

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

Members Present: Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

MOTION to Open the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Munroe made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Discussion:

Trustee Hendrickson asked when time of public works staff is divided within personnel, what are the percentages? Supt. Foster explained that water and sewer each support 35% and streets supports the remaining 30%. No money from parks pays for staff.

MOTION to Close the Public Hearing. Trustee Kindred made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON February 26, 2024.

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the minutes for January 8, 2024, with the change of Trustee Hendrickson be marked present instead of absent. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Munroe voted present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON March 11, 2024.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for March 11, 2024. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON March 25, 2024.

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the minutes for March 25, 2024. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Hendrickson voted present.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation:

Permission for Use of Archery, BB guns, Projectile Launching at Sparks in the Park on June 6, 7, & 8, 2024. Trustee Hendrickson asked if an injury were to occur, whose insurance would cover that. Atty Schuering explained that it depends on what happened. Festival insurance typically covers that type of injury. The Village is a last resort for insurance. This particular part of the event is being hosted by the Boy Scouts. Does the Boy Scouts have insurance for this? After witnessing the archery portion last year, there were no concerns raised. Trustee Munroe will ask the responsible individual about insurance coverage.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kelly – 401 Park View Dr. – He has noticed the pond seems to be getting closer to the bench area, along with the pavilion. He is concerned about the erosion in that area. He would like to see something in the budget added to help remedy that situation. Trustee Henderickson explained that the Board is aware of that particular situation. We are trying to figure out a solution with Public Works and the Village Engineer. Cost is always going to be part of the process.

Nick Pier – Boy Scout in Troup #58 – has been working on his Eagle Scout Project of the new sign in front of the Library and Village Hall. He is ready to hand over the paperwork and ownership to the Village.

Madonna Jones – rented Pavilion at the Park for the Liturgical Arts Festival in June. She passed out flyers to share information about the event.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer –

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Incidents – There was a single vehicle theft. The situation was a bit strange (the vehicle changed hands several times before being recovered) and is still being investigated. An arrest has been made.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. North Lift station is having issues with various pumps. Staff is working to figure out what is happening with each pump.
- B. Sidewalk work is happening all over the Village.
- C. Parks are open.
- D. Burn site opened last Monday. Construction debris has been left so the camera is being used to see who potentially was involved.
- E. The 3 CDL trainees have their classwork done. So, now they just need to do the driving hours.
- F. Is Mitchell dedicated to Parks? Yes, he is. He has been down there every day to work on anything and everything and doing great work.
- G. Water project on Mill St. is still in progress.

Executive Session – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – Personnel

Trustee Munroe made a motion to move into Executive Session. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:25 pm.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to reopen general session. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:42 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 24-05 – An Ordinance Adopting Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 24-05. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 24-06 – An Ordinance Approving Public Works’ Union Contract. Trustee Munroe asked what all is new in the contract? Pres. Suerdieck explained there was language changes on the vacation for all portion and the wage had a base increased. By January 1, minimum wage will be \$15, so to stay ahead of minimum wage, that was raised to 17.33 , 4.5% pay increase each year for the next 2 years. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 24-06. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 24-07 – An Ordinance Waiving Certain Provisions of the Village Code on June 7 & 8, 2024, for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is allowing for the alcohol and petting zoo in the park. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 24-07. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – no	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 24-05 – Approving Watts Copy Agreement. A bid was done for this and Watts came back with a very fair proposal. A 5-year contract expires in September 2024. They reached out and asked if we wanted to stay with them. Another company approached the office staff. So Office Manager Marsh went back to Watts and they came back with better numbers and because of past great support, Marsh recommends continuing with Watts. The office is printing less often and ink is going further. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Resolution 24-05. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 24-06 – Approving an Alcohol Vendor Agreement for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The Vendor is the Back 9. Are they the only ones that applied? They did it last year and were interested in coming back this year. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-06. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – y	Trustee Eandi – y
Trustee Hendrickson – n	Trustee Kindred – y
Trustee Munroe - y	President Suerdieck -

Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no votes.

Motions:

Motion to Approve Road Closure of Wild Rose at West Main and Ebel Drive on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for Liturgical Arts Festival. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve Road Closure of East Main Street and Cardinal Hill Rd on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 10:50 am to 12:00 pm for “Sparks in the Park” Parade. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve Road Closure of Wild Rose at West Main and Ebel Drive from Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 8:00 am to Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 8 am. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve Wages for Non-Union Employees at 5%. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the wages. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Motion to Approve an Engagement Letter for the Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024, with Estes, Bridgewater, and Ogden. Trustee Hendrickson asked if everything was going smoothly? Office Manager Marsh responded with they work well with Village staff and are attentive to questions. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving the engagement letter. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve the Fireworks Permit for “Sparks in the Park” 2024 with Fireworks on June 8th, 2024 (with a Rain Date of June 22, 2024). *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the fireworks permit. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Scott Tucker to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Tucker went to high school in Rochester, owner of Springfield Marina, and lives here in town. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the appointment of Scott Tucker. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Gabe Gerberding to the Village Board Trustee Vacancy through May 12, 2025. Trustee Munroe made a motion to table this motion due to short notice. She has had other interested parties come to her. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Atty. Schuering explained that the process for filling a vacated Board position is for Pres. Suerdieck to bring a name to the board and then the board approves or disapproves. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Accept Village Engineer’s Recommendation for the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Oak Hill Mill and Overlay Project. Low bid was \$582,000, with original estimate at \$762,000. There were only 2 bids submitted. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving the recommendation. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Action on Executive Session Items (if necessary)

N/A

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Monday, April 22, 2024

Monday, May 13, 2024

Monday, May 13, 2024

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm

Sparks in the Park Meeting @ 12 pm

Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Community Tree planning at the park @ 9 am

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Kindred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding

Village Clerk