Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 2026

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Gammon, Ault, Ward, Wallace, Mikel and Layden physically present.
Trustees absent – None
Guests present were Clerk White, Treasurer Bridget Ault, Kenneth Gammon, Angela Graveline, Rosella Ray, Marilyn Danner, Mark Ward and Denise Ward. Jeff Martin and Joe Horvath from the Farnsworth Group attended the meeting on the phone.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment and Guest Recognition – There were no comments from the public.

Jeff Martin and Joe Horvath, landscape architects, from the Farnsworth Group, present a master plan for Bobcat Cove, that would assist with the Oslad grant process. Mr. Martin and Mr. Horvath explained the lettered items on the diagram. Mr. Martin and Mayor Black met and toured the site. The diagram was presented so recommendations could be discussed and tweeked. Some of the items were as follows:
A-trail to Attica Street for school connection to the pond
B-open recreation field-enlarge parking area
D-Natural playground
E-native prairie area
I-no mow fescue planting
F-stones for dry creek bed to help with erosion
G-evergreen tree screen
H-rock outcroppings
J-concrete-provide access to river if someone wants to fish
K&L-clear brush-camping area, firepit, grill
M-Outdoor classroom-area for kids to sit
N-row of shelter lighting
O-new limestone trail-gravel surface on trail
It was suggested to have solar for low level lighting and to keep the existing trees.
Marilyn Danner asked if an area by the river can be cleared so there are more areas for fishing? Will the bank of the pond be stabilized? Will rip rap be installed? The pond is shallow-the east end needs built up since it's in a floodplain. Mayor Black asked if a berm could be placed around the whole pond. Mr. Martin was unsure if we could "fill" like that since it's in a floodplain. Marilyn Danner stated there were kids playing in the water with raw sewerage when the creek overflowed. Mr. Martin will check to see where the regulated floodplain lines are.
An Oslad grant is a 50% match unless it qualifies in an economically stressed community. The final cost of the project will be determined after the plan is decided on. The grant is in 2027.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held August 17, 2026 were presented. Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Layden to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 17, 2026 and approve them as presented. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes.

Treasurer Ault's Printed Reports from LOCiS software –The treasurer's report, printed from the LOCiS software for August has been signed and presented along with outstanding check list. The report was reviewed in the Finance & Budget Committee meeting earlier this evening. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Wallace to approve the signed August, 2026 Treasurer's printed reports including the list of

outstanding checks for the month. Vote: Ward, yes; yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes.

Current bills were reviewed in the Finance & Budget Committee meeting earlier this evening. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Wallace to accept and pay the bills. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Snyder's report- Mayor Black asked how many gas meters need replaced. Nobody knew the exact amount. Trustee Gammon stated there are 66 meters to a pallet.
Curbs & sidewalks-Trustee Gammon reported a surveyor came to inspect the downtown curbs and sidewalks from Maple Street to the bank so we can try to obtain an ITEP grant at 100% funded. The grant application needs to be completed by October 5, 2026 but the grant will not be released/awarded until April. Letters from the business owners would be appreciated. This type of grant is open every other year.
Mayor Black asked how many fire hydrants are going to be replaced this year. Trustee Gammon stated only 1 is having problems and that one is on Gilbert Street.
Superintendent Snyder attached 3 quotes to be discussed and possibly approved this evening.

1. Quote from Telescan to perform televised inspections of storm sewers in various locations in the Village for $4,800. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to approve the quote from Telescan for $4,800 to perform televised inspections of various storm sewer locations. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes.
2. IMCO Utility Supply- Quote to purchase replacement fire hydrant parts from IMCO for $11,960 was presented. If the expense can be covered by TIF funds, then the expense will be distributed in the TIF fund. Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Gammon to approve purchasing 14 fire hydrants form IMCO for $11,960. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.
3. Gas Meter Radio Head – Quote from Koons Gas Measurement (KGM) for a gas meter radio head for the elevator was presented. The radio head would cost $3,568.36. The elevator would be invoiced for the cost of the new gas radio head. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to approve the purchase of the gas meter radio head for the elevator costing $3,568.36, which the elevator will reimburse the Village for the cost within 30 days of installation. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes.

