

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

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Butcher (arrived late at 5:41), Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering (by phone at 6:05-6:20 pm)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON September 8, 2025.

Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2025. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

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

Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Halloween Proclamation - This year, the proclamation is for 2 nights – October 31 and November 1. Friday, Oct. 31 is the first night of football playoffs. Discussion on the topic occurred. General consensus was for 2 nights so 2 nights will occur. Pres. Munroe read the proclamation that trick or treating will occur 5-8 pm each night.

TRUSTEE VACANCY

RES 25-31 Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Chadd Carver from the Village Board of Trustees and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-31. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

RES 25-32 Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Leigh Giles-Brown to the Village Board of Trustees and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-32. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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

Swearing in of Leigh Giles-Brown as Village Trustee – Pres. Munroe swore in Leigh Giles-Brown to the Board.

Several members expressed thanks to Trustee Carver for his years of service.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Harry Hendrickson – after 28 years on the board, he is happy to say everyone seems to be doing well. He has been traveling since he retired in May. His main reason for being at the meeting is to present Pres. Munroe with a new cherry gavel, also as a reminder of all the trees in this Village.

Aaron Beetzel – A couple of new ordinances are on the agenda tonight – filming in the meetings and low-speed scooters, which he has questions about. Why aren't we following State Laws first? What is the purpose of changing or creating ordinances? He would like to NOT duplicate state law.

Nicole Beetzel – how is President Pro Tem determined? Pres. Munroe responded that she selects the individual. In this case, Trustee Butcher has the most experience on the board. Ms. Beetzel's concern was that it looks weird that he will be appointed at his first meeting.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Serg. Henton is being awarded Meritorious Service Award due his response to a fire at a residence. He carried one resident out and then returned to put the fire out in the kitchen. This award was also presented by Chief Archer.
- B. Officers Kurzynski and Doolin are being awarded Certificates of Appreciation from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for exceptional DUI work in the community.
- C. Officer Shelton has been terminated as he did not complete all of his training.
- D. Currently, there are 11 officers in the department. Chief Sommer is hoping to find some replacements.
- E. The only incident to report occurred Sunday and was an armed robbery about 3 pm. They have identified both suspects. It was a random situation so no concern for local residents.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Today, there was a water main event which is not completely resolved, but is being worked on..
- B. Flushing program is complete with all hydrants cleared and pressure tested.
- C. Plumbers are working on Park St.
- D. Cross connection surveys are out.
- E. Mill St. gutter project – Public Works continue to work on the gutters and are happy with their progress.
- F. Getting bids for a shop generator for public works. If there is a power outage, the large doors need lifted by hand to not tear up using equipment. Estimates from last year were around \$30,000. The generator would only be for the main building doors, lights, and a refrigerator. The generator would be run off the natural gas line that is already in the building.
- G. David Henton and Supt. Foster attended the Township Road Commissioner training for their own professional development.
- H. The Village Hall roof is having issues again with water. It was redone a couple of years ago. The company that put it on has been back out and inspected. They suspect it will be covered by warranty.
- I. Trustee Andrade commended Supt. Foster for his Q&A pieces on Facebook and other social media. He believes it is a great idea and it has been helpful. Supt. Foster – the response has been well received by several residents. Thank you!
- J. Trustee Kindred asked if Public Works got the truck yet. Supt. Foster stated yes and it is working out great.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 read the list of assignments of Board Members to Committees listed on pages 2 and 3 of the ordinance. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 25-19. 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 – yes	Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 25-27 - Consideration of an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property Within the Public Works Department. Supt. Foster read the list of 4 items for surplus on the last page of the ordinance. *Trustee Butcher made a motion approving Ordinance 25-27. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes, 1 present and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-28 - Consideration of an Ordinance Abating The 2025 Tax Levy for Payment of the Village of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois General Obligations Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Ordinance 25-28. Trustee Kindred 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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

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 attended the meeting via phone by Pres. Munroe. Trustee Reiss reported that a lot of communities do not have an ordinance on this issue. Morton Grove, Pellatine, Elk Grove, Schaumburg have an ordinance on the topic. It is more around the protection of children. A councilman in Macon County is also looking to put something on the books as well. Atty. Schuering stated the way the vehicle code is written, the regulations are required. If they are not enacted, then they are not permitting the vehicle usage within Village limits. Villages must pass an ordinance in order for the vehicles to be operated. *Trustee Reiss made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-29 and sending it to committee (Recreation) for review. Trustee Eandi 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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-30 - Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Regulate the Recording of Public Meetings And Other Actions In Connection Therewith. Atty. Schuering explained that there was a recent request made about placing of microphones in the meeting space. In the absence of an ordinance, there is question as to whether a microphone or camera could be moved. The intention is not be onerous. It is to give the Village some discretion as to situations around the recording equipment being moved. OMA allows for recordings. This is keeping up with those allowances. Trustee Kindred asked where the interpretation for the ordinance came from. Atty. Schuering explained this is in response to a discussion he had with someone in the Atty General's office. Trustee Andrade stated that a previous conversation occurred that the Village was looking at streaming

meetings. How would this impact that? Atty. Schuering stated this ordinance would still be needed if we streamed our own meetings. Trustee Andrade would like to request that we continue working on getting our meetings streamed. Pres. Munroe has been working with Chief Sommer, Office Manager Marsh, and Supt. Foster to find the right website which would include streaming.

Aaron Beetzle asked who is “requiring” the ordinance. Trustee Kindred stated that there needs to be something on the books with parameters. Pres. Munroe will put this topic on the Committee of the Whole agenda. *Trustee Kindred made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-30. 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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-33 - Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Matthew Butcher As Village President Pro Tem And Other Actions In Connection Therewith. This is based on the past experience of Trustee Butcher. Trustee Kindred stated that as far as optics go, Butcher wasn’t elected; he was appointed. There are 3 trustees that have been elected. He would suggest using one of the trustees elected instead of an appointed or write-in trustee. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-33. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - no	Trustee Butcher – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Giles-Brown – present
Trustee Kindred – no	Trustee Reiss - yes

Motion passed with 3 yes, 1 present, and 2 no votes.

RES 25-34 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase And Installation of an Updated Fire Cell Communicator. Office Manager Marsh has been getting weekly phone calls that the fire alarm is not working. They have been working to get the landline phone off the service and fiber optics on as the contact. Trustee Giles-Brown asked how does the cost of this adjustment compare to a full replacement. Office Manager Marsh explained that this is just for the communicator, not for the full system. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 25-34. Trustee Butcher 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

Motion passed with 5 yes, 1 present, and 0 no votes.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025	Fall Festival @ Community Park 9:00am to 3:00pm & Movie in the Park – The Addams Family @ Dusk
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	Planning and Zoning Commission at 7 pm
Monday, October 27, 2025	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Monday, November 10, 2025	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Office Closed in Observance of Veterans’ Day

Trustee Andrade stated he had received some calls this week about issues at the park. What are the procedures for keeping the park clean? Pres. Munroe explained that she had spoken with Supt. Foster.

The trash has been picked up. The porta-potties will be called tomorrow to be clean by this weekend. PW was not aware of the scope of the number of games at the park over the weekend. Communication was not great between the sports group and the Village.

Another concern shared was that there was no US flag raised at the park – why not?. The one by the football field is the responsibility of RYAA.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk