

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

**Members Present:** Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi (7:10 arrival), Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON August 12, 2024.**

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2024. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON August 26, 2024.**

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes for August 26, 2024, as amended. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Kindred and Munroe voted present. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Carver asked why was the engineering fee so high? It wasn't budgeted for so it shows as over in that particular category.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – absent
Trustee Hendrickson – yes	Trustee Kindred – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes	

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation: Rochester Public Library District – Referendum on the spring ballot. Sarah Dean, President of Board of the Library – sharing information on the ballot topic – a request for a 0.42% increase in the library tax. This came about as a result of making all of the cuts that could be done without having a major impact. Now, there will be noticeable cuts in service, hours, and staff. This amount also allows for a portion to go towards building on to the building. On the library's website, there is a table that lists how much this would increase tax amounts for homeowners. Building plans are on the website and in the library. They shared a recent copy of the library newsletter, which has details. They also passed a placard with more details.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Eagle Scout – Joseph Kuhn – Troop #40 in Rochester. He has done the planning. He needs the Board approval. He wants to build seating in Wanless Park. He passed around his proposal to board members. Once his approval is granted, he will start working with the appropriate people to get the seats in place. Trustee Hendrickson asked about his plans for anchoring the benches. One option is a bench with a cable around the tree, which is not his first choice. His preference would be fence posts driven into the ground and then U-bolted to the bench to keep it in place. Trustee Hendrickson suggested that if he is looking for funding, the Lions Club could be a place to ask. Trustee Carver asked how many benches would be part of his plan. Kuhn explained there would be 4. Kuhn can go ahead and get started and the Board will need to formally approve it.

**REPORTS**

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Personnel – Candidate testing is complete with 6 qualified individuals. 5 of the 6 would need to go to Academy, but the next one won't start until January.

- B. Bomb threat at Silver Leaf in February update - Chief Sommer was contacted today that the individual was identified and confessed and currently awaiting charges at the US Attorney's Office. Chief didn't have a lot of details as he was just notified today.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Back flow testing for irrigation systems and some boilers - The last couple of years, letters have gone out. January 1, 2025, is the day people will get shut off if residents don't submit backflow test reports. This is Illinois law and Village code.
- B. Mill Street water main replacement – the only piece left is restoration of the dirt. The Village will do mill and overlay eventually.
- C. N. Oak Hill and Roanoke Roads – there is a heap in that intersection, which was done to help with drainage.
- D. Bids have come back on the Library and Village Hall parking lot. Only 1 was for both concrete and black top.
- E. Community Park Pond – We don't know how deep it is supposed to be. We are having the bathymetry checked. That was done just yesterday with no results in yet.
- F. Soccer parking area – removed center grass. It has been filled in with millings. It is a bit larger with the center grass removed.
- G. Mitchell passed general standards testing.
- H. There was a call about mold in a rental house. County Department of Zoning now deals with that instead of Department of Housing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinances:**

**ORD 24-10** – Revising Rates of Service for the Waterworks System and the Sewer System of the Village of Rochester, Illinois, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. There was a discussion with department heads. It went along these lines – they looked through their budgets to see what can be done. Their suggestion is to go with the 32% increase the Village received last month. That would be water only. For sewer, we are recommending a 4% increase. Trustee Hendrickson asked about the water-based rate. If that is less than 50% of our water budget, why wouldn't the amount increased be 16%? President Suerdieck stated that it wouldn't keep us at our current percentages. If the other half of the water budget is staff, etc., the first 1,000 gallons covers that cost. The next couple of 1,000 gallons will skew the cost. Supt. Foster explained that if we don't match the raise, we may have to eat into our savings to pay the bills. Trustee Hendrickson asked when the rate increase went into effect. Supt. Foster answered 2 months ago. Trustee Kindred asked if anyone knows where we are in comparison to other local municipalities. No one at the table knew that answer. Trustee Munroe stated that if the cost went up, we have to pass it along to the homeowner. Trustee Hendrickson would like to see a breakdown with numbers of how different amounts create different costs. Trustee Munroe asked how many late pays, no pays, etc. are currently in existence. Does an increase in rates change that number? Atty. Scheuring explained that on Springfield's website, March 1, 2024 – the rate went up 32% on March 1, 2025, the rate goes up another 32%, and then each subsequent year, it goes up by the Consumer Price Index. *Trustee Hendrickson tabled for further discussion at the COW meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. With this tabled, Pres. Suerdieck asked that all Trustees send their concerns and questions to Office Mgr. Marsh as soon as possible to have time to get information pulled together.*

**ORD 24-11** – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending a Village Code to Provide for the Use of Sewer Deduct Meters for Limited Purposes and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is really just cleaning up current ordinances. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Ordinance 24-11. 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.

**ORD 24-12** – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending a Village Code to Add Provisions Related to Tree City USA, Designating Certain Categories of Trees and Other Plant Life as Nuisances, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Ordinance 24-12. Trustee Hendrickson 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.

**ORD 24-13** – Authorizing the Hiring of an Additional Part-Time Police Officer and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 24-13. Trustee Hendrickson 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.

#### **Resolutions:**

**RES 24-20** – Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-20. 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 24-21** – Consideration of Mill and Overlay Quotes for Village Hall/Library Parking Lot at 1 Community Drive. Page Broughton came in with the lowest bid. Concrete was priced out and it was significantly higher. The library district will pay a portion of the total → \$51,230 – us and \$35,600 – library. Trustee Kindred asked how it will look to the public if we do the library parking lot, but not the roads. He understands there are separate budgets. President Suerdieck stated that, unfortunately, we don't have to only take care of the streets. Supt, Foster did not get a timeframe because he knew it would need to go through both boards' approval. Trustee Kindred as the library board president if there will there be more traffic that would justify a higher input? Library Pres. Dean said she can take it to her board and ask. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Resolution 24-21 subject to approval of the Library Board. 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 24-22** – Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Rochester and Rochester Community Unit 3A Board of Education for School Resource Officer. The only changes were date changes and the addition of body cams. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Resolution 24-22. 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 appoint Kevin Forestier to Vacant Village Trustee Position. Trustee Carver is unsettled with voting for a different candidate since other names that were brought to the President were not considered, in his opinion. Trustee Carver made a motion to table the motion. Trustee Kindred 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.

**Motion** to Approve the Street Closure Request for Wild Rose Lane at Ebel Drive and West Main for the Rochester Public Library District’s Annual Fall Festival from 1:00 pm Friday, October 18, 2024, through 6:00 pm Saturday, October 19, 2024. Trustee Hendrickson asked for details of the car show portion. All 48 vendor slots are filled along with 5 food trucks. Supt. Foster added that Grover Schrock is looking at new ways to get more cars parked in the Stone House lot. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the street closure. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

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 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) – Pending Litigation**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:01 pm.

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.

President Suerdieck called the meeting back to order at 8:20 pm.

Roll Call:

Trustee Carver – present	Trustee Eandi – present
Trustee Hendrickson – present	Trustee Kindred – present
Trustee Munroe - present	President Suerdieck - present
Clerk Gerberding – present	Tony Schuering - present

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, September 23, 2024	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, October 14, 2024	Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm

**Motion to Adjourn**

Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk