

President Munroe called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members Absent:** Trustee Giles-Brown

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON December 8, 2025.

Trustee Andrade made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2025. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote with Trustee Kindred voting present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON December 29, 2025.

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on December 29, 2025. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the financial statements and bills. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes

The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Robin Malloy was present to present the recent audit report to the Board of Trustees. Her firm conducted the Village Financial Audit for 4/30/25 with no findings. Everything went smoothly. The Comptroller's Report has been filled. No major concerns were found. Trustee Andrade stated it is good news to have a clean audit. Pres. Munroe explained that the Board will need to approve the audit by resolution at a special board meeting prior to the Committee Of the Whole meeting later this month.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Bill Rodges was present and introduced Jose Lopez, who is the owner of the restaurant space and has questions about the fence around the beer garden area. The new restaurant will be American food with a Sports Bar feel, similar to Public House 29. Mr. Lopez currently owns Casa Real. His primary concern is the fence outside and would like to lower the fence. Supt. Foster explained that reducing the fence will require some sort of variance with Planning & Zoning and then through this board for approval. The current ordinance says it must be at least 6 feet tall and the fence must be tight enough that a beer can/bottle cannot be passed through the fence. Trustee Kindred asked what his time frame is for opening. Mr. Lopez said he is hoping to be open by April.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Officer Todd also completed the Modern High-Risk Traffic Stop Training.
- B. The Department had about 110 more calls during 2025 than the previous year.

Trustee Butcher made a motion to go out of order on the agenda for Ordinance 26-01 and the swearing in of the new officer. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously via voice vote.

ORD 26-01 - Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Hiring of an Additional Full-Time Police Officer and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-01. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes

The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Other Business:

Introduction and Swearing-In of Full-Time Officer Shane Dalton - Pres. Munroe swore in new officer Dalton to the Rochester Police Department. Officer Dalton then signed the necessary paperwork.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Lead and copper testing was done in the right time frames, but notifications did not go out in time so that might create a finding from the EPA. This would be a paperwork finding.
- B. The Mack truck recently purchased had some damage during a snowstorm, but it has been repaired.
- C. Generator bids are not in yet. It has been difficult to get bids. Supt. Foster has received only 1 bid from the 4-6 companies he reached out to. He anticipates that approval being on the February agenda.
- D. To maintain Trees USA, there are some approvals coming down the road.
- E. IDOT is doing audits of CDL training for various providers. 2 staff have finished the theory side and have gone to get their permits. One passed on the first attempt, and one did not. That employee will try again at a later date.
- F. Supt. Foster and Trustee Butcher met with Ameren. At the meeting were the two representatives from Rochester along with a community relations person, the engineer for our area, and the supervisor with Ameren. The primary question is why does Rochester lose power as often as we do. Unfortunately, Ameren shared that Rochester is in the middle of the pack for frequency of outages. Putting wiring underground is a large expense and Ameren is not looking to do that. They are doing more storm hardening over the next 2 years. That means that every 5th pole is a fiber composite to withstand storms better. Pres. Munroe has a follow-up meeting scheduled for January 29th. Another topic was seeing if CWLP could be a back-up power source for Rochester. Ameren is not sure if CWLP has enough power coming this direction. Ameren will reach out to CWLP and explore that option. Trustee Butcher shared his insights, which align with what Supt. Foster shared. Better intercommunication was a topic also discussed.
- G. Trustees Butcher and Giles-Brown have met and drafted a resident survey to determine a 1-year and 5-year plan for the Village parks. The survey shows that the board is aware that there is interest in making improvements to the parks and getting residents' input. A draft of the survey was shared with board members for official review at the Committee of the Whole meeting later this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORD 25-29 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Village's Code of Ordinances to Impose Regulations Regarding the Operation of Low-Speed Electric Vehicles and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Butcher talked with ABATE about this topic, and they suspect during the spring legislative session, some legislative measures might pass that would clean up some of the language. *Trustee Butcher made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 26-02 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Implement a New Process for Licensing Solicitors and Peddlers within the Village Limits and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The purpose of this is really to make the language align with how the tasks are carried out by staff. This document was not complete enough to bring to the board tonight. *Trustee Kindred made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-02. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.* The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Resolutions:

RES 26-01 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Ford Police Pursuit Interceptor and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 26-01. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes

The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-02 - Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase a Generator for the Public Works Building and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Supt. Foster is still seeking bids for the generator. *Trustee Andrade made a motion tabling Resolution 26-02. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

RES 26-03 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving a 2026 MFT Maintenance Program and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is opening the MFT Program for the year. The standard amount is \$20,000. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 26-03. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes

The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

N/A

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Monday, January 19, 2026	Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	Arbor Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Monday, January 26, 2026	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm, with special board meeting preceding
Monday, February 9, 2026	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Monday, February 9, 2026	Sparks in the Park meeting
Friday, January 30, 2026	Sparks in the Park Trivia Night

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk