

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Youth In Government

Mayor Evans welcomed everyone to the Annual Youth in Government Night and explained that during this meeting, the elected officials and department personnel would be represented by students from the local grade schools. At the end of the meeting the actual trustees will make a motion to affirm all the actions of the evening.

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, Dennis Sanders, and Deborah Smiley. Also present were Deputy Clerk Frances Richard-Bey, Village Administrator Arlette Frye, Village Attorney Timothy C. Lapp.

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

The students introduced themselves:

Reginald Bates	Patton School	Mayor Zenovia G. Evans
Marshaun Ballard	Patton School	Trustee Cheryl A. Foy
Kentrell King	Patton School	Trustee Deyon L. Dean
Taylor Wells	Roosevelt School	Trustee Louis Peyton
Candice Peyton	Patton School	Trustee Deborah Smiley
Antwanette Knight	Patton School	Trustee Jerome Russell
Courtney Sanders	Roosevelt School	Trustee Dennis Sanders
Michelle Liggett	Roosevelt School	Deputy Clerk Frances Richard-Bey
Andrea Bonaparte	Roosevelt School	Administrator Arlette Frye
Alicia Nolen	Roosevelt School	Director of Public Works Jerry Townsend
Britany Newsom	Roosevelt School	Acting Director Bldg & Zoning Roy McKinney
Brianna Sullivan	Roosevelt School	Fire Chief Gregory Knoll
Sabrina Reed	Roosevelt School	Police Chief Greg Baker
Mariah Coleman	Patton School	Attorney Timothy C. Lapp

Consent Vote Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2007

Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda as posted. Upon voice vote motion declared carried.

Approval of Corporate Bills

A. Regular Corporate Bills - Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Sanders, to approve for payment of the regular corporate bills as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons in the amount of \$157,060.96. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

B. Month-end Bills – Motion by Trustee Russell second by Trustee Dean, to approve the payment of the month end bills for April, 2005, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons in the amount of \$95,677.10. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding

Mayor Evans read correspondence from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority regarding block grant funding and commending Director Myrna Watkins-Thompson and Deputy Chief John Brosius and their accomplishments with this program.

Request from Tree Commission

Deputy Clerk Richard-Bey read the request from the Tree Commission to use the Public Safety Building conference room on June 14 for a 2 hour workshop for an Emerald Ash Borer workshop. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel/Reports

1. Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance – Administrator Frye reported on the budget of the Village of Riverdale and the many aspects that have to be taken into consideration when preparing a budget for our Municipality. She also reported on the progress of preparing for the yearly audit.

Building and Zoning – Inspector McKinney reported on the number of permits issued during the month of April and the progress in handling weed and grass complaints.

Fire – Chief Knoll reported on our Public Education Officer, Lieutenant Chris Van Dyke, attendance at the senior citizen education program which is designed to educate seniors about fire safety and home injury protection.

Police – Chief Baker reported on the National Missing Children’s Day which is May 25, 2007. The Village of Riverdale will campaign the “Take 25” asking caregivers to ‘take 25-minutes’ to talk to their children about safety.

Public Works – Director Jerry Townsend reported on services provided by the Public Works Department, they strive to enhance the living and working environment of the community.

Front Office – Deputy Clerk Frances Richard-Bey reported on the progress of our business licenses for the Clerk’s office and the status of the vehicle stickers for the front office.

Village Attorney – Attorney Lapp reported on the role of Village Attorney and explained the purpose of the ordinances and resolutions that the Village Board has to consider and act on.

Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to accept the reports of the committees. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Trustee Reports

Trustee Foy – Police Department – Reported on the Special Olympics Torch Run to be held June 12-13, 2007.

Trustee Dean – Community Affairs – Reported on the forum being held on June 12, 2007 with the speaker being Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger.

Trustee Peyton – Fire & Zoning – Reported on the budget for the Fire & Zoning Department.

Trustee Russell – Finance/Ordinance Review – Addressed the overall budget for the Village of Riverdale.

Trustee Smiley – No report.

Trustee Sanders – Economic Development – Reported on the transportation funds and housing department duties.

Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Peyton, to accept the reports given by the Trustees. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

3. Cook County Clerk David Orr’s report of the results of the Municipal Election of April 17, 2007. Deputy Clerk Richard-Bey reported the official results as certified by Cook County Clerk David Orr.

Deyon Dean 356
Louis Peyton 346
Deborah Smiley 358
Total ballots cast 452.

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Sanders, to accept the Official Certificate of Results of the April 17, 2007, Consolidated Election and place it on file. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Resolution 978 – Authorizing the Village of Riverdale to Execute an Agreement with National Power Rodding Corporation for Sanitary and Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising within Phase I of Whistler Crossing Project.

Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Foy, to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of May as Motorcycle Awareness month. Mayor Evans read the proclamation. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to approve the proclamation. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

3. Authorization – Request from resident to install a special tank system as an educational research project regarding the protein nutrition of farmed Tilapia.

Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Smiley, to approve the request. There were questions and discussion which were satisfactorily answered. 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. Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming June 30-July1. Be part of this exciting event! Macker meetings are every Thursday night at 7:00 PM at the Resource Center, 137th Place and Wabash. We also encourage teams to sign up now – Team registration closes on June 8.
- C. Quality of Life Committee is presenting its 1st Annual Riverdale Idol Contest on September 8. Students ages 5-18 are encouraged to audition July 28 and August 12. Registration forms will be available soon at Village hall and local businesses. Are you the new Riverdale Idol??
- D. Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, in honor of Memorial Day holiday.
- E. Please support the Jazz in the Park for Charity on July 29, 2007 on the lakefront of Governors State University. Proceeds from this event will be donated to 11 not-for-profit groups serving the south suburbs.
- F. Cook County Board President Todd Stroger will be conducting a “State of the County” session on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Park School, 14200 S. Wentworth. This is a great forum for discussion with residents and business owners. This is the date of our regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Peyton, to reschedule the Board meeting to Monday June 11, 2007. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Affirmation of Actions of the Youth

Motion by actual Trustee Peyton, second by actual Trustee Smiley, to affirm the actions of the students as the official actions of the Board of Trustees for May 22, 2007. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Presentation to the Youth

Mayor Evans thanked all for participating and presented each student with a Village lapel pin, Village ink pen, whistles, and a street sign with their name on it.

Mayor Evans thanked Director of Family and Youth Services Myrna Watkins-Thompson, Deputy Chief John Brosius, and Officer Tara Powers for their work in preparing for this night.

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders, to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Frances Richard-Bey, Deputy Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____