

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 (arrived at 5:40 pm), Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON August 11, 2025.**

Trustee Carver made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2025. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON August 25, 2025.**

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the minutes for the Special Board Meeting on August 25, 2025. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Trustee Andrade made a motion approving the financial statements and bills. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes    Trustee Carver - yes  
Trustee Eandi (absent)    Trustee Kindred - yes  
Trustee Reiss - yes

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

N/A

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Leigh Giles-Brown – Secretary of Oak Mills Estates HOA – She has concerns around one particular neighbor and his signage facing Oak Street. A new banner went up today, she believes. Concerns are being expressed about home values and the impacts around future home buyers in Rochester. She believes the signage is having negative impacts on the Village. The HOA President has reached out to several board members and hasn't received a response yet. That question was around if this is a nuisance or profanity? She is urging board members to respond with what can be done by the Village. Atty. Schuering explained that during last month's meeting, there was a discussion around the Village's ability to restrict the speech of various citizens. The village cannot restrict the content of the speech, only the time and place of the speech. Atty. Schuering will get a formal written response sent to the President of the HOA. However, he feels he gave a response during the past meeting. Generally, the Village does not have the authority to enforce HOA rules. Trustee Kindred believes she is asking for what the Village can do to help. Pres. Munroe asked what the HOA says about signage. Ms. Giles-Brown explain that it limits the size and placement of signage. Atty. Schuering added the only limitation in the Village is around signs with permits. The code involving permits cannot single out any individuals. The Village would then need to work with every temporary banner/sign around the Village so ensure they have the correct permits issued. John Stites has put up signs in the neighborhood and he paid a permit fee for those. In his opinion, that sets the precedence for paying the fee.

Trustee Carver asked if the HOA attorney can get involved. Ms. Giles-Brown said Yes and they are waiting for a response from the Village attorney to know how they should proceed.

Aaron Beetzel asked if signs are these commercial versus residential, would that make a difference on how to proceed. General response was these are purely personal opinion in nature.

Trustee Andrade reminded everyone that the Board has been advised that we are opening ourselves to legal problems by both the attorney and the Rochester PD. As a trustee, he has to take that into

account while also considering what to do in this matter. Trustee Andrade has also reviewed the HOA rules and found several avenues that have not been exhausted yet.

Mr. Stites suggested having Village legal counsel craft an ordinance that says what it needs to without crossing into the freedom of speech area.

Giles-Brown – please also take into account how this will impact the home purchases in the Village.

Trustee Reiss stated that he understands the legal fund in the HOA is only so deep, you're right. They had a situation in their HOA, and they had a meeting to ask all the residents if they were willing to chip in and help pay toward the attorney's costs.

Pres. Munroe asked the Village attorney to send a written response and to look at other case law to see what is happening or outstanding in other communities.

## **REPORTS**

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Rifle qualification and training is scheduled in October.
- B. Officers pay \$50 a month for No Shave fundraiser. Expect to see more beards on the officers in support.
- C. Fire Chief recommended a Burn Ban until further notice in Rochester. RPD was in agreement and posted that this afternoon on Facebook.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. The last 2 staff members are doing CDL training currently.
- B. He has had some complaints around trees and visibility issues in connection therewith.
- C. The North Lift Station is still having issues. It is the oldest lift station and is having several different issues.
- D. Public Works is in the process of changing out signs through the park.

## **Executive Session – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) – DISCUSSION OF Selection of the person to fill a public office.**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Board members moved into Executive Session.

Trustee Kindred made a motion to reopen the general board meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:25pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**RES 25-18** - Consider And Act Upon a Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Matt Butcher to a Vacancy for the Office of Village Trustee and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-18. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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| Trustee Andrade - no | Trustee Carver – yes |
| Trustee Eandi – yes  | Trustee Kindred – no |
| Trustee Reiss - yes  |                      |

Motion passed with 3 yes and 2 no votes.

**RES 25-26** – Consider and Act upon a Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Purchase a 2021 Mack Dump Truck from Rochester Township and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Carver asked when it would be delivered. Supt. Foster stated fairly quickly was his understanding. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 25-26. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Trustee Eandi – yes

Trustee Reiss - yes

Trustee Carver – yes

Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinances:**

**ORD 25-25** - Consider and Act upon an Ordinance Authorizing a Non-Binding Referendum Regarding the Keeping of Chickens within Village Limits to Be Submitted for Inclusion on the Next Available Ballot And Other Actions in Connection Therewith. This allows the issue to go to a vote by the entire community. The next available would be March 2026. Trustee Andrade made a motion to amend wording to change “raising of chickens” to the “raising of hens” clarifying the specificity. Trustee Carver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Trustee Eandi – yes

Trustee Reiss - yes

Trustee Carver – yes

Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

*Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-25 with the amended wording. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Trustee Eandi – yes

Trustee Reiss - yes

Trustee Carver – yes

Trustee Kindred – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**ORD 25-26** - Consider And Act Upon an Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of License Plate Readers in Certain Locations on Illinois Route 29 by the Illinois State Police and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Office Manager Marsh spoke with ISP and this would allow them to install 8 traffic cameras. Trustee Reiss asked who maintains the equipment. Office Manager Marsh explained that ISP would as part of the Inter Governmental Agreement. It was asked if this is for crash information or speed control. Atty. Schuering explained it would help with investigations that may occur along the road. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 25-26. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Trustee Eandi – yes

Trustee Reiss - yes

Trustee Carver – yes

Trustee Kindred – no

Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no votes.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Monday, September 22, 2025

Monday, October 13, 2025

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

Sparks in the Park Committee Meeting at 12 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission at 7 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Village Office CLOSED in Observance of Columbus Day

Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Gerberding  
Village Clerk