

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 23, 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 Chanel Kelly

P Ernest Maxey Jr

P Jeanneen Holmes

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 Harper and seconded by Trustee Holmes to approve the regular minutes 9-9-25

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

Motion carried.

- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need assistance with paying your water bill and to avoid disconnection, please reach out to your local township, either Bremen 708-333-9530 or Worth 708-371-2900. Please see the water dept if you need a disconnection notice to take with you. The village offers a payment plan as well.

Do you have your library card? It's not just for children only. Please visit the Wm. Leonard public library at 13820 Central Park Ave. to explore all the various programs and resources they have to offer. We are now open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm, every 1st and 3rd Saturday.

Please join us for an Autumn family event, where you can build your own taffy apple at the community center 13800 Trumbull Ave. on October 24th from 5pm-7pm. This is sponsored by Sweet and Thrifty 2 and Creative Spirits CDC.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 5-11 and the campaign this year is **Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,** works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. Please see the flyer in the back for more information.

Ahh'Sum Kidz 1st Annual Trunk or Treat, in honor of Larro on Oct 31st from 5-7pm at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 Trumbull. Donations are accepted, please see Angie Murphy Watts at 708-663-1333.

The village hall will be closed Monday, October 13th in observance of Indigenous People Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 9:00 am.

Oct 6-10 is Cook County Digital Inclusion Week. On Oct 6th from 10:30am-2:30 pm at the Matteson Community Center, 20642 Matteson, IL there will be a press conference of Southland elected officials and a huge giveaway, first 500 people will receive brand new coats made by Land's End.

LIHEAP program will start with priority 1 beginning Oct 1st for adults over 60, persons with a disability, families with children 5 & under, disconnected and imminent disconnection household. Priority 2 is Nov. 1 – August 15 or until funds are exhausted. To learn more call 800-571-2332.

III. REPORTS

- A. Mayor's Report: We have a special guest to honor in the person of retired Commander Manley Kirkpatrick, who has spent 35 years with the Robbins Police Department. Police Chief White addressed the audience and spoke words about his time with Commander Kirkpatrick, wishing him the best and noting that a plaque in his honor will be forthcoming. Commander Kirkpatrick addressed the citizens and had words for his fellow police officers. Pictures were taken with the mayor and board of trustees. Representatives from RTA gave a review of the TOD zoning timeline. They will be at the next two board meetings, Oct. 14 & Oct. 28th, seeking adoption of a zoning code ordinance on Oct. 28th. There will need to be a public hearing date set to discuss the changing of the zoning ordinance, as well as the building codes have to be updated for the ICC codes. Mayor stated the public hearing will be at 5pm on the 28th.
- B. VA's Report: She attended a grant writing class with Grant USA for two days at the beginning of the week. Her goal is to be a certified grant writer for the village and will continue working to get resources to the village. The last part of the week she attended the IML conference in Chicago, where she attended seminars about administrators, economic development, etc. This was well worth the time and experience. She also has the log in for free with Grant Finder, which shows grants beneficial to the village. Ms. Gosa, Community Outreach, applied for a grant with South Suburban Rise worth \$25,000 for beatification at the MWRD project. They will be awarding 8 recipients sometime in October.
- C. Clerk's Report: Gave a brief report on her attendance at the IML Conference with the VA and some of the trustees. She hadn't attended the conference in a few years and was pleased with the informational seminars provided, such as TIF and economic development ideas for your municipality.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Trustee Dyson and seconded by Trustee Harper to approve the Engagement Agreement with Vasselli Law, LLC.
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Holmes, Kelly, Collier
Motion carried.
- B. It was moved by Trustee Holmes and seconded by Trustee Maxey to approve the Adjacent Property Purchase and Sell Agreement
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Holmes, Kelly, Collier
Motion carried.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Trustee Collier stated we will have a town hall meeting next week to discuss water rates.

Public Works-Grass cutting will end in October, so that we can prepare for the winter season. We are working on street signs as well. He was sorry he couldn't attend IML this year, appreciate everyone that was able to attend.

Trustee Holmes stated there will be a Building meeting on Monday at 6PM to discuss having modular homes in the community.

Trustee Harper stated there will be a Finance meeting on Thursday at 6PM.

Mayor asked the board to consider having an established date/time for committee meeting. The VA asked for additional clarity, does the board want meetings once a month or twice a month. Trustee Collier asked if the water meeting will be a committee meeting or a town hall meeting? The mayor stated that next week will not work because Ms. Thompson and Mr. Hollingsworth are currently working on a project and won't be available.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Scott had a concern about the cost of a permit she recently had to purchase, felt it was too high and wanted to know how it was calculated. Also wanted to know if there will be a drainage system installed on 134th Pl/Central Park.

Ms. Sykes asked Trustee Collier about the meeting for water rates, what happened to the purposed increase in October? Is the water used for watering the grass on 139th & Kedzie being paid for by the village or MWRD? What about the homes that are being renovated?

Ms. Westbrook asked are you going up on the water rates or still deciding? Are you reading the meters and which ones are those? Have you considered the seniors. Take some payment from those getting paid too much.

Nel Givens, spoke about her husband Clarence Givens and wanted to know how to get a street named after him and also asked about the Hometown Hero program.

Ms. Ratliff asked if she could get some help regarding the tree that fell in her backyard, no one-ComEd or the Tollway Authority wants to take responsibility for it.

Bernard Ward asked, is the TOD for the whole village or a certain area? What is the Vasselli agreement about? What happened to the COW? What is the adjacent property purchase agreement? He thinks the MWRD project looks great. Water is a business and should be treated as such. Where are we with the economic development plan, since MWRD was supposed to help the village as part of the agreement, said they were committed to strongly helping businesses to come here.?

Alicia Dumas has a tour company-All About Us Tours- and she would love to be able to speak with someone regarding the Robbins History Museum. She attends church at 137th Ridgeway.

Deacon Packard attends the church Beauty of Holiness, 137th and Ridgeway and they want to do outreach in the community and connect with other churches to help in any way possible.

Alicia Chambers passed out flyers for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31st and asked for donations and participation from the community.

Tiffany Robinson said there has been a breach of her personal data and how are our personnel records secured?

Ray Anderson asked what we are doing about the abandoned building by the new football field?

Ms. Murphy thanked everyone for everything. Thinks the MWRD is beautiful. Asked is there a procedure for people whose water is off for non-payment? We need to find the papers regarding the TOD and move forward.

Ms. Westbrook asked why weren't the people next door to her fined for that high grass? Ms. Henry from Ramone's Baby Whirl spoke about her after school program at the community center which is Tues-Fri from 3-6pm. She stated she hates there is division in the community.

Ron Spearmon asked what they could do about an abandoned car on the church's (New Friendship) property for a couple of months? Reminded everyone about the car show on Sept 27th on 139th between Central Park and Lawndale.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Holmes and seconded by Trustees Dyson and Kelly to adjourn. Upon a unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk_____