

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 13, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd Flr

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:00pm

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.

p George Brewton

_p__ Tiffany S. Robinson

_p__ Gregory N. Jackson

A Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

_p__ Mayor Darren E. Bryant

_p__ Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

_p__ Administrator Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? __yes__

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

June 22, 2021

- It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021
- Roll Call Vote:
- AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson
- Absent: Collier
- Motion Carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Clerk announced the National Night Out would be held August 3rd from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 S. Trumbull Ave. Robbins, IL 60472. Please come out with your family and enjoy. Trustee Robinson asked who is the contact person if anyone has questions. Mrs. Murphy indicated it would be Police Chief Lackland

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Mayor's Report-

- a. Mayor announced that we are putting Robbins to work and advised that 20+ Robbins' residents were either hired, appointed or contracted to work in the Village. Those names will be released to the public soon. He did acknowledge some that were present tonight. Stated this administration is the most inclusive and transparent in recent years and we're delivering on basic government and ordinances. He will respond more on his 100 days in office.

2. Clerk's Report - None

3. Treasurer Report – None

although there's a one (1) percent chance of flooding each year. Phase 1 is north of 135 th St.

The Mayor started by thanking them for coming out to the meeting. He then stated he had five major concerns he would like to have MWRD address:

- 1) The IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) doesn't state the dollar amount of the project in writing. Fisher replied in 2019, the project was still in the planning stages and didn't have a dollar amount, but it is in MWRD's budget for \$12 million dollars and they are committed to the project.
- 2) Ownership: Concern that this project is connected to the Limestone Quarry. Wants to know about ownership of the natural resources removed during excavation because the IGA gives MWRD land ownership for liability purposes.

Reply: No, this is not connected with the Quarry. No mining will be done and no material will be removed from the site. It's important for MWRD to retain ownership of the property while construction is going on, because if anything were to happen, the village wouldn't be liable. Again said they wouldn't be hauling anything away except a small area of environmentally hazardous dirt and welcomed a representative of the Village to be on site while this is being done.

- 3) Robbins Contractors: Mayor wanted to guarantee that MWRD will adhere to the village ordinance of hiring from within the village. Reply: They have a legal obligation to give job to the lowest bidder. They do have a percentage set aside for minority, women, veteran and small businesses, but these are not the prime contract but for subcontractors.

- 4) Sports Complex: Mayor stated a major concern is to have a sports complex as part of this project, that will actually generate revenue for the village. He asked if MWRD can and will fund this endeavor. Reply: They can make the land suitable for a sports complex, but they cannot fund the project, said it is out of their legislative authority.

- 5) Eastbound creek cleanup: What is being done to clean up the creek that runs east of Kedzie to Blue Island? It is in appalling condition and the Mayor provided photos to MWRD. Reply: They did receive the photos and have contacted their Small Stream Maintenance Program to address this concern. Advised they don't have the manpower to monitor thousands of miles of creeks without notice from the municipalities.

Mayor opened the floor to the board for any additional questions.

- 1) Trustee Brewton voiced concern over giving up total land ownership and asked if joint ownership is an option. He would also like to know if an ecological analysis report has been done and provided to the village.

Reply: That would be a question for the attorneys as this has never been done before. Yes, there was a report provided to the village.

- 2) Trustee Robinson stated concern that since we don't know what's underground, how can we guarantee we'll be able to keep what's there? Also voiced concern about homeowner displacement and asked why they want to do this project, what's in it for them?

Reply: Nothing is being hauled away, no homeowners will be displaced. They've been concerned about flood mitigation in the area since 2014 and once this is complete they will go back to FEMA to get those areas removed from the flood zone, which should help with homeowners insurance.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their comments and questions. He did want to clarify that the project is 17 acres not 140 acres. 140 acres will be removed from the flood plain.

Question from Clerk Dyson: You said they are excited about the project? Who are the players behind the scene and why are they so excited to be a part of this?

Trustee Robinson responding to Ms. Fuller, she did ask about the project from beginning to now to get clarity.

Ms. Fuller feels we need a real estate attorney to review.

Nat Ward needs a list of contractors needed now prior to going out to bid, in order to give village residents a chance to be prepared to compete for jobs.

Mr. Fisher asked if the Village would be interested in leasing land along the Cag Sag? Mayor advised this is not the proper forum for that discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Dyson to adjourn until the next regular or special meeting.

By unanimous vote in the affirmative, meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM



Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk