

**Village of Rochester  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 14, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL:           Trustee Butcher  
                          Trustee Eandi  
                          Trustee Hendrickson  
                          Trustee Munroe  
                          Trustee Zobrist  
                          President Suerdieck  
                          Deputy Clerk Marsh

ABSENT:               Trustee Carver

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2022.** *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Eandi. Trustee Butcher voted present. Unanimous aye vote for remaining trustees. Motion passed.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

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

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM – NONE.**

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE.**

President Suerdieck announced that he received a few negative, but substantial positive comments regarding how our roads were well taken care of during the recent snow storm and it was commented that they were much better than some of the other surrounding communities. Trustee Butcher also commented positive feedback from himself and others

in his subdivision. Superintendent stated that we are expected to get another 4” this week and we hope to continue the great work that all of the Public Works crew had put forth during the last event.

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

### **Water/Sewer**

- Altitude valve is on order. Riverton is working to take out a major construction loan to update several components of their infrastructure. Last we spoke to them; they are still in-process to get the needed money. This is holding us up but not terribly so.
- Petersburg Plumbing has been out to ‘pothole’ our water mains for the 10x10. They didn’t find our line and are expected out again this week to try again.

### **Streets**

- New salt box is on order. Expected delivery is before the March Board meeting.

### **Parks/Property**

- The Joint Use Committee met and discussed the exterior of village hall. Conversations lead me to believe that they do not want to help us pay for the repair to the DryVit on the “village side”. The lines of joint use/village/library seem to be blurred. I took the Village Hall/Library construction drawing and have outlined for everyone what I consider the areas to be. This will help for billing and shared cost items such as community room issues.
- Wanless Park has had final cleanup done, and grass seed spread. Now we wait for it to grow and see how it goes.
- The Garceau property which borders Wanless to the east, and was damaged when the initial cleanup of Wanless was begun, and been cleaned up to the homeowners satisfaction and grass seed is planted.

### **Training/Consideration**

- Most of the Public Works is testing for sewer licenses at the 2022 Effingham Conference this week, Thurs 2/17/22.
- Illinois CDL law changed and became effective 02/07/2022. Now for a new CDL driver, training/classes must be done. Cost is \$4,075.00 and 4 to 6 weeks of training. This will affect us in the future.

Trustee Hendrickson asked who offered the classes. Sup. Foster commented that he knew for sure that Lincoln Land Community College did offer the required class. Trustee Munroe asked if Midwest Truckers Assn would offer the classes. Sup Foster stated that he didn’t think so, but that may change with the recent updates to the law.

### **Code Officer Info**

- A ‘home inspector’ inspected a home to a level of code higher than we require. Had to write a letter for contractor to inform prospective buyer that the contractor built to the code required by Rochester.  
Trustee Hendrickson asked if duplexes have to have sprinklers. Sup Foster responded that that is part of the 2018 code and abide by 2015 building code.
- Cardinal Hill apartments now have tenants.

## **POLICE CHIEF REPORT – Chief Sommer**

### **Personnel**

- Officer Schnell accepted a position with the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office. His last day will be February 27, 2022.
- Department is currently down 2 Full-Time officers

### **Training**

- Detective Harris will be attending Imprimus Evidence Technician training at College of Lake County from February 21 – March 4.
- All officers attended use of force simulator training at MCLETC and completed CPR re-certification.

### **Misc.**

- Still waiting on parts to complete patrol setup of Unit #3.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinances:**

**Ordinance 22-02 Authorizing Advertising/Sponsor Signage on Village Baseball Fields Fencing** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-02. Motion Seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

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

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Ordinance 22-03 Approving the Oak Hill Sewer Extension Resident Fees**

Discussion: Trustee Hendrickson asked how much the fees from the Engineer and the Attorney would be for this project. We are potentially only collecting \$25k of a potential \$100k project with this fee amount per resident. This is asking everyone in the village to pay for this and not asking for enough. I would like to see a more realistic figure with a more adoptable amount. This would set a policy for the future and its not enough. I would like to know the total cost of the project. I’m opposed to the figure of \$5,000. President Suerdieck added that he didn’t feel good asking for more since they still have to pay for the plumbing of their homes. He said that another route we could’ve gone would be to charge each residence roughly \$68. If we charged \$3 per month until the \$68 was paid it would be around 2 years of payments. Trustee Butcher agrees with the way it is written and is fine with the amount in the ordinance. Trustee Zobrist added that raising the fee would be adding an additional burden to homeowners and that he is ok with the way it is written also. Trustee Munroe said that sure, we are taking a loss by not collecting more, but in time, we will recover it. Charging the new residents any more is a lot to ask of a

homeowner. Trustee Eandi agrees with Munroe and Zobrist and thinks the amount in the ordinance is fine.

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-03. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:           Trustee Butcher – YES           Trustee Eandi – YES  
                          Trustee Hendrickson – NO       Trustee Munroe – YES  
                          Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 4-1

**Ordinance 22-04 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 2020 Payable 2021.** *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-04. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Ordinance 22-05 through Ordinance 22-08 Annexation documents for Dolder & Maras.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to table all four Ordinances. Trustee Zobrist seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed 5-0.*

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution 21-37 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Rochester and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 965, for the Public Works Department.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 21-37. Motion seconded by Trustee Hendrickson.*

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 22-02 Approving a Lease with Andrew Cornett for 2022.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 22-02. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 22-03 Approving updated Employee Manual.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 22-03. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist.*

ROLL CALL:           Trustee Butcher – YES           Trustee Eandi – YES

Trustee Hendrickson – YES Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 22-04 Approving Easement with CTI Tech.**

Discussion: President Suerdieck had spoken with a rep at CTI Tech and they had reported that they had received calls from our residents asking for their services in the area. We had tried to implement service with them several years ago with not much interest. However, with the sudden surge for services, they would like to make the move into Rochester. They would like to place an equipment shed inside the gates of our Lift Station to be able to place their equipment inside. This easement allows them to do so giving them a 15' x 15' area. This would be the base hub for their fiber optic services. Also in doing this, we are looking at least 1 year of digging within the village. Trustee Butcher added that they were able to use CTI in Taylorville during the last election for the polling, and it was phenomenal at how fast it was.

*Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04. Motion Seconded by Trustee Zobrist.*

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Motions –**

**Approving new employee, John Altig, as new Public Works Assistant.** *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve employment for John Altig as Full-Time Public Works Assistant. Motion seconded by Trustee Munroe. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed 5-0.*

**Approving giving President Suerdieck permission to enter into an agreement with CTI Tech.** This motion is no longer needed since the Resolution was voted and passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

|                        |        |                                     |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| February 15, 2022 @7pm |        | Planning & Zoning                   |
| February 21, 2022      | CLOSED | Village Hall Closed-President's Day |
| February 28, 2022 @7pm |        | Committee of the Whole Meeting      |

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Zobrist seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote.*

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Marsh  
Village Deputy Clerk