

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 8, 2023 7:00 P.M.
3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Courtroom, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:17 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 Thomas Harper Jr.

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 Village Admin Shuntai Sykes

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Harper to approve Special Minutes July 18, 2023 and Regular Minutes July 25, 2023
Roll call: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Abstain: Trustee Robinson for Special Minutes July 18, 2023
Motion carried.

II. Communications/Announcements

If you have not signed up for the village text alerts, please go on the website and sign up. For those that are here tonight and haven't signed up, there are forms in the back, please fill it out and return to us. By signing up, you will get a text to advise you if there is an emergency or water shutoff, etc. During the recent water outage, we signed up approximately 75 citizens.

The Robbins Fire Department will be able 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.

Robbins Friends of the park and the park district will have their annual back to schoolbook bag giveaway on Saturday, August 12, from 1-4pm. There will be entertainment and refreshments. One backpack per child and the child needs to be present.

There is a 3-day public safety challenge, Aug 8-10 from 10am-3pm, for ages 11-17, 3323 W. 137th St. An opportunity for kids to come out, have fun, earn community service hours and get involved in the community.

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

If you haven't filled out the form for the lead-line replacement service, please do so right away. Forms should have been sent to your home, but if you didn't receive one, you can pick up one at the village hall. Please don't miss out on this valuable opportunity.

There was incorrect information provided that if you put tree branches and debris on the curb, public works would pick it up. That is not correct. Please refrain from doing this as you will be ticketed.

There will be work done by Nicor and Mead Construction beginning this evening at 139th & Springfield, until Saturday. You will not be able to go west on 139th pass Hamlin, or east/west on Springfield.

III. A. Mayor's report: Congratulations to the Robbins Eagles on their 40th year. He showed a rendering of the proposed recreation site at 135th & Claire. This past Saturday, there was a meeting to critique the mayor's performance to date. Thankful for the feedback, and he will have it posted online soon. Packet was available tonight.

Gave an update about the water problems experienced over the last few weeks. The village issues are on the governor's desk and we're hoping to get the \$4 million released soon. The \$1 million has been received for the municipal building, must put out RFP to get project started. Hope to get \$2 million for lighting this fall.

Administrator's report: thanked everyone, the citizens, staff, trustees for all the help and patience during these water outages. Gave report about the audit preparation, reconciling payroll processes (two years to go), citizens provided written report.

B. Clerk's report: (6/28/23 thru 8/7/23) Vehicle stickers \$415.00, Senior vehicle stickers \$40.00, Transfer stamps \$475.00, Inspections \$680.00, Community Center rental \$2679.00, Liquor license \$900.00, Flea Market \$14555.00, Business license \$150.00

C. Treasurer's report: None

IV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS

A. It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Collier to defer approval of resolution for Creative Spirits until next special meeting on August 14, 2023.

Roll call: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion carried.

B. It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Harper to approve Ordinance 8-8-23, authorizing the village mayor to declare a state of emergency to address the failing water infrastructure

Roll call: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion carried.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Robinson – Coffee talk with T. Robinson on August 26th @ 10.00 a.m., Bremen township assessor will be there. August 1st, the national night out was a success, thank you to Ms. Gee, Ms. Sykes and everyone that participated.

Public safety meeting will be Thursday at 3pm and License/Ordinance meeting will be Thursday at 4pm. She advised where the citizens can now find the latest ordinances on the website, thanked the Clerk and Derrick for getting this done. Provided her phone # and email.

The mayor thanked Chief Malley and DC Bollinger for their help in getting the family on Central Park out of the fire. All donations can go through Ms. Gosa or the block club presidents.

Trustee Collier – Public works, the reports are in the back for citizen review. Keep up the good work on the grass cutting and the demolition.

Water-Great work being done by the water department, especially with the water main breaks.

Trustee Maxey – Public Property. He asked the mayor to report on what transpired with Dr. Mullins and the development project. Robbins' residents and developers included first; goal is to bring wealth to the people. Looking to move the open-air market back to Homan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the warrant list in the amount of \$119,629.14.

Roll call: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion carried.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Williams asked when the next MWRD meeting will be. Asked for clarification about the sewer rate on the water bill.

Ms. Fulson asked are we working on getting more money to have full-time police officers?

Arlene Prendergast voiced concern about speeding on McBreen, by the time the police get there, they're gone.

Ms. Rhodes said there are speed bumps north of Grace, but nothing south of Grace, when will that be addressed? Citizens don't want them all over the street, want them by the utility poles.

Ms. Gail asked do the police only work 20 hours per week.

Ms. Ward wants to know the status of the community garden, who's taking it over and is it a paid position?

Ms. Williams about the homeowner's motor fuel tax.

Arlene asked what can be done to get a full-time police officer?

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Maxey to adjourn. Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk

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