

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
August 10, 7:00 P.M.  
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins, IL  
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER (Time) 7:02 P.M.

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

  p    David R. Dyson  
  p    Ernest Maxey Jr.  
(Entered at 7:05 pm)  
  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 Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED?   y  

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021.

Correction per Trustee Maxey on page 5, he suggested turning left on Central Park to Claire Blvd left back to fairgrounds

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. These are the ways to find out information regarding the village:
  - 1) [www.robbsins-il.com](http://www.robbsins-il.com), 2) Facebook: The Village of Robbins Illinois, 3) Twitter:@Village Robbins
- b. Robbins United Back to School book bag giveaway is Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 2-5pm at Turner Elementary School, 3827 W 135<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins, IL
- c. Funeral Services for Annette Leach (Daughter of Chaplin Leach) is as follows: Visitation: August 12, 2021 from 4-6 pm, W.W. Holt Funeral Home, 175 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St., Harvey, IL  
Funeral: August 13, 2021, Wake: 10:00am-11:00am, Funeral: 11:00am-12:00pm  
St. Mark M.B. Church, 14618 Lincoln Ave., Harvey, IL.
- d. The Robbins Community Garden, 13839-41 St. Louis Ave, Robbins, IL is seeking volunteers to help with some small yard work, please call 708-446-2971 for more information
- e. Congressman Bobby L. Rush will host a Constituent Services Pop-Up Office on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM at the Robbins Park District, 13650 S. Claire Blvd. Robbins IL

- Services include: Social Security/Medicare, Federal Housing, Immigration, IRS, Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Prisons and Small Business Association
- f. A commemoration of the 10 Tuskegee Airmen of the Village of Robbins will be held at the Robbins Metra Train Station, 139<sup>th</sup> St & Utica Ave. Robbins, IL on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11:15 am

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Darren E. Bryant

- The Mayor thanked the Park District for inviting him out to the Senior luncheon today, he had a blast with the seniors. He spoke with them about 7 million dollars in limbo in Springfield, 5 million of which is earmarked for capital improvements. He needs the community's help in getting those funds for the village. We were awarded \$739,000 from the American Recovery Plan on the federal level, it will be given in two installments. The first should be given sometime next month.
- We have been approved for \$1.4 million for street resurfacing and things of that nature for next year. It's a good time for the board to decide how the CDBG funds should be spent and what projects should be handled first.
- The Robbins bulletin is now created and you can get the latest news in the village as well as see my vision for the community. We know that Channel 4, which was the community media channel is not working, but we are working to be our own media voice.
- Senior advisory committee: sign up sheet is available at the village hall. I want to be in touch with the wisdom from the seniors and am looking to meet once a month to discuss plans for the village.
- Publicly want to thank Kyiesha Hill for her efforts on the community garden. Please go and visit and support the garden, it's a sight to behold with fresh fruits and vegetables.

B. Clerk's Report  
No report

Sharon Dyson

C. Treasurer's Report  
No report

Margaret Newell

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Police Department Report: Trustee Maxey  
July 1-July 31  
600 Service calls  
\$285 for records reports  
\$975 for vehicle releases  
39 village parking tickets  
\$14,790 due for parking tickets  
\$550 parking fees paid  
No report for total fines approved in court

- Public Safety/Transportation: Chair Trustee Robinson announced IDOT has a funding opportunity with a grant for SRT (safe route to school) and she is actively seeing how to get that grant for the village. Also, we have the list of the streets with the deep potholes that citizens have concerns about. We will do light patchwork for now.
    - b) Citizens will get to hear from Dan Murdock regarding the license plate readers. Actively looking for a new Police Chief. Reminded citizens the police department is a cooling center in light of the upcoming warm weather.
    - c) Over the next few weeks, the committee will be working on drafting a curfew ordinance. We have one presently, but it doesn't have any content and with the activity going on in the village a new one is needed. We will give the citizens a 30 day notice before it's enforced, because there will be fines associated with it.
    - d) Thank you to Ryan for being our assistant and helping the board each week. He helped review ordinances and is looking forward to working with the board to update ordinances to move the village forward.
- Mayor advised that public works has started filling in some of the potholes. Reminded citizens the speed limit for the school area is 10 miles per hour and to please slow down.
- Public Works: Chair Michael Collier reminded citizens if they have concerns to please either call the Water department or come to the village hall and fill out the form. He is having a coffee with the Trustee meeting on Saturday August 14th from 10am-11am
  - Finance: Chair Trustee Brewton advised that the board is in support of Tom Fagan from Azavar and will recommend it come to the next board meeting for approval.
  - Public Property: Chair Trustee Brewton, he wants to call a meeting at 5:30 pm before the next council meeting.
  - License and Ordinance: Chair Trustee Dyson spoke about the meeting last Thursday regarding the youth initiative, still a work in progress. We discussed Municode, a system that codifies our ordinances. In conjunction with Mr. Fagan's work, we may be missing out on funds because of outdated ordinances.

V. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

A. Approval of Resolution for Robbins Community Garden

It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve the Resolution for the Robbins Community Garden

Resolution No 8-10-21

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Dyson to accept the warrant list in the amount of \$18,386.76

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried

B. Dan Murdock of Flock Safety made a presentation regarding license plate reader that can be beneficial to the village to deescalate crime. Flock Safety is the largest vendor in the state and has been in business for 5 years. After questions from the board and citizens, Mr. Murdock clarified cost details of the contract: 60 day trial period at no cost to village for 5 cameras, after

that it will be a 2 year contract of \$13,750 (\$2500.00 x 5 camera and \$250.00 x 5 implementation fee for first year) and \$12,500 for second year.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Collier

Nays: Jackson

Motion carried

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- Ms. Williams asked the Mayor how can the citizens help him with the money downstate?  
What is the status of Covid 19 in Robbins and are we getting more Covid 19?  
Is there an update on MWRD?
- Ms. Ward asked are you just changing names on the MWRD, no major changes?
- Ms. Echois stated she received a call about the business at 135th & Harding. She was told before that this is in Crestwood, but something needs to be done about the junk cars, etc.
- Ms. Fulson asked if the Mayor wants the citizens to write or call Springfield?  
Asked if the Mayor was aware that Will Davis is no longer one of our state representatives?
- Ms. Ratliff asked what is being done about response for calls to the business that was previously known as Trojdan?  
Is it illegal to take pictures of people's houses?
- Shaheed White wanted to know what the village is doing to limit citizen to citizen interaction?  
Feels citizens shouldn't be confronting each other. He became agitated and refused to follow instructions to come to order and was removed from the meeting.
- Mr. Bolton asked where the four cameras are installed already?
- Ms. Williams asked are we still in litigation with the city of Chicago regarding the water and are we current on the water bill? Do you have any numbers on the COVID cases?

Trustee Dyson motioned to convene from regular session to closed session, seconded by Trustee

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned at 8:26 pm

#### VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Trustee Maxey motioned to end closed session and reconvene to regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Trustee Maxey motioned to adjourn until the next regular council meeting, seconded by Trustee Dyson and Trustee Jackson.

Upon unanimous vote in the affirmation, meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk

