Rochester Village Board – Special Board Meeting
9/28/2026

President Munroe called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Giles-Brown (arrived at 5:45 pm), Trustee Kindred (arrived at 5:34 pm), Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

PUBLIC FORUM:
Sarah Deen – She was present to correct an item in the Rochester Times 2 weeks ago – there was a misquote somewhere in connection to how the board handled the sealed bid process previously. The Library board wants it noted on the record that the Library Board was in favor of the sealed bid process.

Allie Requarth – lives on Cherry Street and was present to discus the St. Jude bells. She shared letters from two other residents in her neighborhood and a QR code for her Tik Tok page with recordings of the St. Jude bells. She read the 2 letters. One resident asked the church if the bells could be turned down and lights adjusted and was told no to both due to the design. That neighbor states she cannot have a phone call while the bells are ringing as she cannot hear the person on the other end. Trustee Butcher stated that he had tried reaching out to St. Jude's for an update recently and had not heard back yet.

A St. Jude parishioner reached out to Allie directly and said that she had reached out to the Diocese in Springfield to help as she is embarrassed about the situation.

Ms. Requarth just wants the bells turned down.

OLD BUSINESS:
ORD 26-29 Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Revise Certain Provisions Pertaining to the Licensing of Establishments Selling Alcohol; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. The suggestion was to adjust the ordinance to fit what is currently happening as it is functioning well. The major change was to create an RA-G license. This change does not change fees or anything that way; simply the type of license received. Restaurant stipulations were added for those types of licenses. Pres. Munroe will do a press release next week once this is approved. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Ordinance 26-29. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*
Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes	Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Eandi - yes	Trustee Kindred - yes
Trustee Reiss - yes	

The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 26-32 - Resolution Accepting Bids for the Replacement of the Roof at Village Hall; Authorizing Execution of Documents Related Thereto; and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Eng. Kuhn is present to share information about the bid process. Trustee Kindred asked some questions about changes from the first round of bids to the second round of bids. One company followed the request of the specs and one company went above and beyond what was requested, which made the price higher. Pres. Munroe asked what happens if the selected company comes in and finds more issues than anticipated. Eng. Kuhn explained the process. The company comes back with some estimates to get the project started. There is a 10% overage included. Atty. Schuering stated that this resolution is set at

$145,000, which is above the projected $130,000. He asked if there is any basis for believing either bidder did not account for necessary modifications in their process. Eng. Kuhn stated that Capitol City talked about ventilation. John Petit, an ex-installation installer and member of the audience, was present and addressed the topic of ventilation. Mr. Petit also shared that Acosta Angeli does not have any direct employees. They subcontract out all of their work. Atty. Schuering asked if Eng. Kuhn has a recommendation for upping the allowance for an addendum. Eng. Kuhn responded with no idea tonight, but he would guess more than the 10%. Atty. Schuering asked Eng. Kuhn a series of questions:
How long have you been an engineer? Just over 30 years
How many public works projects have you been involved with in those years? About 300
Based on your expertise, are you familiar with the term "lowest responsible bidder"? Yes.
Is that a phrase that you work with regularly? Yes
Based on these bids and your expertise, does Acosta Angeli meet the term "lowest responsible bidder"? Yes.
Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-32. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.
Roll Call vote was taken:

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

The motion passed with 5 yes votes, 1 present vote, and 0 no votes.

NEW BUSINESS:
ORD 26-42 - Consideration of an Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to Grant a Variance of Section 156.077(D)(2)(a) of the Village's Code of Ordinances as Applied to Parcel 23-15.0-177-003 (321 Parkview Drive) and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Planning and Zoning Chairman Petit was present and shared that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approving this variance. Pres. Munroe explained a bit about the neighborhood being small and compact already. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 26-42. Trustee Andrade 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.

RES 26-33 - Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Nathon Probst as a Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Chairman Petit shared that Planning & Zoning has had an empty seat for a while. He shared Probst's history – personal and employment. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Resolution 26-33. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.*

Motion to Adjourn
Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk