

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2025**

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established with Mayor Queen and Trustees Jones, Wallace, Daniel and Black physically present.

Trustees absent – Trustee Cornell

Trustee attending electronically-Trustee Gammon

Guests present were Clerk White, Treasurer Ault and Chief Greene.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held January 20, 2025 and the special board meeting held January 27, 2025 were presented. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Wallace to dispense with the reading of the regular board meeting minutes dated January 20, 2025 and the special board meeting minutes dated January 27, 2025 and approve the minutes as presented with an omnibus vote. Vote: Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Jones, yes; Wallace, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for January 2025, was presented. The January Treasurer's report was reviewed in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting held earlier. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to accept the Treasurer's report for January. Vote: Black, yes; Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Daniel, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed in the Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting earlier. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to approve the bills as presented. Vote: Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes.

Superintendent Lusk's report – There were no comments on Superintendent Lusk's report.

Sewer Operator Price's report –There were no comments on Matt Price's Sewer Operator's Report.

Police report – Trustee Black reported the PHS committee approved several classes for officers and the SROs as well. The schools will be asked if they will reimburse the Village for the cost of the class for the SROs (School Resource Officers). Later in the meeting, board members will discuss approving the purchase/order of a new police vehicle and the equipment necessary to be installed in the new vehicle.

Accounts Receivable –Collector White reported the accounts receivable balance as \$90,834.47 for utilities plus \$1,615.03 in miscellaneous invoices, totaling \$92,449.50. There were no shut offs for the month.

Discuss Solar Ordinance Amendments/Proposed Solar Project – Trustee Black reviewed the proposed amendments to the previously adopted ordinance: **1)** change the size of the projects in Community Garden Energy Systems (CGES) from 15 acres to half an acre in size; **2)** in SFES: a) prohibit SFES within 1.5 miles of Village limits or b) SFES would need to apply to the Zoning Board for a supplemental use permit. The Zoning Board would offer a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on the permit application. Trustee Black stated that the solar company has offered money for the Bobcat Cove project or if you are an Ameren company, offer discounts for your electric rate if the project is approved. Trustee Black has researched and found solar projects lower your property value. The proposed project is very close to Village limits. After discussion, a motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to approve the changes in size for the CGES projects from 15 acres to half an acre and prohibit SFES projects within a 1.5-mile area of Village limits. Vote: Daniel, yes; Wallace, yes; Jones, yes; Black, yes; Queen, yes. Ordinance 2025-03 passed.

Ordinance to Make Owners/Occupants Joint & Severally Liable-Mayor Queen agreed with Trustee Black to give Andy Mudd the information and have him prepare an ordinance to present at next month's meeting.

Discuss Offer Received for 217 Perry – The Village received a real estate purchase contract of \$24,000 from Todd Miller for the Village-owned real estate located at 217 Perry. The Village must receive a minimum bid of \$20,000, which is 80% of the appraised value. The Village expenses such as attorney fees, realtor fees, dumpsters, appraisal, etc. will be deducted from the price of the sale and the balance will be sent to Marie Leland, former owner, as agreed.

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Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Wallace to accept the offer of \$24,000 from Todd Miller for the property at 217 Perry. Vote: Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Black, yes; Daniel, yes; Queen, yes.

Real Estate Contract for the Sale of 106 E. Attica – Andy Mudd prepared a real estate contract for the sale of Village-owned property located at 106 E. Attica for \$3,000 from Amanda Plonka. Ms. Plonka will be given a copy to review and sign. Once Ms. Plonka and Mayor Queen have signed the contract, a closing date will be scheduled to finalize the sale of the property. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Wallace to accept the real estate contract as presented for 106 E. Attica. Vote: Daniel, yes; Jones, yes; Black, yes; Wallace, yes; Queen, yes.

2025 Aquatic Control Contract for Pond Maintenance – The 2025 Pond Maintenance Contract was presented. The pond will be treated monthly between April and September at a cost of \$4,092.11. If the payment is received prior to April 1, 2025, the discounted price is \$3,969.35. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to approve the pond maintenance contract for 2025. Vote: Black, yes; Wallace, yes; Daniel, yes; Jones, yes; Queen, yes.

Salary Ordinance Amendment Adding RAGS SRO pay – Discussion was held to pay the new RAGS SRO Patrick Bostwick the same rate of pay as BHRA SRO Damilano’s rate of pay of \$37.15 per hour for the remainder of the school year. The Rossville-Alvin School Board has approved the rate of pay. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Wallace to accept the salary ordinance amendment adding the Rossville-Alvin Grade School SRO at \$37.15 per hour for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Vote: Daniel, yes; Wallace, yes; Black, yes; Jones, yes. Queen, yes. Ordinance 2025-02 passed.

Finance & Purchasing – Trustee Gammon reported that her and Trustee Black had spoken with Lexipol, who has 2-3 grants. One of the grants would be for the pond. Another grant could help with downtown curbs and sidewalks. Clerk White noted that the budget worksheets for FY2026 should be in everyone’s mailbox to pencil in budget numbers for the next fiscal year. The tentative budget needs to be posted in April. Please get with your supervisors to prepare a tentative budget.

Streets & Alleys – Trustee Cornell was absent.

Police, Health & Safety – The committee tabled the “Bus Loading Zone” for Circle Academy. Trustee Black reported the PHS committee is seeking Board approval to order a 2023 Dodge Charger with the PPV police package from John Jones for \$48,000. Payment for the police vehicle would be in fiscal year 2026 after the vehicle arrives. The push bumper will be removed from the estimate of \$51,000. Chief Greene supplied board members with a list of equipment, approximately \$8,000, that needs to be ordered now so it will arrive and can be delivered to the dealership who will install the equipment and apply the lettering on the vehicle. Chief Greene suggested keeping the Ford Explorer as a designated vehicle for the RAGS SRO. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Daniel to approve ordering the new police vehicle plus outfitting of the equipment for the vehicle. Vote: Wallace, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Jones, yes; Queen, yes.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Jones had nothing to report at this time.

Gas Committee- Trustee Wallace had nothing to report at this time.

Public Improvement – Trustee Daniel had nothing to report at this time.

Old Business – There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business – There was no New Business to address.

Guests to Address the Board: The guest present had no matters to present to the Board at this time.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Jones, yes; Wallace, yes; Daniel, yes; Black, yes; Queen, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved 3/17/2025