

Village of Riverdale  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

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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. 144<sup>th</sup> 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 and Village Administrator Arlette S. Frye. Absent was Trustee E. Brandi Horton.

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

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, April 2007.  
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 Peyton, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills in the amount of \$831,938.56, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the Trustee Committee chairpersons.  
Roll call vote.  
Ayes: Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean  
Nays: None  
Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Mayor Evans read the correspondence announcing three Open House meetings to present the newly produced digital flood insurance rate maps. The closest session will be on Tuesday May 8, 2007 at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170<sup>th</sup> Street, South Holland. The session for local officials is set for 2:00 PM and the general public session

begins at 6:30 PM. A schedule will be available at Village hall. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean, to mark the correspondence received and place it on file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### Dolton-Riverdale Baseball League

Trustee Foy read the letter from President Michael Dunn, announcing their Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, May 19 from 11:00 to 12:30. The parade line-up will begin at 10:30 at 144<sup>th</sup> & Stewart, proceeding east to Chicago Road and on to the Dolton Park District Stage. The railroad has agreed to hold trains for the parade. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file, with copies to each department head for coordination to ensure the safety of the participants. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried. Mayor Evans encouraged everyone to attend and support our youth.

#### National Arbor Day Foundation

Trustee Dean read the letter from the Foundation declaring Riverdale as Tree City USA for the year 2006. This is the sixth year Riverdale has received this national recognition. As Arbor Day is later this week, it is fitting to be awarded this designation on this day. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Peyton, to mark the correspondence received, and place it with the Tree Commission correspondence. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### Area 7 Special Olympics

Trustee Peyton announced Area 7 Spring Games, to be held at Thornwood High School Athletic Stadium, on Saturday, May 5, 2007, beginning at 9:00 am. All are encouraged to attend. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Foy, to mark the correspondence as received, place it on file, with copies posted at Village hall. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### White Sox Outing

Trustee Russell read the announcement of the Chicago Southland Community Night at White Sox Cellular Field, on Thursday, July 5, 7 pm. Tickets are at reduced prices, and open for anyone who wishes to attend. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file, and have Administrator Frye designate a person coordinate the publicity and ordering of the tickets. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried. Mayor Evans added that Riverdale usually has the highest number of attendees.

#### Letter from Resident

Trustee Sanders read the letter from Ms. Anderson thanking Ms. Thompson, Riverdale Youth and Family Services Director, for organizing the annual college tour for high school students. Since attending the tour in 2006, Ms. Anderson's son Darren, has become a better student and is applying to Jackson State University. She thanked the sponsors who donated the funds to make this tour possible. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file with a copy to Ms. Thompson's personnel file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried. Mayor Evans expressed regret that this year's

tour had to be cancelled as the advance funding was not available to book the motels and transportation in advance.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel

1. Appointment of Housing Authority Member – Mayor Evans read the request of Chairman Adelle Swanson, Housing Authority of Riverdale, to re-appoint Clara Truchon to the Housing Authority from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2012. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the appointment. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Foy

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Resolution Number 975 – Ceding the Aggregate Remaining Unused Allocation of the 2007 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap of the Village of Riverdale to the Illinois Development Finance Authority for Use by Projects in the Chicago Southland Area. Attorney Lapp explained that one of the benefits of being Home Rule is to be able to contribute to this fund. All the “home rule” municipalities in the area contribute, and this pool of money is available to fund larger projects in the region. Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Resolution Number 976 – Authorize the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Improvement of the Commuter Parking and Reconstruction of Access Roadways, 145<sup>th</sup> Street from Atlantic to Illinois Streets, and Illinois Street from 145<sup>th</sup> Street to 146<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

3. Proclamation – Arbor Day, 2006. Mayor Evans read the proclamation declaring Friday, April 27, as Arbor Day in the Village of Riverdale. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the proclamation. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

4. Approve the Grant Agreement #07-203731 between the Village of Riverdale and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant money will provide \$30,000 to the Village for the Phase 2 of the Whistler

Crossing planning work. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the agreement. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

#### Community Announcements

- A. Linn-Mathes, Inc. has been chosen as the general contractor for Pacesetter, Phase I and will require participation of trades such as carpentry, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, paving, roofing, and others. Construction is anticipated to begin in late fall. Local Contractors interested in subcontracting opportunities should contact Linn-Mathes, Inc., 309 S. Green St., Chicago, IL 60607 – Attn: Javier Costantino. Written responses only.
- B. Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming June 30-July1. Be part of this exiting event. Volunteers are needed and meetings of the committee are held on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM at the Resource Center, 137<sup>th</sup> & Wabash.
- C. CEDA Center for Community Action and the Village of Riverdale are presenting a Home Maintenance Workshop on Wednesday, May 16, 6-8 PM at Riverdale Village Hall. Please contact Lynda Odigie for more information, 708-841-2109.

#### Adjourn Sine Die

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to adjourn sine die. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Evans announced the newly elected trustees as Deyon L. Dean, Louis Peyton, and Deborah Smiley. Since there was no opposition to their candidacy, they were duly named the trustees-elect. She asked them to come forward to be sworn into office by Village Clerk Joyce E. Forbes.

Clerk Forbes declared that the candidates had been duly certified and qualified to hold the offices to which they had been elected. She administered the Oath of Office to the Deyon L. Dean, Louis Peyton, and Deborah Smiley.

#### Seating of the New Board and Motion to Reconvene

Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:20 PM. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following trustees answered present: Cheryl A. Foy, Deyon L. Dean, Louis Peyton, Jerome Russell, Deborah Smiley, and Dennis Sanders.  
Trustee Committee Assignments

Mayor Evans welcomed the new board and announced the Trustee Chairs of the Committees as follows:

Economic Development	Dennis Sanders, Chair Deyon L. Dean Cheryl A. Foy
Fire & Zoning	Louis Peyton, Chair Cheryl A. Foy Jerome Russell
Police	Cheryl A. Foy, Chair Jerome Russell Deyon L. Dean
Public Works	Deborah Smiley, Chair Louis Peyton Dennis Sanders
Ordinance Review/Acct. Receivable/Finance	Jerome Russell, Chair Deborah Smiley Louis Peyton
Community Affairs	Deyon L. Dean, Chair Dennis Sanders Deborah Smiley

Mayor Evans encouraged each committee to meet and reminded the trustees of the need for meeting notices to be forwarded to the Clerk with at least 48 notice and other requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Smiley, to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: \_\_\_\_\_