

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2007

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 with emphasis on the victims and their families from the September 11, attack on New York and in Pennsylvania, on this sixth anniversary. 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, Deborah Smiley and Dennis Sanders. Also present were Village Clerk Joyce E. Forbes, Village Attorney Timothy C. Lapp, Village Administrator Arlette S. Frye, 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, August 28, 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, Smiley, 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 in the amount of \$715,376.71, 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

Block Party Request

Clerk Forbes read the request from Ms. Jordan, Faith Community Block Club, for closure of LaSalle Street, 142-143 block, on Saturday, September 22 for their annual block party. The request also asked for back to school donations and visits from the Police and Fire Departments. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to mark the correspondence as received, approve the request, forward copies to each department, and place it on file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

South Suburban Action Conference

Trustee Foy read the letter inviting Mayor Evans and official to their annual dinner. Deadline for tickets and ads is October 15. Mayor Evans stated that SSAC has supported Riverdale in the past. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Smiley, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file, and get clarification regarding the date of the dinner. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Illinois State Treasurer

Trustee Dean read the letter from State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias inviting residents and officials to a Symposium at the Apostolic Church of God, 6320 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago, on Thursday, September 13, 2007, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The symposium will present many programs sponsored by the Treasurer's office including low-interest loan programs. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second Trustee Sanders, to mark the correspondence as received and place it on file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to have the flyer posted at Village Hall. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Firefighter Position – Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Russell, to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to bring forward the next eligible candidate for the position of Firefighter II, from the eligibility list. Chief Knoll reported he had received the resignation from Michael Siefert effective September 10, 2007. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Dean
Nays: None
Motion declared

Mayor Evans directed Clerk Forbes to notify the Fire and Police Commission.

- B. Ordinance – Authorizing a Conditional User Under the Zoning Code for Property Located at 14150 S. Indiana. – There was no action on this item.

New Business

A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel

1. Commendation – Police Officer Mooney. Chief Baker asked this be removed from the agenda.
2. Introduction of Police Officer Illese Martin. Chief Baker presented the newest candidate for Patrol Officer to the Village officials. Clerk Forbes administered the oath of office. Officer Martin is currently enrolled in the Chicago Police Academy, and after her graduation, she will undergo field training before the end of her probation. Mayor Evans and the trustees wished Officer Martin the best of luck at the academy and looked forward to her being a full member of our police department.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Ordinance 2007-37 – Adopting the Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code by Reference. Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Dean, to adopt the ordinance. This ordinance amends Chapter 8.32.010 of the Municipal Code and will allow for the requirements of the sanitation code to change when the State of Illinois updates their regulations. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Dean
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
2. Ordinance Number 2007-38 – Amending Village of Riverdale Crime Free Housing Ordinance 2007-12, Defining Rental/Dwelling Units. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp explained that was a clarification of who would be considered a renter under the ordinance. The next ordinance to be considered will add the same language to the Municipal Code in Chapter 15. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
3. Ordinance Number 2007-39 – Amending Chapter 15.48, Multiple Dwelling Maintenance and Occupancy. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
4. Resolution Number 990 – Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with OAI, Inc. for Office Space at 13725 S. Wabash. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean, to approve the resolution. OAI, Inc. has received a grant to conduct regional-wide training for tradesman positions, of which Riverdale is in the grant award area. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

5. Ordinance Number 2007-40 – Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Extending the Term of the Enterprise Zone in the Village of Riverdale. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Peyton, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp explained that the ordinance adopted at the end of June needed to be ratified by this ordinance since the hearing was conducted in early July. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Dean, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy
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. Mayor Evans reported that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for the newly constructed Washington Junior High was planned for September 19, 2007, at 6:00 PM and all residents and officials were invited.
- C. State Representative Will Davis is hosting two Town Meetings – one at Thornton Township High School, and the second at Bremen High School. The original dates of September 20 and 27 respectively, may not be correct, as Community and Economic Development Director Morrissy reported receiving an update. She will verify and notify Mayor Evans and trustees, and publicize at Village Hall.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____