

**IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT THAT THE VILLAGE OF ROBBINS,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILL HOLD THE FOLLOWING**

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 6, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 6:06pm BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

P David R. Dyson P Tiffany S. Robinson
P Ernest Maxey Jr. A Gregory N. Jackson
P George Brewton P Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant
A Village Clerk Sharon Dyson
P V.A. Shuntai Sykes
P Deputy Clerk Kyiesha Hill

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

I. DISCUSSION OF WATER BILLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Discussion on rates and what the increase should be to prepare citizens with increase of water rates, after the first of the year. Mr. Kemp (Finance Director) explained reason for increase and gave the breakdown of figures for personnel and revenue for operations and contingency. Must ensure collecting enough to pay for waste services and enforcement of shut offs must be made to defer deficit. After discussion of rates increases, number of paying customers, water breaks, etc., the mayor and the board feels a uniform approach needs to be done to address not only the impending increase but the deficit in collections as well. Water committee meeting called next Thursday to continue discussion. Trustee Dyson asked are we anticipating an increase for Flood Brothers. Mayor responded. Robinson asked will residents pay own water bill? Mayor stated that its not fair for Landlord to be stuck with delinquent bills. Mr. Ward stated that the Board should discuss further in detail. Water committee meeting called next Thursday to continue discussion. Trustee Dyson asked about flood brothers increase and are we anticipating the increase for flood brothers. Mayor responded.

II. APPROVAL OF LINTECH ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Mayor opened with discussion on infrastructure and IEPA fines for 30 plus violations, what are next steps and status on violations.

V/A Sykes stated the need to address administrative order 17 items that needs to be addressed within 180 days. Half of them needs to be addressed within 60 days and 2 within 30 days.

Mr. Ward stated that USEPA and IEPA have come in and they have over the years have noted, intake fan for chlorine room need to be replaced, overflow screen placed on the two elevated tanks and a 30 day deadline to hire a full time operator. Mr. Lin stated that he has worked with Mr. Ward for many years as the licensed operator to send in reports and sign off on water samples. Has proposed to Village to oversee weekly, class C water system and will provide the services for that classification for \$1,500.00 a month. Board has passed \$40,000 to take care of the violation for the gate. Mr. Lin Proposal will take care of the entire list in the administrative order against Village. Mayor asked \$1,500 a month for operator, \$39,000 for administrative

order which includes all plan submittals, \$35,000 loan financing. Mayor explained that grant writer can possibly take on the finding financing proposal. V/A Sykes asked if fee for applying for loan can be taken out of the actual loan as well as engineering fees? Mr. Lin stated that loan application needs to start now and expressed the need for both proposals. Mayor stated that Board need to be in conjunction so that IEPA and USEPA will be all together and effective. Trustee Brewton asked will Mr. Lin be willing to renegotiate contract. Mr. Ward stated that Robinson Engineering has been on staff and they knew of issues we needed happened. Mayor responded. Trustee Robinson responded. Trustee Brewton stated that Robinson Engineering should have been leading the charge on this agenda in 2016 and is leaning toward streamlining project with Mr. Lin. Mayor responded that he is making decisions on financial state of the Village. Mr. Ward stated that he engaged the services of Mackey and Millhouse and this is not new and doesn't want the project to be kicked down the road. Mayor responded and that the Village is waiting to receive money from Springfield. Trustee Brewton asked in Mr. Lin can come up with a different way to work with the Village on finances. Mr. Lin responded. Springfield will give 50% principal forgiveness and that he will do the low interest loan application for free but will need Village participation. Mayor stated that there needs to be a finance meeting. Passing three contracts water operator \$1,500.00 a month, administrative order \$39,000 for breakdown of \$6,500.00 for the next 6 months and no fee to complete the low interest loan application.

It was moved Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Maxey to approve

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Robinson, Brewton, Collier

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carried

III. DISCUSSION OF PLANNING ZONING MAP

Mayor opens with Ordinance and advice to put a halt on economic development to get laws together. The map of the Village and the breakdown of the 7 sectors. A comprehensive plan is needed and plan for each zone to be executed. Ryan Buckley stated that CMAP and RTA is on board to help and there is a grant available to utilize that will assist with planning. Trustee Maxey asked if that is it just for TOD area. Mayor stated that grant for CMAP is expired. Ms. Sykes asked for clarification of the grant and if money was received for the project. Mayor asked what do we want from the planner? Trustee Brewton asked if Maggie Catania was the Village Planner and what her role was and to investigate the RTA portion and get citizens involved and to start small to keep financial burden off the Village. Trustee Maxey commented to have less planners and have citizens involved in planning. Mayor suggest having two planners to come before the board invite planners and decide before 2023. Trustee Robinson stated that for clarity no COW next week so that we can have the special meeting. Trustee Maxey stated to get Daryl Mitchell involved. Next Special meeting Tuesday at 5pm.

IV. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF GRANT WRITER

Ernestine Berry- Beck was once the Village administrator and current planner for University Park and have experience in obtaining grant funds. Grant writer position has been posted since Mayor has been in office. The contract presented is only for discussion not approval. Trustee Robinson stated that Frank Bass should be able to bring information for Ernestine Beck to execute state funds to help. Trustee Maxey stated that she carries baggage from the past and thought we had a grant writer John Thompson. Mayor explained. Trustee Collier asked what does the \$2,000 a month cover? Trustee Robinson referenced the contract. Trustee Collier asked how does the grant work. Mayor explained. Trustee Brewton stated that he is for hiring of a grant writer because the position is needed. Mayor stated the urgency due to Veto season and

we get the funds before it's reallocated. Mayor stated that she will be brought out at next week's meeting.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Williams- how does the disposal company prices go up within one year. When Village planners come will citizens be able to speak.
- Ms. Ward- what do we do for people that's not paying the bill. When you have an expert listen to them. When is the MWRD meeting?
- Mr. Anderson- asked how Ms. Beck will be brought back to the Village and has stolen from the Village.
- Samantha Conrad- thank trustee Brewton and Robinson, need to be upfront with Village and water has been cut off 7 times. And that information should be told. Not fare that 25% of people that's not paying 75% should not be paying for that.
- Crystal Toney- stated that new homeowner packet is needed and need to know what's happening in Village was only found at the Village meeting.
- Lanisha Rucker- want's an update for community center?
Mr. Stewart gave update on community center. MWRD update dolomite has been discovered and not leaving the site and explained what will be reused and staged to line the bed of the channel. After that the Village will decide what to do next with the material. Work has stopped and batteries and oil was dumped in land.
- Mr. Ward- expressed that it's a good thing that Ernestine is coming back. Excited about the planner and how involved is planning and zoning?
- Tommy- want to extend gratitude to all involved about water issue from Thanksgiving.
- Keith Anderson- stated that after water main break you have settlement that comes through and they aerators need to be cleaned out. Smell of methane throughout the community.
Mayor stated that he is proud that they came out. Trustee Robinson stated that they are state champions and gave accolades.
On behalf of Mayor and Board there will be \$2,000.00 check to help for the Robbins Eagles Cheerleaders.

ADJOURNMENT

TIME: __8:43__ P.M.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Collier to adjourn until the next scheduled council meeting. Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Deputy Clerk/Kyiesha Hill
