

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 22, 2022, 7:00 PM
Meeting Location:
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd floor, 3323 W. 137th St., Robbins, IL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER(Time): 7:38pm

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

Pledge of Allegiance in Unison

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
P Michael Collier Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant
P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson
P Exec. Asst. Todd Stroger

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? yes

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular meeting 2-8-22

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve regular meeting 2-8-22 minutes.

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS- Reminder last day to purchase village stickers is 2-28-22, after that penalty will apply.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report- Village is moving forward. Met with Governor Pritzker and was able to speak to him concerning the water bill and the City of Chicago and is very hopeful. Met with Representative Bob Rita and working to get on the same page for the Village needs. Next meeting will be with both the Senator Emil Jones and Representative Rita together. This helps to coordinate with our lobbyist efforts to build on what we need and make strides toward rectifying the problems in Robbins. Meeting date with State Representative and State Senator is to be determined. The new building director is Mr. Gerald Stewart. MWRD is scheduled to have another meeting in March on 3-21-22. By the end of March solidify bidder and end of April to break ground. Far from over with this project, we still have many meetings to happen with project to ensure it's done all the way through with Robbins in the forefront. Will bring MWRD out, want to continue to have public meetings. Robbins United breakfast March 5, to bring all Village entities together to talk about unified visions and goals. I hope to have a lobbyist there. Meeting is not open to the public.

B. Clerk's Report- Municode process underway, getting tax bills in order, and many intergovernmental changes are being made. Trustee Robinson asked if any new business license applied for license and check with current businesses to make sure they are complying. Met with Mr. Stewart on that and have a list so that fees can be updated.

C. Treasurer's Report-

General fund beginning balance \$219,738.55 end balance \$114,925.20

Water/ sewer fund beginning balance \$14,237.38 end balance \$42,725.58

Overall beginning balance, \$995,571.14 end balance \$928,014.09

It was moved by Trustee Brewton and seconded by Trustee Robinson to accept treasurers report

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Robinson wants to propose citizens birthday shoutout in newsletter. At committee of the whole, flock safety camera update, we have 29 officers and our first CSO officer. Spoke to Senator Jones on Sunday, will meet with Representative Justin Slaughter Saturday morning. There will be a chili and toiletry give away on Feb. 26, at 135th & Trumbull from 2:30pm until exhausted. Trustee Jackson asked about street signs and suggested that a survey be conducted to assess all signs that need repairs and updates. Fire hydrants also need to be addressed.

Trustee Robinson read Fire report from D.C. Malley- In the month of January there were 132 incidents: 104 fire related, 12 motorcycle, 5 hazardous. Still working to get smoke detector program. CDS came to assess electronic needs. Department striving to provide the best service possible.

Police Chief- There was a fight between two female students on Hendricks, working to resolve and place student in safe environment. Currently 29 employees are in the police department. Found vendor to invoice for repairs of vehicles. Working with Richard Flowers Homes for changes over the summer will give more details once solidified. Met with a retired state trooper on possible contract work as a truck and traffic officer to help bring in revenue. Working on prisoner daily charge for housing inmates of other agencies. Cadets are doing well in the academy. Spoke with Axon on cameras and tazers and representative will be coming soon to present. Latina Gee is the new CSO officer from Robbins, working with police department until she starts at the academy in August. Flock cameras update working very well, have aided to recover stolen vehicle, missing persons, and home burglary investigations.

Trustee Collier- stated that cut off notices will be sent out due to need of assistance from Bremen Township. Information on assistance is available to residents. Public works is working towards being better and more efficient. Was able to get better salt to help with ice melt, with the help of Trustee Brewton.

Trustee Dyson – Building- We have a new building director, Gerald Stewart. There will be a meeting Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 5pm to discuss new building code, fees, and permit updates.

V. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

A) Amendment of Ordinance 02-08-22 Authorizing Loan Agreement (Public Water Supply Loan Program-Home Rule Entity) New ordinance No. 02-22-22

Trustee Jackson withdrew motion to amend Ordinance 02-08-22

Trustee Jackson moved to approve Ordinance 02-22-22, seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Swearing in of Chanel Kelly to Police and Fire Commission Board

Ms. Kelley said that it is awesome to be back and is looking forward to working together.

Swore in by Clerk Dyson.

B. Approval of Warrant List- Trustee Brewton moved to approve \$12,075.62 and \$31,113.70 for a total \$43,189.32 seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

C. Approval of Police Officers (pending completion of drug test and background check)

Police Officer Cordell Clements (assigned to the Detective department)

Police Officer Walter Turner Jr.

Police Officer Jeremiah Watts

Police Officer Jaime Williams

Police Officer Ronald Pittman

Police Officer Dominica Tolbert

Police Officer Clifton Heard

Trustee Robinson moved to approve Police Officers seconded by Trustee Brewton

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

D. Confirmation of those attending Lobby Day on March 23, 2022, in Springfield, IL

Trustee Brewton moved to defer item until next special meeting to be determined seconded by Trustee Collier and Trustee Robinson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dyson, Maxey, Brewton, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Motion Carried

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Echols- is excited about what's happening in the Village and for clean up in the building department.

Ms. Ratliff- wants to thank the police department for patrolling on her side of town, haven't seen that in a while.

Trustee Robinson moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Dyson. Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Village Clerk, Sharon Dyson

Sharon Dyson