

President Munroe called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Trustee Andrade (arrived at 5:43), Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi (arrived at 5:40), Trustee Giles-Brown, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Discussion:  
none

Trustee Kindred made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO PARCEL 23-15.0-403-006 (632 E MAIN ST, ROCHESTER)**

Trustee Butcher made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Discussion:

Mike Southworth, attorney for the property owner, explained that they are asking for annexation of the flag and pole shaped property into the Village. Originally, the ask was to come in as R-2. The owners are willing to drop that request. The owner is here to ask for the annexation in order to sell the flag portion of the property.

Grover Schrock – 606 E. Main – what are they going to with that property? There is drainage that goes across his property. He has had flooding issues in his basement as a result of that property. If they are going to build houses on the property, he would be against it as Rochester needs businesses in town, not more houses. He would recommend leaving the property as green space.

Nick Friederich – 126 Willow Rd. – His property adjoins the property directly to the west. He is worried about the dirt work that he had to do on his property to make it buildable. His concern is what additional water runoff will do to his property and the cost to maintain. There is also a huge tree line right over top of the sewer line along that property line.

Emmitt Chastain – 640 E. Main – the legal description has it listed as all 6 acers. He believes voting tonight would be on the entire property or just partial pieces. Is that correct?

Atty. Schuering explained the annexation agreement says that the Village would annex it in on a few stipulations:

- 1 – zoning – they are okay with RS zoning
- 2 – and subdividing the flag from the pole

Trustee Butcher made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Trustee Kindred made a motion to combine all four sets of minutes from March Special Board Meetings as one motion. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS ON March 6, March 16, March 23, and March 30, 2026.**

Trustee Eandi made a motion approving all four sets of minutes at one time for the above-listed dates. 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:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation of April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Village of Rochester, Illinois

Trustee Giles-Brown made motion to accept the Proclamation as read by President Munroe. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Heather Andrade – there are seniors working on civics projects. Ms. Andrade is here on behalf of 4 of them as they are busy tonight with school activities. These 4 are asking to build 5 different bird houses and other pieces to draw birds to the park area to help reduce the mosquito count at the park. Maintenance will be done annually by future seniors. There should be no cost to the Village. Two of the bird houses will be in memorial of 2 of their classmates that passed away earlier this school year. Pres. Munroe asked how the Arbor Committee felt about the proposal. Everyone was happy with it. The general consensus was this is a great idea.

Harry Hendrickson – from the Arbor Committee – wanted to update the board on what is happening with the committee. There are 35 trees right now behind the Police Depart. There will be some planted here at Village Hall, some at North Park, and the remainder will be at the Village Park. Saturday, 4/25, will be planting day at the park. There are 22 species of trees, some new to the Village. That day there will also be maintenance done to existing trees. Also, in addition to bird houses, Mr. Hendrickson shared that bat houses are beneficial as bats also eat mosquitoes as well. What to bring for the workday: gloves, weather-appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes. Meet at the concession stand to plant trees.

Eric Dore – on behalf on the Illinois Shines program. His business is Solar on Earth. He is helping put up some solar farms. There is a Clean and Renewable Energy Act fee on Ameren bills which goes to building solar farms. Those farms are bringing money back to Ameren grids. In order for businesses to get access to some of these dollars, the constituents have to subscribe to these programs. With this, costs would be reduced by 10%. There is not a cost right now, but residents have already been paying into it for several years. If something were to change in the future, there is no cost to exit the program. The program started with residential properties only, then it added businesses, and now into municipalities and schools. Mr. Dore focuses specifically on municipalities, schools, and hospitals. There would not be a new farm built. The farm already exists just outside of Decatur. The Village would be opting in to receive the credits.

## **REPORTS**

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. The bomb threat on 4/2/26 at RHS turned out to be a hoax. They believe it was an activist group that had the goal of stirring up trouble. Trustee Kindred asked if there was anything that came out of this event that has caused updated training or adjustments. Chief Summer shared that

oddly enough they had met with the school district the week before on this topic. This event highlighted some of those needs and faster movement on those needs are anticipated.

- B. He is in contact with his vendor to order another squad car in the next year as long as the budget is approved.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Kuhn and Trello gave the plans for the pond to Supt. Foster today so he will review.
- B. During the high school renovation, they found a meter pit that was not previously known about.
- C. On W. Main, there has been an ongoing water event. That leak started again. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> call, Petersburg Plumbing came out and found it and repaired it.
- D. Road salt is ordered for next winter.
- E. Working with vendor at concession stand to help with some basic repairs – i.e. screens and door seals.
- F. Mower safety – it has been a hot topic recently with his staff as someone from another village lost their life repairing a mower recently.

Eng. Kuhn added he had dropped off a set of plans for the pond and set of plans for the quilt shop.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to bundle the following four Ordinances (25-29, 26-02, 26-10, and 26-11) motions into one group. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion tabling Ordinances 25-29, 26-02, 26-10, and 26-11 for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**ORD 26-11** - Consideration of an Ordinance Accepting 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinances:**

**ORD 26-18** - Consideration of an Ordinance Revising the Rates for Service for the Water Works System and Sewer System of the Village of Rochester, Illinois. This will raise the water rates 3% and sewer rates 8%. This does not bring us to level with the cost from CWLP that the Village pays. This would potentially go into effect at the end of May, which would show up on the June bill. Eric Dore asked if there is an option other than the meter usage to credit accounts. Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Ordinance 26-18. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

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 26-19** - Consideration Authorizing a Wage Increase for Certain Non-Union Employees of the Village of Rochester and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-19. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

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 26-20** - Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027. The department heads presented the board with a balanced budget from the beginning – THANK YOU to those 3 individuals. Trustee Giles-Brown shared that this was her first go round with the budget approval process. It went well and she appreciated all of the work. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion approving Ordinance 26-20. 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 26-21** - Accepting a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 965 Regarding Article 16 of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement; Authorizing Execution Thereof; And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This involves when employees can make clothing reimbursements. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 26-21. 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.

**ORD 26-22** - Authorizing the Modification of Certain Account Balances for Water Accounts Maintained with the Village and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This allows for billing adjustments in accounts that had meter issues. Specifically, there was an instance where meters were switched between two properties. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 26-22. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

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 26-23** - Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Rochester and Hickory Point Bank as Custodian for the Robert K. Haag Self Directed IRA, for Property Identified as Parcel 23-15.0-403-006 (632 East Main Street, Rochester), And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is what the public hearing was about previously in this meeting. *Trustee Reiss made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-23 for approval. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

**ORD 26-24** - Annexing Certain Described Real Property Identified as Parcel 23-15.0-403-006 (632 E Main St, Rochester), And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-24 for approval. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

**Resolutions:**

**RES 26-20** - Resolution Accepting a Proposal from Civicplus for Website Services for the Village; Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Related Thereto; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 26-20. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 26-21** - Resolution in Support of Retaining Municipal Housing Authority. Atty. Schuering explained that this resolution is coming from several bills in the legislature right now. The Municipal League is opposing those bills as they would preempt certain powers that municipalities around the state would have. So, they are asking that each municipality pass this sort of resolution. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 26-21. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Trustee Andrade – present | Trustee Butcher - yes     |
| Trustee Eandi - yes       | Trustee Giles-Brown - yes |
| Trustee Kindred - yes     | Trustee Reiss - yes       |

Motion passed with 5 yes, 1 present, and 0 no votes.

**RES 26-22** - Resolution in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-22. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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:**

- Motion to Allow a Road Closure for East Main Street and Walnut Street from 10:50am to 12:00pm on June 27, 2026, for the Sparks in the Park Parade Route. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*
- Motion to Allow for the Issuance of a Fireworks Permit on Saturday June 27, 2026, with a Rain Date of July 11, 2026, for Sparks in the Park. *Trustee Andrade made a motion allowing the issuance of the permit. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously via voice vote.*

**Other Business:**

3 complaints were filed with the Village – 2 were about trash in yards and those yards have been cleaned up. The other complaint was regarding a vehicle that looks like it is against several codes.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

|                         |                                                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting & Hearing @ 7:00 pm |
| Monday, April 27, 2026  | Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm                 |
| Monday, May 11, 2026    | Sparks in the Park meeting @ 12 pm                       |

Monday, May 11, 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 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk