

President Suerdieck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Forestier, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON January 13, 2025.

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13, 2025. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes	Trustee Munroe – yes

Motion passed with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Rochester Fire Protection District –They are considering building a training center on the current site of the Rochester Fire Department, which would need the wording of “set ablaze” eliminated from the current deed as the building itself would not be set on fire, but there would be fire within the building. This training area would be west of the fire house, right next to the pond. Trustee Munroe asked what the time frame for building is. They are not sure at this point. The Fire Board is trying to get all the groundwork done first. It would be a Conex building.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Kuhn – BSA Troup 40 – is doing his Eagle Scout project in Wanless Park. Kuhn passed out copies of drawings of the benches he plans to build for the park. There was also a map included as to where the benches would be located within the park. Trustee Hendrickson thinks the locations are appropriate.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Instructor Training had a great deal of changes in 2025 for various legal reasons.
- B. The Mobile Data Computers have started crashing. There is only 1 spare remaining. So, that will be something in the next budget so consider.
- C. Radios will need updated in the budget cycle as well as previous data storage as the current storage will not allow the continued use of what the Village is using.
- D. Cold Justice called and asked Chief Sommer to do a podcast recently. With full collaboration, they provide help with various partnering agencies. 3 Crimestopper tips have come in since he was on the podcast.
- E. Chief plans to do testing again in March for new candidates. They will be using an on-line platform this year. They will also be redoing the interview process. He encouraged all board members to be involved.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. A fire hydrant on N. Walnut has a valve that just gave out on it. Supt. Foster has been in contact with the fire district.

- B. There is a resident on E. Main that wants connected to Village water. The resident lives in the county so it is not a done deal. Is everyone okay with giving him water? At this point, there will not be sewer. However, if there is an issue in the future, he would have to connect to the sewer system at that point. He would be charged the out-of-town rate. The resident pays for the connection and fees that go into the making connection. The same resident asked about having cattle in the village and that is a hard no. He also owns a county parcel, and cattle are allowed on that parcel.
- C. Potomac Cult-a-sac – it is tough to plow. Residents do not move vehicles. Before next plow season, Supt. Foster would like to make it a snow route so police officers can go through, and request vehicles be moved.
- D. GovPilot is moving. It has not been fired up yet. Their staff have been easy to work with, which Supt. Foster is very happy with.
- E. Stop lights at N. Oak Hill and West Main – the issue of always having Oak Hill Road green could be caused by a spider and/or web in front of the camera. Supt. Foster was encouraged to call anytime there is an issue.
- F. Streetlights on Community Drive – Ameren is supposed to get back to Supt. Foster about what is needed where. There is a wiring limit right now for Community Drive. Supt. Foster is talking with his guys and Ameren to get information to know what he can/could do.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 25-01 - Ordinance Approving Sale of Surplus Property for Rochester Police Department – 2015 Chevy Impala. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Ordinance 25-01. Trustee Forestier seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-02 - Ordinance Considering the Hiring of Marshall Clark as a Full-Time Police Officer. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-02. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

ORD 25-03 - Ordinance Considering the Amending of the Zoning Classification of 1000 Community Drive and 1010 Community Drive from B-2 to R-4. These will be townhouses. Trustee Hendrickson asked Planning & Zoning Chairman John Petit what his thoughts are. He would recommend passing the ordinance. The property owners presented everything necessary for the Commission to recommend it to the Board for approval. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-03. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – present	Trustee Munroe - yes

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

ORD 25-04 - Ordinance Considering Amending Title XV (Land Usage), Chapter 156 (Zoning Code), Regarding Establishing Uniform Limitations and Standards to Be Applied to the Parking, Storage, and Usage of Recreational Vehicles within Village Limits. Planning & Zoning Chairman John Petit was present to answer questions and explain the ordinance. There have been multiple complaints over the last 3 years. Most of the subdivisions with complaints had HOA convenance issues. There were also line-of-

sight issues with traffic. An additional issue involved living in the RV as a second home. Trustee Munroe asked if a self-sustained vehicle will still go against the code. Chairman Petit and Atty. Schuering both responded with yes it will. Atty. Schuering explained in detail some of the time and location restrictions included in the ordinance. Trustee Munroe expressed her appreciation of the work done on this by the Planning & Zoning Commission. She said this is probably one of her biggest complaints from residents. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving Ordinance 25-04. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion.* Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 25-02 – Considering Resale of Water for Water/Ice Machine at the Silo Center. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 25-02. Trustee Forestier seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes	Trustee Eandi – yes
Trustee Forestier - yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – yes	Trustee Munroe - yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

RES 25-03 – Considering Consent to Abrogation and Release of Deed Restriction from the Village of Rochester for the Rochester Fire Protection District. Trustee Carver disagrees with the motion. Trustee Forestier asked if it costs money to go to other training sites. The Fire Chief responded with Yes it does and, we aren't able to go as an entire group as some would need to remain in district in case fire support is needed. Most of the neighbors are okay with the proposal. Not all neighbors have been asked yet. *Trustee Kindred made a motion tabling Resolution 25-03 until next month's meeting. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion to table. The motion passed unanimously.*

Motions:

Motion Considering Road Closure Request for Rochester Athletic Booster Club for 0.5K Fundraiser on April 12, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm on South State Street from Willow Road to East Main Street and Then from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on South State Street from 201 South State Street to East Main Street. *Trustee Munroe made a motion approving the road closure. Trustee Kindred 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)

Monday, February 17, 2025	Office Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm
Friday, February 21, 2025	Sparks in the Park Trivia Night at Blue Ridge Club at 6 pm
Monday, February 24, 2025	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, March 10, 2025	Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Monday, March 10, 2025	Sparks in the Park meeting @ noon

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk