

**Village of Rochester  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 13, 2023**

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:                   Trustee Butcher       Trustee Carver       Trustee Eandi  
                                  Trustee Hendrickson   Trustee Munroe       Trustee Zobrist

ABSENT:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2023.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes with necessary spelling revisions. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. All in favor; except for Trustee Munroe who voted present. Motion passed.*

**APPROVAL OF ALL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the monthly financial bills. Motion was seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES           Trustee Carver – YES           Trustee Eandi-YES  
Trustee Hendrickson-YES       Trustee Munroe-YES           Trustee Zobrist-YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM-**

Nicholas Pier addressed the Board regarding replacing/redesigning the Village Hall/Library sign with an update. He stated that he met with the Library Board and was asked to seek a meeting date with Joint Use Committee to discuss fundraising and more details. Trustee Hendrickson suggested reaching out to the Lions Club to see if they would be interested in providing assistance/guidance on the project as they are big supporters of the Community.

John Petit, Planning & Zoning Chairman requested board approval for a variance that was heard by the P&Z Committee in January. He explained the reasons behind their recommendation. The home sits on a cul-de-sac facing east and the fence would terminate as close to solid ground as possible. The homeowners would plant bushes at the end of the fence line. The fence would act as a barrier, as would the water, to prevent entry to the property. An automatic pool cover would be installed and would be set to automatically close after 20 minutes of non-use. Their insurance company is not requiring the owners to install a fence since their cover will be present.

Bill Rodgers owns Rocket Fitness property and the lot behind it. He would like to place a larger 24" tile in a ditch, cover it with clay, then cover with concrete. The lot would be able to be utilized as a parking lot with potential to place storage units in the future. He provided a few drawings and plans as part of his request/proposal. The next step in the process would be to contact the engineer to see if the project would be feasible.

**OLD BUSINESS-NONE.**

## **Police Chief Report-Chief Sommer**

Personnel: Nothing to report

Training:

- Several officers attended Illinois Case Law training administered by the Street Cop Training group on February 6, 2023.
- Officer Doolin and K-9 Jett are still participating in K-9 apprehension certification training. Instructors have complimented K-9 Jett's performance.
- Sergeant Henton will be attending Patrol Rifle (AR-15) Armorer training on 2/15/23 and 2/16/23.
- Officers will be completing less-lethal shotgun certification on 2/13/23.
- Detective Harris will be obtaining Pilot certification for Drone usage.

Incidents:

- A residential burglary occurred at 23 Circle Drive on 2/2/23 of a firearm and jewelry. No other burglaries have been reported. Detective Harris is currently investigating the incident and Crimestoppers was notified to get the word out. There is a possibility that a vehicle with a California license plate was involved.

Misc.:

- We are going to start testing in March 2023 to compile an applicant list for full-time and part-time police officer positions to refer to for any vacancies.
- We are still waiting on the FLOCK LPR camera. I contacted Flock Safety and they advised it is scheduled to arrive in March 2023. Flock Safety will be adjusting our contract dates to reflect the camera's arrival.
- We are still waiting for a graphic design from Canham Graphics for new squad car.

## **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-James Foster**

### **Water/Sewer**

- Mavis Sewer Slide has recently been the subject of many conversations in Public Works. This will be the year for this project. In investigating this situation, Petersburg Plumbing, Kuhn & Trello, and Public Works are confused by our findings. More to follow.
- The new Generator at Primary Lift Station is completed. We are waiting for a couple of invoices to come in, but the physical work is done.
- A property on Mill Street had a second leak in 6 months. This last leak was 230,000 gallons resulting in quite an expensive bill. This resident used our Forgiveness Program for the previous leak. The resident is contesting the newest leak amount, stating that "the physical evidence does not support the claim". With repairs to the pipes complete, a request for the to be turned on was received. When PW attempted the turn on, it appeared someone (not Public Works staff) broke the setter, resulting in overtime for some of the staff to repair this meter pit. Village Code allows for \$75-\$750 dollar fine, per day if necessary, and arrest for disorderly conduct for "maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover or deface or tamper with any structures, appurtenances or equipment which are a part of the village sewage and waterworks." We cannot be sure of who it was, however, the homeowner could be made responsible. I warned this homeowner of this.
- One of the newly annexed homes on N Oak Hill is now tied into the new sewer extension.

### **Streets**

- Public Works has been discussing drainage projects throughout the Village. We have done some dye testing to find where some drainage tiles daylight.

## **Parks/Property**

- The millings/asphalt at North Park have been hauled away, everything graded, and grass seed planted.
- The multiple years' worth of spoil at Community Park has had a serious dent in it. We hauled tons of dirt out and the area is shaping up.

## **Code Officer Info**

- The Village received a FOIA of 801 Jack Taylor Dr. due to an error in the Parcel Viewer concerning address, the FOIA took a bit longer to complete. The requestor had no qualms about this. It has now been satisfied.

## **New Business:**

### **Ordinance 23-03 Approving Amended Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year ending 04/30/2023**

Discussion: none

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-03. Motion was seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES      Trustee Carver – YES      Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES      Trustee Munroe – YES      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

### **Ordinance 23-04 Approving a request for a variance to allow pool fence enclosure**

Discussion: none

*Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-04. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES      Trustee Carver – YES      Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES      Trustee Munroe – YES      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

### **Ordinance 23-05 Approving limitation for future fence variance requests**

Discussion: Table ordinance until after Public Hearing with Planning & Zoning occurs

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to table Ordinance 23-05. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES      Trustee Carver – YES      Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES      Trustee Munroe – YES      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

### **Ordinance 23-06 Authorizing the Disposal of certain items of personal property-Public Works Truck**

Discussion: Public Works would make a trade whereas we would pay the seller in Ordinance 23-07 \$8,500 and exchange the 2001 International Dump Truck for a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 WT Package.

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-06. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES      Trustee Carver – YES      Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES      Trustee Munroe – YES      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**Ordinance 23-07 Authorizing a vehicle transaction for Public Works**

Discussion: Public Works would make a trade whereas we would pay the seller \$8,500 and exchange the 2001 International Dump Truck for a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 WT Package. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-07. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES                      Trustee Carver – YES                      Trustee Eandi – YES  
                    Trustee Hendrickson – YES                      Trustee Munroe – YES                      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**Ordinance 23-08 Approving the Zoning Map for the Village dated 02/07/2023**

Discussion: none

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-08. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES                      Trustee Carver – YES                      Trustee Eandi – YES  
                    Trustee Hendrickson – YES                      Trustee Munroe – YES                      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**Ordinance 23-09 Declaring Surplus Revenue in the TIF district for RE Tax Year 2021 payable 2022**

Discussion: none

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-09. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher – YES                      Trustee Carver – YES                      Trustee Eandi – YES  
                    Trustee Hendrickson – YES                      Trustee Munroe – YES                      Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Rochester 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball. –

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to table Proclamation until all information has been gathered. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**MOTIONS:**

Motion authorizing a memorial bench to be placed at Community Park near the bike path.

*Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve placement of the memorial bench. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

Motion authorizing a road closure for American Environmental to excavate contaminated soil per Resolution 19-14.

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve road closure request. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** none

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:55p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Marsh - Deputy Clerk