

**Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 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 Ward, Layden, Wallace, Mikel, Ault and Gammon physically present.

Trustees absent – None

Guests present were Clerk White, Bridget Ault and Kenneth Gammon.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held December 15, 2025 and the special board meeting held on January 5, 2026 were presented. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Ault to dispense with the reading of the regular board meeting, December 15, 2025 and special board meeting, January 5, 2026 minutes and approve them as presented with an omnibus vote. Vote: Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes; Ault, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes.

Treasurer Ault's unofficial reports for October 2025, November 2025 and December 2025 were presented at the Finance & Budget Committee meeting and approved.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed in the Finance & Budget Committee meeting earlier. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to approve the bills for payment as presented. Vote: Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ault, yes; Ward, yes.

Superintendent Snyder's report – Superintendent Snyder included the Wastewater report on his Superintendent report since he is the wastewater plant operator. Trustee Gammon asked why Gasvoda was contacted regarding the lift station. Mayor Black was unaware of an issue with the lift station.

Trustee Gammon noticed the trees have been planted in town and Bobcat Cove.

Trustee Wallace asked how often the water samples are taken to Aqua in Danville. Mayor Black responded that the water samples are taken to Aqua once a month.

Mayor Black reported that Superintendent Snyder will communicate with Metro Communication tomorrow regarding the potholes.

Clerk White reported the upgraded bond from Metro has been received. The bond was upgraded from \$20,000 to \$250,000.

Police report – Trustee Wallace noticed traffic was pretty slow as far as stops and calls for service. Mayor Black stated the ordinance violations were low in numbers through the holidays but should pick up in January.

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

Sale of Lots in Ridl Subdivision – Trustee Gammon spoke with Austin Reffett regarding the lots he wants in the Ridl Subdivision. Mr. Reffett did not care which 2 lots, 4&5 or 5&6 but he won't be progressing on that project this winter. Superintendent Snyder will contact Mr. Reffett to discuss the properties as far as easements, etc. Trustee Gammon instructed Mr. Reffett to contact Clerk White so he can pay his \$2 and a closing can be scheduled.

Trustee Gammon asked what problems are at 108 E. Attica. Mayor Black stated they have the same issues as 214 E.

Attica as far as the garage needing repairs. 108 E. Attica has had some vehicles blocking the alley. Mayor Black asked Chief Greene to keep up with the situation. Clerk White asked if he was talking about 108 N. Summit or 108 E. Attica. Mayor Black confirmed he was speaking regarding 108 N. Summit.

Trustee Gammon requested a follow-up for the owners on the corner of E. Attica and Harrison who park their vehicles on the new sidewalks.

214 E. Attica will be issued warrants for their property.

306 & 308 Maple – Mayor Black stated we are waiting on Williamson County to serve the owner of 306 & 308 Maple. Mayor Black stated we should be up-to-date on Metro Communications.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Tilton – Mayor Black has written a letter to the Mayor of Tilton and the Administrator requesting an audit of funds that are due to the Village of Rossville. According to Village of Rossville records, Tilton has sent approximately \$300 per year since 2023. If no response is received by Friday, Mayor

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Black will speak to the attorney to get the information. Mayor Black has a meeting with Hoopeston's Mayor regarding possibly processing our ordinance violations and fines.

Bank of Rantoul Premier Checking migration complete @ 2.5% - Mayor Black and Treasurer Ault met with John at the Bank of Rossville to discuss moving the universal checking account to a different type of account that would earn more interest. Mayor Black reported the universal account has been moved to a premier account that would earn 2.5% interest instead of the current rate of 1.5%. Mayor Black and Treasurer Ault understood the interest rate to be higher than 2.5%. Mayor Black will visit John tomorrow and get clarification.

Amendment to Liquor Ordinance – Mayor Black received a request from Casey's to change the serving hours on Sunday to 6 a.m. instead of noon. Mayor Black prepared an ordinance amendment to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Sundays. The amendment reads, "It is unlawful for a licensee with either a Class A, Class AA, Class B, Class D or Class E license to sell or offer for sale any alcoholic liquor upon the premises between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sales may resume at 6:00 a.m. on Sundays." Some trustees could not view the ordinance amendment on their iPad. Mayor Black stated he just shared it on the iPad and they should be able to view the amendment. No paper copies were given to those that couldn't view with an iPad. Bridget Ault asked if the hours would be changed for Casey's only. Mayor Black stated Casey's was the only one selling at noon. Bridget Ault asked if Mr. Cade wanted to open the bar to sell liquor at 10 a.m. on Sunday, could he? Mayor Black stated Mr. Cade has a different liquor license, different class. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to approve the ordinance allowing the sale of alcoholic liquor to begin at 6 a.m. instead of noon on Sundays. Vote: Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes. Ordinance 2026-01 passed.

Resolution to seek a 12-year TIF Funding extension – Mayor Black presented a resolution that basically authorizes the Village to seek an extension of the estimated date of completion for the Rossville TIF. The resolution will be sent to the Village attorney. The resolution authorizes a letter of support to be sent to the taxing bodies to assist with the 12-year TIF extension. A letter is being drafted for the taxing bodies. Once the packet is complete, the packet will be sent to the State legislature. Mayor Black attended a discovery meeting with a few members of the school board and Dr. Johnson-Maden. The board members seem to be in favor of extending the TIF. Discussion was also held on reducing the school's contribution. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Wallace to approve the resolution to seek an extension of the Rossville TIF. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes. Resolution 2026-01 passed.

Clerk White explained the 2026 MFT resolution basically establishes a budget for MFT spending for the calendar year 2026. The resolutions for the 2024 and 2025 recapped what was actually spent in those calendar years. Motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Layden to approve the 2026 MFT resolution allowing expenditures of \$130,000. Vote: Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes. Resolution 2026-02 passed.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Wallace to approve the 2025 MFT resolution. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes. Resolution 2026-03 passed.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Layden to approve the 2024 MFT resolution. Vote: Gammon, yes; Ault, yes; Ward, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes. Resolution 2026-04 passed.

Building Inspector appointment and compensation – At last month's meeting, discussion was held to appoint Quinton Fritz as Building Inspector. A motion was not made or voted on. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to appoint Quinton Fritz as the Rossville Building Inspector. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.

John McCool discussion – Mayor Black stated that John McCool, owner/operator of Mad Goat in Danville and resident of Rossville, would like to get involved anyway he can so he can learn about the local government. Mayor Black has a list of what volunteers CAN'T DO. Mayor Black will bring a list of volunteer items Mr. McCool may assist with at the next board meeting. Volunteers can do such things as research but they don't get paid for their volunteer work.

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Zoning Officer – Mayor Black reported that it is the responsibility of the Village Board to appoint a Zoning Officer. Compensation for a Zoning Officer is not currently established. Mayor Black has not been able to reach former Village employee Lance Deck to see if he would be interested in the position. Trustee Gammon will reach out to Mr. Deck. Trustee Gammon asked Clerk White if payment from the Village would affect his retirement. Clerk White stated the hours worked would have to be documented and reported to IMRF.

Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendations on Variance for 206 N. Chicago – The Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 11, 2025 to discuss the zoning variance request for 206 N. Chicago to change the setback requirements on the south and west edges of the property since a power pole is limiting the ability to go north. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance to allow up to 5' from the property line on the south and west sides of the property to extend the garage but if the extension is not built before the property is sold, the variance does not follow with the sale of the property. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Ward to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval to grant the variance for 206 N. Chicago. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, abstain; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes.

Finance & Budget – Trustee Layden had nothing to report at this time.

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 and the Board discussed the W.I.U. mapping program to establish a 5-10 year plan and grants that may assist with the needs of the Village. Fredi sent a newsletter that W.I.U. mails that shows some of the projects they can assist with. The newsletter shows some of the towns that are the same size as the Village of Rossville that have used this program perhaps multiple times. Redbud used another method to obtain grants that cost \$80,000. We need to establish a date for the presentation from W.I.U. but they will not be able to attend a regular board meeting. Trustee Mikel listed some dates that would be available for a special board meeting to hear the presentation. Board members agreed to have a special board meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the village office.

Clerk White suggested advertising the presentation on the Village website and hopefully several volunteers will attend to possibly volunteer to help. Mayor Black stated that TIF funds may be used to pay the fees for the presentation.

Beautification/Public Spaces – Trustee Ward reported she would like the committee to meet before the next regular board meeting to discuss improvements to the garden and the pond. Trees have been selected for Bobcat Cove.

CAFÉ: Community Assistance, Functions, Engagement – Trustee Ault had nothing to report at this time.

Economic Development/Business Growth – Trustee Gammon is working on selling some lots in the Ridl Subdivision.

Strategic Planning/Revitalization – Trustee Layden had nothing to report at this time.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

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Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Layden to adjourn to executive session to discuss salaried compensation for the new Superintendent under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Ward to return to regular session. Vote: Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ault, yes; Ward, yes; Mikel, yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Ward to convert Clayton Snyder, as the new Superintendent, from hourly to salary, retroactive to January 1, 2026, with a salary of \$66,772.68. Vote: Ault, yes; Ward, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes. The Board will review Mr. Snyder's salary during budget meetings for the new fiscal year to begin May 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Layden to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Wallace, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Ault, yes; Ward, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved 2-16-26