

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
October 20, 2025**

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established with Mayor Black and Trustees Layden, Wallace, Mikel, Ault and Gammon physically present.

Trustees absent – Trustee Ward

Guests present were Clerk White, Village Attorney Anthony Schuering (on the phone), Kenneth Gammon, Mary Merritt, Tina Linder and Glenda Cremeens.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Gammon to open the public hearing regarding the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cards Act. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.

There were no questions regarding the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cards Act and the Village of Rossville accepting credit cards as payment for utility bills.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to close the public hearing regarding the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cars Act. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held September 15, 2025 and the special board meeting held on September 22, 2025 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented with an omnibus vote. Trustee Gammon asked about approval for Officer McMilleon to attend the Rifle training class. Mayor Black directed Clerk White to obtain the cost of the class, since he approved Officer McMilleon to attend the class, and he will reimburse the Village for the cost of Officer McMilleon to attend the class. Vote: Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ault, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for September 2025 will be presented once the accounts are all in balance since the software update.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed in the Finance & Budget Committee meeting earlier. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Wallace to approve the bills for payment as presented. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes.

Mayor Black asked guests if they had any comments, questions or concerns. Glenda Cremeens complained about the dust on Gilbert Street since the street had tar and chip applied. Mrs. Cremeens stated the dust is terrible and asked if anything could be done to solve the problem or reduce the dust. Mayor Black stated there is no remedy currently, but it will be addressed in the spring. Mayor Black will discuss the matter with Superintendent Lusk about remedies.

Mary Merritt stated the dust is terrible since there is a lot of semi traffic on Gilbert Street. Trustee Gamon would like to remove permission for semis to travel on Gilbert Street but has had no luck in accomplishing the matter. Mrs. Merritt stated the dust from the traffic has caused issues with her Macular Degeneration. Trustee Ault explained that once it rains, the rain will push the rock into the chip and seal and eliminate some of the dust. Trustee Gammon would like to order signs for McKibben and Stewart Streets that say, "NO SEMIS".

Superintendent Lusk's report – Superintendent Lusk's written report included an estimate to stripe the intersection of Rt. 1/Attica Street for crosswalks and 3 directional arrows to be inset in the road and an estimate for a 3-point sprayer. Trustee Gammon reported the Varsity Striping would like to do the crosswalks, directional arrows and cut into the road to inset the arrows on East and West Attica Street in October. The estimated cost would be \$14,334.48. Three directional arrows will be placed beside the yellow line on East Attica and West Attica to show the flow of traffic. Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Wallace to approve the estimate of \$14,334.48 from Varsity Striping to stripe the crosswalks, cut into the road and inset the 3 directional arrows on East and West Attica at the stoplight. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes.

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An estimate of \$5,358.00 from Fast Ag Solutions for a 50-gallon, 3-point sprayer that can hook on the little tractor was presented. Motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Gammon to approve the estimate of \$5,358.00 from Fast Ag Solutions for a 50 gallon, 3-point sprayer. Vote: Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes.

Sewer Operator's report – Sewer Operator Clayton Snyder's written report was presented. Mayor Black stated the cost to replace the fan motor was over \$700.

Police report – There were no further comments on Chief Greene's report.

Accounts Receivable –Collector White stated board members will receive an accounts receivable report once the accounts have been balanced.

Christmas Parade Resolution – The annual Christmas Parade resolution was presented. The resolution requests the closure of Route 1 on December 6, 2025, from 6-6:30 p.m. from Green Street o Stufflebeam Drive for the Christmas Parade. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to approve the Christmas Parade resolution. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes. Resolution 2025-14 passed.

Resolution authorizing the destruction of executive session tapes that have been retained at least 18 months after minutes were released – A resolution was presented to authorize the destruction of executive session tapes that have been retained at least 18 months after minutes were released for the regular board meeting dated 10-19-2020. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Gammon to approve the resolution authorizing the destruction of executive session tapes for the regular board meeting dated 10-19-2020, that have been retained at least 18 months after minutes were released. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes. Resolution 2025-15 passed.

Declare TIF Inner Core Tax Revenue as Surplus Funds – The Village of Rossville has received 2 installments of TIF real estate tax contributions. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to declare the TIF Inner Core Tax Revenue as Surplus Funds. Vote: Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ault, yes.

The tax levy estimate has been calculated as \$19,543.65, which is less than 5% over last year's levy. Motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Mikel to approve the tax levy estimate as \$19,543.65. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes.

Snack Pack Program Donation – A donation request was received for the Rossville-Alvin Snack Pack Program. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to donate \$500 to the Rossville-Alvin Snack Pack Program. Vote: Ault, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes.

Appraisal Fees for Village-Owned Surplus Vacant Lots – Discussion on the appraisal fees for Village-Owned vacant lots was tabled until next month.

Follow-Up on installing electric outlets and drilling holes for drop cords on Attica Street poles – The Village Board of Trustees approved having the maintenance department to drill holes and install electric outlets on Village antique streetlights on East and West Attica Street so the RCO could install lighted decorations on the poles for Christmas. Mayor Queen will ask Superintendent Lusk the status of the project.

Update on Storm Water Back-Up Issue at 207 Harrison – Superintendent Lusk and Mayor Black met with Will, the engineer, to discuss the storm water back-up at 207 Harrison. They discussed doing a dye flow test to see if there is a restriction somewhere on the property. A scope may determine if there is a restriction under Route 1 or a narrowing of pipe to cause other issues.

Ordinance adopting recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding proposed amendments to special uses – The matter of Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendations was tabled.

Ordinance adopting regulations under the Local Governmental Acceptance of Credit Card Act – A public hearing was held this evening at the beginning of the meeting. There were no comments on the ordinance. Motion was made by

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Mikel, seconded by Gammon to adopt the ordinance adopting regulations under the local governmental acceptance of credit cards act and other actions in connection therewith. Vote: Ault, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes. Ordinance 2025-16 passed.

Finance & Budget – Trustee Layden had nothing to report at this time.

Police, Health & Safety – The topic of Training for Officer McMilleon on Sept. 23-26 in Mattoon was tabled.

Planning/Public Works- Trustee Gammon is looking for 2026 grants.

Grants/Funding – Trustee Mikel will meet with Superintendent Lusk to retrieve a list of needs that may qualify for a grant.

Beautification/Public Spaces – Trustee Ward reported the Community Garden has ripe peaches. Trustee Ward asked if the L Pond has been officially renamed as Bobcat Cove. Mayor Black feels a resolution is required to rename the area. Mayor Black is looking for contacts at Ameren to talk to about lighting at Bobcat Cove. Richard Queen reported that RCO planted 4 trees in the planters in front of Casey's. RCO has received several complaints that the trees are getting too big for the planters. RCO would like to remove the trees from the planters. Trustee Gammon suggested planting them at the L Pond (Bobcat Cove). Mr. Queen spoke to Superintendent Lusk to see if the maintenance staff would plant them. Mr. Lusk said the maintenance staff will plant the trees but not until November.

CAFÉ: Community Assistance, Functions, Engagement – Trustee Ault had nothing to report.

Economic Development/Business Growth – Trustee Gammon had nothing further to report.

Strategic Planning/Revitalization – Trustee Layden had nothing to report.

Old Business – Austin Reffett had expressed interest in some of the lots in the Ridl Subdivision (Village-Owned) to build duplexes. Mr. Reffett would like to pour a foundation prior to bad weather. It was asked if Mr. Reffett obtained 3 lots, would there be enough room for 2 duplexes on the 3 lots. Mr. Reffett would have to have the properties resurveyed to make these changes. Someone will discuss the matter with Mr. Reffett.

Trustee Gammon stated the “No Semi” signs for McKibben and Stewart Streets are ordered. Other similar signs may need to be ordered for Benton and Harrison Streets.

Mayor Queen stated if the Village is interested in extending the TIF, the renewal would only be for 12 years. If the Village wanted to start a new TIF after the current one expires, the new TIF would be for a period of 23 years. To begin the process of renewal or restarting the TIF, letters of approval would have to be sent to all taxing bodies.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Gammon to adjourn to executive session to review executive session to review executive session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 C21. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to return to regular session. Vote: Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ault, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to release the following executive session minutes:

PHS Committee mtg.	August 4, 2023	Regular Board mtg.	September 16, 2024
PHS Committee mtg.	May 28, 2024	Regular Board mtg.	April 21, 2025
Finance & Purchasing	April 2, 2024		

Vote: Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Ault, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes. Resolution 2025-15 passed.

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Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Wallace, yes; Ault, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved 11-17-25