

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 26, 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 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, 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, Village Engineer Jeff Koza. Absent was Trustee Deyon L. Dean.

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

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, May 22, 2007
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2007
- C. Approval for the closure of the following streets for block parties as follows:
 - 1. Wallace Av, 144th Street north to alley, New Name MB Church, July 21
 - 2. 145th Block of Eggleston, June 16, June 23(Rain Date)
 - 3. 142nd Block of Clark, August 18, August 25 (Rain Date)

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the three items on the Consent Agenda as posted. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Sanders, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Approval of Corporate Bills

- A. Corporate Bills, June 11 – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills, for the period ending June 11, 2007, in the amount of \$125,101.24, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the Trustee Committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

- B. Corporate Bills, June 26 – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills, for the period ending June 26, 2007, in the amount of \$503,680.48, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the Trustee Committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

- C. Corporate Bills, May 31 – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills, for the period ending May 31, 2007, in the amount of \$906,675.91, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the Trustee Committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

ComEd

Mayor Evans read the correspondence from the ComEd Community Affairs Representative Toni Eberhardt explaining the rate relief and assistance initiative. The letter requested action by the Village to defeat any rate freeze being considered by the State Legislature. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Peyton, to mark the correspondence received, and place it on file. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart

Mayor Evans read the correspondence explaining that there was a newly created position of Coordinator of the Emergency Management Agency. While the transition was being made, Sheriff Dart would still be taking an active role. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to mark the correspondence received, place it on file, and provide copies to department heads. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel

1. Variety Club – no presentation

2. Election Certificates – Clerk Forbes reported that Cook County Clerk David Orr had sent Certificates of Election to the recently elected officials. She presented the certificates to Trustees Peyton and Smiley. Trustee Dean's certificate will be placed in his office mail box.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Ordinance 2007-20 – Excessive False Alarms, Regulations and Permits. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp explained that this ordinance set forth a penalty for false alarms

which exceed certain limits. The police department was taking responsibility for the permitting the alarms and monitoring of the alarm calls. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Ordinance 2007-21 – Regulations for Processions and Parades; Permits. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp explained that this ordinance provided for the Village to plan for processions or parades which would travel along the public way. It also required a 10-day notice for approval and recouping the actual costs of protecting the participants in any procession and/or parade. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

3. Ordinance 2007-22 – Annual Prevailing Wage. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp explained that annually municipalities are required to pass an ordinance which would require any workers on a municipal project to be paid at the prevailing wage for their classification as determined by Cook County. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

4. Resolution Number 979 – Authorize the Village Administrator to Sign the Department of Community and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant Award No. 07-203663. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

5. Resolution Number 980 – Authorize the Forgiveness of the \$30,000 Debt to the Water Fund from the 9-1-1 Fund. Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Attorney Lapp stated that when equipment upgrades were bought by the former Emergency Telephone System Board, the board borrowed the money from the Water Fund. The debt was repaid by the proceeds of the 9-1-1 Surcharge. Since the Village has joined E-Com for emergency dispatch, the funds are no longer paid to the Village the debt cannot be repaid and should will be cancelled. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

6. Resolution Number 981 – Authorize the Village to Sign the Contract with Gallagher Asphalt for Construction of the METRA Commuter Parking and

Reconstruction of Illinois and 145th Streets. Motion by Trustee Smiley, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the resolution. Trustee Peyton reported that Gallagher Asphalt was the lowest responsible bidder for the project. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

7. Resolution Number 982 – Approving the Appointment of Kenneth W. Pilota as Special Corporation Counsel. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Foy, to approve the resolution. Attorney Lapp reported that Attorney Pilota specialized in tax deed law and will prepare and submit the Village’s no-cash bid application for certain tax delinquent properties in the Village. Attorney Lapp stated that the next resolution is related to this one insofar as the next resolution on the agenda identifies which properties Attorney Pilota is authorized to acquire. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

8. Resolution Number 983 – Authorization for the Village to Acquire Certain Real Estate Under the Cook County No-Cash Bid Program. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve the resolution. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

9. Cook County Tax Reactivation Project (CCTRP) Municipal Agreement. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Foy, to authorize the Village of Riverdale to enter into an agreement with CCTRP for acquisition of certain parcels of tax delinquent real estate. Attorney Lapp explained that this project was formerly known as South Suburban Tax Reactivation Project, whereby the Village was able to acquire tax delinquent properties for redevelopment. This project has now been expanded County-wide and the name was changed to reflect that. Since there was a new name, new agreements need to be executed with the municipalities. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

10. Resolution Number 984 – Approval of No-Cash Bid for Certain Properties under the Cook County Tax Reactivation Project. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Smiley, to approve the resolution. Attorney Lapp reported a change to the resolution draft initially distributed to the trustees. The CCTRP program is allowing requests for only three parcels of property. The initial paperwork listed 18 properties. The Property Identification Numbers (PIN) for the parcels are: 29-04-235-032, 033, and 034. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Sanders, Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley,
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

11. Ordinance Number 2007-23 – Positions Exempt from Civil Service – Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton, to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Lapp reported that this ordinance merely codified those positions that traditionally have not been filled through the testing under Civil Service rules and regulations. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

12. Appointment of Community Development Coordinator – Mayor Evans appointed Demetria Waddell as the Community Development Coordinator. Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Waddell has volunteered at the Resource Center and is currently Chairing the Gus Macker Tournament set for this weekend. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to approve the appointment of Ms. Demetria Waddell as the Community Development Coordinator at a salary of \$35,000. This person will report to the Director of Community and Economic Development. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

13. Board of Local Improvements Meeting, July 3 – Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Russell, to cancel the Board of Local Improvements meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 3, 2007, due to the next day being a holiday. There was no discussion. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, Peyton, Russell, Smiley, Sanders
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.

14. Special Village Board Meeting – Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Peyton to convene a special Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 5 PM. The purpose is to consider the ordinance regarding the Enterprise Zone Extension which was not ready in time for inclusion on tonight's agenda. Upon discussion of the time and day, it was determined that there would be a quorum. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Foy, 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. The 2nd Annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming June 30-July1. All residents are encouraged to stop by during this 2-day event at 144th & Atlantic. Many special events are also scheduled.
- C. Quality of Life Committee is presenting its 1st Annual Riverdale Idol Contest on September 8. First round will be auditioning at the Macker. Are you the new Riverdale Idol??
- D. The Annual Appropriation Ordinance is on file at Village Hall and available for inspection. The hearing for the Appropriation of Funds for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2008 is Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 8:00 pm.
- E. Join Mayor Evans on Monday, July 9, at Village Hall or Thursday, July 12, at the Resource Center for discussion of Village concerns and solution to issues. Both meetings begin at 7:00 PM.
- F. There will be a hearing for the Extension of the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone at Dolton Village Hall on Monday, July 2. The Enterprise Zone is set to expire June 30, and with projects still ongoing in Calumet City, Dolton, and Riverdale, it is beneficial to extend the timeline for the zone. Enterprise Zone status allows builders and developers incentives for their projects. In addition to the extension of the expiration date, the board is requesting an expansion of the boundaries to include Whistler Crossing.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____