

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 25, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: 3323 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. Robbins Police Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:03 PM

BY: Mayor Darren Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

A 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 Administrator Shuntai Sykes

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Y

1. It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve the special minutes June 29, 2023 and the regular minutes July 11, 2023.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- Due to expected high temperatures this week, the garbage pickup will begin one half hour earlier at 6:30 am. Please be sure to have your cans out so that your pickup is not missed.
- There was a typo on the due date for the current water bill, we are aware of it, the correct date for the current bill is Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- National Night out is Aug 1, 4-8 pm at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 Trumbull Ave. Please come out and join us for a night of fun!
- There is a 3-day public safety challenge, Aug 8-10 from 10am-3pm, for ages 11-17, 3323 W. 137<sup>th</sup> St. A fun opportunity for kids to come out, have fun, earn community service hours, and get involved in the community.
- Bernie's Godly Gifts present VBS 2023, Theme: Jesus is my Superhero. Date: July 24-29, 9am-12pm, 13700 Claire Blvd. Open to all ages, free lunch will be served.
- 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 opportunity.

- Robbins' Block Clubs Citizens First Meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM, Kellar Middle School Parking Lot 14123 Lydia. Hosted by East Claire and McBreen Block Clubs. Bring a chair.
- Robbins Friends of the park and the Robbins Park district annual back 2 schoolbook bag & school supply giveaway. 13650 Claire Blvd, August 12, 2023, from 1-4pm. One backpack per child, the child needs to be present.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Family & Friends all white party at the 708 Events Place, 507 153<sup>rd</sup> St., Phoenix, IL on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 12 midnight. Call 708-622-5010 to purchase tickets.

3. A. Mayor's Report:

Please come out on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to participate in the mayor's evaluation, location in the courtroom, Coffee and donuts will be served.

He's not satisfied with the way the village looks right now and they are working on changes. At the corner of Keeler and Kedvale off 137<sup>th</sup> St., you can see change in progress as well as on St. Louis between 135<sup>th</sup> & 137<sup>th</sup> St. A vegetation ordinance was passed, and we are going block by block to make change.

Administrator read report: audit report, reconciling reports, developing job descriptions for the mayor.

B. Clerk's Report: No report

C. Treasurer's Report:

It was moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Harper to accept the treasurer's report read by Ms. Newell in the amount of \$1,158,210.38.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Harper Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

4. A. Mayor explained what the item was about, recommended it be tabled until he hears back from insurance broker.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and second by Trustee Maxey to table approval of a release and indemnification agreement with MWRD of Greater Chicago

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

5. Standing Committee Reports

Trustee Robinson-Public Safety advised coffee talk with Trustee Robinson will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10: am.

The next public safety meeting will be Aug 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm. The public records department at the police station will be open until 8:30 pm. Gave thanks to the Clerk, VA, Ms. Shelton, Mr. Baker, Chief Malley and all who helped with the Municode project. We will be posting the ordinances online soon. Next license/ordinance meeting will be Aug 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Provided her email and phone number.

Trustee Collier-Public Works/Water stated public works is doing a great job and he hopes everyone can see what's happening in the village. Advised a water notice will be going out soon regarding the new water rate increase for August.

Trustee Maxey-Public Property, land appraisals are being done. The changes for the flea market will be approved this evening. Mr. Baker asked the citizens if they see work being done in the village and think it's not permitted, please let the building dept. know.

Trustee Jackson-Finance, stated the warrant list is not on the agenda tonight, there will be two at the next council meeting.

Trustee Collier, on behalf of Trustee Dyson, thanked Mr. Baker for his work in the building dept.

6. New Business

A. It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Jackson for approval of village land appraisals invoice in the amount of \$4000.00.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

B. It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Harper for approval of procedures for operation of the open-air market.

Roll call:

Ayes: Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier

Absent: Dyson

Motion carried.

7. Citizens Comments

Ms. Ward asked for clarification about the open-air market and the date on the water bill.

Ms. Williams asked what the beginning balance on the treasurer's report was. Is there any movement on payment to the city of Chicago?

Ms. Bolden asked is there a list of homes for demolition and when they will be torn down. If she provided an address, could you tell her when?

Eric (youth speaking on behalf of Ramone's Baby Whirl) thanked the mayor for helping Ms. LaWanda to have a safe place for them to use (community center) and wanted to present him with a card. They took a picture with the mayor and board.

Chris thanked the mayor and board for the work they're doing. Stated this was his first time he's attended a meeting although he's lived here many years. It's an amazing town and we can build this community with the right leadership.

Mayor stated Rev. Cowthran had passed away and gave details about his service.

Ms. Ward asked are we removing all the trees? Stated there is coffee with State Rep.

Bob Rita on July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9am. at the Dunkin Donuts on 147<sup>th</sup> in Posen.

8. Adjournment

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

Upon unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk

