smith


There being no other business the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned.at 7:35pm

Acting Mayor Riley-Pinkney entertained a motion to go into Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Bourne' and Williams

By Voice Vote Motion Passed 7:35pm


Village Clerk


Date Passed