

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

**Members present:** Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Steve Hedding; **Members absent:** Trustee Brewer

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON November 13, 2023.**

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for November 13, 2023. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation – Rochester High School Boys Football Team Recognition – President Suerdieck read the proclamation naming December 15, 2023, Rochester High School Football Day in honor of their IHSA Football State Championship.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

N/A

**REPORTS**

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer* – Officer Doolen gave the report in Chief’s absence.

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Officer Kurzyski will complete Academy training on 12/22/23.
- B. Officers participated in 2 different training sessions.
- C. Two different community drives are in progress – ELVES and Warm Up Rochester Winter Wear.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Leaks have been found on Riverwood Drive.
- B. North Lift Station has had concrete pillar removed. A tree nearby will be removed as well to make turn arounds easier.
- C. DG Market water hook ups are done on the Village side. They should have water connected by the end of this week.
- D. Cameras at the park – CTI gave a rough estimate of \$25,000 for the fiber to go in, does not include camera, power or anything else. Supt. Foster will explore other options and come back with information.
- E. 409 E. Main – has been a property with issues in the past. It has now been sold and the new owners plan to fix it up and live in it.
- F. CDL topics – Trustee Kindred gave a name of who to talk to at IL Truckers’ Association (ITA) to Supt. Foster. Foster is now considering being the “behind the wheel” instructor. The ITA is offering the class on-line which staff can do during work hours from the Village garage. His goal

is to have a couple of staff members enrolled and active by early January 2024. Drug testing needs done by current CDL holders and future holders.

- G. Trustee Hendrickson – asked if Foster had talked with the engineer for projects for the springtime. Foster and Kuhn have had a variety of conversations. One is around the water project on Mill St. The engineer has been fighting illness so not available for many conversations within the last month. Kuhn’s suggestion is to let bids after the state of Illinois has done their bids so we can fill in gaps.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinances:**

**ORD 23-29** – An Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Corporate Purposes of the Village of Rochester, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-29. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ORD 23-30** – An Ordinance Approving a Developer’s Agreement with Larry Bielfeldt Regarding 2 Lots on Coe Commons. *The agreement was not delivered to the President prior to the meeting. Trustee Munroe made a motion to table Ordinance 23-30. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolutions:**

**RES 23-16** – An Ordinance Approving the Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy G532BCE Blue Choice Preferred for Term Beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 23-16. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson asked if the Village has a personnel and finance committee? The answer is no. Trustee Hendrickson then suggested amending the resolution to say Committee of the Whole.*

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**RES 23-17** – An Ordinance Approving a 2024 MFT Maintenance Program. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 23-17. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**Motions:**

Motion – Motion to Approve the 2024 Rochester Village Board Meeting Schedule. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the new meeting schedule. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion – Motion to Approve the 2024 Rochester Village Holiday Schedule. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the new holiday schedule. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion – Motion to Approve a Contract with Zeiler Amusements for 2024 Sparks in the Park. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the contract for 2024 Sparks in the Park. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dates were not included on the contract, but they are set for June 6, 7, and 8, 2024.*

Motion – Motion to Appoint List of Ad Hoc Liquor Review Committee. *Trustee Munroe made a motion appointing the Ad Hoc Committee Members. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Kindred asked where names came from. President Suerdieck explained some he recruited, and others came to him.*

Motion – Motion to Amend Employee Manual for Paid Leave for All Workers Act Update. *Trustee Kindred made a motion amending the employee manual. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The attorney went through the employee manual and made updates. Erica Marsh then printed only the effected paragraph. She then checked with the 2 unions, and they were all okay with the changes. P/T staff will get 1 hour of paid time for every 40 hours they complete.*

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

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to move into executive session. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:36 pm.*

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to re-open the board meeting. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Members present:** Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Steve Hedding; **Members absent:** Trustee Brewer

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

Tuesday, December 19, 2023		Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, December 25, 2023	CLOSED	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	CLOSED	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday, January 1, 2023	CLOSED	NEW YEARS DAY
Monday, January 8, 2023		Village Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Monday, January 8, 2023		Sparks in the Park @ noon

**Motion to Adjourn**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk