

Rochester Village Board – Special Board Meeting
3/16/2026

President Munroe called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Giles-Brown, Trustee Kindred (left at 6:00 pm, returned at 6:42 pm), Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding; **Members Absent:** Trustee Andrade

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON February 9, 2026.

Trustee Butcher made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on February 9, 2026. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON March 6, 2026.

Trustee Butcher made a motion approving the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on March 6, 2026. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote, with Trustees Eandi and Giles-Brown voting present.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

State Representative Mike Coffey gave a Presentation of Proclamation for William “Bill” Marras. Rep. Coffey read the proclamation to the audience and presented it to the family of Former Chief Marras.

PUBLIC FORUM:

N/A

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. With new 10-hour shifts, staff training schedule has shifted. Wednesdays will have a heavier presence.
- B. The new Ford Interceptor ordered in January is ready for pick-up except for graphics.
- C. Insurance totaled the wrecked car last week. Some of the equipment from the wrecked car has been reclaimed by RPD to use in other vehicles.
- D. RPD is out and about to watch for speeders in various areas around the Village. The heavier presence has been noted and well-received.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Building C at the apartments has tenants moving in.
- B. Public Works staff attended a required safety meeting around snow removal and plowing.
- C. There is a house on East Main that is in bad shape. The owners have until the end of April to do something before fines are assessed. There have been discussions around knocking the house down, but no demolition permits have been requested yet.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Chairman John Petit

There are 3 ordinances before the board tonight that Chairman Petit explained.

#1 – The request change by Jose Lopez from Corazon Hospitality, LLC to remove the current board fence on the 6' high fence and replacement of a 3-foot fence instead. The Commission recommends approving this variance.

#2 – The request by Mit Patel for the incoming gas station for a 30' high with a digital sign at the entrance on Maxheimer Road. The Commission recommends approving this variance.

#3 – The request by Mit Patel for the incoming gas station for an 80' high Phillips 66 sign along Route 29. This recommendation came from the company – Phillips 66 – not Mr. Patel. Mr. Patel is simply following their suggestion. The Commission recommends denying the approval of this variance for a variety of reasons primarily that height is not necessary and the ordinances already in place are there for a reason.

Mr. Petit shared concerns from the commission as questions were asked.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proclamations:

PROCLAMATION 26-01: Granting Permission for Use Of Archery, BB Guns, and Projectile Launching at Sparks in the Park on June 24 through June 27, 2026. Trustee Butcher moved to approve proclamation 26-01. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

Ordinances:

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. Pres. Munroe asked for someone to table this motion as we are waiting for the House Bill that has been proposed. Trustee Butcher shared that it has moved out of one committee and into the Transportation Committee. *Trustee Butcher made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Kindred 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. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-02. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 26-07 - Consideration of an Ordinance Waiving Certain Provisions of the Village Code on June 25, 26, 27, 2026, for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This allows various regulations in the code – for example the petting zoo, the sale and consumption of alcohol in the park. *Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-07. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-08 - Consideration of an Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to Grant a Special Use Permit Regarding Section 156.038 of the Village Code of Ordinances as Applied to Parcels 23-15.0-354-024 and 23-15.0-354-025 (Sattley St) and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is about lowering and changing the design of the fence at the restaurant. It will be named the Arena. It will be a bar and grill and the goal is to open in May. The goal is to be local and Rochester focused. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-08. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-09 - Consideration of an Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to Grant a Variance of Section 156.172(C)(3) of the Village Code of Ordinances as Applied to Parcel 23-22.0-227-018 (1230 Community Drive) for the Installation of a Sign Exceeding 25 Feet in Height along Maxheimer Road and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is for the price sign at the entrance to the gas station. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-09. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-10 - Consideration of an Ordinance Rejecting the Recommendation of the Planning And Zoning Commission to Deny a Variance of Section 156.172(C)(3) of the Village's Code of Ordinances as Applied to Parcel 23-22.0-227-018 (1230 Community Drive) for the Installation of a Sign Exceeding 25 Feet in Height along Illinois State Route 29; Granting a Variance of the Same Provisions; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Atty. Schuering explained this ordinance pairs with Ord 26-11. They are both on the agenda as a way to accept or deny the recommendation. *Trustee Butcher made a motion Tabling both Ordinance 26-10 and 26-11. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

ORD 26-12 - Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve a Pay Increase for Part-Time Police Officers Effective May 1, 2026, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Chief Summer explained the reason for the pay increase request. It is helping level the playing field across various police districts. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-12. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-13 - Consideration of an Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property of the Village of Rochester as Surplus; Authorizing the Disposition of Same; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is from Public Works. Supt. Foster explained that this is an old saw that they don't use anymore. They have a newer one to use in its place. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 26-13. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Pres. Munroe introduced Brian Anderson – resident member of the newly established liquor commission. The commission met under the guidance of the Village Attorney. Two liquor licenses have been applied for and the commission looked to see what other licenses are available. This process is changing from what has been done in the past. Atty. Schuering added that there are three ordinances in connection with this. Ord 26-14 takes the numbers of each classification down to the number of actually issued licenses. There are legal reasons that licenses should not be left open. For several classifications it is 0. For R-G licenses, the code allows for 4 and only 3 are being used so we want to drop it down to 3. Ord 26-15 and 26-16 create licenses for specific individuals as needed based on the newly established numbers.

ORD 26-14 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 111.020 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Modify the Number of Liquor Licenses in Various Classifications and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is to clean up ordinances before voting on new licenses. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-14. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-15 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 111.020 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class R-G Licenses and Outdoor Permits by One Each, Both for Issuance to Corazon Hospitality Group, LLC, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-15. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 26-16 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 111.020 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class TS-G Licenses by One for Issuance to Rocket Station LLC and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion approving Ordinance 26-16. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 26-10 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Alcohol Vendor Agreement for Sparks in the Park and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This vendor agreement is with The Back 9. This will be their 3rd year in this role. There have been no issues with them previously. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-10. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Trustee Giles-Brown made an oral motion to suspend the rules for an omnibus vote. Trustee Butcher Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Omnibus motion to bundle all of the resolutions to appoint the following 5 people (Molly Godar, Kevin Forestier, Harry Hendrickson, Dennis Ferguson, James Foster) to the Arbor Committee. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving the Omnibus vote combining **Resolutions 26-11, 26-12, 26-13, 26-14, and 26-15.** Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-16 - Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Proposed Agreement between the Village of Rochester and Lloyd IT Services; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This contract allows payment to transition from an annual basis to a monthly basis. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-16. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

RES 26-17 - Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Proposed Agreement between the Village of Rochester and Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The engineer is appointed annually. His attorneys recommended this agreement. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-17. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

RES 26-18 - Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Proposed Agreement between the Village of Rochester and Jen Barkus; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is the contract for the concession stand at the park, newly named the “Short Stop.” It will be a 1-year contract (really 6 months due to being seasonal). She is looking at a soft opening on March 30, with a full menu available by May 1. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-18.*

Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

RES 26-19 - Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Proposal from Sportsfields4u, for Purchase of Infield Dirt and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Butcher has talked with RYAA and they recommend that several of the fields need work – primarily Fields 4, 5, and 6. The Village would pay for the dirt and delivery. The parents of RYAA would be responsible for spreading and dealing with it upon delivery. At this point, delivery could happen around Easter, which is a downtime at the park. Pres. Munroe explained that there is money in the current budget. If the bill rolls into the next budget year, it will take a bit of reallocation, but still doable. RYAA covers the cost for some of the field treatments at other points in the year as well. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving res 26-19. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Discussion of Collective Negotiating Matters, as Allowed under Section 2(C)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Reiss made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Eandi made a motion to go reopen the general board meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:45 pm.

Action on Executive Session Items:

ORD 26-17 Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Rochester and the International Union of Operators Engineers Local 965, AFL-CIO; Authorizing Execution Thereof; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 26-17. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Butcher – yes Trustee Eandi - yes

Trustee Giles-Brown – yes Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes

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

Other Business:

The next 2 Monday nights are budget meetings. Please plan to attend.

Clerk Gerberding reminded people to send her attendance at other meetings for payroll purposes.

Trustee Butcher shared out the parks survey earlier today with an on-line link with paper copies to be mailed in the future.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Monday, March 23, 2026	Budget Meeting at 5:30 pm
Monday, March 30, 2026	Budget Meeting at 5:30 pm
Saturday, April 11, 2026	Sparks Golf Outing – All Day
Monday, April 13, 2026	Sparks in the Park meeting @ 12 pm
Monday, April 13, 2026	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk