

**Village of Rossville**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 16, 2026**

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Mikel and Ault physically present.

Trustees absent – Trustees Wallace and Ward

Trustees attending electronically while on vacation – Trustee Gammon

Guests attending electronically – Chief Greene

Guests present were Clerk White and Doug Crawley

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held January 19, 2026 were presented. Trustee Gammon asked for clarification on the new liquor ordinance regarding opening hours of the different Classes from the January meeting. Trustee Layden was under the impression the new ordinance allows only Class E liquor license holders to sell liquor on Sundays at 6 a.m. When asked last month if other liquor license holders besides Class E could open at 6 a.m. also, Mayor Black stated the other liquor license holders were under a different Class of license. Trustee Gammon asked why the Country Club (Class C) was omitted in the ordinance. Mayor Black will research to see if the Country Club has more specific rules since it was omitted in the previous ordinance. Mayor Black will consult the Village attorney for applicable Statutes and present an ordinance amendment at next month's meeting. An error was made during cut-and – paste to establish the ordinance ultimately changing the Saturday and Sunday closing time to 12:30 a.m. instead of 1:30 a.m. The closing times will be amended in the proposed amendment at next month's meeting. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ault to dispense with the reading of the regular board meeting, January 19, 2026 minutes and approve them as presented. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes.

Treasurer Ault's unofficial report for January 2026 was presented. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ault to approve the Unofficial Treasurer's report for January 2026. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Layden, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to approve the bills for payment as presented. Vote: Ault, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes.

Trustee Gammon noticed an invoice for the purchase of dog tags and asked how many we sell a year. Clerk White stated that 35 dog tags were sold in 2025. Trustee Gammon inquired about when a vest was ordered for Officer McMilleon. Clerk White stated that is a question for Chief Greene. Mayor Black stated Chief Greene is having a difficulty trying to call in to the meeting.

Superintendent Snyder's report – Mayor Black reported that Quinton Fritz and Jake Gregory have completed the minimum number of gas training CDs so they can take their turn being on-call.

Mayor Black reported the ICC was here and did an audit, which is complete.

Mayor Black reported that Metro has returned their updated plan for fiber boring with some areas of concern identified. Superintendent Snyder will review the updated plan hopefully by the end of this week so a permit and letter may be issued. Mayor Black has not heard from Comcast.

Police report – Chief Greene read her report. The ordinance violations spreadsheet is attached to the agenda for the Board to review. Several ordinance violations from last month are progressing to court because individuals did not provide timely plans for cleanup. Progress can be seen in other areas of town, such as demolition of a dangerous building and the removal of cars from driveways.

Trustee Gammon asked if anything has been done about vehicles being parked at Harrison and Attica Streets? Chief Greene stated the parking violations have been addressed and the vehicles have been moved.

Utility Account with high gas consumption – Doug Crawley appeared before the Board to request a resolution to the gas bill he received that incurred over \$700. Mr. Crawley stated he estimated he hadn't used gas in 10 years and assumed the meter hadn't been read. Mayor Black reported the bill was recalculated using historical average prices rather than current rates. Mayor Black learned some information prior to the meeting that requires additional research before the board can vote on a solution. Mayor Black will prepare a resolution at next month's meeting. Clerk White

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found out in November of 2025 that Mr. Crawley's gas meter does not have a radio read on it. Therefore, the meter is permanently on the manual read list.

Accounts Receivable –Collector White did not prepare a report for this evening until the cash accounts are in balance.

Updates on properties with ordinance violations - The property at 214 E. Attica is moving through the legal process. The property at 108 N. Summit- vehicles are being moved. The properties at 306-308 Maple are moving through the court process and a court date has been established in March.

Appraisals of 5 Village-Owned Properties – Five Village-Owned properties have been appraised with prices ranging between \$1,045-\$4356 each. Statutes require specific procedures to sell real estate. The Village can opt to use the “request for proposals” process. The Village can use TIF money to “buy down” the difference between the highest bid and the appraised value. rice and move money into the general fund.

Update on Metro Communications – Metro returned a plan for boring with changes for Superintendent Snyder to review. The plan is being reviewed for minimal risk to the Village.

Zoning Officer Recommendation – Trustee Gammon suggested having the maintenance employees identify zoning offenses and report them to the police department, which would avoid the need to hire a zoning officer. Mayor Black stated the ordinances would need to be reviewed and a proposed amendment be presented for Board approval.

Finance & Budget – Trustee Layden had nothing to report at this time. Clerk White reminded board members to work on their budget worksheets and present them to the office prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> so a proposed FY2027 budget ordinance could be prepared and posted according to State Statues.

Police, Health & Safety Committee – Crose Plumbing brought the new part to repair the overhead heater in the police garage. They found a spare part lying on the floor, installed it and the heater is working fine. They will return the part they ordered and only charged a service fee to repair the heater.

Three quotes were received for a new furnace for the police garage. They were as follows:

Crose Plumbing & Heating	\$5,652
Young's Plumbing	\$3,950
Taylor	\$4,500

Mayor Black suggested budgeting for a new furnace in FY2027 instead of approving the purchase tonight.

Planning/Public Works-Utility accounts possible adjustment for high consumption – Trustee Gammon presented 4 utility accounts with high water consumption: 210 Harrison-someone turned on outside water spigot, billed for 67,000 gallons of water/sewer; 310 Green-heat did not work in garage, water line froze, not repairing since they don't use it, billed for 45,000 gallons of water; 208 Benton-washer hose broke, water ran onto floor, billed 25,000 gallons of water; 214 Holmes-leak between house and meter, can be adjusted after proof of repair. Board members discussed the property water leaks and suggested removing the sewer charges over the average consumption + 8,000 gallons. The water charges will remain as billed. The collector may adjust the bill for 214 Holmes upon receipt of repair as directed in the adjustment procedures.

Police, Health & Safety – Police Garage Furnace Repairs – An estimate was received from Crose Plumbing & Heating for a new furnace. Trustee Wallace suggested getting a couple of estimates for the furnace. Mayor Black will check to see if the overhead heater is heating well enough to keep the equipment warm and working then we can budget for a new furnace for the police garage in the next fiscal budget. Clerk White will obtain 2 estimates for a new furnace.

Grants/Funding – Trustee Mikel reported a presentation on the W.I.U. Mapping program was presented at a public hearing last Tuesday evening. The meeting was well attended by the community. The cost of the program was quoted at \$3,792 but it was noted that upfront payment is not required and the Village does not have to pay the cost. The program is designed for the Steering Committee of the program should raise their own funds for their suggested

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projects. The Steering Committee is made up of volunteers. Trustee Mikel suggested the Village abstain from funding the cost of the program and allow the Committee to do their own fundraising or donation solicitation.

Economic Development/Business Growth – Trustee Gammon reported that Austin Reffett, who had presented the Village Board with a proposal to build 2 duplexes in the Ridl Subdivision that the Village owns, had been contacted by the City of Danville to complete a 4-home project that Taylor Construction has not completed. If Mr. Reffett completes the project and does not begin the project in the Ridl Subdivision, Trustee Gammon will contact another construction company to possibly build in the Ridl Subdivision. Superintendent Snyder is aware of the situation and may contact Mr. Reffett regarding the Ridl lots.

Rex Brooks, owner of 207 Harrison, contacted Mayor Black to request the engineer's name and the dye test results the Village performed at his property. Mayor Black asked Mr. Brooks to contact the Village Clerk and complete a FOIA request for that information. An official dye test report does not exist but an email summarizing the results will suffice for the request.

Mayor Black reported the Village received an Illinois State flag, along with a certificate of authenticity for having flown over the capital, from Senator Rose, which is flying in front of the Village office.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Layden to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk  
Board approved 3/16/2026