

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverdale was called to order by Mayor Zenovia G. Evans in the Council Chambers, 157 W. 144th Street at 8:00 PM.

Silent Prayer/Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silent reflection was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following trustees answered present: Cheryl A. Foy, Louis Peyton, Deborah Smiley and Dennis Sanders. Also present were Village Clerk Joyce E. Forbes, Village Administrator Arlette S. Frye, Village Attorney Timothy C. Lapp and Village Engineer Jeff Koza. Absent were Trustees Deyon L. Dean and Jerome Russell.

Department Heads attending were Director of Community & Economic Development Janice L. Morrissy, Police Chief Gregory C. Baker, Director of Public Works Jerry Townsend, and Interim Director of Building and Zoning Roy McKinney.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, January 22, 2008. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda as posted. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

Approval of Corporate Bills

- A. Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills for the month ending January 31, 2008, in the amount of \$501,573.42, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
- B. Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders to approve for payment the regular corporate bills for the period ending February 8, 2008, in the amount of 419,156.52, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

- A. Riverdale Public Library – Mayor Evans read the letter for the waiver of permit fees for an upgrade for their fire and burglar alarm systems. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve the request. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution – Authorize a Cook County Class 8 Tax Incentive for Riverdale Marina
Mayor Evans stated there was no action on this item.
- B. Resolution – Award of Contract for Street Lighting, Lowe Avenue, Community Development Block Grant
Mayor Evans stated there was no action on this item.

New Business

- A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel
There were no items for action
- B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations
1. Ordinance 2008-04 – Declaring Trailer as Surplus Property. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to adopt the ordinance. The item is the old Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA) trailer that is no longer usable. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
 2. Resolution Number 1017 – Authorizing the Calumet Region Public Safety Network Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Operations (Calumet Region Public Safety Network or CRPSN). Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the resolution. Chief Baker explained this was an extension of the agreement that has been in place for the past 10 years for shared police radio band. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
 3. Resolution Number 1018 – Authorization for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Service Credit for Military Service for Participants for up to 48 months.

Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve the resolution. Attorney Lapp reported that there was a recent change in the pension code of Illinois which allowed for this additional service credit to be awarded. This resolution will allow for the application for this credit from the date of approval through May 31, 2008. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

4. Resolution Number 1019 – Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Dean

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

5. Resolution – Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Partner with the IHB Railroad for a CMAQ Grant Application. Trustee Sanders asked that this item be postponed.

6. Resolution Number 1020 – Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$30,000 for the Ivanhoe METRA Commuter Kiss ‘n Ride Project No. 05-00113-00-PK. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Village Engineer Koza explained that a Kiss ‘n Ride is a paved strip of parking along the roadway on Tracy Avenue between 144th and 143rd, where commuters may be dropped off and picked up. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

7. Resolution Number 1021 – Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$360,000 for the Resurfacing of 144th Street from Halsted Street to Indiana Avenue, Project Number 08-00115-00-RS. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

8. Ordinance Number 2008-05 – Amending Chapter 12.24, House Numbering. Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Foy, to adopt the ordinance. This ordinance requires apartment doors to be identified with numbers and/or letters no less than three inches, and to identify doorbells on apartment buildings. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Peyton, Smiley, Sanders, Foy

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

9. Ordinance Number 2008-06 – Repealing the Ordinance Prohibiting Train Blockage at Grade Crossings. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders, to adopt the ordinance. Mayor Evans explained that a court ruling has stated that railroads are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Transportation and therefore local municipalities may not regulate or restrict the railroads. This means that a train may block a crossing even though loss of property or lives may result. Mayor Evans asked residents to write letters to the Secretary of Transportation to report the impact of this ruling on our local community. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

10. Ordinance 2008-07 – Amending the Violations Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Impound Vehicles. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to adopt the ordinance. Chief Baker explained that there were several violations that were inadvertently omitted when this ordinance was revised and this amendment would add violations for which a violator would have his vehicle impounded. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

11. Ordinance 2008-08 – Authorize the Village to Levy the Amount Sufficient to Pay the Lease Payments for Equipment for the Public Works Department. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Sanders, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp reported that a tractor was obtained for Public Works and the payments will be part of the Village levy. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

Community Announcements

- A. February is Black History Month. School District 148 in partnership with School District 133, Ivanhoe Park District, Riverdale Public Library and the Villages of Riverdale and Dolton, is hosting a program on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 PM, at Roosevelt Junior High School, 146th & LaSalle.

- B. During cold weather, please remember to check on your elderly neighbors.

- C. Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of President's Day Holiday.

- D. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 PM to review the Community Development Block Grant. Director Morrissy reported that the projects to be in the application will include alley

reconstruction and Fair Housing activities and the request was estimated at just under \$300,000. The hearing will be before the Committee of the Whole meeting.

- E. Prescription Cards are available at Village Hall for all residents. This initiative is sponsored by Cook County and the National Association of Counties. Clerk Forbes stated that in a random check, these cards would give the user a discount for drugs our CVS Pharmacy was a participating pharmacy.
- F. Habitat for Humanity is planning to construct homes in the Village. A seminar will be held for all those interested in home ownership through Habitat for Humanity on March 29. Flyers for the workshop are available tonight.
- G. Plan now for the 3rd Annual Macker Basketball Tournament – June 28-29. Get your team ready, offer to help with the activities, or volunteer now. We are accepting donations and sponsorships for this regional event.

Recess

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to recess this meeting to Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of Village Hall. Items to be acted upon include the IHB Railroad CMAQ Request and the Community Development Block Grant Application. The meeting will be reconvened following the public hearing that begins at 7:30 PM. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

The meeting recessed at 8:16 PM.

Reconvened Village Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7:35 PM, Riverdale Village Hall, Conference Room, 157 W. 144th Street.

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders to reconvene the meeting of February 12. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Roll Call

Mayor Evans asked Clerk Forbes to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following answered present: Cheryl A. Foy, Louis Peyton, Jerome Russell, Dennis Sanders. Absent were Trustees Deyon L. Dean and Deborah Smiley.

There being a quorum, the meeting was in order.

Also present were Clerk Joyce E. Forbes, Administrator Arlette S. Frye, Director Janice L. Morrissy, Chief Gregory Knoll, Deputy Chief John Brosius, Director Jerry Townsend, Interim Director Roy McKinney, and Community Events Coordinator Demetria Waddell.

Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution – Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Partner with the IHB Railroad for a CMAQ Grant Application. There was no action on this item.

New Business

- A. Resolution Number 1022 – Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Participate in the 2008 Cook County Community Development block Grant Program. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to adjourn. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____