Rochester Village Board 5/12/2025

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

Members present: Trustee Carver, Trustee Forestier, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Munroe, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members absent:** Trustee Eandi, Trustee Kindred

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON April 14, 2025.

Trustee Forestier made a motion to approve the minutes for April 14, 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 Hendrickson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Hendrickson – yes
Trustee Munroe – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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NEW BUSINESS3

- Declaration of Results of Canvass of Votes April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election Clerk Gerberding read the results of the election into the record.
- Motion to Appoint Stacia Munroe as Temporary Chairman of the Village Board of Trustees for May 12, 2025, as allowed by Village Code Section 32.002(B) and 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-35(b). Trustee Hendrickson made the motion to appoint Trustee Munroe as Temporary Chairman. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE – Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Forestier seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 0 no votes.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Trustee Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

CERTIFICATION AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Certification and Oath of Office for President Four (4) year term Stacia Munroe. Judge Robin Schmidt was present to swear in Stacia Munroe to the Office of President.
- Certification and Oath of Office for Clerk Four (4) year term Angela Gerberding. Judge Robin Schmidt was present to swear in Angela Gerberding to the Office of Village Clerk.

• Certification and Oath of Office for Three (3) Trustee Four (4) year terms – Luis Andrade, Chadd Carver, Kipton Reiss. Judge Robin Schmidt was present to swear in Luis Andrade, Chadd Carver, Kipton Reiss to the Offices of Village Trustee.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation - Pres. Munroe read a proclamation recognizing Trustee Harry Hendrickson's 28 years of service on the Village Board. The proclamation addressed his work towards the Tree City, USA designation for the Village of Rochester. Per the proclamation next Arbor Day – April 20, 2026 – will be known as Harry Hendrickson Day in the Village of Rochester. A plaque was also presented to Trustee Hendrickson dedicating a tree at the park in his name. It is located north of the Pavilion by the pond.

Resolutions:

- **RES 25-07** Reappointing James Theis as Village Treasurer and other actions in connection therewith. Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-07. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **RES 25-08** Reappointing Timothy Summer as Chief of Police and other actions in connection therewith. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-08. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-09** Reappointing Kevin Kuhn of Kuhn and Trello as Village Engineer and other actions in connection therewith. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-09. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-10** Reappointing Anthony Schuering of Brown, Hay, & Stephens, LLP as Village Attorney and other actions in connection therewith. This, and the three previous appointments, are all 4-year terms that align with the Village President's term. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-10. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-11** Appointing Chadd Carver as Village President Pro Tem and other actions in connection therewith. The primary role of this position is to serve as "Vice President." So, if for any reasons the President isn't able to do their job, this position would do that. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-11. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-12** Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Village Trustee. *Trustee Andrade made a motion approving Resolution 25-12. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-13** Appointing Signatories for Village Accounts and other actions in connection therewith. This allows the group to leave the bank accounts where they are, and to allow for new signatories on those accounts. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-13. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **RES 25-14** Modifying the Time of Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Village Board of Trustees. The meetings will start at 5:30 pm on the same dates as scheduled but with a new time. *Trustee Reiss made a motion approving Resolution 25-14. Trustee Andrade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.* This will take effect at the June 9th meeting.
- **RES 25-15** Authorizing the Purchase of a Certificate of Deposit from the American Bank of Freedom in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000 and other actions in connection therewith. The Village has a CD maturing at a different bank and would suggest moving it to American Bank with a better rate. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 25-15. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion.*

Roll Call vote was taken:

Trustee Andrade - yes Trustee Carver – yes
Trustee Reiss - yes President Munroe – yes

Motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Officer Dante graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy.
- B. Chief Sommer is in part 3 of 4 for an FBI National Academy Associates Leadership certification.
- C. Rochester PD is working with Memorial Health for some help and support for a particular address on Oak Hill Road.
- D. Trustee Andrade asked with the appointment of Brent Heaton to detective, how long that position had been vacant and how was that work being covered. Chief Sommer explained that he has been doing a great deal of the work so this change will help significantly. Currently, there are 10 full-time and 5 part-time officers with the department.
- E. They are still taking applications until 5/17 to fill current and future vacancies.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Stop light at N. Oak Hill Road and W. Main parts are on order. As soon as they come in, they will be installed, and the traffic light should function correctly.
- B. The EPA has released new requirements for schools and day cares around lead in pipes and water. Supt. Foster is working his way through those new rules to see exactly what impacts the Village will need to address.
- C. A couple of side-by-sides will be tested at Sparks in the Park to see which equipment they would like to purchase this year.
- D. There is a house on E. Main Street with multiple structural issues. The owner would like to simply walk away from the house. Atty. Schuering is working with Supt. Foster about what can be done to remedy the situation.

PUBLIC FORUM

N/A

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm

Monday, May 26, 2025 Village Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting - CANCELLED

Thursday, June 5 – Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Sparks in the Park

Saturday, June 7th Youth Fishing Derby at the Park Pond @ 9:30

Monday, June 9, 2025 Village Board Meeting @ 5:30

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding Village Clerk