

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON May 11, 2026.

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the minutes for the Board Meeting on May 11, 2026, with edits noted. Trustee Reiss 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 Reiss seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Girl Scout Troup Proclamation – Pres. Munroe read the proclamation. Then, Trustee Eandi moved to allow the scouts to move forward with their painting project. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Allie Requarth – she and her husband have been residents of Rochester since 2016 and live on Cherry Dr. She has concerns around the St. Jude Catholic Church ordinances. About year ago, the bells system seemed to start and become more regular. She has reached out directly to St. Jude’s church and did not get a response. She then went to the church with her daughter to have a conversation and she was told no one was available to speak with her. She then started documenting bell “ringing” hours throughout the day. She shared several times and dates that she has documented. Her concern is volume and frequency and the balance with the community. She met with RPD to see if there were any avenues with them.

Steve Dennis – Lincoln Prairie Trails Conservancy. They are working on building and maintaining the bicycle trail from Springfield to Taylorville and on to Pana. They have 2 phases – one is Taylorville to Edinburg and one would be Edinburg to Rochester. They have met with IDOT and are working with them to verify information. He is here really to share information. One of the goals is to get safe routes along low volume country roads. Bud Altman was also in attendance tonight. Mr. Dennis shared a tri-fold map with information around the trail. Pres. Munroe asked how often the committee meets and how can the Village help move this forward. Mr. Dennis responded that he would let us know when the next meeting of the regional group will be. When the larger meetings are coming up, please loop Trustee Reiss in and we can determine who is available.

Eric Woehrmann – President of St. Jude’s Parish Council. They have been part of Rochester since 1974. He reported that the bells have been in place for about 1 year. The tower was installed this past spring. Since installation, most voices have reached out with appreciation. Since the negative voices have come up, they have made several adjustments. 5 times a day to 2 times a day. Volume set at 7 dropped to 5 and more recently to 2. He then shared times that bells are scheduled for ringing. Trustee Reiss asked when was the timing, tone, and volume of the bells originally determined. The Decan from the church answered about 9 months. The tone and volume was adjusted more recently 2 weeks ago. Trustee Kindred asked if one of the speakers could be turned away from Cherry Dr. Mr. Woehrmann answered that he wasn’t sure if that would be a potential option but is happy to discuss it.

Emmitt Chastain – passed out an ordinance he will address. He wants to address 221 E. Main and the tall weeds and grass. He would like to get it mowed. It is currently 3-4 feet tall. No one is currently living there. He is looking for the property to be cleaned up, not necessarily tear it down, but something needs done to help the neighborhood. Pres. Munroe asked Supt. Foster for an update. Supt. Foster said he does not have an update. They were keeping it mowed, but once the fines started being assessed, they seemed to stop mowing. It has been a year that it has been an issue. He plans to speak with Atty. Schuering about potential options. One option is to ask the property owner to donate the ground to the Village. The people next door must be frustrated as well. There are holes in the roof and raccoons living in the house.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Last Saturday written exams were completed. Then interviews are completed – next week is the goal. Then a potential offer can be made.
- B. In talks with Sangamon Co Sheriff's office to possibly borrow their speed trailer as well.
- C. They have issued approximately 100 warnings and 30 citations in the last month, which is up.
- D. Trustee Giles-Brown stated last month when trailers were mentioned, we were told they were quite expensive. Is a solar power option better? Chief Sommer reported a solar camera on a pole is about \$6,000. He then explained various options on the trailers and cameras. There are some grants out there for this type of equipment.
- E. A grant was submitted for squad car cameras (all 10).
- F. Trustee Reiss asked if the Chief believes the reported speed issues on Main are as bad as reported. Chief Sommer responded with not really. They have had 2 different instances in that area where one officer clocked a car at 39 mph (over 1.5 hours) and one at 34 (over 30 minutes). Everyone else was clocked at slower speeds in those patrol periods.
- G. With 2 new squad cars coming in to the fleet, 2 of the oldest cars will be rotated out.
- H. Still looking for Volunteers for parking at Sparks in the Park.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. 221 E. Main – The County called Supt. Foster because they are getting complaints. To expedite the situation, Supt. Foster can call and request they donate the property. He posed the question to the property owners early on in the process. The property is still in Mom and Dad's name, but the kids are all adults and live in the area. This house is the first property to reach this level of disarray. They have complied in the past. They have boarded up the house and cleaned up the house. Now, the grass is growing and is out of control. Resident Chastain asked if the house has been condemned. Supt. Foster stated not at this point.
- B. Insurance Service Office survey was completed.
- C. The sesquicentennial signs were removed accidentally. They are now back posted.

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. Atty. Schuering explained that the Village has been holding on to this to see what came from the legislative session. There was a bill that was passed and is being sent to the Governor's office. As this ordinance was originally proposed, it tracks with the currently passed bill. However, this ordinance will only be officially effective until Jan. 1, 2027 due to the new bill going into effect. Trustee Kindred asked if e-bikes and micro-mobility vehicles are considered the same thing in the ordinance. Atty. Schuering shared the "new" term will be micro-mobility. Pres. Munroe shared that the Secretary of State put out a pretty clear graphic as to what all is included in each category of vehicle. Trustee Kindred would support making a motion withdrawing Ordinance 25-29 and instead adding a

proclamation explaining the rules of the new law from the state level. Atty. Schuering explained that the ordinance as written is drastically different from state law. Trustee Kindred asked if we could build a 1-pager that can be shared out at different booths at the Sparks in the Park and on social media? Trustee Reiss stated we need to have something out soon with summer. With different information for different pieces of equipment, it gets confusing easily. *Trustee Kindred made a motion withdrawing Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Eandi 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 Reiss made a motion tabling Ordinance 26-02. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

ORD 26-27 - Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing Amending Chapter 111 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Update Certain Provisions Pertaining to the Licensing of Establishments Selling Alcohol and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. One main change is that licenses will be approved by a commission instead of an individual commissioner. Pres. Munroe explained that there is a limited # of licenses for each category. More can be opened as needed, but not just opened for general purposes. The residency of the Village requirement was removed from the ordinance. Atty. Schuering added there was a provision in the code, which is common, that says anyone who rents a hotel room for the purpose to allow underage kids to drink, is not allowed. The ordinance addresses hotels, Air B&Bs, and Bed and Breakfasts. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 26-27. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 26-28- Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 92 and 95 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Clarify Regulations Regarding Grass Mowing and Other Actions Therewith. Atty. Schuering explained that this modifies our code to standardize some of the language and to clarify procedure for mowing and/or applying a lien in the case of not mowing. Trustee Kindred stated in the current situation, this tells us what we can do to the property owner. But does it say anything about Public Works going out and taking care of the property and charging the property owner? Atty. Schuering answered yes, that is what the changes address. This makes sure that our procedures align with state law. Trustee Reiss asked if there is another option than a lien. Atty. Schuering answered yes, but the lien is the most potent option to the Village at this point. There are other options. Supt. Foster added this will become the exception, not the rule. He has sent out 30 letters and those never make it to the board, as the issue is resolved. This simply addresses the current on-going issue. Trustee Giles-Brown asked how soon can things progress once a lien is put in place. Atty. Schuering explained that in theory, a foreclosure would be the next step, likely a month or two, but could be longer. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 26-28. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

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

Resolutions:

RES 26-24 - Consideration of a Resolution Waiving Requirements of Section 30.09 to Solicit Bids to Repair Roof on Village Hall And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The goal is to seek quotes directly. Trustee Kindred asked in the Library by-laws, are they allowed to use quotes. Pres.

Munroe stated that it is her understanding is yes as they have typically simply done quotes. Atty. Schuering stated to be clear, this is a procedural resolution. We are not waiving all formal bidding. We are taking this action for this one-time quote need. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion amending Resolution 26-24 with an addition of a minimum of 3 quotes. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Approved via voice vote. G-B/Eandi Trustee Giles-Brown made the motion to approve the new resolution. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

RES 26-25 - Consideration of a Resolution Permitting the Current Lessee of the Community Park Concession Stand to Allow Sub-Vendors, Subject to Such Dates and Conditions As Imposed by the Village President And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This resolution allows the concession stand to host local vendors – could be food, craft, etc. This would allow that to take place with the approval of the Village President and holds the Short Stop owner accountable for her guests. Trustee Reiss asked if there is a limited number of vendors she can have. Pres. Munroe shared that her best guess is 8. Atty. Schuering stated this resolution does allow the President to make those determinations if needed. There will be no food trucks and the vendor fee will be waived. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 26-25. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

Other Business:

N/A

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Monday, June 22, 2026	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Monday, July 13, 2026	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Sparks in the Park – Pageant on 24 th , event 25-27 th , Fireworks on the 27 th	

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Giles Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk