

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Steve Hedding; **Members absent:** Trustee Brewer

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON September 11, 2023.**

Trustee Carver made a motion to approve the minutes for September 11, 2023. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

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

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Halloween Proclamation – President Suerdieck read the local proclamation of 5-8 pm for trick-or-treat hours in the Village of Rochester.
- Presentation of Annual Audit – Valerie R. Ausmus, CPA – She reviewed the packet synopsis of the entire audit. Governmental Funds is based off an actuary’s report that is shared out. The Village has no control over these numbers. For more specific details, those can be found in the larger bound document.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

N/A

**REPORTS**

*Chief of Police*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. A stolen firearm has been recovered.
- B. For the second round of burglaries, it looks like vehicles were left unlocked as no forced entry was found.
- C. Some blowup characters have appeared in the Cumberland Subdivision. The police have looked into whether or not anything can be done. And there are no ordinances that prevent the display.

*Public Works Superintendent*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Primary lift station issue – fuse was separating itself when it was hot, which was just enough to lose contact. A new fuse has been purchased.
- B. System flushing is nearly done. The new Vactor is needed to clean out the remaining few (less than 5).
- C. Vactor truck has not arrived yet.
- D. Street light issue in the Woodlands is an ongoing issue. Each year there is at least one light that needs replaced.
- E. House on N. Walnut – complaints have been reported about the need to clean up property. The owner has been contacted and given a deadline.

- F. Right of way on various roads- questions have come up a lot recently. Right of ways fall into the owner of the road – state road = state right of way, etc.
- G. CDL training – who does that fall to? Supt. Foster would like to get his guys the CDL that is required for the job positions. The new Vactor has CDL a requirement. 3 guys NEED to get certified, 1 of those really is interested. Supt. Foster will take the police form and update that for what he needs. There is money in the budget to send a single person to CDL training.
- H. Fire hydrant law – law was passed 3 years after the hydrant struck was installed. There is a required height and for example 4-feet around the hydrant is supposed to be open. There are people that have landscaping around hydrants that won't be forcibly removed, but as plants die out, residents will be asked to not replace them.

Trustee Hendrickson asked about water run over from the water tower. This has been an issue for many years. The valve has been replaced so less run over has been occurring. They think the run over is because they are flushing a hydrant and the valve is slow-moving so the speed and continued flushing has thrown off water levels a bit.

Trustee Hendrickson asked for the water accountability report. Supt. Foster will have one at the next COW meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion:** Creation of a Special Village Ad Hoc Committee to Study Liquor Control Rules and Make Recommendations for Revisions

Trustee Hendrickson requested the topic. The most recent liquor controls were put in place in 2007 so updating is potentially necessary. He is asking the attorney to draft an ordinance to review Chapter 21 and see if any changes are necessary and then potentially appoint a committee. The Ad Hoc Committee should include community people – current license holders, another community member or 2, plus 2 or 3 board trustees. Do others have thoughts or suggestions?

Trustee Kindred stated that the current ordinance says President has ultimate say. Would that change? Trustee Hendrickson explained that would depend on what the committee would determine. He would like to have something done by February 2024. Village Staff could be utilized as needed by the committee.

Trustee Hendrickson moved to have the Village Attorney draft an ordinance to do a liquor control review and ad hoc committee. He would like to have a report due to the board by January COW meeting. The committee would work to determine how the liquor license process would work moving forward. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**Ordinances:**

**ORD 23-26** – An Ordinance Abating the 2023 Tax Levy for Payment of the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois Property Tax. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-26. Trustee Munroe 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 23-27** – An Ordinance Abating the 2023 Tax Levy for Payment of the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois General Obligations Bond (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2013. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-27. 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.

**Resolutions:**

**MOTIONS:**

Motion – Motion to Accept the Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023, for the Village of Rochester, Illinois. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the audit. Trustee Eandi 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.

Motion – Motion to Accept the Revised Community Room Rental Agreement and Updated Fees, Effective January 1, 2024. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving the revised agreement form. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The library board and staff are in favor of these fee changes.*

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: 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)**

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to move into executive session. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed at 7:50 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.

*Trustee Munroe made a motion to re-open the board meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:13 pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 7:00pm
Monday, October 23, 2023	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 6:55pm

Friday, November 10, 2023      CLOSED      Village Hall Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day  
Monday, November 13, 2023      Village Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023      Chicken Dinner for Sparks in Park Fundraiser

**Motion to adjourn:**

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk