

Rochester Village Board
2/9/2026

President Munroe called the meeting to order at 5:31pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi (arrived at 5:38 pm), Trustee Giles-Brown, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Atty. Schuering

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON January 12, 2026.

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2026. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Trustee Kindred voted present. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON January 26, 2026.

Trustee Reiss made a motion approving the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on January 26, 2026. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

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

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi (absent) Trustee Giles-Brown - yes
Trustee Kindred - yes Trustee Reiss - yes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC FORUM:

Aaron Batzel – Most residents are aware of the budget challenges facing the schools. Schools rely on tax revenue. With about 1 year under this board, only one trustee (Trustee Butcher) has publicly addressed long-term goals. Can we have a long-term plan or vision for the Village of Rochester?

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Nothing else to report

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. NAP is underway per EPA request.
- B. 4 water events since the beginning of the year. One staff was injured during that work.
- C. Stop lights within the Village has no maintenance specifically for them. When the electricity goes out, they flash. If batteries are not checked and maintained, they will not flash at all, which causes different issues.
- D. The last 2 staff without CDLs have now passed their written portion of their tests.
- E. There is a significant uptick in generators at homes coming in.
- F. Trustee Reiss shared there is a stop sign on North Oak Hill Road that looks like it has been hit and may need replaced or at least attention. Supt. Foster will add it to his list of items to check.

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 shared that Rep. Hernandez has proposed a bill (HB-4925) around low-speed bicycles. Pres. Munroe will take a look at the bill which is why she is asking for this ordinance to be tabled. Trustee Andrade asked what happens if nothing happens with this bill. Trustee Butcher stated we can see where the bill is and possibly take wording from it to move forward. Trustee Andrade agreed with this plan. *Trustee Andrade made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

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. Atty Schuering is still making wording changes. *Trustee Andrade made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-02. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

RES 26-02 - Consideration of a Resolution to Purchase a Generator for the Public Works Building and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Supt. Foster explained that he received 4 bids for \$17,000, \$15,000, \$13,700 and the other was way higher. Ryan has the lowest price and has done a great deal of work in the Village. They are locally owned. Supt. Foster recommends going with the bid that came from Ryan (\$13,700). It does match what we need. This amount has been in the budget. *Trustee Andrade made a motion to go with the bid from Ryan. Butcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 26-02. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken:*

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 26-03 - Consideration of an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Rochester TIF District Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of 2024 Payable 2025 Surplus Revenue to Sangamon County Treasurer. Office Manager Burris was emailed an ordinance and a bill from the TIF representatives. Once approved that is sent to the Sangamon County Treasurer to then share with appropriate parties as listed in the ordinance. Trustee Andrade asked how we end up with surplus revenue. Office Manager Burris explained this is something that happens every year. Trustee Butcher added when the TIF was passed initially, there was an agreement with other taxing bodies to get some of the surplus back as well. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-03. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-04 - Consideration of an Ordinance Transferring Appropriation Authority Between Items for the Fiscal Year Commencing the 1st Day of May 2025 and Ending on the 30th Day of April 2026, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Office Manager Burris provided examples of what was reallocated.

This happens almost every year to bring budget numbers into alignment. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Ordinance 26-04. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-05 - Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police Union Regarding IDOT-Sponsored Traffic Details; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Pres. Munroe explained that this is a clean-up of what IDOT pays officers for some of their work. This Ordinance would make the payment to officers from IDOT align. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-05. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-06 - Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police Union for Shift Schedule Changes; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Chief Summer explained the union has been discussing 10-hour shifts for several years. Once Officer Dalton comes off field duty, we have enough officers to do a trial period to see how it goes and then see what changes need made. If it doesn't workout, we can shift back to the 12-hour shift rotation. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 26-06. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 26-05 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving a 3 Year Maintenance Agreement with Altorfer Solutions to Service Village Generators; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Supt. Foster shared that this is for the lift station generator maintenance. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 26-05. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-06 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving a 3 Year Maintenance Agreement with Martin Equipment to Service 310HL John Deere Backhoe; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 26-06. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Butcher - yes

Trustee Eandi - yes Trustee Giles-Brown - yes
Trustee Kindred - yes Trustee Reiss - yes

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-07 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Communications Equipment for the Rochester Police Department and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Chief Summer stated this was in the original budget this year. Several organizations have already updated their systems. We need to keep up with the software and to maintain support. A 5-year maintenance plan is included in the bid. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-07. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.* Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-08 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Operation of a Concession Stand in Village-Owned Facilities and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This would be a 1-year contract. The facility is there and the provider would be working with what already exists. The previous contract was April 1 – Oct. 31. RYAA starts practice the first week of April. Pres. Munroe plans to ask a trustee to head this search and work with school and RYAA personnel to make a final decision. Atty. Schuering stated that if we want the resolution to include the Board or the President, the President will need to select the actual decision makers. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-08. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) - Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.

Trustee Butcher made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 6:23 pm.

Trustee Butcher made a motion to go reopen the general board meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:54 pm.

Action n Executive Session Items:

- Trustee Kindred made a motion releasing minutes from executive sessions on the following dates: September 12, 2022, October 11, 2022, March 27, 2023, January 22, 2024, April 14, 2025, July 14, 2025, and September 8, 2025. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- Trustee Butcher made a motion retaining minutes from executive sessions for subsequent review from the following dates: July 10, 2023, August 14, 2023, September 25, 2023, October 10, 2023, December 11, 2023, January 8, 2024, February 12, 2024, April 8, 2024, September 9, 2024, November 12, 2024,

November 25, 2024, December 9, 2024, and December 23, 2024. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Other Business:

Sparks in the Park Trivia Night went well. We made a profit of \$2400, which is the biggest year so far. The committee discussed possibly using a bigger venue next year.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Monday, February 19, 2026	Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting & Hearing @ 7:00 pm
Monday, February 23, 2026	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Monday, March 9, 2026	Sparks in the Park meeting @ 12 pm
Monday, March 9, 2026	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Kindred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk