

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 28, 2025 7:00 P.M.
3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Courtroom, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:00 PM

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer said in Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

P David R. Dyson P Tiffany S. Robinson
P Ernest Maxey Jr P Gregory N. Jackson
P Thomas Harper Jr. P Michael Collier Sr

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant
P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson
P VA Korie Dickson

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Harper to approve the Regular minutes of 1-14-25.
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Motion carried.
- II. Communications/Announcements
 1. Please sign up for text alerts, a cell phone number is required. Updates can also be found on the village website as well as all village social media pages.
 2. If you need assistance with paying your water bill and to avoid disconnection as well as senior services, please reach out to your local township, either Bremen 708-333-9530 or Worth 708-371-2900.
 3. The Robbins Fire Department is still assisting residents with getting free smoke detectors installed in their homes. Please contact the building dept or fire department.
 4. All income-eligible households can apply for utility assistance with CEDA, call 800-571-2332. There is also assistance if you are having problems with your furnace.
 5. The clerk's office will begin the application process for the adjacent lot program on Feb 3rd. You can pick up an application after that date. Thank you again for your patience.
 6. The village stickers are on sale until Feb. 28th, please make sure you get your sticker before the deadline to avoid a penalty and possible ticket. Payment will be made at the water department.
 7. The Robbins Block Clubs will sponsor a Black History Dinner & Movie on Friday Feb. 7th from 6-9pm (doors open at 5pm) at the Community Center, 13800 Trumbull. The tickets are \$20, and \$10 children. The movie is "Alice" featuring Robbins very own Keke Palmer.
 8. Please come out and join me in Conversation with the Clerk on Saturday, Feb 8th from 2-4pm at Y2G's, 3630 w 137th St. Light refreshments will be served.
 9. There are Village of Robbins Savings passes, courtesy of Mayor Darren E. Bryant for Disney on Ice at the Allstate Arena Feb. 6-9 and the United Center Jan 30-Feb 2. Tickets are available on the table at the back, while supplies last.

- III.
 - A. Mayor's Report: In light of President Trump ICE policies, the Robbins Police Department will not participate in any ICE proceedings, nor will we intervene in their proceedings. Know your rights, there is a pamphlet available with information. You can call 844-877-4448 to get free legal information. This information will be posted on the village Facebook page. Federal grants: we have grants that have been put on pause. DOJ-\$250,000 and the lead line replacement grant.
Robbins goes to Ghana. On Feb15th, there will be a Black History Month program at 11:00am at the Community Center.
There will be a public property meeting on Thursday at 6pm. Vermont Bank is committed to bringing a bank to the village, possibly within the village hall.
The Honorable Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, the new 5th District Commissioner, was present and spoke to the citizens about her plans to assist the communities in her district. The mayor presented her with some items that the village currently needs help with. She invited citizens to come out to the Cook County Board Meeting on Feb 6th @ 10:00am at 118 N. Clark, Chicago, IL.
 - B. VA Report: No report.
 - C. Clerk's Report: No Report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Maxey to approve a resolution authorizing funds from the Brodie Scholarship Fund. Resolution 1-28-25
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Motion carried.
The mayor reminded citizens about the gala fundraiser for the Brodie Scholarship that will be held on July 17th, 4-9PM at Moraine Valley Community College. Please sign up if you would like to be part of the planning community.
- B. It was moved by Trustee Harper and seconded by Trustee Dyson to approve the swearing in of three (3) Auxiliary Officers: Delmar Buhs, Jeremy Coates, and Sammie Young.
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Robinson, Jackson, Collier
Motion carried.

Note: Jeremy Coates was not present

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Robinson – She thanked everyone to came out to her Chit, Chat & Chew event. Thank you to the Park District for allowing her to have it at their facility and to all the volunteers who helped make it a success. Thanked the mayor for coming out. Her next event will be Feb 15th, time and location to be determined.
On Martin Luther King birthday, which is also my birthday, I volunteered and served some of our veterans.
We had our first COW meeting of the year a few weeks ago, very informative, the next one TBD.
Public Safety- Officer Starosta and I attended zoom meetings with Flock Safety regarding the use of drones. Although we can't afford it right now, the information was useful.
Congratulations to the three new police recruits that graduated from the academy this past Saturday.
License/ordinance- will have a meeting before the end of the month, there are ordinances that need to be amended. Provided her email address.

Trustee Collier-No report, just wanted to commend the public works director on doing a good job of keeping the village clean.

Water-reminded citizens to pay their water accounts and gave tips for keeping your water flowing during the freezing temperatures. He plans on having a meeting next week about the water infrastructure

Trustee Jackson -There will be a Finance meeting on Thursday @ 5pm

Trustee Maxey-There will be a public property meeting on Thursday @ 6pm.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Greetings from Joyce Scott from BIRRN.
2. Andrea Roberson asked how the TIF funds are spent. Does the village use TIF funds?
Asked about the plumbing at her parents' house on Hendricks.
3. Sharon Hinton asked if we are paying our current water bill?
4. Mayor Kellogg (Harvey) commented that it is a phenomenal sight to see how the mayor and board are working together and are taking care of the residents.
5. Breannie Sykes commented on a situation that happened with the fire department. Asked if the fire dept has a contract with Ingalls?
6. Mr. Sammie Young acknowledged his wife with him tonight.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustees Maxey and Jackson to adjourn.

Upon a unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk