

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 25, 2023, 2023 7:00 P.M.  
3323 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins, IL Robbins Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:01 PM BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer said in Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

<u>A</u> David R. Dyson	<u>P</u> Tiffany S. Robinson	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u>
<u>P</u> Ernest Maxey Jr	<u>P</u> Gregory N. Jackson	<u>P</u> Mayor Darren E. Bryant
<u>P</u> George Brewton	<u>P</u> Michael Collier Sr.	<u>P</u> Village Clerk Sharon Dyson
		<u>P</u> Village Admin Shuntai Sykes

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Maxey to approve the Regular minutes April 11, 2023.  
Roll call:  
Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Collier, Jackson  
Absent: Dyson  
Motion carried.  
Communications/Announcements:
  - a. Weatherization- You can contact Assured Insulation Solutions. They work with Nicor & ComEd for weatherization for your home. You can contact them by phone (708) 570-3260. Anyone in the office can assist you with the application, and it is based on income eligibility.
  - b. Liheap- also based on income eligibility. The online application is closed now, you must go into an intake center and the program ends May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please take advantage of this program if you have a need.
  - c. The Robbins Fire Department has partnered with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to assist residents with getting free smoke detectors installed in their homes. If you are not able to complete the form online that is listed on the Village website under the Fire Department tab, please contact the building Department for assistance.
  - d. The village clean-up is this week, culminating on April 29<sup>th</sup> with shredding from 11am-1pm, electronic disposal from 8am-5pm. If you have large items curbside pickup will begin at 7am. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Ms. Gosa at 708-470-9894.
  - e. Also on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Iris Y. Martinez will be at the Robbins Community Center from 10am-1pm. This will be co-hosted by Trustee Robinson of the Village of Robbins and Patricia Joan Murphy, Supervisor of Worth Township. They will be available to assist citizens with evictions, warrants, E-Filing, how to locate forms, etc. Please come out and take advantage of these services.
  - f. There's a whole other world out there, get your library card and read a book. Wm Leonard Library, 13820 Central Park, Robbins open M-F, 10am-6pm
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- g. Free suit giveaway for graduates, prom-goers and fathers, April 17<sup>th</sup>-June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-5pm at Royalty King Cleaners 18330 Governors Hwy, Homewood IL 708-960-0537
- h. Pet vaccination clinic will be Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-5pm at the Robbins Fire Department. Village tags for your pets should be purchased and displayed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost \$8 cats, \$12 dogs.
- i. MCIP (Manufacturing Careers Internship Program is offering eligible adults 18-24 find a meaningful and productive career, through boot camp and paid internships. For more information text or phone Maureen Gasek 630-453-9443. They are currently providing services at the Good Shepherd Church 13939 S. Claire Blvd, Robbins

Administrative Reports:

A) Mayor's Report:

Mayor asked Pastor Leon Smith to come up and pray for the village. He asked that the town stay united with him during this time and spoke about the false accusations put out in the village about hazardous debris. The administration is moving in fidelity and doing what is right. In spite of everything, there is a lot of positivity happening in the community.

B) Clerk's Report: No report

C) Treasurer's Report: No report

Ordinances, Resolutions, Contracts, Agreements

- A. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Jackson to defer Ordinance 4-25-23, Motion denied.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve Ordinance 4-25-23, an ordinance amending water account payment plans.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

- B. It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Maxey to table approval of Benford, Brown and Associates for Financial Services

Roll Call:

Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Trustee Robinson-Thank you to the residents who have joined the Spanish classes, third week of classes, provided time of classes and email to contact her. The Clerk is working with CEDA to help citizens get assistance, if you haven't applied you need to. This week the Clerk of the Circuit Court will be at the Community Center on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Public Safety-Fire department is still accepting applications and can be picked up at the village hall. Looking to enter into a contract with the Cook County Sheriff's department for a program that helps police departments with situations where the person may have an addiction problem or mental illness. No cost to the village.

License & Ordinance-We're continuing to work with Municode to get ordinances codified. If you have a concern, please log onto the website and put in a ticket for follow-up. Provided her ph# 708-470-9872 and email [trobinson@robbins-il.com](mailto:trobinson@robbins-il.com).

Trustee Collier read report for Public works, citizens given written copy. Ongoing demolition, tree cutting and mulching. The MWRD project is on track, asking for patience as they work to get things done.

VI.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Maxey to table the approval to close miscellaneous accounts to the general fund.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

- B) It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustees Jackson to approve warrant list correction in the amount of \$388,652.09

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

- C) It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Collier to approve the Honorary Street Sign for Lt. Lawrence Hobson, Claire Blvd & Hendricks Rd.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

Trustee Brewton would like a finance meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5PM

Citizen comments

VII.

- a) Mr. Desmond Carter wanted to speak about his father Mr. Carter. After several questions asked by him and other members of the family, he agreed to a meeting with the mayor at a later date.
- b) Ms. Bertha Olawumi stated it's been 73 days since her brother died. The boys involved were released after 24 hours. Very upset about the situation and how it's been handled.
- c) Trustee Robinson said that on the advice of counsel, she didn't reach out to the family after initial contact, although she's known them for years.
- d) Vicky Reed stated she needed the lead line replacement form. Also, kudos to the aesthetics in the village.
- e) Ms. Ward asked how much is the water going up and will it be June 1<sup>st</sup>? What percentage of citizens are paying their water bill? Felt the statement at the bottom of agenda felt like a threat.
- f) Ms. Williams stated she didn't see the sign in sheet, and not sure what question she may have ahead of time. What's going on about the meeting with the City of Chicago on May 5?
- g) Ms. Westbrook stated we've defaulted on bills for over 20 years, it didn't start with this board. She's always heard the village doesn't have any money; we're broke.
- h) Ms. Murphy asked the mayor does he need anyone to go with him to the meeting with the City? Elected officials need to stand together, no division.
- i) Ms. Ratliff asked if anyone knew Midlothian owed the village for water and never paid?
- j) Mr. Anderson asked why you didn't approve the water rate already, since you're already a month behind.
- k) Ms. Williams asked what if the seniors stopped paying their water bills?

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustees Robinson and Coillier to adjourn until next regular or special session.

Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Village Clerk/Sharon S. Dyson

