

**Village of Rossville  
Special Board Meeting  
January 5, 2026  
5:00 p.m.**

Mayor Black called the special board meeting to order at 5:00 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 TextMyGov Agreement for maintenance/police ticketing management system and emergency/non-emergency notification via address or geolocation, CD rates for CD that matured 1/1/2026, Bank of Rantoul Account, Trees, Ford Explorer repairs and water leak at 310 Green.

Members physically present – Mayor Black, Trustees Layden, Mikel, Ault and Gammon.

Members absent – Trustees Ward and Wallace

Guests present – Clerk White, Treasurer Ault and Kenneth Gammon

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Rates were discussed for a CD that matured at Longview Bank on January 1, 2026 for approximately \$375,000. The rates obtained by Clerk White were as follows:

<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>interest rate</u>	<u>APY</u>	<u>Term</u>
Longview Bank	4.43%	4.5%	6 months
Iroquois Federal	3.70%	3.73%	6 months

Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to purchase a new CD for 6 months at 4.43% interest. Vote: Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes.

Mayor Black reported he met with John from the Bank of Rossville regarding different types of accounts that may benefit the Village of Rossville funds. They discussed changing savings accounts that have over \$10,000 to a Premier account to gain a better interest rate for the accounts. Also, the universal checking account (operating account) has a larger balance therefore, there is a type of account that would offer an interest rate of 4.5% since the Village maintains a larger balance on a daily basis. Motion was made by Layden, seconded by Ault to move the universal account to a higher interest rate account at the Bank of Rossville. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes.

Trees – Mayor Black explained that Berry's in Danville has a special price on trees. Board members discussed purchasing some trees to plant at Bobcat Cove and replacing some of the trees that have been cut down around the Village. Mayor Black will see if they can invoice the Village or do the trees need to be paid for ahead of time. The Village had previously approved purchasing \$1,000 in trees. The Village can plant the trees if the ground is not frozen or set the trees out and put mulch on top to insulate the trees. Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to purchase \$1,300 in trees from Berry's. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes.

Explorer Repairs – Mayor Black stated the Explorer needs the rack & pinion assembly replaced. Chief Greene provided 2 estimates for the repairs:

Hoopeston Ford     \$2,984.06

Smitty's \$1,797.11 – typically does not do this type of work  
Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Layden to approve the Explorer to be taken to Smitty's for the repairs of the rack & Pinion assembly. Vote: Gammon, yes; Layden, yes; Mikel, yes; Ault, yes.

TextMyGov – Mayor Black explained the TextMyGov program that is for emergency services. Residents would automatically be enrolled with a cellphone or landline. The services could be used for notifications such as a water main break. A voice mail would be left on a land line. A text would be sent to a cellphone. The \$1,500 set up fee has been waived. The total cost of the program is \$2,500 per year for 3 years in the proposed agreement. Trustee Gammon asked who would manage the system. Mayor Black responded saying Kathy Rife and himself would be the administrators. Clerk White asked if Kathy Rife had been asked to be an administrator. Mayor Black replied, no. The company will invoice the Village of Rossville annually in April and allow 60 days to pay the invoice. Some board members did not understand the program. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Layden, seconded by Gammon to not move forward with the TextMyGov agreement. Vote: Mikel, yes; Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Layden, yes.

Mayor Black stated the discussion of water leaks will be tabled until the regular board meeting.

Trustee Layden left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Mikel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Ault, yes; Gammon, yes; Mikel, yes. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Board approved 1-19-26