

**Village of Rochester  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 12, 2021**

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

ROLL CALL:                   Trustee Butcher  
                                  Trustee Eandi  
                                  Trustee Hendrickson  
                                  Trustee Munroe  
                                  President Suerdieck  
                                  Clerk Langdon

ABSENT:                     Trustee Carver  
                                  Trustee Zobrist

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the September 10, 2021, minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. Trustee Munroe 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 Munroe.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed 4-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
President Suerdieck read the Halloween Proclamation. Valerie Ausmus, CPA have a brief presentation of the annual audit.

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Allen addressed to the Board to express the importance of filling the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Pointed out that both Sherman and Riverton have such in place. He believes this position should be separate from other public safety agencies. Mr. Allen also pointed out that in the event of an emergency, Federal money can be used for reimbursement, but the Village has to have people in place. He again offered his services in assisting the village with its emergency management system.

Dannyl Dolder, 3579 N. Oak Hill Road, addressed the Board regarding sewer issues that are causing problems with the sale of her home. She is living in new home in Springfield, but has not be able to sell Rochester home. President Suerdieck informed her that the permit for sewer work has been applied for, but cannot move forward until it is received.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – David Henton**

#### **Water/Sewer**

- A vehicle struck a meter pit on Roanoke. No damage done.
- The Southeast Lift Station ran itself out of fuel and was down for a week or so before it was caught. The alarms were not the same as the other lift stations, and we have since added alarms to correct this problem. The transfer switch did not fully engage and forced the generator to run for an extended period. Altorfer did some maintenance, said it is a fairly common problem. We are keeping an eye on it.
- Penacook “Lost Water Main project is nearing completion. We have hauled 100+ tons of dirt to fix the issue with her yard. Quite a few factors went into the decision to bring in so much dirt: drainage, excavation of her entire front yard for tapping of new home water service, and cost of the dirt.
- The Primary Lift Station generator quit onus, shredding itself from the inside. We suspect that mice were the cause of the damage as they have caused other damages to the generator in the past. Quotes from Generac and our current generator provider are being sought. As well as we are looking into a rental as the Primary is not one we can let sit idle for too long.

#### **Streets**

- We attempted to repair an irrigation line we damaged during sidewalk work. Ended up having to have sprinkler company called in and we were billed less than \$200.
- Flags on poles have been taken down for the year.
- We helped the Township tar/chip the roads.
- Township helped us prepping roads for tar/chip. We will begin tar/chipping Oak and Mill next week, weather permitting. We have also done some point repairs on Sattley.

- One of the rental skid steers caught on fire. This is a machine used in forestry work. They have this happen sometimes. Bobcat took care of the issue. No charge to us.
- Bobcat required new tires.

### **Parks/Property**

- Notified of a wasp nest at the baseball diamonds. They have been dispatched.
- Adjusted valve in toilet at the park. Toilet wasn't filling properly.
- Kevin Lloyd and I met a second time to discuss cameras in the park areas to survey for vandals. Due to distance and line-of-sight issues, it appears for the time being that cameras will have to be reviewed at their separate locations. The best possible alternative is to provide internet at each location, a cost I am not comfortable with adding for the long haul. We may need to add that function down the road.
- Met with a park equipment company about damaged bench at the football field. Part ordered.

### **Training/Consideration**

- Clampett and Klebe seem to be working out well. We have started them in the "on call" rotation.
- N.A.P. Training conducted by IRWA and hosted by CWLP was attended by most of the PW staff. Facility was inadequate for the 40+ attendees. I suggested that the IRWA reach out to us about our Community Room for future training sessions.
- Worked with Rick from LOCIS on Work Order module. Hopefully the additional information will help to further streamline the process.
- Also, with Rick from LOCIS, the new Building Inspector program has started moving again. My access level was not high enough to finish the setup process. I am hoping we are running on it fully by the next build season.

### **Code Officer Info**

- Bush blocking sidewalk and tall grass issues have mostly been dealt with.
- Stagnant pools are still in process.
- Done a couple of final home inspections. Houses are sold.
- LOTS of pools this season.

### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT – Chief Sommer**

#### **Personnel**

- All requirements for Julia Meadows' *Conditional Offer of Employment* has been successfully completed. She is currently on waiting lists for three different full-time police academies. Her tentative start date is December 20, 2021.

- The School Resource Officer position and part-time officer position are still vacant, awaiting qualified applicants.

### **Training**

- Chief Sommer and Sergeant Henton completed criminal law update and traffic law update training.
- Officer Heaton completed the Basic Firearms Instructor training at the beginning of the month.
- Detective Harris completed multiple forensic/investigation courses.

### **Misc.**

- All Rochester schools completed Hard Lockdown Drills on October 5, 2021. Planning for further active shooter/threat school staff training and future lockdown drills has started.
- The 2021 Pink Patch Program and “No-Shave” fundraiser started at the beginning of October. All proceeds will be donated to the Simmons Cancer Institute.

## **VILLAGE MANGERS REPORT**

Deb Elderton – No report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinances:**

**Ordinance 21-23 Amending the Rochester Village Code Pertaining to Noise Offenses.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-23. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

### **ROLL CALL:**

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Ordinance 21-26 Abating the 2021 Tax Levy for Payment of the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, Property Tax.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-26. Motion seconded by Trustee Hendrickson.*

### **ROLL CALL:**

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Ordinance 21-27 Abating the 2021 Tax Levy for Payment of the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Review Source) Series 2013.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-27. Motion seconded by Trustee Eandi.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Ordinance 21-28 Amending the Rochester Village Code Pertaining to Driveways.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-28. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution 21-29 A Resolution approving and authorizing the Village to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for animal control services.** *Trustee Eandi made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-29. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES

Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Motions:**

**Motion to accept the Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2021, for the Village of Rochester, IL.** *Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve the Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year ending April 30,2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Munroe.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Motion to pay \$395.54 to Animal Control.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approval payment of \$395.54 to Animal Control. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES

Motion passed. 4-0

**Motion to approve the Street Closure Request for the HS Color run 5K on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 10am to 5pm beginning at Wild Rose and Ebel Drive and will run the traditional route.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the street closure. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**Motion to approve the Street Closure request for Ebel Drive and Wild Rose Lane for the Library Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, 2021, from 6am to 4pm (in the park only) which includes a 5K race on October 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebel Drive will be closed from 6am to 9am.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the street closures. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 25, 2021 @ 7pm  
October 26, 2021 @7pm  
October 31, 2021  
November 3, 2021  
November 8, 2021 @7pm  
November 11, 2021  
November 22, 2021 @7pm  
November 23, 2021 @7pm  
November 25-26, 2021

Committee of the Whole  
Planning and Zoning  
Trick or Treat in Village 5pm-8pm  
Chicken Dinner for Sparks  
Village Board  
Office Closed  
Committee of the Whole  
Planning and Zoning  
Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

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

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Langdon  
Village Clerk