

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd floor 3323 W. 137th St., Robbins, IL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER(Time): 7:05pm

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant_____

Pledge of Allegiance in Unison

Lord's Prayer in Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

P David R. Dyson

P Ernest Maxey Jr.

P George Brewton

P Tiffany S. Robinson

P Gregory N. Jackson

P Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant

P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

P Administrator Shuntai Sykes

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

I. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Faith learning center church 13751 Turner Ave. Presents Chicago Miracle Conference Friday May 27-29 6-8pm Friday and Saturday, Sunday 11am- 1pm.
- Grown and sexy all white affair Saturday June 4 at 13800 Trumbull tickets \$15 in advanced and \$20 at door.
- Robbins food equitable survey Please fill out to help bring a food pantry to town. Contact Block clubs if more information is needed.
- Summer job CEDA 16-24 y/o must reside in south suburban cook county area \$18.00 hr for summer deadline June 1.
- Medicine drop box at Robbins Police Department.
- Summer camp \$140 each child 90 each additional, for more information call 708-577-4752, registration begins April 1st. and ends June 3rd.
- Juneteenth black tie event Sunday June 19 from 6pm- 10pm at Double Tree by Hilton 5000 W. 127th Alsip, IL.
- Apply to become an election judge or poll tech apply at cookcountyclerk.com/work or call 312-603-0965 FOR Jun 28th election.
- Illinois housing program covers delinquent mortgage, taxes, homeowner's insurance, etc.To learn more visit illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report-

Homicide on Lydia ct. this week, just did peace and prayer walk past weekend and prayed for community and streets. Village Hall closed on Monday for Memorial day. MWRD groundbreaking ceremony date tba. Youth summer jobs look for updates coming soon.

B. Clerk's Report- thanks to everyone who came out for the peace walk, keep the Village in your prayers. Pet vaccination this past Saturday sold \$442.00 in pet license, \$650.00 in transfer stamps, \$1,755.00 in business license, \$4,500.00 in gaming license, \$2,300.00 in liquor license, \$170.00 in vehicle stickers, that totals \$9,837.00 income from the Clerk office. Encourage all business owners if you have not completed license update please do so or you will be subject to fines.

C. Treasurer's Report- Gen fund- beginning balance \$543,920.27 in flow \$391,944.52 outflow \$383,580.64 end balance \$552,284.25
Water/ Sewer fund – beginning balance \$19,745.97 in flow \$118,077.52 outflow \$102,919.44 end balance \$34,904.06
Overall beginning balance \$1,253,619.19 income \$638,296.44 expenditure \$709,504.47 ending balance \$1,182,411.16.

Trustee Brewton moved to approve the treasure's report seconded by Trustee Dyson
Roll Call Vote:

AYES; Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

. Trustee Robinson - Congratulations graduates! Coffee talk Sat. May 28th at 10am-12noon special guest Monica Gordon located in courtroom. COW meeting Thursday.

. Public safety- thank you to fire dept. and everyone that attended the peace walk. Next Thursday June 2 public safety meeting @5pm and license and ordinance meeting at 6pm. Illegal dumping penalty revising ordinance fine of \$2,500.00 and the person that reports dumping will receive a cash reward.

. Trustee Collier -public works Mr. Wells ask patience from citizens as they are catching up with grass cutting, it's taking longer because overgrowth of grass.

Two new employees added to the department, still looking to hire more employees please apply within Village. There were a couple of water leaks in Village Mr. Ward has handled it. Please continue to pay water bills. Trustee Maxey asked hiring rate for public work, answer \$15/hr. Mayor encouraged all to apply.

. Trustee Dyson- building- Mr. Baker building director, red tags placed on condemned homes in past month 135 homes been through adjudication process. 43 permits issued \$12,749.50 collected. Inspection request \$1,400.00 collected, Point of Sale \$2,880.00 collected, Contractor info- 30 license applied for -\$3,350.00 collected, Code enforcement 27 tickets written – \$19,000 potential dollars \$2,500.00 collected. \$104,129.50 potential dollars in total \$24,379.50 collected building department will continue to work. Trustee Jackson asked to explain potential dollars and when did tagging start and if citizens received notices. Mayor explained that the properties are dilapidated homes. From the last meeting 5 people have turned over property. Trustee Dyson added its important to address abandoned homes to prevent kidnapping and bodies found in homes.

. Trustee Brewton- will call public property meeting to address rodent contract. Mr. Baker met with Orkin and will meet to take them around Village to see needs of Village. Trustee Dyson suggested to reach out to Crestwood to assist with rodent issues that come from recycling/ garbage company.

. Mayor transportation- speed bumps will be going down soon in many parts of community. Trustee Jackson explained speed bumps to prevent drag racing on Lawndale, Monticello and Ridgeway.

Chief Sheppard- gave briefing of recent homicide and able to identify shooter, active ongoing investigation.

IV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

A. Approval of CDS Office Technology contract in the amount of \$16,413.00

VA Sykes- technology issue in Village Hall, server can crash any day has not been monitored or upkept. Support Fire dept and included CDS IT teams. 16k is for servers and IT. Monthly cost is \$2,800. Mayor questioned Police in vehicle equipment off quote and what was the reason. Trustee Robinson stated that at public safety meeting it can be better explained.

Trustee Robinson moved to approve seconded by Trustee Brewton.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance, An Ordinance Appropriating for All Corporate Purposes of the Village of Robbins, Cook County, Illinois, for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023

Mayor stated that page 317 sec8-2-9 required to hold public hearing, make appropriation available for 10 days prior to adopting ordinance. Must be consolidate for one final draft and needs to be posted and available to public. Time and date of hearing posted so citizens can view appropriation. Can wait for regular council meeting or wait until June 7, or 14. 14 days to get everything finalized. Trustee Brewton stated June 14, mayor explained process. Trustee Robinson suggested earlier time 5:30 on June 14, special meeting for public hearing of appropriation budget ordinance.

Trustee Robinson asked if motion needed to be made to defer. Mayor express stated that first quarter of fiscal year to pass new budget ordinance

Trustee Collier moved to defer seconded by Trustee Robinson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

Trustee Robinson mentioned that she doesn't think that the board can vote on it the same day. Mayor suggested that he will ask legal on how to proceed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of warrant list

Trustee Brewton moved to approved \$44,422.63 seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

B. Approval of estimate 2866 liberty flag and banner invoice

Mayor stated invoice sent to board last week. Trustee Collier asked what the purpose of these banners is. Total \$5,950 flag poles brackets and labor, Juneteenth coming up creating festive environment posting of Pan African flags throughout

Village, since we are the most historic black community. Trustee Dyson asked about flag removal for winter. Clerk asked if flags will be hung the same as hometown hero. Mayor explained that flag will be placed on 135th, 139th, Kedzie and Pulaski, Trustee Dyson wanted to make sure servers for the village would be taken care of. Trustee Jackson moved to approve seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Gosa- Thank board made remarks about pride for Robbins, we are change we want to see excited to see a more beautified community.

Ms. Fulson- thank board for having door open so that she can get to the elevator. Asked how tall grass has to be before a citation is written? When we know about MWRD groundbreaking? Do we have cameras to catch dumping? Richards high school graduation is Thursday.

Trustee Maxey asked about 360 cameras, Mayor explained. New 360 cameras aren't up yet.

Ms. Ratliff- toll way planting 500 trees on embankment behind her home, what can be done? She's concerned about roots spreading

Mayor stated ComEd has been contacted several times and we are on the list and they are behind as well on grass cutting.

Ms. Ellis- asked if June the month of beautification and for years they have been needing a fence in that area. Mayor responded to reach out to Bonita Parker, liasion for ComEd

Ms. Givens – on corner of Lydia & 139th want to thank Village for doing her snow. Stated that alley is hard to maintain on her own and thanked Mr. Wells, but when grass was cut last week grass was all over yard. Greatly concerned about alley way.

Mr. Madkins- stated that under the Tollway overpass sidewalks filled with pigeon poop. In the pass, citizens have tried to clean it up but doesn't think it's safe to do. Mayor will follow up

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Robinson moved to convene into closed session, seconded by Trustee Collier @8:17 PM

VIII. ADDENUM: EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION – SECTION 2 (c) (11)

Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk .

