

Rochester Village Board – Special Board Meeting
8/25/2025

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

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi (arrived at 6:40 pm), Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON July 14, 2025, 2025.

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2025. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

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

Roll call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Andrade - yes | Trustee Carver – yes |
| Trustee Eandi – absent | Trustee Kindred – yes |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Pres. Munroe shared the calendar of dates for the Committee of the Whole meetings and Regularly scheduled Board meeting. These dates were shared out in January, prior to the newly elected members being sworn in, so she wanted to make sure they had the lists.

Pres. Munroe thanked the Beetzels for leading a trash pick up event.

PUBLIC FORUM:

N/A

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

ORD 25-19 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 51 of the Village Of Rochester's Code of Ordinances to Codify Village's Fee Structure for Remote Water Meter Reading and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Badger Meter is a company that allows the Village to do cellular reads on water meters. The increase is the same as the technology fee coming from Badger directly. With this technology, all Village residents will have the ability to track their water usage. Trustee Kindred asked how useful is electronic vs. manpower reading. Supt. Foster explains that it takes the better part of a day to do drive-by readings. Once all residents are on the system, it will amount to the push of a button, which allows more staff time to address issues that arise. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 25-19. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Andrade - yes | Trustee Carver – yes |
| Trustee Eandi – present | Trustee Kindred – yes |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 4 yes, 1 present, and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-20 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 111.20 of the Village of Rochester's Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class C–G Liquor Licenses by One And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. As a result of the new gas station being built, another liquor license will be needed to accommodate their business. Trustee Kindred asked if the gas station be putting in gaming. Pres. Munroe said she believes they do, which is why this license would include gaming. Mr. Beetzal asked if this is out of order because we need to establish a commission first. Atty. Schuering explained this isn't issuing the license. It is opening the opportunity for one if they want to apply for a license. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-20. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-21 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 of the Village of Rochester's Code of Ordinances to Establish a Local Liquor Control Commission and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This would be a commission that would be issuing requested liquor licenses. This would include a trustee (Andrade), a general public resident (Brian Anderson) and President Munroe as committee members. Trustee Kindred asked for clarity around who would serve on the commission. More transparency is added because these meetings would fall under the Open Meetings Act requirements. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-21. 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 |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-22 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 of the Village Of Rochester's Code of Ordinances to Implement Regulations Required Under the Local Governmental Acceptance of Credit Cards Act and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. It prevents rebate or revenue share for a municipality with the processing fees. This means we can not accept or process any amount over the billed amount. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Ordinance 25-22. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-23 - Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Return to Work Policy and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The Village is a member of the Illinois League Management System. They have started requiring, as a part of renewal, that members must have a return to work policy on record. It involves any potential restrictions that need addressed when an employee returns to work. This does

not impact, or conflict with, any bargaining units. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-23. 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 |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-24 - Consideration of an Ordinance Designating a 2001 Honda Civic Owned by the Rochester Police Department as Surplus Property; Authorizing Disposition Thereof; And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is removing the Honda Civic from the Village's responsibility. It will go to Jostes's Garage with no money changing hands. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Ordinance 25-24. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-25 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of LED Lights and Ballasts for the Community Room and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Community Room fees will cover these costs. The revenue for that fund is the rental costs for the room. Trustee Andrade asked if the purpose is to go greener and use more LED. Pres. Munroe responded yes. The library has already done their update. Trustee Kindred asked if this need put out for bid. Atty. Schuering answered that because this is below the bid required threshold, it does not need to be put out to bid. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-25. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-27 - Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County, Illinois, for the Provision of Animal Control Services to the Village and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is a standard resolution that we pass each year for Animal Control Services. This charge is for the work done this past year. Trustee Andrade asked if the Village has been satisfied with their service. The general consensus from the 3 department heads was yes and we don't really have another option. Mr. Beetzel asked if handle all Animal Control Issues. Chief Sommer stated residents don't call Animal Control directly. The Rochester Police Department must make the request and then they come out. They have more equipment and training than RPD. They are on a 24-hour call out. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-27. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-28 - Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Rochester and Rochester Community Unit 3A Board of Education for School Resource Officer and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This is a standard annual agreement between the Rochester School District and the School Resource Officer. Officer Burnley is still the SRO. The school is helping cover the cost of the salary this year, for the first time. Traffic control on grounds falls under the SRO as needed. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-28. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-29 - Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Members to the Village of Rochester's Local Liquor Control Commission. We talked about this in Ordinance 25-21. Trustee Reiss asked how Mr. Anderson's name came into the discussion. Pres. Munroe explained that she spoke with many people and Mr. Anderson's name bubbled up multiple times. His resume is included for everyone's review. Trustee Andrade stated that he understands there have been issues in the past and he plans to be as transparent as possible and does not want to open the Village up to legal issues. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-29. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Andrade - present | Trustee Carver – yes |
| Trustee Eandi – yes | Trustee Kindred – yes |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 4 yes, 1 present, and 0 no votes.

RES 25-30 - Consideration of a Resolution to Include Cash Payments in Lieu of Or Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings. Atty. Schuering explained that the Village had an IMRF audit completed recently. This has to do with the calculation of salaries and IMRF payments in relation to health stipends. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-30. 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 |
| Trustee Reiss - yes | |

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

Motion to Authorize Closure of Certain Streets as Requested by the Rochester Sparks in the Park Committee on October 17–18, 2025. This would be for the Fall Festival. This would be only the circle drive through the park. Mr. Schrock will be hosting a car show again at the Stone House so that street will be open for access purposes to that event. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION to Authorize Closure of Certain Streets as Requested by the Rochester CUSD No. 3A on October 8, 2025. This is for the Homecoming Parade. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION to Authorize Closure of Certain Streets as Requested by Denise Love on October 11, 2025. This is for a private party of the duplex group in the neighborhood. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other matters:

Trustee Kindred reported that a homeowner has approached him about regular speeding on Main Street. Chief Sommer reported they have several locations they are keeping an eye on for school traffic and then also general rush hour traffic.

A question about a conversation around electric scooters and bikes was raised. Chief Sommer stated the IL state law currently says for electric scooters, the operator must be 18 years old with a driver's license. He added this as a new issue for his staff. Electric bikes require the operator to be 16 with a driver's license. It is often the discretion of the officer. Chief Sommer feels like it is more of a parenting issue than a police regulatory issue. They are not supposed to be on any streets with speed limit higher than 35. President and Chief spoke about it today - it is a real safety concern.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk