

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 8, 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 Ernest Maxey Jr

P Thomas Harper Jr.

P Chanel Kelly

P Jeanneen Holmes

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 Harper and seconded by Trustee Holmes to approve the regular minutes 6-10-25
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier
Motion carried.
- II. It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Kelly to approve the special minutes 6-14-25
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier
Motion carried.
- III. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Holmes to approve the regular minutes 6-24-25
Roll call ayes:
Abstain: Maxey
Motion carried.
- IV. Announcements
 - It is very important that you sign up for text alerts if you haven't done so already. A cell phone number is required. Updates can also be found on the village website as well as all village social media pages.
 - 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.
 - Please join us every Tuesday and Thursday for chair exercise from 11:00am-2:00 pm at the Robbins Park District, 13650 Claire Blvd.
 - Ra'Mone & Friends Whirl summer camp is June 16-August 1, Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm, 13800 Trumbull Ave.
 - Alpha and Omega Foundation is offering scholarships to low-income students residing in Robbins, for students enrolling in a college or university. Scholarships are \$2000 and the deadline to apply is August 31, 2025.

Applications can be found at the park district, community center, library and police department.

- Robbins Legends Reunion, 'Where Legends were Raised', July 12th, 2025 from 12pm-7pm, 13800 Trumbull Ave. There will be vendors, catfish or perch dinners will be sold (until all gone) DJ and more. All proceeds go towards the Robbins festival.
- Hudson Academy Summer Camp starts June 23-August 31, Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm. Registration is open now until June 20th. For more information, please call 708-722-4691.
- Sweet and Thrifty2 has a Book Club every Monday from 4-6pm, June 9-July 14 and a Math Club every Tuesday from 4-6pm, June 10-July15 at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 Trumbull Ave. This is a free event.
- Friends of the park is having a car & bike show on July 20th from 3-7pm at 13650 Claire Blvd.
- Pete's in Tinley Park is having a job fair, hiring for all positions on Tuesday July 15th from 9am-5pm, 16280 Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL
- ComEd Customer relief fund, Beginning July 7, income eligible residential customers with past due balances may qualify for grants up to \$500. To learn more and apply, visit www.coed.com/relief for step by step guidance.
- The 4th annual construction trades fair will be Friday July 11th from 10am-2pm at 2722 S. Martin Luther King dr, Chicago, Il. It is open to the public.
- The Cook County down payment assistance program has re-opened. Get up to 5% in down payment and closing cost assistance.
www.club720.org/cookcounty-dpa.
- Anti-Cruelty in partnership with the Robbins Fire Department will again have the dog wellness fair, Saturday July 12th at 11am at the Robbins fire department 3327 W. 137th St. Free physical exams, core vaccines, microchipping and more. Leashes are required, bring your own muzzle, limit 75 dogs, first come/first served.
- The annual National Night Out, police, community and partnership, will be August 5th, from 4-7PM at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 S Trumbull Ave. Come enjoy food, fun, and entertainment.

- V. A. Mayor's Report: Thanked Cook County Board President Preckwinkle for helping the village with the water break situation on 135th & Komensky. K-Town experienced 7 hours without water on July 3rd. Apologized to the citizens affected and thanked them for bearing with us. Stated resident Mr. Collier advised him that in the South Suburban newspaper, the mayor was rated an A among a list of other mayors. The mayor thanked Mr. Collier for the info, but said he didn't think he deserved it, and felt it was more like a C, because of the things he felt still needed to be done.

We received one payment for the village hall renovation but missed the second one before the state closed for the summer. Expecting that payment sometime in mid-August. Audits are still not up to date. One grant is still in motion, should have a report about that tomorrow.

The MWRD project should be open in spring of 2026.

The village is at a dire point in terms of revenue. Some things are not working out as planned. We have three developers who were supposed to spur development, but that hasn't happened yet. He and the VA are working on some plans to bring revenue. Demolition is not happening right now, there is no money to dispose of the waste. We have to be very conscious of revenue spending. I will be having a meeting tomorrow with Munibuy, which allows us to get money now and forfeit future tax payments. Mayor Ward took one out in 2019. If it makes sense, he will bring it to the board for consideration. I need the citizens' help with the festival. The rodeo cost went up about \$8000 from last year's fees, along with the cost for other items. Because of this, we will be charging to get in this year. Please donate and help us.

B. VA Report: No report. She is requesting the finance committee to schedule an appropriation meeting as soon as possible.

C. Clerk's Report: No report.

D. Treasurer's Report:

It was moved by Trustee Harper and seconded by Trustee Collier to approve the treasurer's report in the amount of \$780,958.89

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS-

A. It was moved by Trustee Harper and seconded by Trustees Kelly and Holmes to approve the Preyon Pest Control service agreement.

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

B. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Holmes to defer Item B back to Ordinances and License committee

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried

C. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Harper to defer Item C to next regular council meeting

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

D. It was moved by Trustee Holmes and seconded by Trustee Maxey to approve the street closure July 20, 3-7Pm, for the Park District Car & Bike Show, 137th Claire to 138th Claire Blvd.

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Trustee Collier

Public Works-They are cleaning the streets and easements, doing a pretty good job. He recommended Mr. Cooper for doing the best he can with what he has.

Water-Please pay your water bills. The repair work at 135th & Komensky is finally complete.

Thanked Mr. Emani for all his hard work.

Trustee Holmes

There will be a license/ordinance meeting scheduled for July 15th @ 6PM.

The mayor spoke about what's going on with industrial in the village...nothing. He has been in talks with the owner who wants 10-12 million dollars for the plant, but it's not worth it. We can do something with the building, but we have to have ownership.

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Murphy asked if Preyon was still doing animal control.

Ms. Ratliff asked if someone can come up with a fundraising idea where people can call in and donate? Are you asking the celebrities from Robbins to donate? She stated she received a call from someone at Wheeler Chapel saying the village was dumping on their lot and wanted to know if that's true.

Ms. Fulson asked do we still have the 50/50 program to get cracked sidewalks repaired.

Mr. Collier stated he picked up the South Suburban paper and he felt the mayor deserved an A, even if it was for the effort he has put into the village.

Ms. Westbrook stated if the Latting's increased their price that much, they can keep the rodeo this year.

IX. Executive Session:

Section 2 (c) (5) Included general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body..

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Dyson to enter into executive session

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustees Harper and Collier to reconvene into regular session.

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Holmes to adjourn.

Upon a unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk _____