

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

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

Motion to Open the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026. Trustee Kindred made a motion to open the hearing. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Trustee Munroe gave kudos to the department heads for getting the budget together and doing their best to get everything in line.

No one else (public or trustees) had comments or questions.

Motion to Close Public Hearing. Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to close the hearing. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON March 17, 2025.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for March 17, 2025. Trustee Forestier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the minutes for March 24, 2025. Trustee Munroe 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 Kindred seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation of April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the Village of Rochester, Illinois – Pres. Suerdieck read the proclamation publicly.

President Suerdieck addressed the board and community members in attendance regarding his time in office due to this being his last full board meeting as Village President. He listed his accomplishments during that time. He also itemized several completed projects as well.

PUBLIC FORUM

Emmitt Chastain – on the topic of the abrogation of deed for the fire district. Mr. Chastain lives next door to the property where the training facility might be built. He would like to not see that facility built.

He is asking this board not to approve that abrogation. Trustee Kindred asked if the fire department or board had talked with Chastain as a neighbor. Mr. Chastain stated they had not, and he had gone to them and that is how he got more details about the potential project. He doesn't know about contact with other neighbors. Trustee Hendrickson asked if his concern is smoke, noise, or increased traffic. Mr. Chastain stated it is the additional traffic and commotion in the area. Trustee Carver asked if it is supposed to be a 3-story building. Mr. Chastain answered that his understanding is 3 story building, which will be big and ugly. They may plant some trees to help cover, but he is not convinced it is necessary to have or build. Trustee Hendrickson stated that everyone knows we support training of police and fire, but the question is where that training needs to happen. He asked Mr. Chastain if a schedule of training would be helpful. Mr. Chastain's response was he doesn't know. There has not been a number shared about how many departments might use the facility, days, times, or hours that it would be in potential use.

Luis Andrade – He lives relatively close to the fire department. His concern is the smoke with a childcare business across the street. He was not notified either as a neighbor. Trustee Munroe asked what the contact radius is for neighbors to be notified. Supt. Foster verified it is 250 feet from the property line.

Bill Tweryon – He lives within 250 feet of the property and has not been contact by anyone. He has concerns about the potential smoke.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. There was a car on Heathrow that had a window broken out over the weekend and one on Roanoke. Oak Hill Road (Sang County) had a similar report. The police department is working those incidents.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Supt. Foster shared a picture of the lift station that had a cellophane ball in the system which caused clogging issues. That particular ball has been removed, but it came from somewhere.
- B. By the end of this year, the goal is to have 100% of the cellular meters installed and working.
- C. Ameran says they received the check to have the light put in at Maxhimer and Community Dr. so that should be happening in the next couple of weeks.
- D. Vandalism at Community Park – someone ripped out of a bunch of signs from the ground. They pulled and/or cut the sign poles and left the signs on the ground.
- E. Students want to do clean up on Rt. 29 between the Village and Hill Top Road. The problem is the State says no due to the fact the students would be minors along the state highway. Foster is working with the school to explore options.
- F. Trustee Carver asked about the abandoned car at the corner of 1st and Sattley? Supt. Foster explained that it is an old squad car that is now living in that location because it has major motor issues.

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

Trustee Carver made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to go reopen the general board meeting. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:52.

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

Action on Executive Session Items – (If Necessary)

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 25-10 - Adopting Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-10.*

Trustee Carver seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-11 - Considering an Ordinance Revising the Rates for Service for the Waterworks System and the Sewerage System of the Village of Rochester, Illinois. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-11. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-12 - Considering Wages for Non-Union Employees. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-12. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes 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. Pres. Suerdieck explained this Village Board is not responsible for the decisions around the training facility; the Village is only being asked to release the deed. The Catholic Diocese has stated they are okay with the release. Atty. Schuering explained that if this is not acted on when this current board is released at the next meeting, then this resolution will die at that point. *Trustee Kindred made a motion tabling Resolution 25-03. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-06 – Considering Authorization to Upgrade Traffic Signal at West Main and North Oak Hill Road. The Village got a bid back for the work and it was \$29,700. Of that, the Village would be reimbursed 2/3 of the cost by Sangamon County. This bid is significantly lower than the initial estimate of \$40,000. No

timeline has been provided for replacement yet. The billing is done semi-annually by Office Manager Marsh. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-06. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

Motion Considering Road Closure and Excavation of South Walnut from April 8, 2025, to April 10, 2025, for Water Line Installation for Fire Sprinklers at 207 S Walnut. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Forestier - yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Motion Considering Road Closure of East Main Street and Cardinal Hill Rd on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:50am to 12:00pm for “Sparks in the Park” Parade. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Motion Considering Road Closure of Wild Rose at West Main and Ebel Drive from Thursday, June 5, 2025, 8:00am to Sunday, June 8, 2025, 8:00am for Sparks in the Park. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Motion Considering the Fireworks Permit for “Sparks in the Park” 2025 with Fireworks on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (Rain Date June 21, 2025). *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving the permit. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, April 28, 2025	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm
Saturday, May 10, 2025	Arbor Planting Day in Community Park 9 am - noon
Saturday, June 21, 2025	Movie in the Park – “Wicked” – at dusk

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk