

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd Fl.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:09pm 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. P Gregory N. Jackson
P George Brewton P Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant
P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson
P V.A. Jasmine Washington

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? YES

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Special Meetings Oct. 23, 2021, Nov 2, 2021
Regular Meeting Nov. 9, 2021
Trustee Robinson moved to approve seconded by Trustee Brewton
Roll Call Vote:
AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Motion Carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free dinner at New Friendship Baptist Church, Saturday Dec. 18th 12-4pm Coat drive
community center Blue Island, Senior day at the William Leonard library every Thursday, Free
Wi-Fi outside library, Robbins united holiday giveaway free toys coats and backpacks at Kellar
School Dec 20th, Bremen township assistance at 15305 Oak Park Ave in Oak Forest,
Robbins's holiday toy giveaway Dec.18th 10am-1pm at Park District, Shop with a Cop Dec. 18th
10am-12pm at Walmart in Crestwood, Eagles ugly sweater outing at The Office Dec. 19th,
Christmas with Drezzy Claus. Village stickers went on sale Dec. 13th. Recognized student Camara
Brewton for designing this year's Village sticker.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report- Congratulations to Camara Brewer and Midwest Seahawks, Robbins
supported program that represent the southland, Mayor read proclamation for the Midwest
Seahawks on their accomplishments. Mayor stated that today the Village of Robbins was
incorporated; there are numerous Christmas giveaways this weekend showing youth
community spirit. We are aware of current violence and new cameras will be installed and
speed bump on Lydia by summertime 2022, expect more public safety as it is a top priority
to be prepared for 2022. Urge citizens to call the police to make reports to help with crime.

Grocery store almost in place attended a meeting with park district and still have to solidify the financing and working on proposals. Finally quote from Trustee Maxey, "We will be defined by forward motion." Please judge me in 4 years and give time to get things in order.

Darren E. Bryant

B. Clerk's Report -

Sharon Dyson

Please extend grace we are diligently working to get things in order.

C. Treasurer Report

Margaret Newell

2021 Festival Financial Report- Trustee Brewton read report, Mayor didn't want to have parade because of the pandemic but, we felt it was necessary although we don't want Village to take on financial burden to host the parade.

VA- Currently restructuring and redeveloping processes working on budgeting the mayor's vision, looking at what's coming in and going out to make a more accurate appropriation.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Robinson- 8th month in seat, appreciate the residents calling about issues, and bringing issues to her please email concerns to Trobinson@robbins-il.com, thanks to citizens that keep informed about public safety. Please check filters and smoke detectors if any issues with service please let it be known. Call 911 with shootings to record and have data. Actively seeking grants for police dept. Thanksgiving dinner served to Fire and Police department. Saturday 10-12pm shop with a cop event, we were gifted \$1,000 and have \$3,000 to go shopping at Walmart. Walked fire house to go over necessary repairs.

Chief Sheppard- people that are accused of crimes are out of jail due to current bail laws and structure from states attorney. Solution to assist with keeping offenders of the streets are the purchasing of the 8 360-degree cameras to catch crime as it happens. Finley needs 6 high speed bumps. Flock cameras that are used to read license plates is used as a tool to assist in solving some recent shooting incidents and was able to recover the vehicles involved. We are diligently trying to work with State Attorney office; Deputy Chief went and asked Tim Evans (Circuit Judge) what's going on with policy of low bonds, resulting in offenders being released soon after being arrested. Want to work with block clubs to help solve issues. New juvenile detective has been hired. We face a problem in the Police department, the pay and benefits are not marketable to officers that are already trained and we are working to get higher wages. The Academy was full, and the enrollment isn't until next in May. September is the soonest we can get full time officers trained in the Academy, resulting in 9 new recruits unable to be trained until 2023. Please all residents in the VOR if you see a crime call 911. There is never a time that the police are staffed with one officer. If there is staffing issues, we will lean on the support of the Cook County Sheriff, in emergency situations they will patrol for us and leave when we recover. Will explore the option of having the gun return program. Please reach out to the Chief and Deputy with any concerns. Trustee Maxey asked to explain dispatch system. Chief explained.

Trustee Collier- Public works -Thank you to the water department with getting things on the right track. We are working to find leaks, thank citizens for keeping up on water payments. Public works working on winter budget and program, we are pleased with the direction we are heading with less complaints.

Trustee Brewton- Public property – With land acquisition, we are working with attorney to locate all Village owned parcels. If there are any issues with rat infestation, please continue to make reports pest control will respond. Finance meeting discussed the need for servers and is an emergency topic to be discussed. Adjacent land program may not roll out until next year approximately 1200 parcels but also must make payments arrangements to attorney for previous work from prior administration.

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

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE GENERAL CORPORATE AND OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Finance director Mr. Kemp – explained the tax levy and it has to be passed and delivered to county clerk by last Tuesday in December. We use this to budget and analyze what next year will be.

Trustee Dyson moved to adopt tax levy ordinance, seconded by Trustee Maxey.
Ordinance 12-14-21

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Accept the Warrant List

1st list \$29,930.37 2nd list \$5,148.65 Total \$35,079.02

Trustee Brewton moved to approve seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

B. Approval of Municipal Calendar Dates for year 2022

No changes to calendar Council meetings remain the second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Trustee Robinson moved to accept seconded by Trustee Collier

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

C. Approval to hire two police officers, Romel Jamison and Kendall Walker

Trustee Robinson moved to approve hiring of two officers, seconded by Trustee Jackson

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

D. Resolution approving the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between MWRD and Village for the Acquisition of Parcels for a Flood Control Project along Midlothian Creek

Trustee Maxey moved to approve resolution seconded by Trustee Robinson

Trustee Brewton- MWRD is a big deal and very controversial vote will come down to separate facts from feelings. Personally, did MWRD cost benefit analysis no cost if passed, if not passed potentially the village will have to pay them the money that was spent on project, 2017 village passed to approve this project. If it goes through we will receive land and flooding can stop and possibly plan to use the space for recreational uses and will put the Village in better economic space for development, flood insurance will be eliminated. Mayor stated we will keep spoils they are not the enemy and we are fighting against ourselves and no agreement read states citizens will lose their home.

Trustee Robinson stated the biggest thing is that we have nothing and need real economic development will be for the project after speaking to citizens have better understanding. Look for planning and zoning to re zone. Step out on faith believe this is the right thing to do. We don't have 12million to complete project ourselves. Questions were answered by MWRD.

Trustee Collier- wants to move forward and are on a time basis the parcels we are in jeopardy of losing parcels and VOR can lose more land.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Collier

Nays: Dyson, Jackson

Motion Carried

F. Resolution approving the Agreement between CCLBA and the Village for the Purchase and Sale of Parcels of Real Property for a Flood Control Project along Midlothian Creek

Trustee Maxey moved to approve agreement, seconded by Trustee Robinson

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

G. Approval of resolution to change the wording on and new round shaped seal

Mayor stated that the ordinance is a formality to approve

Trustee Maxey moved to approve resolution seconded by Trustee Collier

Question was asked what does seal look like and what does it says.

Clerk stated that the seal looks just as it does now but words were changed to Achievement Through Community Spirit.

As read on agenda need to amend to as exhibit A

Todd Stroger amend with by adding exhibit A to resolution.

Trustee Dyson seconded by Trustee Collier to amend to add exhibit A to change wording

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Approval to change wording to Achievement Through Community Spirit

Resolution 12-14-21-A

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Angela Collins- 14007 Claire Blvd. grandparent live on Claire Blvd for over 50 years, thank you for hearing us, want to show concern to solve water issue after passing of grandmother, thought about keeping home and water is over 2k water was turned off and sent death certificate. Squatter was in home and called to get water back on and ran water and heat bill, submitted and getting runaround on response. What is the next step to get issue fixed?

Vanessa Robinson- Happy Birthday Robbins

Morris winter- 2902 Claire Blvd.- people are coming in and out of 2910 the property is vacant and need to be boarded and torn down, access channel for village is not working has to come to get information from council meeting. Mayor responded,

Eric Heard- own and operate trucking company, can the Village zone a place for truckers and give a piece of land to park trucks.

Mrs. Murphy- understand that MWRD project was voted to be approved and has concern do we have a reputable engineer to work along project with MWRD.

Thea Mathis – hosting financial empowerment seminar every Saturday 1-2:30pm at the Community Center

Mayor advised closed session item was inadvertently left off agenda, but still needed to happen.
Allowed citizens to time to address the board with any concerns before leaving. Citizens agreed and
exited at 8:41pm

Closed session to discuss appointment or employment

It was moved by Trustee Dyson to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jackson

Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm

Sharon Dyson

Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk