

Village of Riverdale  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 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 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, Deborah Smiley, and Dennis Sanders. Also present were Village Clerk Joyce E. Forbes, Village Attorney Timothy C. Lapp, and Village Engineer Jeff Koza.

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

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, July 11, 2007
  - B. Approval for the closure of streets for Block parties:
    - 1. 143<sup>rd</sup> block of Union-August 4 (rain date of August 5), from 10 am to 5 pm.
    - 2. 140<sup>th</sup> Ct from State to Michigan-August 19 (rain date of August 26) from 10 am to 8 pm.
- Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda as posted. Roll call vote.  
Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Smiley  
Nays: None  
Motion declared carried.

Approval of Corporate Bills

- A. Regular Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills on the warrant list dated July 24, 2007, in the amount of \$392,678.95, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the Trustee Committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.  
Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton  
Nays: None  
Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

Thornton Township – Day in the Park Request

Mayor Evans read the request from Mr. Lawrence with Thornton Township for the use of Franson Park (144<sup>th</sup> & Atlantic) for August 23. The purpose is to allow Thornton Township to host their "Riverdale Day in the Park" for residents. They asked for closure of Atlantic Avenue. Mayor Evans stated that she explained to Mr. Lawrence that permission for the use of the park would have to come from the Ivanhoe Park District. She also stated Thornton Township needed to contact the Riverdale Public Library regarding the activity, as this was a weekday and parking would need to be addressed. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Peyton, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file, and approve the request for street closure subject to Thornton Township contacting Ivanhoe Park and Riverdale Public Library and arrange for parking. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### New Name Missionary Baptist Church

Mayor Evans read the correspondence from Minister Dr. Teddy Ann Burnside, inviting Mayor Evans and members of the Village Board, staff, police and fire departments to attend their annual outreach cookout on July 28, 2007, from 10 am to dusk. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Russell, to mark the correspondence received, and place it on file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### Letters from METRA

Trustee Foy read the letter thanking Chief Baker for attending the Emergency Preparedness Symposium noting that inter-agency cooperation and coordination is critical in times of disaster. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to mark the correspondence received and place it on file with a copy to the personnel folder of Chief Baker. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Trustee Foy read the second letter thanking Chief Knoll for attending the Emergency Preparedness Symposium noting that inter-agency cooperation and coordination is critical in times of disaster. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to mark the correspondence received and place it on file with a copy to the personnel folder of Chief Knoll. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

#### General George S. Patton School District #133

Trustee Peyton read the correspondence from the District announcing their annual Back to School Picnic set for August 12 at Riverdale Park from 1 pm to dusk, and extending an invitation to all. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to mark the correspondence received, and place it on file.

#### Unfinished Business - None

#### New Business

##### A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel

1. Variety Club – Mayor Evans asked this be removed from future agendas

##### B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Ordinance 2007-27 – Amending the Northwest Riverdale Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan (Extending Life of TIF to 35 years). Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean, to adopt the

ordinance. Attorney Lapp reported that the expiration year is now 2027 with the last tax revenues to be received in 2028. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Ordinance 2007-28 – Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property (Police Vehicles). Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to adopt the ordinance. Chief Baker reported these were old ESDA vehicles and the cost to repair was more than they were worth and the vehicles were over 12 years old. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

3. Ordinance – Setting the Annual Salaries for Non-Union Personnel. Mayor Evans stated this ordinance was not ready at this time.

4. Resolution 985 – Authorize the Application for a Grant Under the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Litigation Cy Pres Committee’s General Authority to Make Such Grants. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the resolution. Attorney Lapp explained that this resolution was authorizing E-Com to accept the Village of Riverdale’s portion of a legal settlement regarding the cell phone infrastructure maintenance fees through the Village Manager of Homewood per the ruling of the judge in the case. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

5. Riverdale Public Library Request for Permit Fee Waiver – Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Smiley, to waive permit fees associated with the replacement of the HVAC units on the roof of their building. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

## Community Announcements

- A. Linn-Mathes, Inc. has been chosen as the general contractor for Whistler Crossing Project, 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. Taste of Thornton Township, featuring *The Chi-Lites*, will be held on Saturday, August 18, at Thornton Township Hall, from 10 am to 6 pm. For more information call 596-6040. Mayor Evans asked Trustee Dean how distribution and publicity was being conducted, and was told that flyers were a stores and governmental buildings.
- C. The CSX Railroad crossing on 137<sup>th</sup> Street between Wabash and Michigan is closed for repairs with an estimated date for reopening of July 31.
- D. The annual Back to School Bash is set for Saturday, August 4, from noon to 4 pm at Franson Park, 144<sup>th</sup> & Atlantic.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

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