Rochester Village Board 7/14/2025

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

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Kindred, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members Absent:** Trustee Reiss

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2025, 2025.

Trustee Andrade made a motion to approve the minutes for June 9, 2025. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC FORUM:

David Timm shared that he is running for Sangamon County Sherriff in 2026. He grew up in Springfield and retired from the Sherrif Department in January 2025 after what he considers a great career. As of last week, there were 52 deputies in the Office. The issue is leadership. Morale is suffering due to many long hours. Mental health issues are also on the rise with deputies. Our violent crime is up 300% percent with fewer deputies. He wants to make sure to work better with other agencies, it is what works best for everyone. His passion for the brown unform is what drives him – not politics or power or money. The sheriff of any county should be the representation of any county, which he believes he is. If anyone has questions, he will take them. Trustee Andrade asked how the Village board can be helpful to Time. Mr. Timm stated that he is just trying to get the word out that he is running for sheriff. He will not be controlled by a party, only by the people that voted him into office. Trustee Carver asked when this election is. March 2026 will be the primary. Currently, the appointed Sheriff is the only known candidate right now, other than himself. The final election will be November 2026.

Joseph Kuhn – has been working on his Eagle Project over the last year at Wanless park for more seating. He is here to report that the project is done. He shared photos. He is here just to share information that the project is complete and thank the board for their support in his efforts.

Adam Greenfield – is the owner/operator of Greenie's Grill. He is present to speak about variances on the agenda tonight around Grub 'n Out. He went through a similar process 2 years ago. They were denied due to lack of planning on their part, or that was what they were told. With the new variances tonight – while different situations – he hasn't seen long term planning from Grub 'n Out. Why is it okay this time? Does this open the door for other businesses to bring food trucks into town in case of similar needs? He has heard discrepancies between Health Dept. length of permission (6 months) and the P & Z commission (18 months) – why? Also, If the food truck is allowed tonight, then a variance would need to be created to allow for any restaurant in Rochester also to bring in a food truck to cover that issue.

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Chairman – John Petit

A. There are 3 different issues from the Planning & Zoning Commission. They have looked at various sections of the ordinances and are trying to update sections. The first section is around satellite dishes. They are trying to bring codes up to current practices and needs. Chairman

Petit shared comparisons between what is currently stated in the codes and what the commission is recommending.

The second issue is for a variance on the property of 417 Waterwheel Drive. The duplex has a section of the foundation over the lot setback line. Supt. Foster and Eng. Kuhn both believe this doesn't cause any issues for the Village.

The third issue is around 326 Sattley St. with connection to the food truck. This is on the property of Rocket Fitness. The brick-and-mortar building is the old coffee shop in the parking lot. Chairman Petit shared a drawing of the property and how the 2 facilities would be connected. 2 variances were applied for – overnight parking for the food truck and a change of hours of operation request to start as early as 6 am. The purpose is the food truck would be for food prep purposes only. The brick-and-mortar building is too small to do food prep. The owner of Grub N' Out has permission from the County Health Dept for the food truck. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended the 2 variances be denied and instead offer a special use permit for 18 months. Trustee Kindred asked if the business was to be sold, the special use permit would end and not be transferred. Atty. Schuering stated that is correct. The permit goes with the person so that permit will end in that situation. Atty. Schuering asked Chairman Petit to explain what the differences are between this situation and the previous request brought forward in the Public Comment session. Chairman Petit explained the previous situation was working off a property where the property owners did not want the truck parked there – the current property owners are in support of the request. The location of the previous request was at the corner of Mill and Walnut. The committee felt there were too many safety concerns for that corner. The circumstances did not seem to make sense at the time. The discussion was tabled and after a month or 2, it was stated that the variance request was being withdrawn.

Trustee Kindred asked what a special use permit does to expedite other businesses to potentially do the same thing. Supt. Foster explained those other businesses would potentially start with him as code officer. It would depend on the situation but would start a potential process. Each special use permit is issued on a case-by-case basis.

