

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

**Members present:** Trustee Brewer, Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Deputy Clerk Marsh, Attorney Tony Schuering

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON January 22, 2024.**

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 22, 2024. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Trustee Munroe voted present. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON February 12, 2024.**

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2024. Trustee Brewer 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 Carver seconded the motion.

President Suerdieck called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Brewer - yes	Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Eandi – yes	Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Kindred – absent	Trustee Munroe – yes

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nick Pier- provided an update on the digital sign for Library/Village Hall. Sign has been installed, electricity is connected. Electrician has been out to oversee updates needed to turn on the sign. Scouts will remove the old sign and landscaping and install new landscaping. Village will keep the old sign for now. He hopes to sign over ownership before the next meeting. Trustee Munroe will get the ownership forms to Nick.

James Duban-Memorial Day Observance-Mr. Duban provided a schedule of events and asked for Police and Public Works support in the event. He also asked for pavilion reservation for Monday, May 27 from 6am to noon. Events will begin on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 4pm at Rochester Cemetery with flag placement (open to public), Poppy Distribution Saturday and Sunday, May 25 & 26 to Rochester businesses by multiple volunteers. The event will be held with a Memorial Day Ceremony and Social Gathering at Rochester Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024 starting at 9am.

Larry Steck-Resident on Taft Drive-Taft drive is in terrible condition. The roads are crumbling. Does the village have a road fund? President Suerdieck responded, Yes. That would be our MFT fund (Moter Fuel Tax), but its used for larger projects and the smaller oil & chip work. It takes years of saving to have one road milled and repaved. So we do oil & chip to help make repairs as needed until we have enough saved to redo the road.

**REPORTS**

*Chief of Police – Tim Sommer –*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Personnel – Officer Kurzyski is in his 11<sup>th</sup> week of the Field Training Program. He will be released from FTO on 4/8/24.

- B. Training – Officer Doolin and Jett completed their Illinois k-9 recertification. All officers will be completing their annual CPR recertification and Rescue Task Force refresher training on 03/11/2024. Chief Sommer completed Strategic Planning training on 3/6/24 and 3/7/24; this plan will be coming soon. Officer Heaton will be attending an Introduction to Breaching course on 3/29/24. Chief Sommer and Sergeant Henton will be attending the ILEAS Conference on 3/25/24 and 3/26/24.
- C. Incidents – On 3/4/24 at approximately 2:50am, a suicidal male subject discharged seven rounds from a firearm at 524 E Mill St. The subject was secured with assistance from Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office Deputies. He was transported to the hospital for Involuntary Admission. Criminal charges were forwarded to the Sangamon County Sherriff’s Office. On 3/6/24 at 11:33pm, Officer Meadows assisted the Rochester EMS with the delivery of two infants in the 11900 block of Illinois State Route 29.
- D. Miscellaneous – RPD completed its first Cops for Kids Program for 2024 on 3/9/24. Our application for the ILETSB Recruitment & Retention Grant was approved. We were awarded \$67,900 to assist in hiring and retaining law enforcement officers.

*Public Works Superintendent – James Foster*

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Lead line survey – is complete. Submittal will be finished prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Water leak was reported, and was found to be a copper line with a pinhole in the service line. Quickly repaired.
- C. The IWIP, a state required survey, was completed on time. This survey requests info on purchased water versus sold water. For 2023, we experienced a 14% loss.
- D. The new “Village of Rochester” sign on the west side of town as you enter from Springfield is installed. We are waiting for the east side of town from Taylorville.
- E. Boards were replaced on the path bridge at Community Park, as well as the soccer/football observation deck.
- F. Public Works held interviews on Friday for the open position. There are 3 scheduled for Tuesday.
- G. CDL training continues. Currently, two of the three Rochester Public Works staff have passed the written testing and permits are on their way. The third person has not finished his testing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinances:**

**ORD 24-03** – An Ordinance Transferring Appropriation Authority between Line Items for the Fiscal Year commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Ordinance 24-03. Trustee Carver seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

**ORD 24-04** – An Ordinance Approving a TIF Agreement for the Third Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Rochester and Larry Bielfeldt. Trustee Hendrickson asked if negotiations had taken place. President Suerdieck confirmed and stated that the 40% incentive had already been established and that the increase was to be utilized as an additional incentive to offset lowering the sale price of the property. Trustee Carver stated that maybe the price should be lowered and not put back on us. Trustee Hendrickson asked if this would potentially set a precedent for future agreements and asked for confirmation that this was not going to allow a car lot. President Suerdieck

confirmed the car lot question stating that only convenience stores, grocery stores, gas stations or restaurants would be allowed per zoning and building codes and responded by stating that other TIF members have a higher percentage than 40% already. President Suerdieck also mentioned that the purchase of the property itself is already TIF eligible and asked Developer John Stites to confirm/reiterate information. Mr. Stites stated that it is common to increase the amount of recovery because we are getting closer to the end of the TIF term. Trustee Munroe added to the precedent question from earlier adding that it should be on a case-by-case basis and it seems to be a means to an end by getting more business into the Village, with an added incentive. *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-04. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

**Resolutions:**

**RES 24-03** – Approving a Resolution Granting Authority to Purchase Salt for the Village of Rochester through the State of Illinois Bid. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Resolution 24-03. Trustee Munroe seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

**Motions:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Pending Litigation – None.

**Additional Announcements:** Trustee Munroe reported that the Sparks in the Park Trivia Night was a success which also hosted a silent auction and raffle. We will have another Trivia Night in the future, but we will be making some slight enhancement for next time! Big Thank you to all that participated in supporting Sparks in the Park as well as all volunteers!

Trustee Hendrickson asked Kevin Kuhn – Village Engineer, for an update on Village projects. Waterline improvement on E Mill is waiting for EPA approval to move forward on letting for bid. Oak Hill Rd- Mill and Overlay should be out to bid soon. Sewer Slide – looking for someone who can come out with a geo-probe to locate bedrock. Park pond – a seawall is probably necessary. He still needs to go and take a look. Grants – Rochester is not eligible for most DCEO grants as we are not considered a low income village. He is still digging and researching to find them. There is a program that we could look into with our State Representative through a Representative Initiative.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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

Monday, March 18, 2024	Budget Meeting @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting @ 7:00pm
Monday, March 25, 2024	Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:00pm
Monday, April 8, 2024	Sparks in the Park Meeting @ 12:00pm
Monday, April 8, 2024	Village Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

**Motion to Adjourn**

Trustee Munroe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Marsh  
Deputy Clerk