

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 14, 2022 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd FL

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 6:18pm BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

A 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
A Village Administrator Sykes

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

Due to conflict in scheduling, met at the Robbins Police Courtroom and then moved meeting to the Village Hall, 3327 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL 60472

Also in attendance were President Andrea Roberson, Comm. Angie Murphy and Comm. Anthony Richardson all from the Park District.

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Brewton to enter into closed session.

Roll call ayes: Brewton, Maxey, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

- I. Questions and Comments from Citizens: None
- II. Closed Session: Discussion of purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Mayor opened with the reason for the meeting and hope for an uplifting of each other as we figure out solutions for the citizens. He and Trustee Brewton met with the park district about three weeks ago and had a productive meeting.

A) First, they want to get an appraisal of each building. Cost is approximately \$1000.00 per building. David Conahan/appraiser 847-323-0995

13650 Claire Blvd—responsibility of the Park District

Community Center—responsibility of the Village

B) Roof repair. President Roberson stated the roof is the original one to the building and is in need of repair and may not be covered by the insurance. It won't make it through another winter, and they have had three electrical fires because water is leaking down inside the walls.

C) Mayor spoke about potential land swap between the community center and the park district, which would include the entire corner of Claire Blvd. Pres. Roberson asked if the area is a commercial zone. Question was asked what is the dollar for dollar swap on the

land? Mayor said that is why the appraiser needs to be brought in. Comm. Richardson asked for clarification on it the swap building for building or does it include land? Pres. Roberson asked about heavy equipment messing up the street since it is scheduled to be paved.

D) Comm. Murphy voiced her view that the contract needs to be voided and started over. She noted there has been non-compliance on both sides of the contract. Mayor said we need to keep for now until we can come to another agreement.

E) Locks need to be changed immediately because mayor isn't sure who has keys to the building. He is disturbed by the information received that former VA Keith Freeman and former police chief Roy Wells still have keys to the building. He wants to work in conjunction with the park district to arrange to meet Thursday and execute on Friday. Definitely want the main door and front pad. Need to determine how many people actually need a key.

Trustee Brewton departed meeting at 6:51 PM

Follow up meeting on Sept. 29th at 6:30 PM

Mayor stated he is very disheartened that Kendall Parrot is still there, considering the allegations concerning him at the Harvey Park District. Comm. Murphy stated they cannot speak on Mr. Parrot. He's been a director for the past 10-12 years and there are a lot of grants that are out there with his name on them, and they really need that money. Mayor is also concerned about a conflict of interest because their attorney (Ms. Fountain) is also the attorney for the village. Mr. Richardson stated this whole contract was brought to them and not the other way around and was put together rather quickly.

F) Further discussion made about programs that have happened at the community center, what changes that need or want to be made, how rentals are done and paid for at both facilities.

G) Trustee Robinson asked about the tree grant submitted by Mr. Parrot and if they knew the amount that was received. She also asked if they knew that he had asked the garden director, Ms. Hill, to attend arbor classes as a part of getting a grant, but only paid her \$10.00 from a possible \$5000. They apologized and said they didn't know that had happened.

RECAP:

Where do we go from here, what to keep and/or change, do away with?

Change the locks

Rates for building events need to be addressed

Clarity on fees for rentals at the community center will be deposited in joint bank account

Mayor will provide his first year financials

President Roberson stated for the record, they are debt free

Need liability waivers for the village for park district events

President Roberson asked about agreement from the village if they can get a reasonable price for roof repair. Mayor reminded her need 3 estimates for anything over \$25,000

President Roberson reminded everyone that the park district board is unpaid, the only person who is paid is Sheila

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Collier to reconvene into special meeting.

Roll call: Maxey, Robinson, Jackson, Collier Absent: Brewton, Dyson

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Jackson to adjourn

Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Sharon Dyson

Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk