

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 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, Deyon L. Dean, Louis Peyton, Jerome Russell and Dennis Sanders. Also present were Village Clerk Joyce E. Forbes, Village Attorney Timothy C. Lapp, Village Administrator Arlette S. Frye and Village Engineer Jeffery Koza. Absent was Trustee Deborah Smiley.

Department Heads attending were Deputy Police Chief John Brosius, Fire Chief Gregory J. Knoll, and Director of Public Works Jerry Townsend.

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

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, April 8, 2008.

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda as posted. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Approval of Corporate Bills

- A. Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills for the period ending April 18, 2008, in the amount of \$546,351.24, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

Ivanhoe Park District

Mayor Evans read the letter requesting a waiver of fees for permits for the repairs of the recreation building at 14401 S. Stewart. Mayor Evans stated that the Village policy has allowed for waiver for governmental agencies. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Russell, to mark the correspondence received, and authorize the waiver of fees. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell

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

1. Resolution Number 1034 – Honoring Mike Hutson for His Efforts to Make the Children of Riverdale Safe During Times of Crisis. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Hutson to step forward and read the resolution honoring him. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Evans presented Mr. Hutson with an official resolution and commended him for his safety efforts on behalf of all the school children in the Village.

2. Remembering When – Mayor Evans introduced Lt. Chris VanDyke, Riverdale Fire Department, who informed the trustees and residents present about the Remembering When Program. This initiative is designed to educate senior citizens about fall and fire prevention in their homes. Lt. VanDyke invited all to attend the Friends and Family night on May 15 at Park School, beginning at 5-8 PM.
3. Resolution Number 1035 – Authorizing a Lease with OAI, Inc. for Office Space at Riverdale Network Center. Mayor Evans stated that OAI, Inc. offers job training at the Resource Center and are currently renting two

offices and need a third space, which is governed by this lease document. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Foy

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Resolution Number 1036 – Authorizing the Village to Apply for 2008 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Resolution – Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Blue Island, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and other South Suburban Villages for Fee Splitting for Phase I Engineering Costs for Design of a Pedestrian Trail Along the Calumet-Sag Channel. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean to approve the resolution. Mayor Evans stated that this resolution was not ready for action at this time. Trustee Sanders rescinded his motion and Trustee Dean rescinded his second.

3. Resolution Number 1037 – Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues and Related Matters. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Mayor Evans explained that the Village was authorizing a portion of their bonding power to a private enterprise which will help development in the community. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

4. Resolution Number 1038 – Ceding the Remaining Unused Allocation of 2008 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Illinois Development Finance Authority for Use by Projects in the Chicago Southland Area. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

5. Resolution Number 1039 – Ratifying the Proposed 2007-2011 Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Mayor Evans thanked the members of

the Fire Department for their cooperation in reaching this agreement. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

6. Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week. Trustee Foy read the Proclamation Establishing May 4-10, 2008, as Municipal Clerks Week in the Village of Riverdale. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve the proclamation. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Community Announcements

- A. 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. All are welcome to attend the planning meeting on April 29, at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.
- B. The Riverdale Police Department is participating in the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. This year's run will be held June 10-11. Please support your local law enforcement officers who participate in this run for a good cause. Donations are taken by the Illinois Special Olympics Committee, c/o Sgt. Dennis Reilly.
- C. Thornton Township and the Village of Riverdale are co-sponsoring the 13th annual Job Fair at South Suburban College Field House, on Wednesday, May 21. The Village will provide a bus to transport residents to and from the Fair.
- D. Remembering When, Riverdale Coalition, is hosting a "Friends and Family Night" on Thursday, May 15, at Park School, 14200 S. Wentworth from 5 -8 PM. This program is being offered to all older friends and families to promote safety from fires and falls in their homes. Please RSVP to the Riverdale Library by May 7 if you plan to attend – 841-3311.
- E. The Riverdale Community Policing Initiative is hosting a Safety Awareness Program at Riverdale Park, 138th & Wentworth, on Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 AM. There will be a bicycle give-away along with a Bike Safety Program to kick off the 2008 summer season. Representatives from not-for-profit organizations are welcome to set up tables to display their information. Please contact Officers Beatty or Powers at the Police Department for more information.
- F. Global Youth Service Day Carnival, sponsored by Aunt Martha's and Patton School, will be held on April 26, Noon to 4 pm.

- G. Riverdale Resource Center Director Myrna Thompson will be presenting a special “Caring About Kids Event” (CAKE) at 1:00 PM on April 26, during the Youth Service Day Carnival.
- H. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in this region will be Saturday, May 31, hosted by the City of Chicago Heights. The location is the parking lot at 1020 Dixie Highway.
- I. The Riverdale Community Policing Initiative and Riverdale Elected Official will be distributing safety whistles to the walking residents and commuters on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the Ivanhoe and Riverdale METRA Stations.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____