Chief Greene's report – Chief Greene's report was a new style of report that Mayor Black wrote the software for. They want to track the police car checklists to make sure each officer is performing the checklists each shift.

Accounts Receivable –Collector White reported outstanding utility bills as $28,259.98. There were 0 accounts shut off. There were miscellaneous invoices totaling $129,629.57 which consists of BHRA 8/26 expenses of $7,535.41, BHRA 6/26 & 7/26 SRO expenses of $15,070.74, BHRA SRO 5/25-5/26 expenses of $98,656.82, RAGS SRO 8/26 expenses of $8,126.72, and an IDOT traffic light reimbursement request of $239.88. The total accounts receivable as $157,889.55. A second notice has been sent for the SRO reimbursement. Mayor Black asked Clerk White to email him a copy of the outstanding BHRA SRO invoices.

Vermilion County Animal Control Charges – The Village has not been reimbursed for the overcharges but the Village has not received an invoice for a while.

Mayor Black presented a contract with Nexamp Community Solar that offers a 10% discount on power. A solar field from a different area would provide the service. Ameren would take the discount off of the electric bill. A 15% could be offered for low to moderate income households if they meet the requirements. Board members were asked to review the information.

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Village-Owned Lots – Mayor Black has instructed the Village attorney to advertise the 5 Village-Owned lots for sale. In the past, an ad was placed in the newspaper to accept bids. The Village cannot accept less than 80% of the appraised cost. If the Village accepts less than the 80%, TIF funds can offset the cost of the lots. Mayor Black would like to move forward and place an ad in the newspaper to accept bids until the Friday before the board meeting.

An ordinance to NOT increase the salaries of newly elected officials of the Village of Rossville, Illinois in the spring of 2027 was presented. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to approve the ordinance to NOT increase the salaries of newly elected officials of the Village of Rossville, Illinois in the spring of 2027. Vote: Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes. Ordinance 2026-16 passed.

Possible use of crushed concrete & brick from former Presbyterian Church demolition – Mayor Black reported the Presbyterian Church is being demolished by Erin & Robert Danner. Mr. Danner asked if the Village would like to use the crushed concrete & brick from the demolition to place around the pond. Trustee Gammon would not be opposed to using the crushed concrete & brick from the demolition if the Danner's agree to pay for the crushing and hauling.

Auditor for fiscal year 2026 – The auditor, who performed the annual audit for fiscal year 2025, filed the audit late and the Village received penalties for the late filings. There are very few auditors who perform this type of audit. Trustee Gammon suggested retaining the current auditor to audit fiscal year 2026 then see how they do. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to approve retaining Feller & Kuester CPAs PLLC to audit the 2026 fiscal year for a fee of #32,600. Vote; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.

At last month's board meeting, an ordinance was presented to accept an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Village of Rossville and the Rossville Park District for redevelopment of certain real property owned by the Rossville Park District left out the ball park #2. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Ward to approve amending the ordinance to include ball park #2. Clerk White asked omitting ball park #2 was the only difference in the ordinance approved last month and the one presented this month. Mayor Black stated that Clerk White could not ask the question because the board was in the middle of a vote. Clerk White objected stating Roberts Rule of Order would allow further questions/discussion after a first and second had been made. Mayor Black said that is incorrect according to ILCS rules. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes. Ordinance 2026-11.1 passed.

An ordinance ratifying an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Village of Rossville and the Village of Tilton for administrative adjudication of certain code violations and other actions in connection therewith was presented. The Village of Tilton would provide our court for ordinance violations but asks that a $500 annual fee be paid to offset costs. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to approve the ordinance. Ordinance 2026-17 passed.

OLD BUSINESS:
207 Harrison – Mayor Black reported that the attorney for the owners of 207 Harrison, has presented a 3rd FOIA request. The Village attorney will take care of the FOIA request.

NEW BUSINESS:
Halloween Hours – Discussion was held on Halloween Trick of Treat hours.

RCO is sponsoring the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 31st. A resolution will be presented at next

month's board meeting.

Marilyn Danner reported the Mapping sessions are going well. Ms. Danner asked the status of paying for the Mapping program. Mayor Black stated the invoice will be due 30 days after the last session.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Clerk

Board approved _____