

**Village of Rochester  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 14, 2020**

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

ROLL CALL:

- Trustee Butcher
- Trustee Eandi
- Trustee Hendrickson
- Trustee Hill
- Trustee Munroe
- Trustee Zobrist
- President Suerdieck
- Clerk Langdon

ABSENT:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020, minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

*Trustee Butcher made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the monthly financial bills. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist.*

ROLL CALL:

- Trustee Butcher – YES
- Trustee Eandi – YES
- Trustee Hendrickson – YES
- Trustee Hill – YES
- Trustee Munroe – YES
- Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Personnel & Finance**

Trustee Zobrist – P&F met tonight and has been going through bids for new software. At this time, office staff not comfortable making a decision on software. Topic to be Tabled for now.

### **Economic Development**

President Suerdieck reported that EDC met on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed included Oak Mill 4<sup>th</sup> addition and Carriage Crossing. Carriage Crossing could be finished by March and plans are in the work for retirement condominiums to be located west of Carriage Crossing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – James Foster**

### **Water/Sewer**

- Water tower sensor rewired for better communications.
- Kuhn and Trello have reached out concerning new 10” line from South Walnut to Sattley.
- Repaired storm drains at comfort station parking lot and a residence on Cumberland.
- Midwest Meters has been working with us to correct water meters of communicating with the cellular network.
- Purchased new toothless bucket for the mini-excavator. Old one was showing its age.
- Pump 1 at the Primary Lift Station froze up. Pump pulled and sent for repairs. The backup pump installed to keep things operational.
- Sewer retention ponds near Primary Lift Station cleaned up. Trees, brush and overgrown grass removed. It was a multi-day, multi-man project. The Township helped.
- Installed water meters at 306-310 Waterwheel.
- Replaced a water pit on Potomac. Raised a water pit on Guinevere.
- Attempted to cycle the water tower. Possibly one of our valves is not closing properly, but have not looked much farther into it at this time.
- Did some training on water towers, sponsored by Maguire Iron.

### **Streets**

- Another round of potholes filled.

- New sidewalk on South Walnut has been completed. There is now a sidewalk from the south edge of town to Rt. 29.
- Repairs to hydraulic pump to Unit 98-05.
- Worked on several RPD squad cars.
- Stop signs missing in Oak Hill area that was noticed by RPD have been installed.
- New “No Truck” signs for Magnolia re on order.
- “No Dumping” signs have been installed on stub road off Taft Drive.
- Backhoe developed a hydraulic leak. Altorfer has been out to fix.
- Winter street banners installed on poles.
- County contacted about our annual salt supply. We are “on the list” for our delivery. We are good for right now.
- Joined IDOT for Snow and Ice Removal training.

### **Parks/Property**

- We have been moving dirt and rock for the guy working on the RYAA fields. It is still being done.
- Mulch from the burn site placed around trees in the park to help with weed control, as well as to use up the mulch.
- Quonset huts are in need of some repairs. Possibly more than PW able to do. Will talk to K. Kuhn about an inspection.
- Holiday decorations on poles and village property.
- Report of the flag poles “on the triangle” leaning. This has been temporarily fixed. A permanent fix will be needed soon.
- Spread mulch at Wanless Park.
- Millings from East Main Mill and Overlay Project roughly spread out at North Park.
- Assisted the Library with cleaning up Rachael’s Garden.
- Hydraulic motors on ExMark mower were shot. New motors ordered and picked up. Not installed yet.
- Moved second fuel tank to new pad on north side of last Quonset hut.

### **Code Officer Info**

- Rough inspection done on 310 & 306 Waterwheel.
- Pet Doctor has tapped main, and is moving quickly.
- Residences at Cardinal Hill were being staked out last week.
- Storage facility has slabs poured. No word on the needed variance for the fencing.
- Carriage Crossing work moving quickly.

## **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Johnson –

- Office Todd graduated December 12th and will begin field training on Saturday.
- Active Shooter training to take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the school.
- K-9 Officer Doolin and Jett will begin academy training January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer Irwin to complete field training by the end of the month.
- The RPD awarded gifts to 34 children in the school district through donations raised through the E.L.F. program.

#### **VILLAGE MANGERS REPORT**

- Sparks in the Park dates set for June 24-26, 2021.
- Village receive notification that they will be receiving the “CURES Grant” that was requested in the amount of \$152,182.00.
- Worksheets for 2020-2021 budget being prepared.
- Village Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 20-25 Approve the 2020 Tax Levy.** *Trustee Hill made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-2. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Ordinance 20-26 Amending the Village Code for Peddlers.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-26. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Ordinance 20-27 Waiving the Liquor License Fees for 2021.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-27. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Ordinance 20-28 Amending the Rochester Village Code to Allow Water Connection Outside the Village Limits.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to approve subject to contract review by CWLP. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Ordinance 20-29 Approving the Concessions Agreement for 2021.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-29. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Resolution 20-35 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Rochester and the Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee Regarding the K-9 Unit and Handler.** *Trustee Zobrist made a motion to approval Resolution 20-35. Motion seconded by Trustee Butcher.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed. 6-0

**Motion Approving Samantha Boone from Part-Time to Full-Time with a \$1.00 per hour increase beginning January 1, 2021.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to approve Samantha Boone to Full-Time with increase. Motion seconded by Trustee Zobrist.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**Motion To Accept Bids to Complete the Clean Up of Wanless Park and the Sewer Easement.** *Trustee Hendrickson made a motion to accept bids for clean up on Wanless Park and the sewer easement. Motion seconded by Trustee Munroe.*

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Butcher – YES  
Trustee Eandi – YES  
Trustee Hendrickson – YES  
Trustee Hill – YES  
Trustee Munroe – YES  
Trustee Zobrist – YES

Motion passed 6-0.

**Motion to Discuss and Entertain the Idea of Oak Mill Estates Park Addition.**

Discussion/comments include:

Trustee Hendrickson – Stated reasons for opposition.

1. Opposed to any reduction of any Park at any time.
2. Concerned that a majority of 9 of the proposed 19 lots would be in floodplain or very close to it. Trustee Hendrickson previously lived in that area and dealt with flooding. Development of this area could make flooding worse. People should never be encouraged to build in or near a floodplain. Would like Village Engineer to look over.
3. He stated the Village now has some funds available to work on North Park.
4. The numbers that were presented to the Village in terms of cost of building roads and infrastructure did not make sense that this is even a viable project and it would reduce access to North Park.

Trustee Hendrickson – stated he was prepared to offer a motion to develop a policy of never reducing any of our Village Parks, but would hear further discussion before making the motion.

Trustee Zobrist – Park development, even if reduced in size, would be a benefit to the Village. Would like to see something new at North Park that maybe the other parks don't have and open to ideas. He would also like to see Village Engineer review floodplain.

Trustee Munroe – Would like to see new features not offered at the Village's other parks, such as dog park and other options. She was unaware of the water concerns. Believes issue worth discussion; however, 20 minutes not sufficient.

Trustee Butcher – there is a demand for growth, but floodplain needs to be right. The floodplain is his main concern but otherwise open to proposal.

Mr. Stites and engineer Steve Walker – addressed floodplain issue. Mr. Stites met with HOA Board and stated he “has their blessing on this project, at this point, unless something changes”. The HOA Board would like to see the park developed.

President Suerdieck – Reminder to the Board this is to discuss and entertain. It is giving John guidance on whether he should spend the money to come up with further plans for the development.

Mr. Jake Kindred, Oak Mill HOA President – homeowners behind the idea to speed up further park development.

President Suerdieck – He supports development; however, he does not believe this is the location for it.

*Trustee Zobrist made a motion to Table until the next Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Munroe. Unanimous aye vote. Motion to Table until next meeting passed.*

**Motion To Establish a Small Business Relief Program.** *Trustee Munroe made a motion to establish Small Business Relief Program. Motion seconded by Trustee Hendrickson. Unanimous aye vote. Motion passed.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 16, 2020 @ 5pm	Water & Sewer
January 11, 2021 @	Personnel & Finance
January 11, 2021 @ 6pm	Sparks
January 11, 2021 @ 7pm	Village Board
January 20, 2021 @ 5pm	Water & Sewer
January 26, 2021 @ 7pm	Planning & Zoning

*Trustee Zobrist made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. Unanimous aye vote.*

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Langdon  
Village Clerk