

Village of Rochester
Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
April 17, 2018

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Butcher	Trustee Eandi
	Trustee Hill	Trustee Hendrickson
	Trustee Zobrist	Trustee Munroe
	President Suerdieck	Clerk Langdon

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order and opened the floor to those wishing to speak with regards to the proposed water source change. No limit was set on the number of individuals allowed to address the Board; however, time limits were set to allow those wishing to speak equal opportunity.

Individuals who addressed the Board are following:

Tom Roy	Doug Dirks
Bryan Martindale	Carol Anderson
Jim Veselenak	Janet Hawes-Davis
Tom Walker	Doug Brown (CWLP)
Ted Meckes (CWLP)	Ginger Rentschler
Mike Anderson (Rep. Scherer)	Mark Pettyjohn
Dave Armstrong	Danny Passini
Stephen Davis	Larry Daily

Opinions expressed were mixed. Major concerns of residents opposed to leaving CWLP consisted of the following:

- Water quality – taste of water, effect on appliances, etc.
- Water safety – concerns about water coming from an area once a munitions plant, chemicals and minerals in the water, and radon in the water.
- Water capacity

- Possible cost to end CWLP contract
- Fear of facing same issues as Chatham

Those in support of switching from CWLP to URWC feel that CWLP has taken advantage of the Village of Rochester by over-charging Village residents due to the lack of competition.

NEW BUSINESS

President Suerdieck took time to address the current CWLP contract and the proposed amendment to the contract. President Suerdieck believes the new language is worse than the current contract due to an “exclusivity” clause added by CWLP and a 5-year extension to the contract. He does not believe the added language is in our best interest. President Suerdieck then made a recommendation that the Board reject the new contract with CWLP.

Trustee Zobrist stated he was ready to take a vote on this issue and put an end to it.

Trustee Hendrickson would like the Village to proceed with contract negotiations. CWLP has been in the practice of over-charging the Village for years because Rochester had no other options in the past but to pay it. He does not see any issue with having 2 water sources. He also does not support the “exclusivity” clause that has been added to the contract. He recommended the Board authorize agreement with URWC with no “exclusivity” clause.

Trustee Eandi stated that she understands both sides. She feels competition is good and would also like to see the “exclusivity” clause removed.

Trustee Butcher is concerned with future growth in Rochester and if URWC would be able to provide enough water. He also stated that he heard not all communities, which EJ Water stated were on board, were indeed on board with the URWC.

Trustee Munroe also concerned with economic growth. She thinks it is unfortunate the amendment came back with added language and thinks the Village could have negotiated a better contract if the public had not panicked and would have allowed the Board to do their job.

Trustee Zobrist made a motion to accept the amendment from CWLP as written. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher-YES
Trustee Eandi- YES
Trustee Hendrickson-NO
Trustee Hill-YES
Trustee Munroe-YES

Trustee Zobrist-YES

Motion passed. 5-1-0

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill.
Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Langdon
Clerk
Village of Rochester