Rochester Village Board 6/12/2023

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

Members Present: Trustee Brewer, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdeick, and Clerk Gerberding; **Members absent**: none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON May 8, 2023.

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes for May 8, 2023. Trustee Eandi 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 Carver seconded the motion.

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sangamon County Officials visit the Village Board Meeting every 2 years (after an election of new members to the Board). They come to give an update on each of their county offices' duties.

- A. Don Gray, County Clerk, shared the printed Sangamon County Annual Report
- B. Andy Goleman, County Auditor, explained that his office pays bills weekly, is in charge of insurance and assessments, and helps county board with budgets, which is balanced with a slight increase this year. The Health Department and Rural Broadband Study are also part of his office's responsibilities.
- C. Jim Allmon, County Coroner, reported that no news is good news. His office is the busiest they have ever been with about 3,000 deaths annually. Their new office space is in old SJR building. Construction is planned (end of Calendar year 2023) to bring everything under one roof.
- D. Dan Wright, Sangamon County States Attorney, reported they are fully staffed at 50 staff (25 attorneys and 25 staff). They have several divisions within their office. He additionally stated his appreciation for police and first responders as he can't do his job without the men and women in uniform.

PUBLIC FORUM

President Suerdieck asked for any last-minute sign-ins for addressing the board. He then started down the sign-in list.

Kelly Colen – runs the gas station here in town. His wife recently passed and asked that a bench be installed in the park in her memory. He has dimensions. Concrete will be donated. Location – Mr. Colen went with Supt. Foster to the park and selected a spot and knows what the next steps should be to get everything in place. He and his family are willing to help maintain the area. He also asked if his daughters could have their handprints in the concrete when it is installed. Trustee Munroe asked Supt. Foster for his approval, which he granted. Trustee Hendrickson offered support for this tribute.

Glenn Jones – proposed golf cart ordinance – not much notice for this meeting was given. Some discrepancies in the ordinance exist. UTVs were omitted. There is a Senate Bill currently in play to allow UTVs. Mr. Jones would like to see more public input on the ordinance and as a result, would like to see the topic tabled so more research can be done.

Randy Powell – Owns RLP Golf Carts – Rochester is behind other villages and communities with a golf cart ordinance. He is willing to help write a clearer ordinance and or/do inspections alongside the police department. He believes the topic needs tabled for more details to be worked out.

John Stites – Agrees with everyone that has spoken so far. He believes the ordinance was written in a very restrictive manner, which he disagrees with. The ordinance needs a redraft.

Mike Widger – Golf cart ordinance – He has a background in law-enforcement. His suggestion is to table it, form a committee, and get details worked out. He volunteered to be on the committee to help.

Sarah Deen – President of Library Board – Joint-Use Committee – This building and grounds are coowned by the Library and the Village. There is a committee that allows both sides to meet and work for the benefit of the group. She is asking the President and the board to come to the table to meet.

Steve Luparell – owner of 2 properties of Potter Drug and strip mall. He is at a stand-still since last October by zoning issues. He has a doctor ready to bring healthcare to Rochester. He is hoping the board will approve the B2 Zoning as B1, which is later on the agenda.

Megan Bryant – alderman in Taylorville. She encouraged the Rochester Police Department to reach out to the Taylorville Police Department about requirements. If you (Board Members) are on the fence, please reach out to any of us (Taylorville Alderman) to ask questions.

REPORTS

Chief of Police

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. FLOCK LPR System was a significant help in the paint dropped off at the Community Park.
- B. MOCIC will cost \$100 annually.

Public Works Superintendent

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Think about what the situation should be with new internet tech from the school district. Should the Village run a background check? Does the school? Can we leave her unattended? We have never given a key to the school district, should we? Where does the liability lay? Trustee Hendrickson asked Atty. Steve Hedinger and his suggestion was to review the current agreement and see what it says. Supt. Foster will talk with Deputy Clerk Marsh about that – Great idea!
- B. The Rochester sign on the east side of town has been removed. Supt. Foster is getting bids for a new sign. "North Park" does not have a sign. All other parks have signs with rules posted. Does North Park need a sign? Trustee Hendrickson said there was a sign of sorts with a proposed map. Supt. Foster said if he does do a sign, it will align with the community park signs.
- C. Ball diamond light switches are causing issues. Supt. Foster is working on getting a sign with user instructions.
- D. Trustee Hendrickson asked about property topics. The Boy Scout Eagle Scout came and visited the board previously asking to install a new sign out front. The Lion's Club has committed a sizeable donation to that project. Details are needed still. The Eagle Scout is Nick Pier. The project is still ongoing.

Planning and Zoning Chairman – John Petit

Two issues were discussed at the last meeting.

- 1. B2 does not allow for B1 zoning and would need to get a variance. The P & Z Committee recommends the board approve changing the wording in B2 to align with the other zoning ordinances.
- 2. Variance request on parking issues. To address the variance request, the recommendation is to deny variance for parking spaces. This denial is because the request is not really needed so to close the loop on the request, a denial is needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 23-05 – Approving Limitation for Future Fence Variance Requests. *This ordinance needs to be tabled as it is still pending with the Planning & Zoning Committee.*

ORD 23-14 – Approving B-2 Zoning Change to Accommodate B-1 Zoned Parcels Permitted Uses. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-14. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.* Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yesThe motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 23-15 – Approving a Pole Use License Agreement with Ameren Illinois. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-15. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. President Suerdieck explained with Supt. Foster's assistance.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yes

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 23-16 – GioDom, LLC Variance for Schedule of Parking Requirements in Village Code 15.190. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to deny Ordinance 23-16 as written. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes	Trustee Hendrickson - yes
Trustee Kindred - yes	Trustee Munroe - yes
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The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 23-17 – Operation of Golf Carts as Non-Highway Vehicles on Village Streets. *Trustee Munroe* addressed the topic. Our officers need an ordinance approved to be able to address safety concerns. Should we table it again? Chief Summer needs input. Trustee Munroe suggested tabling and working on something for proposal for next spring. President Suerdieck suggested instead of tabling, simply pass this ordinance as is and make changes as needed in the future. Trustee Carver likes the idea of getting it on the books and then adjust as needed. Another option is adopting tonight with motion that sticker and inspection process goes into effect 30 days from tonight. Trustee Hendrickson asked if Taylorville's ordinance includes UTVs? Yes, with identical requirements except for driving age - 16 and up for golf carts and 21 and up for UTVs. Passengers must be 8 years and older with seatbelt requirement. Trustee Kindred asked if we could table it for 30 days and rewrite it for the next board meeting? Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to table with a better/different ordinance in 30 days which allows time for police to get registration figured out. Munroe seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - present	Trustee Carver - yes	
Trustee Eandi - yes	Trustee Hendrickson - yes	
Trustee Kindred - yes	Trustee Munroe - yes	
The motion passed with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 present vote.		

Resolutions:

Res 23-09 – Approving an Alcohol Vendor Agreement with The Back 9 for Sparks in the Park. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 23-09. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.* Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yesThe motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Res 23-10 – Approving Purchase of 2023 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD Squad SUV. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 23-10. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.* Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yes

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Res 23-11 – Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Trustee Hendrickson asked if there had been any issues. Chief Summers response was No.* Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Brewer - yesTrustee Carver - yesTrustee Eandi - yesTrustee Hendrickson - yesTrustee Kindred - yesTrustee Munroe - yesseed with 6 yes yotes and 0 no yotes

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

MOTIONS:

Motion – Motion to Approve the Liquor License Application for Henry's on Main, LLC DBA The Filling Station. Atty Hedinger explained that more information is still being asked for. The right to possession is in question. Trustee Eandi made a motion to table if a special meeting can be held prior to COW and if not able to hold meeting, then, at the next board meeting. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Motion to Approve Hiring of Kayana Diederich as Part-Time Police Officer. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the hiring of Kayana Diederich. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion – Motion to authorize a Memorial Bench (Colen) be Placed at Community Park near Project Play. *Trustee Hendrick made a motion authorizing a Memorial Bench at Community Park. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 Friday, June 23, 2023 Monday, June 26, 2023 Tuesday, July 4, 2023 CLOSED Friday, July 7 & Saturday, July 8 Saturday, July 8th Monday, July 10, 2023 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 7:00pm Movie in the Park at Dusk Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:00pm Observance of Independence Day Sparks in the Park Youth Fishing Derby (up through grades 8) Village Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn:

Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding Village Clerk