

Village of Riverdale
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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 Attorney Timothy C. Lapp, Village Administrator Arlette S. Frye and Village Engineer Jeffery Koza.

Department Heads attending were Police Chief Greg Baker, Fire Chief Gregory J. Knoll, Director of Public Works Jerry Townsend, Director of Community & Economic Development Janice Morrissy, and Interim Director of Building and Zoning Roy McKinney.

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

Consent Vote Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, April 22, 2008.

Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Sanders, 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 fiscal year end corporate bills for the period ending April 30, 2008, in the amount of \$474,574.89, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

- B. Corporate Bills – Motion by Trustee Russell, second by Trustee Peyton, to approve for payment the regular corporate bills for the period ending May 9, 2008, in the amount of \$407,308.42, as reviewed by the Department Heads and approved by the committee chairpersons. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Correspondence

- A. Dolton - Riverdale Baseball League
Mayor Evans read the letter regarding their Annual League Parade on May 31, 2008 from 11 – 12:30 pm, and requesting Riverdale Police to assist with security as they march across the railroad track on 144th St. Motion by Trustee Dean, second by Trustee Sanders, to mark the correspondence received, with a copy distributed to all department heads. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.
- B. Country Club Hills
Mayor Evans read the letter from Dwight Welch Mayor of Country Club Hills, extending an invitation to attend the unveiling of their 2008 line-up. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Smiley to mark the correspondence received, and placed on file. Upon voice vote motion declared carried.
- C. Trustee Peyton read letter from the Harvey Fire Department extending their appreciation to the Riverdale Fire Department for their assistance on April 3rd & April 9th. Motion by Trustee Peyton, second by Trustee Smiley to mark correspondence received, placed on file, and a copy of the letter be distributed to each member of the department that responded. Upon voice vote motion declared carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution – Authorize a Cook County Class 8 Tax Incentive for Riverdale Marina
Mayor Evans stated there was no action on this item.
- B. Resolution number 1040 – Authorizing the Award of Bid Contract for Street Lighting, along Lowe Avenue, 136th to 138th Street, Community Development Block Grant, to Utility Dynamics in the amount of \$109,933.00. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean to accept bid. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Russell, Smiley, Sanders, Foy, Dean, Peyton
Nays: None
Motion declared carried.
- C. Resolution – Authorize the Village of Riverdale to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Blue Island, South Suburban

Mayors and Managers Association and other South Suburban Villages for Fee Splitting for Phase I Engineering Costs for Design of a Pedestrian Trail Along the Calumet-Sag Channel.

Mayor Evans stated there was no action on this item.

New Business

A. Presentations/Appointments/Personnel

1. Public Works Week - Proclamation read by Mayor Evans proclaiming the week of May 18-24, 2008 as Public Works Week. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Smiley, to accept the proclamation. Upon voice vote motion declared carried.

Mayor Evans suggested that the trustees buy lunch for the public works department one day during the week. Trustees agreed.

2. Motorcycle awareness month – Proclamation read by Mayor Evans proclaiming May, 2008 to be Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Riverdale. Motion by Trustee Foy, second by Trustee Dean, to accept the proclamation. Upon voice vote motion declared carried.

B. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations/Authorizations

1. Ordinance Number 2008-16 - Authorizing a Conditional Use under the Zoning Ordinance for Property Located at 13527 S. Halsted Street (13527 Halsted LLC). Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Dean, to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

2. Ordinance – Porch and Balcony Integrity Verification

Mayor Evans stated there was no action on this item.

3. Resolution Number 1041 – Authorizing a Class 8 Tax Exemption for COMAX, 13527 S. Halsted St. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Smiley to approve the resolution. Tim Lapp explained the purpose of a class 8 tax exemption, and the Mayor explained the benefit to the Village will be adding a current vacant property to the tax rolls. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

4. Resolution Number 1042 – Authorizing and Supporting the Execution of the Village's Application to be the Sponsor of a CMAQ Grant for 1009 Under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Project. Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by

Trustee Dean, to approve the resolution. Janice Morrissy explained the specifics of the agreement. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

5. Resolution Number 1043 – authorizing the approval of a Highway Authority Agreement Between the Village of Riverdale and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding the property located at 403 W. 138th St. Tim Lapp Explained the Purpose of the Agreement. Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion declared carried.

Community Announcements

- A. Plan now for the Macker Basketball Tournament – June 28-29. Get your team ready, offer to help with the activities, or volunteer now. We are accepting donations and sponsorships for this regional event. The registration deadline is fast approaching – June 6 for mail in registrations and June 9 for on-line registrations.
- B. The Riverdale Police Department is participating in the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. This year’s run will be held June 10-11. Please support your local law enforcement members who participate in this run for a good cause. Donations are taken by the Illinois Special Olympics Committee, c/o Sgt. Dennis Reilly.
- C. Thornton Township and the Village of Riverdale are co-sponsoring the 13th Annual Job Fair at South Suburban College Field House, on Wednesday, May 21. Riverdale will sponsor a bus to the event.
- D. Remembering When, Riverdale Coalition, is hosting a “Friends and Family Night” on this Thursday, May 15, at Park School, 14200 S. Wentworth from 5 -8 PM. This program is being offered to all older friends and families to promote safety from fires and falls in their homes. Please RSVP to the Riverdale Library if you plan to attend – 841-3311.
- E. The Riverdale Community Policing Initiative is hosting a Safety Awareness Program at Riverdale Park, 138th & Wentworth, on Saturday May 24 at 11:00 AM. There will be a Bicycle give-away along with a Bike Safety Program to kick off the 2008 summer season. Representatives from not for profit organizations are welcome to set up tables to display their information as well. Please contact Officers Beatty or Powers at the Police Department, 841-2203.
- F. Riverdale Police Department is accepting applications for their Community Awareness Policing Academy Program to begin at the end of May. Applications are available at Village Hall and the Public Safety Building.
- G. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Saturday, May 31, hosted by the City of Chicago Heights in the parking lot at 1020 Dixie Highway.

- H. Voter registration is currently open. High School students who will turn 18 by November 4, 2008, are eligible to register to vote now and will be able to vote on November 4.
- I. Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, in honor of Memorial Day.
- J. Mayor Evans acknowledged Loree Washington, who was in attendance as the volunteer coordinator for the Gus Macker.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Sanders, second by Trustee Peyton, to adjourn. Upon voice vote, motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Joyce E. Forbes, Village Clerk

Approved by Village Board: _____