

Paul Beere called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Gary Beck, Chris Bennett, Ed Chart, Chris Johnson, Bob Lancour and Mike Weinkauff present.

Betty Novy, Clerk – Treasurer and Sandi Swan Deputy Clerk – Treasurer were also present.

Bill Matthews and Steve Wagner from Anderson Ashton were also in attendance.

Adoption of Meeting Procedures for Public Comments

Novy explained that the Village has come up with a policy to address the procedure of accepting public comments during Village meetings. This is in response to some past Board meetings getting out of control. Residents will now have to pre-register if they wish to make a comment to the Board. The Village President will now call their name during public comment and then they will be able to speak. Novy also indicated that there are rules that have been put in place with regards to the comments and the conduct of attending citizens and or guests. A copy of the procedure was made available to all in attendance at the meeting.

Bennett moved, 2nd by Chart to adopt the following procedure regarding public comments:
All were in favor. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER MEETING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Introduced: October 27, 2011

Adopted by the Village Board (Date):

The Village of Rochester Board of Trustees does hereby adopt and affirm the below civil and orderly set of rules and procedures for the handling of Public Comments. These procedures are adopted to facilitate an open, courteous, orderly and professional public meeting while handling the affairs of the Village of Rochester. The purpose of board meetings is to handle the business of the Village in a professional orderly manner. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to witness village board meetings and to address the village board in a professional and courteous manner when, and if, recognized by the Village President.

In order to insure all Rochester Village Board meetings are conducted in an orderly and businesslike manner, all attendees and participants will adhere to the following adopted procedures related to the acceptance of public comments.

Unless called upon by the Village President, citizens and/or guests are permitted to address the board only during the agenda item appropriately titled “Public Comments from Pre-Registered Citizens”.

Rules pertaining to the acceptance of Public Comments:

- Citizen Comment Registration forms will be made available to attendees in advance of board meetings.
- If attendees wish to address the Board during the Public Comment period, they must complete a registration form and turn it in to the Village Clerk-Treasurer before the meeting is called to order.
- **Persons who fail to register will not be allowed to comment during the formal meeting of the board.**
- During the Public Comment period, the Village President will announce registered citizens by name.
- Upon hearing a pre-registered citizen’s name, they are asked to stand and make their comments in a professional and businesslike manner. Each registered citizen will be allowed to address the Board once and will be limited to three minutes unless an extension is granted by consent of all board members.
- Comments must address the board as a governing body. Questions specifically to a particular board member or directed to a specific employee of the village are not permitted during the board meeting.
- While questions may be asked for clarification purposes, Board members will not engage in debate with citizens at any time during the meeting. The purpose of the public comment period is to accept comments for board members to take into consideration when deliberations of the elected body begin. During Board meetings, the privilege of debate is limited to and between elected representatives only.
- As an alternative to speaking during the public comment period, citizens and/or guests may utilize the Citizen Comment Registration form to submit a support or opposition statement that is related to a specific item on the agenda with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. These forms must be completely filled out prior to the beginning of the formal board meeting. The Village Clerk-Treasurer will report the quantity of statements filed- in support and in

opposition- and comments received on these forms immediately after the Village President announces the agenda item.

Rules pertaining to the conduct of attending citizens and/or guests:

1. Citizens and/or guests must remain silent from individual conversation and/or meeting distractions/disruptions in the audience. Distractions and disruptions include, but are not limited to, clapping of the hands, hissing, or booing.
2. Cellular phones or other electronic devices that by design or use make noise are prohibited from use during the board meeting. The exception to this rule is if the device is being used during an authorized presentation to the board during the meeting.

Violations of established procedures will be addressed with a courteous warning from the Village President. A second violation will result in removal from the meeting and other legal actions based on the seriousness of the violation and disruption of the public meeting. If citizens and/or guests do not comply with the warnings issued by the Village President, enforcement of these rules will be assisted by the Racine County Sheriff's Department.

Public Comment Period

Beere called on Jeremy Hamilton to speak due to the fact that she filled out the "Attending Citizens Comments" registration form.

Jeremy Hamilton, 404 W. Wade St, said that she now declines to comment due to the fact that she does not know what the Board is going to decide for the building location.

Discussion and Possible Selection: Architectural Site Plan Options regarding construction of the Village Hall in Rochester Commons Park.

Novy stated that there were a couple more options drawn up from a request at the October 7th, 2011 Board meeting. Everyone was provided a copy of all six options.

Beere asked Wagner and Matthews if they would like to make a comment. Matthews stated that they did not have anything to add. They were mainly there to answer any questions that the Board might have about the six options and the pros and cons for each.

Beere asked for comments from the Board.

Weinkauf stated that he feels that the Board should move forward. He said the Board should make a decision on one of the six options and try to save as much green space. He feels it's time to move forward.

Bennett stated he likes option C1.1 he does not like any of the other options. For him it is a personal preference of the six options that were given.

Chart stated at the last meeting he said he liked option C1.1 also because it has expansion possibilities in two areas. He feels that they have been working on this for 2 years now and some people have said the Board isn't listening. He feels that the Board has weighed all the pros and cons. He feels the Board made a mistake by not buying the Pro-Health Care building and he'd hate for the Board to make another mistake and not get it right. That's why he feels C1.1 is the better option.

Johnson stated that he likes C1.1 also, however, he'd like to hold off on the tennis courts and leave that area open for kids who might want to play ball. He likes the play areas that are shown on option C1.1, the basketball court could stay or go in his opinion. He said he likes how the road goes through, he feels that will be beneficial to the library for parking when they have their events up there. He also thinks they should hold off on demolition of the tower and keep it for storage for the Library and Historical Society and deal with that later. He also feels that they need to move forward, he thinks they have cost the Village a lot of money by not making a decision.

Lancour stated he concurs with Johnson. He feels they should keep the tower for storage. He doesn't feel they need a tennis court right now. He'd like to see the area to the north/west kept open. He's not sure about the basket ball court. He'd like to keep the cost down and concentrate on getting a building that the Village can use. He likes the drive-thru parking lot for traffic flow. He said that C1.1 would be his choice.

Beck stated that of the plans he sees C1.1 is the best. However, he said he locked his position in quite awhile ago when he said he wanted to save the baseball field. He said he will not take himself out of that position at this time. He said C1.1 is a good plan, it makes the most sense. However, if the Board does vote for C1.1 he will vote nay.

Chart said the amenities that are listed on the plans are not necessarily must haves. They are on there to show the potential of the grounds. He said the amenities are not as important to him right now as much as getting the placement of the building decided.

Bennett added that he values Beck's opinion.

Bennett moved, 2nd by Lancour to accept Option C1.1 as the plans for placement of the new Village Hall for the Village Rochester.

Beere said he feels he should let people know what he is thinking. He also likes C1.1. He said there is expansion for the Village Hall and the Library. He feels that they can grow into the other amenities. He doesn't think they are necessary right away. They do help to visualize what is possible on the property. He is also fine with leaving the existing tower there for storage.

Votes were: Beere – Aye; Bennett – Aye; Chart – Aye; Johnson – Aye; Lancour – Aye; Weinkauff – Aye; Beck – Nay.
Motion passed.

Johnson moved, 2nd by Chart to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. all were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Swan
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer