

**Village of Rochester
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
September 13, 2021**

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Butcher
 Trustee Carver
 Trustee Eandi
 Trustee Hendrickson
 Trustee Zobrist
 President Suerdieck
 Clerk Langdon

ABSENT: Trustee Munroe

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2021. *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021, minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Eandi. Trustee Butcher voted Present. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 23, 2021. *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes on August 23, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Hendrickson. Trustee Butcher and Trustee Carver voted present. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS
Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the monthly financial bills. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES
Trustee Carver – YES
Trustee Eandi – YES
Trustee Hendrickson – YES
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jim Sichllau, Vice President Library Board. Addressed the Board regarding ARPA funds. Mr. Sichllau proposed using some of this money for the following:

- Increase the number of WiFi hotspots & WiFi access (\$9,307)
- Increase bookmobile access, summer recreation, early childhood and afterschool programs (\$6,500)
- Purchase additional tablets (\$2000)
- Increase tutoring support online database (\$5000)
- Increase ebook purchase (Hoopla) (\$2000)
- Maintain Zoom license (\$200)
- Pave parking lot (\$50k-\$161k)

PUBLIC FORUM

Dave Allen addressed to the Board to offer his services in assisting the village with its emergency management system. Mr. Allen retired after 26 years with the Secretary of State Police and he also served as the chief security office for CMS.

Larry Steck informed the Board that the residents of Taft Drive do not wish to have the street tarred and chipped.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water & Sewer

Trustee Hendrickson – reported that the Committee had not met since the Special Board meeting on August 23, 2021, and deferred any updates to Public Works Superintendent and Village Engineer.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – James Foster

Water/Sewer

- “Lost Water Main” on Penacook has been located and tapped for service for new house. Line has been GPS’d for future locating. Restoration work has begun.
- Installed new irrigation service on Walker Ridge and Cumberland.
- Had a report of water on road on Cumberland. Investigation revealed it was probably a pool drain line.
- Helped a resident locate his water line (from meter to house) for him to grind a stump.
- 3579 Oak Hill Road is still trying to find an answer to the homeowner’s problem. Possibly filing for an exemption from the law with IDPH.
- Spoke with Darin Clarke from Maguire Iron. They do not work on altitude valves. More calls are needed to resolve issue. Hoping to rebuild valve as opposed to replacing.

- Old six-inch line on West Main sprung a leak and heaved the road. Upon investigation, PW determined that closing an old valve would suffice to stop water flow. This line is scheduled for removal from the system when the 10x10 work is done.
- Spoke with IDOT about new traffic lights. Only area of concern is at Cardinal Hill and Route 29. Proposed locations for lights seem very close, or on top of, water lines.

Streets

- 550 is due back from Ford this week from warranty work.
- North Walnut Apartment sinkhole has been repaired and the drive reopened.
- Holes in road on Penacook from meter installation are filled.
- Holes on West Main from water event are closed.
- Helped Rochester Township with tar and chip. We will be asking for their assistance to tar and chip Oak and Mill Streets.
- Mill Street drainage project is almost complete.

Parks/Property

- New signs were picked up for Ramsey and Marshal Bell Fields. Installation soon.
- Toilets at concession stand are acting up. We have them working again; however, we may need to replace internal components.
- The library has had several work orders for electrical issues. Most are complete. We are still waiting to replace a ballast over children's area.
- In the last two weeks, we have found four bicycles and 2 scooters abandoned at Community Park. The police are in possession.
- Batting cage netting was snagged last week while mowing. Have not examined to determine if repairs are possible.
- The various entities that use Community Park for their sporting events are getting in touch with us to notify us of their schedules. We have spoken to Rochester Football, RYAA Soccer, and a senior softball league about their schedules.
- Repairs at the comfort station (window) are still not complete.

Training/Consideration

- New PW staff has been working out well.
- Training for the NAP (Nitrification Action Plan) will be conducted at CWLP in October. All PW employees are attending.

Code Officer Info

- New Code Assistant is working out well. She has been sending letters to residents with violations and those building without permits.

- Several inspections have been completed in the last week to close out open Building Permits.
- Two residents with “black pool water” have remained in contact about status of their pools.
- Methodist Church on South Walnut has been keeping us informed of work being done to combat mosquitos to alleviate neighbor’s complaints.

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

Kevin Kuhn –

- Oak Hill Sewer – plans to EPA
- 10x10 project moving up on agenda
- Drainage stub to be done this winger
- Still looking at grants.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT – Chief Sommer

Personnel

- Julie Meadows signed a *Conditional Offer of Employment* for a full-time police officer position. Further testing to complete conditions of offer has been coordinated with the appropriate agencies
- A *Conditional Offer of Employment* has been extended to a part-time police officer applicant, will have a response by the end of the week.
- The School Resource Officer position is still vacant, awaiting a qualified applicant.

Training

- All officers completed patrol rifle familiarization/qualification and annual handgun qualification.
- Chief Sommer complete the ILETSB New Chiefs of Police Orientation.
- Officer Heaton will complete Basic Firearms Instructor training at the end of the month.
- Active Shoot Drills for all Rochester schools are scheduled for October 5, 2021, to comply with new legislation passed.

Misc.

- The Emergency Operation Center has been cleaned out. Records/files from the Q-hut are starting to be examined and re-secured.
- The suspects involved in the vehicle theft and recent burglary to vehicles have been identified. Two arrents have been made. Involvement with the third suspect is still under investigation. Has been identified, but not located.

VILLAGE MANGERS REPORT

Deb Elderton – No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 21-22 Amending the Rochester Village Code to establish a “Committee of the Whole” to meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm. *Trustee Carver made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-22. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES
Trustee Carver – YES
Trustee Eandi – YES
Trustee Hendrickson – YES
Trustee Zobrist – NO

Motion passed. 4-1

Ordinance 21-23 Amending the Rochester Village Code Pertaining to Noise Offenses. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to TABLE Ordinance 21-23. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist. Unanimous aye vote. Ordinance Tabled.*

Ordinance 21-24 Approving a Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Agreement by and between Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois and LCB Investments, LLC Rochester Tax Increment Financing District. *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-24. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. Unanimous aye vote. Ordinance Tabled.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES
Trustee Carver – YES
Trustee Eandi – YES
Trustee Hendrickson – YES
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 5-0

Motion authorizing the Rochester Police Department to hire one full-time police officer. *Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve RPD to hire one full-time police officer. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

Motion authorizing the Rochester Police Department to hire one part-time police officer. *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approve RPD to hire one part-time police officer. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 27, 2021 @ 7pm
September 28, 2021 @ 7pm
October 11, 2021
October 12, 2021 @ 6:15pm
October 12, 2021 @ 7pm
October 23 & 24, 2021

Committee of the Whole
Planning and Zoning
OFFICE CLOSED
Sparks in the Park
Village Board
Fall Festival – Community Park

*Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.
Unanimous aye vote.*

Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Langdon
Village Clerk