

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.
3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Courtroom, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:16 PM

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer said 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 Exec. Assist Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting 3-8-22 and 3-22-22 and the minutes of the Special meeting 3-15-22 Collier
Roll call:
Ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Motion carried
- II. Communications/Announcements:
 - a) The Hometown Hero program is May 15th 3-5pm at Robbins Park District 13650 Claire Blvd
 - b) April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, hotline number is 800-656-4673
 - c) Call 708-663-1333 or 708-577-4752 or robbinsparkdistrict@live.com and let the Robbins Park District what programs or activities you'd like to see
 - d) Election judges needed for June 28th primary election, call 312-603-0965 or apply at cookcountyclerk.com/work
 - e) You can dispose of any expired or unused pills at the Medicine Drop box located inside the Police Department lobby
 - f) South Holland hiring event @ South Holland Community Center 501 E 170th St., South Holland, IL on April 14th from 9am-12pm
 - g) Congratulations to Jermaine Harris and Tiffany Hale, both from Robbins who are part of the All Star Athletics Cheer and Tumble. They are headed to Disney World in May to compete against other National Champions
 - h) Get help managing your monthly energy bills: April 28th, 11:00am-4:00pm, 13800 S. Trumbull, Robbins, IL.
 - i) E Waste Disposal April 23rd, 9:00am-1pm or until trucks are full, Bremen Township 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL
- III. Administrative Reports:
 - A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor stated integrity and dignity will remain during his tenure as mayor. He is aware of the video that has surfaced on social media.

Red tagging is going on throughout the village, over 50 homes tagged so far. He's excited about the clean-up in town. How can you help the mayor? Help your neighbor, do your part, clean up your property, we need volunteers to come out this month @10:00 am each Saturday to clean. Ms. Gosa then gave more details about the cleanup and details about the electronics recycling on April 23rd and pick up scheduled for April 30th starting at 6:30am. There's one million dollars in Springfield's budget for police departments or capital improvement, and I have been in contact with legislators to try to get this money for the village.

Tonight, is a historic night because on the agenda we will approving an agreement with Milhouse to revitalize our pumping station. Congratulations to Mr. Stroger, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Ward for working and bringing this together and making sure we had what was needed.

B. Clerk's Report:

The clerk reported \$1450,00 for transfer stamp sales and \$3075.00 for vehicle sticker sales for the month of March until today.

C. Treasurer's Report:

Month of February

General fund-Beginning balance \$114,925.28 ending balance \$497,332.44

Water/sewage- Beginning balance \$42,725.58 ending balance \$53,255.98

Total-Beginning balance \$928,014.09 ending balance \$1,354,609.36

It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Dyson to accept the treasurer's report as read

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

IV. Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety—Trustee Robinson mentioned past weekend meet and greet with the clerk and building department. She will host her coffee with Trustee Robinson on Saturday, April 30th from 10-11am

Captain Bailey from fire department gave report for March, 122 incidents: 97 emergency calls, 17 fire, 6 motor vehicle, and 2 hazardous materials.

Two members have been added to the roster, introduction to follow

Still interviewing candidates and still accepting applications (fee is \$25.00)

New ambulance should be here in the next 120 days. Smoke detectors will arrive later this month. Two new hires introduced themselves. Trustee Robinson reported an update from the Fire Marshall, we are NFIRS (National fire incident reporting system) compliant.

Chief Sheppard from police department reported they lost three officers. The trainers came out from Arizona to train them on tasers and body cameras (cameras have gunshot detection and start recording the moment they hear gunshot sound). Working with Cook County on policy standards. A couple of problems with some vehicles, they are going out for repairs. The flock cameras were able to capture a license plate and they were able to apprehend the offender, also flock camera picked up a car that had been re-vinned.

Doing an inventory of items in evidence room, trying to find out about currency that was confiscated and how it can be used in the police department.

He was contacted by Caroline Jackson who would like to mentor youth from 10-18 years through her program SPARK (Skills Provided for At Risk Kids)

Thanked everyone that participated in the gas giveaway, everything went smoothly

License/ordinance—Trustee Robinson advised next ordinance meeting will be after the budget meetings are finished, will advise date. There are about 10-15 ordinances that are on the table for review.

Public works/water—Trustee Collier stated public works is on the verge of being self-sufficient, especially for the winter season (new equipment should be here over the next few months). If you have any concerns, please call the village. Mr. Wells will try to address with 24 hours. Disconnection notices are being sent out, please continue paying your water bills to avoid the water being cut off. Because of the notices, people are coming in to pay their bills.

Building Dept—Trustee Dyson asked Mr. Stewart to give his report:

They have tagged between 50-60 homes over the past two months, in the past 3 days tagged 49. Plans to have every property tagged by end of the month and fence off those that are beyond board up. If you see anyone removing tags, please notify the village.

The month of May will be code enforcement. We're not here to repair your property, we are here to see that properties are kept up. We know some may not be able to make repairs right away, but there will be enforcement and ask that you get in accord with what's about to happen. Go to the website for information about permits and when they are needed. We are going to clean up this village, have added another staff member

Illegal dumping: there is a fine of \$1000.00, if you see someone dumping, get the license plate number, description of vehicle and address and contact the village.

If you're not going to get involved, don't complain.

Mr. Stewart explained the process for demolition of abandoned homes

Transportation—Trustee Jackson advised the Francisco bridge will be closed for repairs for a year, Pulaski & 131st North and South

Street resurfacing will begin next week, Grace between Nelson/Emery and on Lawndale. The barriers are already being set up

Nicor Gas will start on the 18th replacing gas lines on Springfield up to 135th & Crawford, ending by late September. If there is any interruption in service, notice will come from Nicor

Finance—Trustee Brewton advised there will be three Finance Committee meetings to discuss the appropriation budget on April 19th, April 21st and April 26th @ 5:30 PM

Public Property—Trustee Brewton he advised they brought Mr. Rayon from Preyon Pest control that services the community and he stressed that the citizens need to clean up around their home rodents and pests down.

Mayor commended department heads for their work on moving the village forward.

- V. 1) It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Maxey and Trustee Robinson to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Milhouse Engineering. The mayor read part of the resolution and stressed the need for this project, noting it has been 39 years since last serviced. Thanked Mr. Stroger and Bernard Ward for their bringing this to pass. Mr. Ward gave information on other projects that need to be in conjunction with the Milhouse project.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

2) It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Brewton and Trustee Maxey to defer An Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article 1, Sections 3-21 of the code of the Village of Robbins relating to fees for Video Gaming Devices

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

3) It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Dyson to defer An Ordinance amending Ordinance 8-26-03A regulating liquor licenses

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

VI. a) No warrant list

b) It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Maxey for Approval to hire police officers (pending completion of drug test and background check): Nicholas Keaty, Larry Hopson, Terrance Brown, Lawrence Lee and Commander Tamara Wuerffel (assigned to the Detective Department)

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

c) It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Brewton for approval of temporary street closure in front of the Community Center 13800 Trumbull Ave for Easter program on Saturday, April 16th from 1:00-4:00 PM

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

VII. Citizen comments

Mrs. Fulson thanked everyone for the new ambulance

Mr. Ward noted the sewer issue at 136th Street. Also, he wants to make sure that they do the entire street on the resurfacing project on Lawndale

Ms. Westbrook commented on the Emery Lane street issue

Rosie Mitchell asked if the mayor had been in contact with Comed regarding the issue on Lincoln Lane

Mrs. Fulson asked about the standing water in front of St. Peter Claver

Citizens were dismissed at 8:35 PM so that board could go into closed session

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Dyson to convene from regular session into closed session.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk

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