

Committee of the Whole (COW) Minutes

Date: June 4, 2024 Time: 4:45pm-6:15pm

Call to order Time 4:46pm

Pledge of Allegiance/Lord's Prayer

Roll Call

Trustee Thomas Harper P Trustee Ernest Maxey P

Chairperson Tiffany S. Robinson P Trustee David Dyson P

Trustee Gregory N. Jackson P Trustee Michael Collier P

Mayor Darren E. Bryant A Village Clerk Sharon Dyson P

Quorum Established? Yes

1. Approval of COW Minutes from April 23, 2024
 - I. It was moved by Trustee Collier and second by Trustee Harper Jr. Minutes were approved by all Trustees except Trustee Maxey who abstained his vote.
2. Discussion of Ramone's BabyWhirl LLC
 - I. Ms. Henry was not present at the time. She stated she had mandatory training at 5 so she was not able to make it. Ms. Henry submitted her COI as well as her documentation of her business.
3. Discussion of Creative Spirits proposal
 - I. Ms. Gosa presented her proposal to the board. The board stated that she must revise her lease and we can have a closed session with her if needed.
 - II. Trustee Harper Jr asked what are the age groups? Ms. Gosa stated 13-19 year olds and she is requesting Monday-Friday and Sundays for open gym.
4. Discussion of Solar Farm recommendation from Planning and Zoning
 - I. Trustee Robinson stated that she supports this project for our village because there are state and federal tax incentives for renewable energy. Trustee Robinson asked Mr. Parrot to approach the Board. Mr. Parrot presented the Solar Farm on behalf of the Robbins' Park District. He explained what the project was and how it would benefit the Village of Robbins.
 - II. Trustee Maxey asked Mr. Parrot to explain the project in greater detail. He asked what is the benefit to the village? Trustee Maxey stated that it would be a hazard if it is too close to the residents.
 - III. Trustee Collier asked when would taxes be generated on the property?
 - IV. Trustee Jackson asked how big the farm will be. Mr. Parrot stated it would be on the 10 acres that are owned by the Park District. Mr. Parrot stated that others outside of Robbins could subscribe to the farm.

- V. Trustee Dyson asked if renderings were submitted to the planning and zoning board? Mr. Parrot stated yes, they did at the time of application. Trustee Dyson is concerned about the project negatively impacting the development of that area.
 - VI. Trustee Harper asked if the Park District holds an agreement with the park? Mr. Parrot stated yes, they have a non-revenue generating agreement.
 - VII. Trustee Dyson asked if Mr. Parrot could share what the agreement is about. Mr. Parrot stated that they could get it to us.
 - VIII. Trustee Maxey asked for a schematic. Mr. Parrot stated that Planning and Zoning has the renderings for the project. Trustee Dyson stated he is baffled why planning and zoning didn't send us the renderings.
 - IX. Trustee Robinson stated that we will send an email to Planning and Zoning
5. Discussion of Scotland Developments Cigar Lounge & Strip mall recommendation from Planning and Zoning
 - I. Open Sunday through Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 12pm-10pm, BYOB, it's a social venue, built from the ground up. They will use one bay for the cigar lounge.
 - II. Trustee Collier asked if they will be selling cigars? Mrs. Scott said yes
 - III. Trustee Dyson asked about parking and Mr. Scott stated that the parking will be in the back.
 - IV. Trustee Jackson about how long is the property?
 - V. Trustee Collier asked about how many parking spaces are there? Mr. And Mrs. Scott stated there will be 30 parking spots available.
 - VI. Their strip mall on 135th and Ridgeway will house a convenient/grocery store. The store will not be ready until 2025. The strip mall will have 2 units.
 - VII. Mrs. Scott stated they are bringing people to the community which is why they are bringing the strip mall and cigar lounge to our community.
 6. Discussion of Elite gaming recommendation from Planning and Zoning
 - I. Shell gas station is moving their gaming next door to the other side of the building they currently own
 7. Discussion of PPE supplies
 - I. Supervisor Hollingsworth presented to the board for the second time. Total cost of the PPE supplies is \$2,295
 - II. Trustee Collier said these are necessities to comply with OSHA.
 8. Discussion of trailer purchase
 - I. Trustee Collier wants to revisit this. He wants to see if we can get a better deal on a different trailer.
 9. Discussion of Police and Fire Commission
 - I. Trustee Robinson mentioned that there is a possible conflict with the Police & Fire Commission Board because there is an active officer serving on the board. The board will review the current police and fire commission manual to see if we comply with our board.
 - II. Trustee Dyson thanked Mr. Foster for his service.
 - III. Trustee Robinson thanked Mrs. Shelton for offering her manual to the board and also Mr. And Mrs. Foster, the board chair and secretary for the Police and Fire Commission.
 10. Discussion of NEOGOV

- I. Mrs. Shelton, HR Generalist and Mr. Tyler Southard presented a phenomenal presentation on how beneficial NEOGOV will be for the Village of Robbins
 - II. The board will follow up with Tyler to see how we may be able to connect in the future for our HR needs!
11. Miscellaneous
- I. Municipal Collection of America for outstanding fines and fees.
 - II. Trustee Dyson asked if there was a ballpark of how much money was due to the Village of Robbins
 - III. Trustee Robinson suggested an email from the Board to ask Ms. Gosa to cease and desist until she gets all of her paperwork together and in to Clerk Dyson. For Liability reasons CDS should not operate until it is in full compliance with business license, insurance etc.
 - IV. We need to clarify job positions for the flea market
 - V. Finance completed appropriations – it will be coming before us for a vote soon
 - i. Trustee Robinson stated there are line items under the administration section that we need to review and possibly omit.
12. Comments from the citizens (2:00 minutes for each citizen)
- I. Mrs. Fulson – says she supports the solar farm project and wanted to know where it will be located
 - II. Mrs. Debbe Foster – invited us to Citizen’s First on June 22, 2024 located at 135th & Keeler at 1:00
 - III. Mrs. Murphy – stated that we need to make sure that our village looks like surrounding communities. She complained about how the Shell gas station looked.
 - IV. Mr. Foster – asked if we could put a dumpster out in a centralized location.
 - V. Ms. Henry – spoke in reference to Ramone’s BabyWhirl and stated that she submitted all of her paperwork. Trustee Robinson confirmed that it was received via email and thanked Ms. Henry for keeping the board abreast of where she was in her processes.
13. Adjournment – It was moved by Trustee Dyson and second by Trustee Harper Jr to adjourn the COW meeting at 7:14pm.
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