

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT THAT THE VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILL HOLD THE FOLLOWING:

Monthly COW meeting of the Administration and the Board of Trustees

Committee of the Whole Minutes (COW)

Date: October 25, 2022 Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St., 2nd Floor

Call to order **Time** 5:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer

Roll Call

Trustee George Brewton A

Trustee Ernest Maxey P

Chairwoman Tiffany S. Robinson P

Trustee David Dyson P

Trustee Gregory N. Jackson P

Trustee Michael Collier P

Mayor Darren E. Bryant P (via phone) Village Clerk Sharon Dyson A

Village Administrator Sykes P

Quorum Established? Y

1. Administration - Mayor Bryant, VA Sykes

- i. Updates
- ii. Mayor Bryant and our Village Attorney Brian explained the 1.5 sales tax that will affect our village. Mayor Bryant explained that we are raising taxes. Robbins is behind on collecting this tax in comparison to our neighboring communities.
- iii. Per Mayor Bryant the employee handbook will be deferred.
- iv. VA Sykes spoke on the Human Resources benefits which includes medical, dental, long-term disability and a EAP program.
- v. VA is working with Paylocity to finalize the HR component added for recruitment, onboarding and mandated training and time and labor component to be up and running by 11/1/22
- vi. VA is working with Liberty Mutual for a review of village wide safety for the Village Hall and the Community Center.
- vii. VA stated the village is developing new policies and procedures for purchasing

- viii. The village hall will undergo the following improvements: alarm system, new phone/internet system and printer/copy machines
- ix. E-Pay training is currently underway. Water bills, tickets, fines or anything that they could pay with the clerk will be available soon online.

2. Committees

A. Building and Codes – Chairman: Trustee Dyson

I. Updates

- i. Supervisor Stewart stated the demolition is underway. They are meeting 10/26/22 with the Cook County Environmental Agency to try to secure as much assistance as possible for the demolition. Their assistance will not be a cost to the village.
- ii. Has a meeting with MWRD and OAI in regards to the progress of the MWRD project
- iii. Potholes will be patched. They have formulated a list. Stewart thanked the citizens for their input on streets that

B. Ordinance and License- Chairwoman: Trustee Robinson

I. Updates

- i. Water rates are increasing after January 3, 2022 – multiple mailers and mass communication will go out to the citizens
- ii. Continuing to work on our ordinances and our Attorney Brian will send it back to us

C. Public Works & Water – Chairman: Trustee Collier

I. Updates

- i. Public works will continue cold patching
- ii. They are also working on demolition and tree removal services
- iii. Next week they will complete putting all the signs throughout the village
- iv. The top of the salt barn will be arriving soon and they will pour the concrete floor during the month of November
- v. Our snow plow trucks are ready to be delivered

D. Industrial – Chairperson: Trustee Dyson

I. Updates

- i. No updates at this time

E. Public Property – Chairperson: Trustee Brewton

I. Community Center

- i. Citizens have called and stated that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees closed the community center down. This is not accurate.

- ii. Mayor Bryant went to the community center to meet President Roberson after he heard that the community center was closed down. Mayor stated that President Roberson stated there are major fumes
- iii. Mayor Bryant stated that either we land swap with the Park District or we take over the community center.
- iv. Stewart stated that most community centers are ran by the municipality. The municipality hires the director and the director hires the employees.

F. Finance – Chairperson: Trustee Brewton

I. Updates

- i. Per Marlow Kemp they have the treasurer’s report and a warrant list
- ii. Per Mayor Bryant we need a meeting on either Thursday, Friday or Monday of next week. It has to be passed by 11/1/22.

G. Transportation – Chairperson: Trustee Jackson

I. Updates

- i. No updates at this time

H. Public Safety – Chairperson: Trustee Robinson

I. Updates

- i. Division Chief of EMS Bollinger reported out on behalf of the fire department. They have participated in fire prevention week with a local daycare. The Be Alarm smoke detector program is still up and rolling. They will continue to accept applications for the fire department.
- ii. Chief Shepard reported that 16 candidates will be taking the power test.
- iii. The switch from Cal Com to County has been approved by the Cook County Board. Our roll out date is projected for 12/1/22
- iv. Chief asked to keep the family in our prayers of the man that was killed during the summer on Kinne Road.

3. Special Reports/Department Heads

A. Police & Fire Commission Board

- a. Meeting on Friday at 6:00 in the board room and it has been posted with Clerk Dyson
- b. Seminar from November 4th-6th

B. Planning and Zoning Board

4. Comments from Citizens (2 minutes `per citizen)

- I. Mrs. Murphy stated that she is disappointed in the board and how the community center is being projected. Mrs. Murphy wants a meeting with Mayor Bryant. She stated that we are a community and we need to work together.
- II. Mr. Bernard Ward stated he agrees with the mayor that a decision needs to be made in regards to the community center. He says it doesn't make sense that we can't come together and make good decisions. The village has never upheld its end of the bargain when it came to the upkeep of the center.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

Posted 10/23/2022
Trustee Tiffany S. Robinson,
Chairwoman