

**Village of Rossville  
Special Board Meeting  
August 12, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Black called the special board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. The special board meeting was called to discuss/approve hiring a candidate for SRO for BHRA, hiring a candidate for maintenance department, amend salary ordinance for SRO for BHRA and New Maintenance employee and executive session to discuss hiring an SRO/Police Officer and Maintenance Employee and Compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1.

Members physically present – Mayor Black, Trustees Wallace, Jones, Mikel, and Gammon.

Members absent – Trustees Ward and Ault

Guests present – Clerk White, Chief Greene (6:06 p.m.), John McFarland and Jacob Gregory (6:33 p.m.)

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

John McFarland was interviewed for the BHRA SRO position.

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to adjourn to executive session to discuss hiring Mr. McFarland as SRO for BHRA and compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Wallace, yes; Jones, yes; Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes. Meeting left regular session at 6:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Wallace to adjourn executive session and return to regular session. Vote: Jones, yes; Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 6:25 p.m.

Mr. McFarland's salary and benefits were reviewed. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to hire John McFarland as SRO (School Resource Officer) for BHRA (Bismarck-Henning, Rossville-Alvin) with a salary of \$65,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. McFarland's estimated first day on duty would be August 25, 2025, pending a successful background check by Chief Greene. Vote: Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Jones, yes.

Jacob Gregory was interviewed for the full-time maintenance position with the Village of Rossville.

Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Jones to adjourn to executive session to discuss hiring Jacob Gregory for the maintenance position and his compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Jones, yes; Mikel, yes. The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Wallace to return to regular session. Vote: Wallace, yes; Jones, yes; Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 6:57 p.m.

Mr. Gregory's hourly rate of pay and benefits were reviewed. Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Gammon to hire Jacob Gregory for the full-time maintenance position with a hourly rate of pay of \$21.63 per hour, with a start date of August 18, 2025. Vote: Jones, yes; Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.

Motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Mikel, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Jones, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White  
Village Clerk

Board approved 8-18-25