

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, President Suerdieck, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members Absent:** Trustee Munroe

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

Trustee Kindred made a motion to approve the minutes for November 12, 2024. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON November 25, 2024.

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes for November 25, 2024. Trustee Eandi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS

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

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction And Swearing-In of New Full-Time Police Officer – Dante Shelton. President Suerdieck swore in Dante Shelton to the position of full-time police officer on the Rochester Police Department. Chief Sommer presented Officer Shelton with his badge.

PUBLIC FORUM

N/A

REPORTS

Chief of Police – Tim Sommer

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Officer Shelton will start the Academy in January.
- B. Chief would like to move ahead with the next person on his list, to be prepared for when Officer Meadows job offer from the State Police is made.
- C. It was a good year for the ELVES program.
- D. Trustee Hendrickson asked if it was true that all of the vehicles that were stolen were unlocked and 1 had the key in it as well? Chief Sommer confirmed that to be accurate information.

Public Works Superintendent – James Foster

See attached report – highlights below.

- A. Lift stations are having some issues. A new pump may be needed soon.
- B. Street Department borrowed the school district’s line painter. They are trying it out in a few areas to see how it works, and they want to get more lines painted.
- C. There is a house on Mishawaka that has a concrete structure in the yard that may be connected to the water/sewer system. It was not designed by the homeowner as originally thought.
- D. More tree trimming has been done at the park.
- E. Supt. Foster and President Suerdieck met with EcoSilt, a local business, about the pond reestablishment. They provided different options than the St. Louis company did.

- F. The 4th of the CDL students have taken and passed his test. More staff will be trained in the spring. Southern View has reached out to Supt. Foster about doing training for their staff. Foster's answer to them was that it is a decision that needs to be made between the boards. His thought is to have at least compensation for his time OR can there be some sort of time or effort traded for the training. His amount of time spent will depend on the skill set of the student(s).
- G. The Scooter, the little red unit, is having some major parts issues. She may be included in the budget either later this year or next year. Supt. Foster is looking at a Kubota side-by-side. Brand new is only \$25,000.
- H. Supt. Foster has had repeated complaints on Park View. Neighbors have all reached out with concerns. However, as one issue gets resolved another issue comes up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

ORD 24-19 – Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Corporate Purposes of the Village of Rochester, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Hendrickson asked if this reflects a rate increase? Pres. Suerdieck responded no, not for property taxes. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Ordinance 24-19. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ORD 24-20 – Ordinance Authorizing the Hiring of a Full-Time Police Officer and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Ordinance 24-120. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Resolutions:

RES 24-26 – Approving The Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy G532bce Blue Choice Preferred for Term Beginning 01/01/2025 and Ending 12/31/2025. This is like past policies. However, all the prices have gone up like all insurances and benefits have gone down. With all of that, it is still the best choice provided. Two other companies were checked as well with significantly higher prices, but the benefits stayed where they are. No change of doctors or providers would be required. There were 8-10 other choices from BCBS, with significant changes to everything. So, Pres. Suerdieck and Office Manager Marsh suggest staying where the Village is currently. Trustee Hendrickson asked if this would affect contracts with Union 965 and Police Union? Pres. Suerdieck answered that it won't impact either of those as it is very similar to what they already have. Discussion of policy specific information followed. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 24-26. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 24-27 – Considering A 4th and Final Payment Request for Mill Street Water Main Replacement Project to MB Construction, LLC in The Amount Of \$21,910.14. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 24-27. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 24-28 – Accepting Improvements in Coe Commons and Reducing the Letter of Credit from \$63,000.00 To \$54,000.00. The reduction of \$9,000 is due to sidewalks being installed. Trustee Carver asked about streetlights. Pres. Suerdieck explained that the contractor is going to start working on streetlights. *Trustee Carver made a motion approving Resolution 24-28. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 24-29 – Approving a 2025 MFT Maintenance Program. This is something that we would receive from IDOT. It is an agreement between our Engineer and IDOT. This is to document having on file with the state. *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion approving Resolution 24-29. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

RES 24-30 – Commending and Approving of the Sesquicentennial Committee’s Efforts to Place a State Historical Road Sign in the Village. Trustee Kindred asked if there is an exact location? Pres. Suerdieck stated not yet. The committee is looking for something on paper within the Village for them to request the sign from the state. Since it is on private property, the Village can’t formally approve that usage. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 24-30. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Executive Session – Section 2(c)11 - to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation

Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to go into Executive Session. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

President Suerdieck called the regular session back to order at 8:42 pm.

Members Present: Trustee Carver, Trustee Eandi, Trustee Forestier, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Kindred, President Suerdeick, Clerk Gerberding, Attorney Schuering; **Members Absent:** Trustee Munroe

RES 24-31 – Designating Trustee Carver, as a member of the Village Board of Trustees, to attend a settlement conference on behalf of the Village and other actions in connection therewith. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving Resolution 24-31. 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	

Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Motions:

Motion Approving the 2025 Rochester Village Board Meeting Schedule. *Trustee Kindred made a motion approving the meeting schedule. Trustee Carver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion Approving the 2025 Rochester Village Holiday Schedule. *Trustee Eandi made a motion approving the holiday schedule. Trustee Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed*

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2024	Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 7 pm
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Office Closed in Observance of Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Office Closed in Observance of New Year’s
Monday, January 13, 2025	Village Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kindred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gerberding
Village Clerk