

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Trustee Butcher, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Zobrist  
President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding                      **Members absent:** Trustee Munroe

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON December 12, 2022.**

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the minutes for December 12, 2022. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Carver voted present.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Trustee Eandi made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson reminded everyone we are about 67% of the way through the year. President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Butcher - yes      Trustee Carver - yes  
Trustee Eandi - yes      Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
Trustee Zobrist - yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The Rochester Women’s Club has decided to give up their charter. They have been around since the 1920s and current lack of membership is the issue. They have a great deal of historical documentation – pictures, files, etc. Would the Village like any plaques mounted or framed historic photos with captions made by them to post here in the community room? Consider it and we can discuss more in the COW meeting. Trustees Eandi and Hendrickson supported the idea. Trustee Hendrickson recommended bringing the Rochester Historical Society to the conversation.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Diana Nevitt – The ~~Thies~~ This family lost their daughter (Melissa) to a 12-year battle with cancer. Friends of the family would like to put a bench in the park in Melissa’s name. They would like it to be in the Village Park, in the northwest corner of the cemetery, in the northeast part of the park with the large open field. There are currently no other benches in that area. Nevitt would like permission to proceed with the bench. The manufacturer they want to use is Frog Furnishings from a store in Northern IL. Patrick Zillan has done a quote for the concrete needs - a concrete slab with appropriate attachments. One idea is to have arms and one is without arms. The proposal would be at no cost to the village as everything would come from Friends of Jim and Ruthann ~~Thies~~ This. The bench itself has black ends and recycled material for the main bench area. No maintenance is necessary. Would the board consider allowing this?

Trustee Hendrickson asked if the location is right along the trail or up closer to the cemetery? Nevitt explained that it would be along the trail on a concrete slab abutting the trail.

Trustee Carver asked how soon the group is thinking this would happen. Nevitt said the concrete would need to wait until spring and once the bench is ordered, it will take 8-13 weeks. So, realistically late spring or summer.

**REPORTS**

*Public Works Superintendent*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Installed 2 test ports for EPA testing activity planned later this spring.
- B. LTE meters are installed, and some leaks were discovered.

- C. Primary and new generator – slow progress is being made. Pulling new wire and conduit is now not functional (Supt. Foster believe the old supplies have rusted), so now there is a need for new conduit.
- D. CTI is in the last subdivision for installation. They still need to lay mains and pull fiber.
- E. Last Friday, the new tornado siren was tested with success.
- F. Eagle Scout project – Supt. Foster has reached out a few times to talk more about the new sign but no real progress has occurred.
- G. Solar Companies – There have been inner-departmental issues on their end so limited progress has happened.
- H. Trustee Hendrickson asked about the decking around the new generator. Supt. Foster has talked to a couple of trustees for ideas about possible solutions. Trustee Hendrickson suggested a steel frame with decking, which is more durable than wood and cheaper than steel. Is use of Trex a possibility?
- I. Project Play – there are some problems with it and no real answers to those problems.
- J. Parks – Trustee Hendrickson asked what would be needed to connect the proposed bench? Supt. Foster explained he would need to check the drainage in the area.

#### *Chief of Police*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Training – The department will complete physical fitness later this month.
- B. The second part of K9 Training is complete.
- C. Supreme Court Ruling – several new laws. Chief Summer is waiting for the answer from the filed appeal to come in April or May to be better prepared to explain or address any new issues.
- D. The department is waiting on the license plate recognition camera. It is currently on back order. The system is still accessible and functional, Rochester simply doesn't have the camera component yet.
- E. New squad car – The new graphic design is at Canhan being applied.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Ordinances:**

**ORD 23-01** – Approval of Rate Increase for Waste Haulers Fee. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-01. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Butcher - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
 Trustee Eandi - yes    Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
 Trustee Zobrist - yes

*The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.*

**ORD 23-02** – Approval of Carbon Credit Program Agreement with Trees Forever. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-02. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Butcher - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
 Trustee Eandi - yes    Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
 Trustee Zobrist - yes

*The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.*

##### **Resolutions:**

**Res 23-01** – Approving a Contract with Zeiler Amusements for 2023 Sparks in the Park. Same provider as last year. *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve Resolution 23-01. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Butcher - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
Trustee Eandi - yes    Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
Trustee Zobrist - yes

*The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.*

**Res 23-02** A Resolution of the Village of Rochester in Support of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Last year, a lot of discussion occurred at the state level trying to change TIF districts. Once again, they are having similar discussions. IML has asked all villages and cities to pass a resolution in support of TIF districts. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Butcher - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
Trustee Eandi - yes    Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
Trustee Zobrist - yes

*The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.*

**MOTIONS:**

Motion – Motion Authorizing Village President to Sign Contracts and Documents for “Sparks in the Park 2023” as needed. *Trustee Butcher made a motion authorizing Village President to sign contracts and documents for “Sparks in the Park 2023” as needed. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.*

Trustee Butcher - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
Trustee Eandi - yes    Trustee Hendrickson - yes  
Trustee Zobrist - yes

*The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

N/A

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

Monday, January 16, 2023	CLOSED	Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Tuesday, January 17, 2023		Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at 7 pm
Monday, January 23, 2023		Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7 pm
Wednesday, January 25, 2023		Sparks in the Park meeting at 8:30 am
Wednesday, January 25, 2023		TIF Annual Joint Review Board Mtg at 10 am
Monday, February 13, 2023		Village Board Meeting at 7 pm

**Motion to adjourn:**

Trustee Zobrist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk