

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

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 23, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Police Courtroom, 2nd Fl.

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): ___ 7:10pm _____

BY: ___ Mayor Darren E. Bryant _____

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

___P_ David R. Dyson

___P_ Tiffany S. Robinson

___P___ Mayor Darren E. Bryant

___P_ Ernest Maxey Jr.

___P_ Gregory N. Jackson

___P_ Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

___P_ George Brewton

___P_ Michael Collier Sr.

___P___ V.A. Jasmine Washington

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? ___ Yes _____

I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Oct. 26, Oct. 31, 2021

Trustee Robinson moved to approve previous minutes seconded by Trustee Brewton

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Christmas Dinner Sunday Dec. 12 2-4pm

Vehicle stickers will be on sale Dec 13, 2021

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report- State Rep Bob Rita has been given a list of needs on Nov. 15th will follow up. Working towards bringing a grocery store will take time. Internal structure comes before external movement. Robbins United turkey giveaway was a huge success, served over 300 residents with turkeys and thanks to sponsors and all that helped make the event a success.

Public safety approved installation of 8 additional cameras, waiting to sign documents.

Body cameras and tasers for police dept are in contract negotiations, new (used) fire truck is on the way.

VA- report- Working on internal structure to make sure appropriate procedures are in place for daily operations. Public works was able to get 3 snow plows up and working. Finance -making sure we get a hold of all the bills. Contracts are being reviewed to account and determine what expenditures should be cut back on reallocate funds to where they are needed most.

Robbins' cheerleaders are going to nationals and have been invited to global competition and will be invited to be recognized. The Midwest Seahawks youth football and cheerleaders have had success in their endeavors as well.

- B. Clerk's Report Sharon Dyson- November \$2,225 has been collected in fees from transfer stamps.

On record thanks to the Village community outreach coordinator Ms. Gosa and Mr. Bryant for organization of the turkey giveaway.

- C. Treasurer's Report ending Oct. 31, 2021

- D. -beginning balance \$211,380.72 end balance \$355,312.07

Water and sewer fund- beginning balance \$114,501.61 end balance \$119,480.45

Overall funds \$838,729.45 end balance- \$1,002,352.18

Moved by Trustee Collier to accept the treasurer's report as read by Mr. Kemp seconded by Trustee Dyson

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Water: Trustee Collier- advised they are working on an ordinance to address water payment adjustments. Asked citizens to please continue to pay their bills. We have 3 snow plows now. Asked citizens to not park over the meter covers, because this impedes the meter readings.

Public Safety: Trustee Robinson report Flock cameras have been very helpful to police department and other municipalities, and hopes to have board approve continuation.

Families in need for holiday season email trobinson@robbills-il.com

Working with Police chief to work on tow ordinance with minimum of \$500 fee to get car out of impound. Balancing the scales and fighting for equity in District 218 meeting at 6pm on Nov 30th on Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn, urged Robbins residents to come and represent for equity. Flock cameras very essential to recover vehicles that were involved in shootings.

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

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accept the Warrant List

No warrant list

- B. Approval of Municode Services

Recodification and online service for ordinances, approval to begin process.

Takes about 10-12 months cost \$12,950.00.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Jackson and Brewton to approve.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried

C. Discussion of 2022 Municipal Calendar Dates

Mr. Buckley put on agenda to make sure that we plan out our year and that it gets posted on website, ask that board look over and make changes.

Mayor makes recommendation to review dates and convene item to next council meeting.

D. Resolution for amending Village of Robbins Seal

Village seal has been changed from, "We learn by doing" to "Achievement through community spirit". Was unaware that a resolution was needed. No resolution prepared.

E. Approval of BB&A engagement letter services, for the purpose of conducting a forensic audit. Ms. Benford will be under the direction of Mr. Kemp, VA, and Trustee Brewton.

The fees are \$200 per hour and we have a scope of work to be done and will stop at \$10,000 and then continue once we see what is found. Not to exceed \$25,000.

It was moved by Trustee Dyson to approve and seconded by Trustee Jackson and Robinson

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

F. Discussion and approval of purchasing agreement for tasers, body cams and evidence.com from Axon.

Chief Sheppard explained there are 28 cameras needed to be compliant with the State Of Illinois. We aren't out of compliance now, just trying to be proactive.

Cost is \$59,993.81 per year for 5 years, total \$299,969.06

It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Brewton to approve

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

G. Resolution Approving the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between MWRD and Village for the Acquisition of Parcels for a Flood Control Project along Midlothian Creek

Attorney Fountain – Addressed citizens about the last meeting with MWRD and two issues that need to consider moving forward. MWRD has eminent domain to take property if they can prove it's for the public good, and if the agreement expires the funds may not be available if it comes before MWRD board. Read letter from MWRD about funding spent so far, \$2.5 million. Trustee Collier concerned that this deal will go on anyway and will Cook County land bank will give the land away.

Trustee Robinson stated there are 3 new trustees and although this has been going on since 2014, this is a lot of information to digest in such a short time. Mayor was

concerned about the spoils during excavation, dolomite to be exact. Wanted something in writing from MWRD clearly stated that village will have authority concerning the spoils.

Trustee Maxey moved to approve resolution, no second, motion died

Trustee Brewton moved to table item, seconded by Trustee Dyson and Jackson.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried

- H. Resolution Approving the Agreement between CCLBA and the Village for the Purchase and Sale of Parcels of Real Property for a Flood Control Project along Midlothian Creek

Trustee Brewton motioned to table Seconded by Trustee Jackson

Roll call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Fulson- want to go to the equity meeting is there transportation to take her. Is there an ambulance service in Robbins? Snow coming up will there be parking restrictions? Is Robbins cable channel back on?

Ms. Williams- Want to say thank you for cutting the tree that was lying on her garage. What can she do to kill the tree? Appreciate update on murders in the Village from the chief.

Ms. Rhodes- Angry about board tabling vote. Asked Attorney will this tabling mean an end to the project, since the deadline is the end of December.

Four of them were in previous administration and shouldn't be any confusion.

Ms. Ward- wants to second on what Ms. Rhodes said and thank them for what they are doing. How are you going to get people to change and want to thank the atty. Can't believe we are against each other. Will continue to support and tell you how you feel.

Dr. Darden- thinks that conversation was troubling. Didn't feel MWRD has respect for the village. No revenue is being generated from this project and \$1 million dollars came from the EPA to fix the creek. Didn't like the threatening tone from MWRD

Mr. Haymore- is Robinson Engineering still the engineers for the Village?

Trustee Collier departed at 8:45pm, Trustee Dyson departed at 9:02pm, Trustee Brewton departed at 9:14pm.

Trustee Robinson moved to convene regular meeting and move into close session seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Roll call vote: Brewton, Maxey, Jackson

Motion carried

9:19pm

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:58 pm
Sharon Dyson, Village Clerk

Sharon Dyson