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

A. Officer Todd filled in for Chief Sommer and reviewed the report provided.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. All residents have been changed over to only cellular meters.
- B. North lift station is having a lot of pump issues. Supt. Foster has already received bids for work from a couple of companies that he will bring to the COW for review. It will cost about \$100,000 to revamp that lift station, which is a lot but is going to be needed soon. This particular station is 30-40 years old which is old in the sanitation world.
- C. South lift station is now starting to have issues. One pump has been sent off for repair and now another is acting up again.
- D. Asking for a side-by-side and a Chevy Tahoe on the agenda later this evening. A brief discussion occurred around why those purchases are necessary.
- E. The Township has a new township supervisor, and he wants to sell their Mack single-axle dump truck to us for roughly \$90,000. There is 4,600 miles on it which is mostly Village miles. Our current dump truck has lots of issues. The Township supervisor feels it is too small for the work they need to do. The previous staff used the truck to plow cul-de-sacs in winter. Supt. Foster will get this on the agenda for the August board meeting. He will also look for comparative prices.

Trustee Carver asked if the North Lift Station (and the cost of \$100,000) is something that will last until next year. Supt. Foster replied likely not. That cost will likely be needed this fiscal year.

Trustee Carver asked what the Chevy Tahoe on the agenda is for. Supt. Foster explained it would be his daily driver around the Village. He needs to be able to have tools and equipment available. It would also allow for more staff to take one vehicle to out-of-town trainings instead of multiple vehicles. Trustee Andrade asked if these vehicles would have Village branding. Supt. Foster answered absolutely yes, all vehicles need to have branding.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 25-14 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Village's Code of Ordinances and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. President Munroe explained this is a change of time from 7 pm to 5:30 pm and cleaning up some committees that will be appointed later. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Ordinance 25-14. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-16 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 156 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Limit the Use of Satellite Dish Antennas in Zoning Districts and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-16. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-17 - Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Variance of Certain Provisions of Chapter 156 of the Village's Code of Ordinances on Parcel 23-15.0-180-033 (417 Waterwheel Drive) and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-17. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-18 - Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Variance of Certain Provisions of Chapter 156 of the Village's Code of Ordinances on Parcel 23-15.0-354-024 and 23-15.0-354-025 (326 Sattley Street) and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-18. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-17 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New Locks on Village-Owned Property and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. There was an additional quote, which came in much higher than the original piece. The locks should be able to be updated in the next couple of weeks. *Trustee Kindred made a motion to take it off the table and approve Resolution 25-17 with A-1 Lock. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Trustee Andrade asked if there were any conflicts of interest with A-1 Lock. Office Manager Marsh responded no.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Carver – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-18 - Consideration of Appointment of Matthew Butcher to Village Board Trustee Vacancy Through May 10, 2027. Pres. Munroe requested tabling this motion as other candidates will be explored. *Trustee Carver made a motion tabling Resolution 25-18. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

RES 25-19 - Consideration of a Resolution Making Certain Appointments to Existing Committees Within the Village Code and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Pres. Munroe requested tabling this motion as more work is needed on committees. *Trustee Kindred made a motion tabling Resolution 25-19*. *Trustee Andrade seconded the motion*. *Motion passed unanimously*.

RES 25-20 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Computers for the Rochester Police Department and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-20. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-21 - Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Proposal from Eck, Schafer & Punke, Llp, To Provide Audit Services to the Village and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Pres. Munroe explained that with Office Manager Marsh's due diligence, we have been working to get a new auditor (since last October). This is the only response we have received. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-21. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-22 - Consideration of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Pursuant to Section 20 of the Local Governmental Acceptance of Credit Cards Act, 50 Ilcs 345/20. Atty. Schuering explained that it is required by law to hold the hearing on credit card uses and payments and background information. This hearing would be held before our next Village Board meeting – August 11, 2025. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-22. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

RES 25-23 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of an Off-Highway Vehicle from Sievers Equipment Company for the Public Works Department and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Carver asked how soon we could get the new vehicle. Supt. Foster explained Sievers told him about 3 weeks. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-23. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-24 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe from a Private Seller for Use by the Public Works Department and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Supt. Foster shared pictures for review. The current daily driver would roll back into the fleet of vehicles. Trustee Kindred asked if this amount is already in the budget. Supt. Foster responded yes, he had

planned for this purchase. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-24. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Executive Session – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) – DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS

Trustee Carver made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Carver made a motion to go reopen the general board meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:20 pm. The same members were present as they were prior to Executive Session.

Action on Executive Session Items

ORD 25-15 - Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Federation of Police and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-15. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes Trustee Eandi – yes Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes 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)

Friday, July 18, 2025

Movie in the Park – Moana 2 at Dusk

Monday, July 28, 2025

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Movie in the Park – Moana 2 at Dusk

Sparks in Park Committee Mtg @ 12 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Community Discussion Regarding Chickens @ 6 pm

Village Board/Staff ID Photo Session @ 4 pm

Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding Village Clerk