

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the pledge.

Members Present: Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding; **Members absent:** Trustee Forestier, Trustee Kindred

Public Forum:

Kevin Kuhn reported on his various projects:

1. No updates on the FEMA grant application;
2. Mavis Sewer – plans are to camera it to see what is going on underground. The cost will be about \$2400 to camera both up and downstream to see what is where. Kuhn suspects a pipe separation occurred, but not sure where.
3. Walnut Street project – they are still working on plans/details for that
4. The Planning and Zoning Commission has suggested doing a PAISER study. The board is interested in exploring this option and asked Engineer Kuhn for information. The price would be approximately \$15,000 for a new study to be done. It would involve a review of current roads' status to determine which are worse and what potential need is. Trustee Hendrickson confirmed that the amount is correct, because it seems very reasonable and possibly cheaper than the last study done about 20 years ago. Kuhn did confirm the amount for those present.
5. A lumen study for light poles on Community Drive has not done yet. Supt. Foster asked him to cancel that request as a workaround has been determined. As more develops down the street, more transformers can be added by the developer. Right now, there would need to be a single light added at the corner of Maxheimer and Community Drive.
6. Trustee Hendrickson asked if there was anything on the development front. Eng. Kuhn said no.

New Business:

Proclamation – Granting Permission for Use of Archery, BB Guns, and Projectile Launching at Sparks in the Park on June 5-7, 2025. Trustee Hendrickson asked who is liable in case of injury. The Boy Scouts are hosting the event and as such are accepting responsibility for any liability. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the proclamation. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

ORD 25-09 – Waiving Certain Provisions of the Village Code on June 6 & 7, 2025, for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This allows for a petting zoo and other situations. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-05 – Approving an Alcohol Vendor Agreement for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This allows the code to be waived for two days to have the entertainment event for that time. Trustee Munroe shared that this needs approved to get proper licensing from the county in time for the event. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver - yes	Trustee Eandi - yes
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Trustee Hendrickson – no Trustee Munroe - yes
The motion passed with 3 yes votes and 1 no votes.

Old Business:

Supt. Foster reported that Little Blue Wagon will be doing a water hook up, which Petersburg Plumbing will be doing. They will need approval for the road closure prior to the work. It will be on S. Walnut just north of the Post Office. It should be potentially April 8-10. Closure would be a minimal amount of time. All businesses in the area will be open. Residents south of the post office will be impacted and will need to use Sattley as an alternate route.

Discuss FY26 Budget

Requests from last week have been added to this budget. There was \$300,000 added to the Parks line for refurbishing the pond.

Trustee Carver asked where the additional money came from. President Suerdieck explained it was left over money from previous budgets (in previous years). The budget document shared only shows revenue and expenses, not actual bank account amounts.

The other major financial change was the Tree USA request and that was added to the appropriate lines.

Police overtime also increased because we have already exceeded the amount for this year. As such, the salary line was also adjusted as one police officer's amount was not added correctly in the first version of the budget.

Carver asked if we decide to do the PAISER study, where would that money come from. Office Manager Marsh explained that it would come from the streets line. Trustee Munroe asked if we could use MFT for that. Engineer Kuhn said that is an option that needs explored further, but possibly.

Trustee Hendrickson asked Supt. Foster that under sidewalks, public works had \$10,000 and spent most of it. Is the plan the same for this next year? Supt. Foster responded yes, sir. That amount has been consistent for the last couple of years.

Trustee Hendrickson asked if sidewalk work could also come out of MFT. Supt. Foster said yes, but we have not typically gone that route because of the limited amount of MFT funds, paperwork, etc.

On page 8 – under MFT, Trustee Hendrickson gave a pat on the back to Eng. Kuhn for getting the Oak Hills Road project done significantly under cost. Pres. Suerdieck explained that Supt. Foster was able to get the front parking lot done with the difference of the estimate and cost of that project.

Trustee Carver asked if there is money in the budget to update the traffic light at Oak Hill and Rochester Road. Supt. Foster stated yes, under traffic signals maintenance.

Trustee Hendrickson asked what the \$50,000 in traffic light maintenance is for. That is from when the traffic lights on Rt. 29 were updated. That has been a couple of years and no bill has been received yet. The money spent last year was on the updates on the lights at the school. So, money has been kept in that account for when that bill is received.

Trustee Carver asked about Village decorations at \$10,000. Supt. Foster explained that this year \$7,300 was spent. That is mostly for banners and a few new decorations. Trustee Munroe asked if the banners tear in the wind. Supt. Foster answered not really. There are a few more banners on order that will need to be installed. The Christmas decorations around town also cost some money.

Trustee Hendrickson asked the three department heads if they have tried to get everything in this current budget year, that can be. Supt. Foster answered yes and that he tries to stop spending in early April so everything can clear for this year's budget. Office Manager Marsh and Chief Sommer agreed that yes, they are also spending down the end of this year's dollars.

Trustee Carver asked in simple terms, what is MFT. MFT = Motor Fuel Tax. Pres. Suerdieck, Eng. Kuhn, and Supt. Foster explained that the Village can do anything involving streets or sidewalks. The State collects it and takes 10% for administration. Then they distribute it based on population. Then we have to tell them our plans for spending the money and they have to approve it. Once the work is done, we turn in what work completed. The IDOT can do an audit on a rotating schedule. Eng. Kuhn stated that we will likely have one sooner than later, so don't worry when that notification comes.

Trustee Munroe asked if there is a PAISER vendor or several vendors or is it done through IDOT. Eng. Kuhn explained that it is not done through IDOT. It is simply the name of the study.

Trustee Hendrickson asked about Arbor Donations. In the case that someone makes a donation, they would be able to have a memorial tree planted. Interested parties can contact Supt. Foster or Trustee Hendrickson about what that could look like and the requirements.

Trustee Carver asked about Sewer Cleaning Service for \$3500 – what is that? Office Manager Marsh explained they are the cleaning company that comes into Village Hall to clean the administrative offices and police station. Is that cost negotiable to find someone cheaper? That was done about 3 years ago. It is probably about time to explore that contract. They come on Mondays and Thursdays. The Community Room is also done, but that cost is split with the Library. The last time we did bidding for the contract, we took 3 bids. The current company was the mid-priced bid. They have shampooed the Community Room twice a year, the admin office space, and waxed and polished the Police floors.

Trustee Hendrickson asked about \$60,000 for Public Works Building Maintenance being in water and not in Sewer. Supt. Foster explained that the Sewer line could not sustain that amount so all of it was moved to the Water line. Over half of that amount is for the generator. Windows for the Quonset Hut will be on the "needed soon" list. The staff just replaced both the front and back doors. Pres. Suerdieck added that the cost of tearing down two Quonset huts and putting one building back on the same footprint was explored a couple of years ago. The cost was just over \$2 Million. The new building was nothing fancy, just a bathroom. One major problem is that street level is higher than the floor level.

Pres. Suerdieck asked board members if there is anything not included in the budget that they would like to see in the budget. Trustee Munroe asked if for the salary line, which can't be discussed in this setting, if the board will have a closed session in the near future to discuss that. Pres. Suerdieck stated that the discussion usually happens in April. Trustee Munroe also asked if there were any updates on contract negotiations. Pres. Suerdieck said he hasn't heard anything yet. Chief Sommer stated that his people are waiting to vote on their contract.

Trustee Eandi didn't have any questions at this point.

Trustee Hendrickson said that his questions had all been addressed at this point.

Trustee Carver asked Chief Sommer if there is money in his budget to add staff. Chief Sommer responded with not really. The budget currently includes all of the current positions we have (vacant or in academy). There is not any money in the budget for any completely new positions. Chief Sommer has checked into neighboring areas for their pay scales to see how comparable Rochester is.

Trustee Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk