

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON April 8, 2024.

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for April 8, 2024. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson asked about the 5 different bills for Snap-on Tools. They were about \$2500 each. A new scan tool was about \$13,000 so that cost was split between the various accounts.

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

Award Presentation – Police Officer Meadows was presented with the Stork Award. She is the only officer currently with this award. She arrived on scene of a pregnant woman of twins. She was alone on scene for nearly 6 minutes before Emergency Personnel arrived. Great job, Officer Meadows! Chief Sommer then pinned her award on her uniform.

PUBLIC FORUM

Wade Morris - Fall of 2023 on Wildrose Lane, there was a root ball from a tree that was blocking a water main. He has experienced water damage off and on since then. His insurance is covering up to \$10,000. His estimate to fix it is \$14,000. He is curious how to get the other \$4000 covered. And since this has been ongoing for so long, is it possible to have a scope done to determine if there are more roots causing issues. Also, a large pile of dirt and tire marks remain in his yard that he would like to have cleaned up. Supt. Foster requested to take a look at what the current yard looks like and see what can be done to resolve the issue. President Suerdieck explained the process is to be turned in to the homeowner's insurance and then they should turn it over to the Village, which has not happened yet. He is capped at \$10,000 so not sure what other options are. The Village will make a call to their insurance to see what can be done. Trustee Hendrickson asked Supt. Foster if there is anything else that needs added? Supt. Foster answered with not really. Office Manager Marsh has already reached out to the insurance company to see where they are on this project.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer –

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. 3 employees have tested with other state agencies. There could be vacancies next month depending on how all of these explorations go.
- B. All officers will complete training on new Axon body cameras at the end of this month. Trustee Hendrickson asked when the cameras are expected to be up and running? Chief Sommer responded with by June. Possibly by Sparks, which would be a good trial run.
- C. Last COPS for Kids Program in early May.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Resident Morris spoke about his water issue.
- B. Another blockage on North Walnut – turns out it was a large grease ball in the Sewer Station.
- C. Pump 1 had a short, Pump 2 was not doing anything due to rusty bolts and breakage, Pump 3 had a piece of plastic in it so at one point North Lift Station was entirely down. Most of these issues have been resolved at this point.
- D. MB Construction has started moving equipment in for the project.
- E. They found a 1.5-2.0 inch line that came from the main on Mill St. They were not sure where it went. They shut off the pipe last Thursday and no one has called about no water so they believe it went nowhere.
- F. Tall grass has been an issue with all the rain. The tallest grass issue has been resolved or will be in the next day or two, depending on rain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

N/A

New Discussion Items

Trustee Carver raised several topics:

- 1. golf carts – the current resolution ends about 1400 feet prior to the park due to the speed limit. Trustee Munroe asked Atty. Schuering if the Village has the ability to do anything to expand past current locations. Atty. Schuering explained that because it is a county road, that will be the biggest snafu. He has done no research on this topic so he is limited on what his answer could/should be. Pres. Suerdieck explained that the 30 mph is a state statute which makes it even more difficult to change.
- 2. Trustee nomination – Alan Howard, Director of Finance and HR for Associate of Park Districts. He is a local resident and an RYAA Board Trustee. Trustee Munroe explained that he is a liaison for RYAA.
- 3. Economic Development Coordinator position may need to be explored. This could perhaps be in place of the previous Officer Manager position. Trustee Hendrickson suggested making part of this position to be grantsmanship as well.

Resolutions:

RES 24-07 – Approving Service Proposal for Lloyd IT Services. This is an annual renewal and a new change is that the cost would be per email, instead of device, which would be a discounted rate. Office Manager Marsh has included 14 emails to be included – Board members, part-time police officers, and 1 public works. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-07. 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 and 0 no votes.

RES 24-08 – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Rochester and the Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Committee Regarding a Salary Structure Revision. This will align the part-time officers to the same pay scale. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-06. 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.

Motions:

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Gabe Gerberding to the Village Board Trustee Vacancy through May 12, 2025. Trustee Kindred asked why this motion is back on the agenda. Pres. Suerdieck explained that no one reached out him with any names so this name was brought back to the board. Trustee Hendrickson suggested a merit-based review to be put in place. He suggested interested parties submit resumes and interest of the position. Atty Schuering explained that a nomination has to be acted on within 60 days of the vacancy and then the President may appoint someone to fill the position. Trustee Kindred asked where this is stated in the code. Atty. Schuering and Trustee Kindred found the statements in the Code. This appointment must be acted on tonight. If no action is taken or a negative vote occurs, the President can then bring another name to the board. If that person is turned down as well, then the President would individually appoint someone. Trustee Carver asked if there has been any communication to that effect. That was included in the IML information that Atty. Schuering sent to several trustees. This is unchartered waters for this group. Previous Presidents have brought names and they have been approved. Previously appointees were somewhat of a promotion from within the system and known by everyone. Outside individuals are a bit more concerning because of the unknown. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to not approve the appointment of Gabe Gerberding. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Accept Village Engineer’s Recommendation for the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the East Mill Water Main Project. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the recommendation. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson asked Supt. Foster is confident with this company. Supt. Foster said yes and explained that Village Engineer Kuhn has worked with them before and is well-known within this area.*

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.

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

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, May 21, 2024 Planning & Zoning Meeting and Public Hearing @ 7 pm
Monday, May 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm
Thursday, June 6 – Saturday, June 8, 2024 SPARKS IN THE PARK Celebration
Monday, June 10, 2024 Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Trustee Hendrickson expressed his thanks to the approximate 150 students who planted trees around Village. Engineer Kuhn and Public Works staff were on hand to help. It was greatly appreciated!

All faiths are getting together at Village Park to pray for peace. About 80-90 people were there to participate.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk