

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

Members present: Trustee Carver (late arrival at 7:02), Trustee Eandi, Trustee Forestier, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members absent:** Trustee Kindred

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON February 10, 2025.

Trustee Forestier made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 2025. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON February 24, 2025.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for February 24, 2025. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson asked about legal fees in various departments. Office Manager Marsh clarified 11-10-53300 is police legal fees. The Village general legal fees are in line 11-01-53300.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - present	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 4 yes, 1 present, and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC FORUM

Gael Kent was present to ask the board members to investigate and rectify the traffic light at the intersection of N. Oak Hill Road and W. Main St. The light remains green for Oak Hill Road until there is a vehicle on W. Main. Mr. Kent explained various scenarios including seconds it takes for the light to change. His opinion is that Main St. is the primary street and Oak Hill Road is the secondary street and should be the secondary access to the intersection. He understands that in the morning school traffic and various adults headed to work cause congestion at the intersection. However, throughout the day, the signal continues to cause issues. He would encourage adjusting the light schedule at the intersection again. He is asking board members to spend time reviewing the issue.

In response, Trustee Carver explained that we have had Egizii (the overseer) out several times to adjust the light schedule. Supt. Foster is continuing to make requests for light schedule updates and changes. He stated he would reach out again tomorrow morning.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Recruit Shelton is about half way through his training.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. North Lift Station force main was struck by the scoreboard installation at the football field. It was resolved quickly and a work-around was completed.

- B. If someone calls Julie locate, now the Village has to log in to a system and document the completion of local locating being done.
- C. Little Blue Wagon, childcare next to Rochester Station, is going to hook up a fire line soon. So, be on the lookout for a road closure and excavation permits coming before the board.
- D. A few Public Works staff went to Effingham for some training.
- E. The pollinator section at the park is finally ready to be planted and rejuvenated.
- F. The Village will be burning on Thursday this week , instead of Friday, due to predicted strong winds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 25-06 - Ordinance 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 the Affected Taxing District on a Pro-Rata Basis for Tax Year 2023 Payable 2024. President Suerdieck explained that this is an annual event. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Ordinance 25-26. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-07 - Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement for the Establishment and Annual Administration of the Rochester Bentley Builder Special Service Area by and between Jacob & Klein, LTD and the Economic Development Group, LTD, and the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Pres. Suerdieck explained that this has been a work in progress. One of the properties in the TIF district overestimated their TIF amount. As a result, that resident has to return funds to both the Village and the Bank. This would set up a special tax district that would be responsible for bringing the money to the board instead of the Village chasing down the money. It would be good for the Village, the Bank (which loaned the money), and for the investors. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-07. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-08 - Ordinance Considering the Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN). Pres. Suerdieck explained that this is helpful for the Public Works Department. Trustee Munroe asked if this is similar to Hazardous Mitigation. Supt. Foster stated no and explained this would act as an Intergovernmental Agreement for all of the Villages/Towns within the Network to work collaboratively. It is \$100 per year based on Rochester’s size. The benefit of this would be, for example, if a tornado goes through another town/village in the agreement, we can send help under the guise of the IPWMAN agreement. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-08. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-03 – Considering Consent to Abrogation and Release of Deed Restriction from the Village of Rochester for the Rochester Fire Protection District. Trustee Munroe asked if anyone talked with the neighbors to the north. Marty Fairchild said not that he knows of. Trustee Munroe has heard a public hearing may be held for transparency purposes. *Trustee Munroe made a motion tabling Resolution 25-03. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Carver – yes | Trustee Eandi – yes |
| Trustee Forestier – yes | Trustee Hendrickson – yes |
| Trustee Munroe – yes | |

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-04 – Considering Approval of an Agreement to Provide Website Accessibility Services to the Village of Rochester and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is connected to a previous discussion around the Village’s website. It needs to include an ADA widget to be in compliance. Trustee Munroe explained that she and Office Manager Marsh have worked on the widget, and this is already part of the budget. Adding this to the website is mandatory. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 25-04. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Carver – yes | Trustee Eandi – yes |
| Trustee Forestier – yes | Trustee Hendrickson – yes |
| Trustee Munroe – yes | |

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

N/A

UPCOMING DATES:

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

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| Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | Arbor Committee Meeting @ 7 pm |
| Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | Joint Review Board Meeting @10 am |
| Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm |
| Monday, March 24, 2025 | Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm |
| Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | CONSOLIDATED ELECTION |
| Monday, April 14, 2025 | Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Sparks meeting @ noon |

Department Heads have been working hard on a budget. Can we meet next Monday, March 17 to start the new budget discussion? Trustees Munroe, Carver, Eandi, Hendrickson– yes. Forestier is not available Monday evening. We can then decide if we meet in place of Committee of the Whole or not.

Atty. Schuering reminded everyone that the meetings in April will be this existing board. Swearing in of newly elected individuals from the April 1st Election will take place at the May Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk