

Village of Rossville
Regular Board Meeting
April 20, 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 Gammon, Wallace, Layden, Mikel physically present. Trustee Ward arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Trustees absent – Trustee Ault

Guests present were Clerk White, Treasurer Ault, Janice Marie and Kenneth Gammon

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the regular board meeting held March 16, 2026 and Special Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026 were presented. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to dispense with the reading of the regular board meeting, March 16, 2026 minutes and the special board meeting minutes dated April 14, 2026 and approve them as presented.

Vote: Ward, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes.

Treasurer Ault presented Treasurer reports and outstanding check lists for the months of October 2-25, November 2025, December 2025, January 2026, February 2026 and March 2026. All accounts are now in balance. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Gammon to accept Treasurer Ault's reports and outstanding check lists for the months of October 2025 through March 2026. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes.

Current bills – Current bills were reviewed. accounts have been balanced. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to approve the bills for payment as presented. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Gammon, yes.

Mayor Black suggested tabling some of the topics on the agenda until next month. The items were the Superintendent's Report, Update on Metro Communications, Police Chief's written report, Vermilion County Animal Control Charges, Updated on 214 E. Attica, 108 N. Summit, 306 & 308 Maple, Tilton Adjudication Court, Deflection meeting rescheduled, Monthly Cybersecurity Scan, Vulnerability Assessment, Good Energy Meeting, Village-Owned Lots/Options to Sell (Appraisals)-HOLD, New Welcome to Rossville Sign & Installation, 1.5 Mile ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) discussion, Chicago Street Storm Sewer Drainage Project-Engineer Est, Verkata Cameras, Additional Nuisances to add for PNT Ordinance, Commercial Battery Discussion, 207 Harrison, Liquor License Ordinance Amendment and Good Energy Meeting – Presentation. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to approve tabling the above listed agenda topics. Vote: Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes.

Trustee Gammon will contact Mr. Reffett by email about the Village-Owned lots for sale.

Accounts Receivable –Collector White reported outstanding utility bills as \$39,300.44. There were no miscellaneous invoices at this time. Mayor Black would like to use the Debt Recovery program through the State Comptroller's office to help collect some of this debt. Mayor Black reported the outstanding debt percentages will need to be added into gas, water and sewer rates as a loss to make sure the Village is charging a correct amount. Motion was made by Mikel, seconded by Layden to approve the accounts receivable report. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Gammon, yes; Wallace, yes.

Vermilion County Animal Control Charges – Mayor Black explained the Village of Rossville has a very old contract with Vermilion County Animal Control(VCAC). VCAC revised other municipalities' contracts but did not revise the Village of Rossville's contract. Therefore, they have been overcharging the Village of Rossville based on the other contracts. Mayor Black is working to get a reimbursement for the overcharges.

Antique Street Light Pole Purchases – Trustee Gammon found someone selling 9-12' cast iron, powder coated antique street light poles. If the Village purchases all 9 poles, the cost would be \$2,300 each, totaling \$20,700. TIF funds can be used to purchase the poles plus the expense of transportation to get them to the Village but a resolution will be required to use TIF funds. Bridget Ault stated there are better things the TIF money can be used on. Mayor Black stated he has meetings scheduled with Hubner to set up meetings with the USDA and Department of Commerce to discuss using part of their offices to lease to someone else. Mayor Black is meeting with Premier Cooperative and the Department of Commerce to look at ways to expand the number of employees and that area of business.

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Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Layden to approve the purchase of 9 antique street light poles for \$2,300 each pending the resolution to use TIF funds. Vote: Mikel, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes; Ward, yes.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal – At last month’s meeting, board members discussed renewing the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance plan that has a \$600 deductible that the employees like better than paying a higher deductible. Mayor Black asked Jim Crose, Crose Insurance agent, to look into a price from Cigna. A price quote has not been received. A motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to renew the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan BP136 with a \$600 deductible. Vote: Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ward, yes; Mikel, yes; Layden, yes.

Proposed Budget for FY2027 – The proposed revenues and expenses were reviewed. Mayor Black suggested increasing the attorney fees line item to \$15,000 to include updating ordinances and fines.

Resident Janice Marie asked if the Village has anything in place for Data Centers. Mayor Black stated the Village ordinance currently do not restrict data centers.

Community Garden is proposed for \$6,800 using TIF funds.

Trustee Ward reported an orchard is being discussed to plant 30-40 trees on Village-Owned lot at 213 Stewart.

Chris White suggested dividing the ideas for Beautification into separate years and budget for the OSLED grants in a different year.

Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Layden to adjourn to executive session to review executive session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 C21 and discuss employee compensation under 5 ILCS 120/2 C1. Vote: Mikel, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Gammon, yes; Ward, yes. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ward to propose the salary ordinance for FY2027 to increase employee wages 3% but increase Treasurer Ault’s monthly salary to \$222 per month to be adopted at the special board meeting to be held on April 30, 2026. Vote: Ward, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes; Wallace, yes; Mikel, yes.

Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Layden to release executive session minutes dated January 6, 2025 and January 19, 2026. Vote: Mikel, yes; Wallace, yes; Ward, yes; Layden, yes; Gammon, yes.

Mayor Black reported that Tom Carter is tiling the whole field at the end of Dale Street. He will be crossing over old tile and tearing them up and installing new storm sewer pipe. He will have to disconnect and reconnect some Village residents’ lines that are attached to the manhole at the end of Dale Street. An estimate for the project was received from Boyer Construction for \$30,375.00. Trustee Gammon suggested the Village not pay for the whole project, just the portion the Village would be responsible for. A letter will be prepared to affected residents of the completed work and the residents are reconnected.

An engineer’s estimate of \$75,303.67 for the Chicago Street Sewer Improvements from Donohue & Associates. The 2 week project should begin around July 10th.

Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Mikel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Wallace, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ward, yes; Gammon, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk
Board approved 5-18-26