

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

Members Present: Trustee Andrade, Trustee Butcher, Trustee Eandi (arrived at 5:35 pm), Trustee Giles-Brown, Trustee Reiss, President Munroe, Clerk Gerberding; **Members Absent:** Trustee Kindred

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON November 10, 2025.

Trustee Butcher made a motion approving the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on November 10, 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 Butcher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes	Trustee Butcher - yes
Trustee Giles-Brown – yes	Trustee Reiss - yes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Boy Scouts Troup Pack 40 was present with their Pack Leader Heather Andrade. During their popcorn sales this past year, they raised \$47,000. All of the proceeds go to funding activities. \$4900 goes to Heroes and Helpers. The groups selected this year are the VFW, Veterans at the Rochester Estates, and Rochester Police Dept and Public Works and those groups are receiving various popcorn packages. 5 members were present to present the donation to the Police and Public Works Departments. The kids explained various activities that they are able to do because of the popcorn sales.

PUBLIC FORUM:

N/A

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Officer Doolin was present in the Chief's absence.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Sewer – at end of day on Cumberland, there was a sewer blockage.
- B. It snowed for a total of 11 inches. Someone was here driving from approximately 8 am to midnight for clearance and removal.
- C. Calls about trees on right of ways and easements have occurred requesting clearing.
- D. Items went to surplus and the Village received about \$12,000, which has been deposited.
- E. Public Works went through the confined space rescue training. It is a 3-day class typically.
- F. Pres. Munroe saw lots of nice comments around snow removal on Facebook – Good job, Public Works.
- G. Trustee Andrade asked what the calls about burning ordinances are regarding. Supt. Foster explained that several residents don't like the fact that we close the burn pile. Others don't know our general burning ordinances.
- H. Trustee Andrade asked about recent power outage issues. Supt. Foster stated that Ameren is the provider. The Village has very little to do with power service. Trustee Butcher is building a relationship with Ameren to see if there are any particular reasons Rochester seems to have more flickers or outages than other surrounding communities. Trustee Andrade asked if we

were to bury lines, who would be responsible for that. Supt. Foster explained that would be the responsibility of the utility company. In this case, it would be Ameren.

OLD BUSINESS:

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. *Trustee Giles-Brown made a motion tabling Ordinance 25-29. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORD 25-34 - Consideration of an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Corporate Purposes of the Village of Rochester, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2025 and Ending April 30, 2026. Office Manager Burris explained that she used previous formulas to determine what these numbers would be. We were able to retain approximately 97% from last year. She can not go any higher than a 4.99% increase from last year. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Ordinance 25-34. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-36 - Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy G532BCE Blue Choice Preferred for Term Beginning 01/01/2026 and Ending 12/31/2026. The renewals' at-a-glance were included. There is a 22% increase from last year's costs. There is no cost to employees as the Village pays that entire cost. Employees have had an opportunity to meet with Ms. Gerome regarding supplemental insurance if they want. The biggest impact will be if staff choose to insure family members. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 25-36. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-37 - Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Village President to Sign Contracts and Documents for "Sparks in the Park 2026" as Needed. The 2 main contracts are the carnival and fireworks company. Atty. Schuering is currently reviewing both contracts to get them signed and moving prior to the new year. For the carnival, there is no straight fee. There is only a straight percentage of the income and that percentage did not change from last year. Trustee Giles-Brown asked what the quality concerns were for the fireworks last year. Pres. Munroe explained that it was a shorter show than usual. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-37. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

Motion to Approve Village Board Meeting Schedule. Trustee Andrade asked if the meetings would continue to be at 5:30 pm. Pres. Munroe confirmed that they would. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving the meeting schedule. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to Approve Village Holiday Schedule. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving the holiday schedule. Trustee Giles-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, 2025	Office Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
Monday, January 12, 2026	Village Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Friday, January 30, 2026	Sparks in the Park Trivia Night at Blue Ridge Club – Doors at 6, Trivia at 7 – Tables of up to 10 at \$200/table

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk