Rochester Village Board 6/9/2025

In President Munroe's absence, Vice President Pro Tem Trustee Carver called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Carver, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, Clerk Gerberding; **Members absent:** Trustee Eandi, President Munroe

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON May 12, 2025.

Trustee Reiss made a motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2025. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver - yes
Trustee Kindred - present Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Sangamon County Sheriff Paula Crouch She was present to introduce herself to the Board. She has been in the position for a little over 8 months and had wanted to visit previously but timing and other responsibilities had kept her away. She thanked Chief Sommer for all of the support from RPD during her shot time.
- Proclamation Of 2025 Rochester Citizen of the Year VP Pro Tem Carver read the proclamation naming Sue Endsley as Citizen of the Year that was awarded this past Saturday evening at Sparks in the Park. Ms. Endsley was present to accept the honor and have her picture taken.

PUBLIC FORUM:

N/A

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Recently, there have been a couple vehicle break-ins. Chief Sommer explained that there have not been vehicles broken into in the Village or in the County for several years. So the broken window, with a flashlight they suspect, is an oddity. They have fingerprints that they are working on tracking.
- B. Retail Theft backdoor bandit at Dollar General. He has hit several DGs in the surrounding areas. The suspect fills a trashcan with various items from inside the store and walks out the back door. They have a suspect that they are working on verifying. If it is who they believe, he is a Springfield resident.
- C. Chief Sommer recommends everyone lock their vehicles and don't leave anything of value in sight.
- D. Trustee Reiss commended RPD on completing the half marathon over Memorial Day weekend.

E. Trustee Carver asked if there were any major issues at Sparks in the Park. There were two arrests of carnival workers – 1 for controlled substance and 1 with a warrant. Both were away from the festival. The two individuals were at local businesses when the arrests were made.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Invited trustees to come see him at the Village Hall any time.
- B. The drive-by water meter transmitters are close to being done. There are less than 200 left to install.
- C. Mill Street is still getting attention as there are still water issues there.
- D. During Sparks, a Kubota and a Toro side-by-side were demoed by the Village to see which would be Public Works preference for a new purchase. It should be less than \$30,000. This is already included in the budget for this year, but Supt. Foster wants to keep everyone up to date on his plans. He may do a trade-in of a different mower.
- E. As code officer, he sent out about 30 letters to various residents about various topics tall grass, trash bags, etc. With Sparks in the Park this past weekend, those letters have not been followed up on. He will take a look at all of those again this week.
- F. Chief Archer, the State Fire Marshall, and Supt. Foster did an inspection of a fire sprinkler system for a daycare business in town. He does not know the results of that report yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 25-13 - Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing a Wage Increase For Certain Non-Union Employees of the Village of Rochester and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Chief Sommer explained that this is for his officers and that there has been no wage increase in about 2 years. This is for two part-time officers that have both been with RPD for about 5 years. This would include specialty pay for Officer Irwin, for crime scene certification. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-13. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-16 – Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with a Waste Hauler for Village-Owned Properties and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Office Manager Marsh explained that currently we are in a contract with Republic Services. There have been contract issues with that company. She elaborated on various issues that have occurred over the past year. Lake Area Disposal, Cleeton Fleet and Sanitation, and Republic Services have all provided new quotes. Discussion followed on various points. *Trustee Kindred made a motion naming Cleeton Fleet and Sanitation to be the new provider with a 90-day follow up on services provided. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-17 – Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New Locks on Village-Owned Property and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Andrade asked if the Village should get an additional bid to make sure the provided bid is cost effective. *Trustee Kindred made a motion to table Resolution 25-17 until next month's board meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Office Manager Marsh will work on getting a second bid.*

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)

Thursday, June 19, 2025 CLOSED - Office Closure in Observance of Juneteenth Saturday, June 21, 2025 Movie in the Park – Wicked; Fireworks Rain Date Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm, if needed

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm

Friday, July 4, 2025 CLOSED – Office Closure in Observance of Independence Day

Monday, July 14, 2025 Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Trustee Carver asked the Village staff what structure is being built on the gas station. Supt. Foster explained they have a permit from the Village, but not from the County. So that work has ceased until all permits are in place. Supt. Foster was not sure of exactly what the structure was going to be for other than storage.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Andrade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding Village Clerk