

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Trustee Brewer, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred (late arrival), Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Tony Schuering

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON January 8, 2024.**

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the minutes for January 8, 2024. Trustee Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Trustee Eandi made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. A printout will be shared out as soon as possible. The new system is just getting started so that is not available tonight. It will be a similar format with larger font.

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Alexis Betts – Habitat for Humanity – Large item pick up press announcement was issued by Sangamon County. Rochester residents now qualify for 6 large items picked up each year - either all 6 at one item or divided into 2 pick-ups. Items could be: couch, refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc. for disposal. Items for restore qualify as donations, which they can also pick up. Pick up starts as early as 5 pm. Can she send a link and it be added to the Village Website? There has been some media that has been done but did not land well. As a result, Alexis is out talking to municipalities. She will leave several items to review for media and information purposes.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Sandy Wulf – on 407 Selma Ct. With snow and plows out, the public works dept nicked the corner of her stone mailbox. Now it needs repaired. A neighbor was out and about and saw it happened. Wulf reached out to the Village department and was informed that they were allowed to fix/repair without board approval for up to \$100. With her mailbox being stone, it will cost more than \$100. Wulf brought several estimates for the board to review and see what can be done.

Leigh Giles-Brown – 513 Water Wheel Dr. – Asking for improvements to the park behind Oak Mill Estates. They walk their dogs there regularly. They have a number of children in the neighborhood. She would like to ask for a splash pad to be installed in that park area. She spoke positively about splash pads. The Village could charge a nominal fee for an afternoon of usage or families could rent out the space for a birthday party, which could help with the cost. They are also built in modules, so repair could be easier than an entire area. Trustee Munroe asked if splash pads have lifeguards. Giles-Brown explained that most do not typically have a lifeguard. There are many safeguards that can be built into it. Trustee Carver asked about general start-up price. Giles-Brown explained that from research on the internet, a community sized could be \$100-150 K. It could be enclosed if that is desired. She offered to help write grants if that would be helpful. Other ideas she suggested for the area were a dog park or a pickleball court.

Trustee Munroe explained that some complaints have come in about the play area at Rochester Park. Upkeep all costs money and time.

John Stites – A lady from pickleball league has reached out about putting courts in somewhere. She would like to use North Park area as it is pretty untouched right now. Stites is willing to help with construction and/or materials. Is it the right time of year (prior to construction season) to get something like this up and going? Mike Stratton, Chief of Staff in Sherman, could be contacted as he has information about the large splash pad in Sherman that is being installed soon.

## REPORTS

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer –*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Incidents – a couple of vehicles have been gone through; all were unlocked at the time.
- B. No answer yet on the IDOT Grants, which would extend us into 2025.
- C. Chief Sommer shared quotes on Body Cameras. His recommendation is Axon Enterprise, Inc. The contract is paid out over 5 years. With this package, new equipment is received every 2 years.

Chatham & Sherman’s packages (a different company) have a fairly competitive price for the first year, but Chief is not sure what years 2-5 look like for those 2 Villages. Chief’s goal is to have active cameras this summer.

Trustee Munroe asked about what additional equipment would be needed for attachment to the uniform. Chief explained that there are a couple of new pieces, which are included in the quote. He is looking at the magnetic option for the right chest pocket.

Trustee Hendrickson asked if this is an unfunded state mandate, right? Yes. What have the grants been like for this equipment? Chief explained that Sherman received money through the last grant cycle to purchase equipment. Chief believes it would work similarly for Rochester. City of Springfield, State of IL, Sangamon County Sherrif all also use Axon so using the same company would help with sharing of evidence.

This would become a separate budget item. It could come out of both Police and Village budgets. 5% down now and then start a yearly contract in May is the goal.

Atty Schuering asked since this can’t be voted on tonight because it is not on the agenda, can a brief meeting prior to the COW be scheduled to vote and make a decision? That would allow him time to review everything. General consensus was yes, that sounds like a great idea. Thank you!

- D. Cops for Kids is coming back! They haven’t run it since COVID.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Lead line survey – they started with 1300 unknown properties and they are down to 75 now.
- B. Event at Mill St. and Water St – Supt. Foster met with Engineer Kevin Kuhn to see what can be done to resolve the problem.
- C. Foster and Kuhn met to discuss several projects.
- D. The Village Hall parking lot lights are currently out. Electricians are working to get electricity run to the new Village sign. They know the lights are out and are working to get them back on as soon as possible.

## OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Ordinances:

**ORD 24-02** – An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Rochester TIF District Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of That Surplus Revenue to the Sangamon County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro-Rata Basis for Tax Year 2022 Payable 2023. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 24-02. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe -yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**Resolutions:**

**RES 24-01** – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Rochester and the Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee Regarding Traffic Detail Sponsored by the Illinois Department Of Transportation. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Resolution 24-01. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**RES 24-02** – Approving Maintenance for the North Oak Hill Road Mill & Overlay Project. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-02. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**Motions:**

Motion to Approve Rochester Public Library District and Village Of Rochester Digital Sign Policy. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the Digital Sign Policy. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

When will the sign be up and going? That has taken more than Village Public Works anticipated. The previous electrical set up was very limited so new wiring had to be run to make everything have enough power. The Library staff is creating the form for information to be submitted on to go on the sign.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Pending Litigation

*Trustee Carver made a motion to move into executive session. Trustee Brewer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:51pm.*

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to re-open the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. President called the meeting to order at \_8:20\_\_\_ pm.*

**Members present:** Trustee Brewer, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdeick, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Tony Schuering

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Upcoming Dates to Remember: (some meetings are tentative and could change, but will have the proper 48 hours posting notice)

Monday, February 13, 2024		Arbor Committee Meeting @ 5 pm
Monday, February 19, 2024	CLOSED	Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 20, 2024		Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, February 26, 2024		Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm
Friday, March 1, 2024		Sparks in the Park Trivia Night at 6 pm
Friday, March 1, 2024		Trivia Night – looking for tables of 8 or 10 people – only selling 12 tables
Monday, March 11, 2024		Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, March 11, 2024		Sparks in the Parks at noon
Wednesday, May 1, 2024		Fundraiser – details to be announced

**Motion to Adjourn**

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk