



# Meeting Minutes

**Location:**

Village Hall -  
10631 Main Street  
Roscoe, IL 61073

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**Village Board of Trustees**  
Tuesday, September 02, 2025  
6:30 PM

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

Trustee William Babcock  
Trustee John Broda  
Trustee Dayne Mead  
Trustee Michael Wright  
Village President Carol Gustafson

### **ABSENT**

Trustee Justin Plock  
Trustee Michael Sima

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. **Approval of the Minutes** for the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees from **August 19, 2025**

President Gustafson asked for a motion to Approved the Minutes for August 19, 2025.

Motion was made by Trustee Broda, second by Trustee Babcock. Voting yes: Trustee Babcock, Mead, Broda, Wright 4-0-2.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

No public comments.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

2. Review and Discussion of **Hodges Run Small Business Incubator Bid Responses**

[Presented by: Joe Anderson of Place Foundry Design, LLC]

Joe Anderson from Place Foundry Design, LLC stated that the original project bids came in 30 percent higher than the expected with Scandoli coming in with the cheapest bid at 2 million dollars.

The Village's goal budget is \$1.4 million max.

Scandoli provided a breakdown on 7 items for potential reduction of cost.

The Board discussed how to cut cost with exploring rental of heated portable units or container restrooms, volunteer labor feasibility. lighting and landscaping cuts suggestions were made to see if the garden club would help. construction strategy.

The Board also discussed whether or not infrastructure of groundwork is possible for the fall of 2025, and building phase likely in the spring of 2026.

The Board asked Joe Anderson to see what is possible to do this year with an update report.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **3. Cash Report and Bills**

### **4. Approval of Bills**

President Gustafson asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Expenditures \$563,903.87 and Payroll \$107,831.03 Totaling \$671,734.90 no motor fuel at this time.

Trustee Wright asked about seeing the bill for Hutcheson.

Joe Kurlinkus Village Administrator stated he will provide the bill for him.

Motion was made by Trustee Broda, second by Trustee Mead. Voting yes: Trustees: Wright, Broda, Babcock, Mead 4-0-0.

### **5. Year to Date, Revenues and Expenditures**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 6. Reconsideration of the approval of - over the veto of the Village President - Resolution 2025-R35, a resolution approving the providing of funds for painting the north exterior wall of the Roscoe Masonic Lodge #75 at 10534 Main Street (Masonic Lodge).**

Doug Henry Village Attorney stated the procedure would be to make a motion to reconsider the adoption of 2025 R35 would be the first motion.

Motion was made to reconsider by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Broda. Voting yes: Mead, Babcock, Broda, Wright.

Mr. Henry stated that there needs to be a second motion for discussion to adopt resolution 2025-R35.

The second motion was made to adopt resolution 2025-R35 notwithstanding the Veto was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Mead.

Trustee Sima submitted a letter criticizing the veto and all calling for transparency and community input which was read by Trustee Broda.

Trustee Babcock expressed his concerns about using public funds for artwork on private property. He also stated that its inappropriate for a letter to be addressed discounting our mayor where broad statements are made.

President Gustafson stated that she finds the letter reprehensible. It is full of erroneous misstatements, representations, and one person's opinion.

She defended the veto citing misuse of taxpayer money and lack of clear public consensus.

The motion is to adopt resolution 2025-R35 notwithstanding the village president's veto to pass 2025-R35.

Voting yes: Trustee Mead, reason for his vote is there has been more negative feedback than positive feedback. Trustee Wright, did not give a reason. Trustee Broda stated that there was a big discussion on the Mural and the Board voted 5 to 1 to remove it. he stated that when we had these discussion he did not see people coming to the meetings to save the Mural.

Voting no: Trustee Babcock stated again that we should not be using Village funds to pay for repainting a building that's owned privately.

Motion to override the veto required a two-thirds majority.

Vote Failed: The Veto stands, and the Mural will not be repainted using public funds.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be discussed and approved separately.*

From: Sharon Sima [redacted]  
Subject: Response  
Date: Aug 23, 2025 at 7:12:26 AM  
To: Mike Sima [redacted]

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The Village Board is deeply disappointed by President Gustafson's decision to veto the Board's 5–1 vote to repaint the downtown mural, which does not reflect the identity or heritage of Roscoe. This decision disregards the overwhelming feedback from residents and the private owners of the building on which the mural is displayed—both of whom have clearly expressed their desire for change.

The Board has consistently prioritized community input and transparency. In contrast, President Gustafson has repeatedly made unilateral decisions, often without informing or consulting the Board. This pattern undermines collaboration and erodes trust in our local governance.

In addition, President Gustafson's frequent invitations to the media to cover frivolous confrontations between herself and the Board are backfiring—casting the village in a negative light. Rather than elevating public discourse, these spectacles create a perception of dysfunction in village leadership, which discourages businesses from considering Roscoe as a place to invest or relocate. This behavior makes clear that President Gustafson is focusing solely on her own opinions and agenda, reflecting both her lack of business experience and her inexperience in working with others, rather than collaborating with the Board for the best interests of the village.

It is important to note that President Gustafson originally supported the installation of the mural, which was intended to be funded privately. However, those funds were never secured, and the Village ultimately spent \$30,000 in public funds to complete the project. For President Gustafson to now oppose the use of public funds for its replacement is

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not only inconsistent but hypocritical.

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Furthermore, the original mural was installed without any input from Roscoe residents. The Board's decision to pursue its redesign is not just about aesthetics—it is about restoring community voice and ownership. Plans are already underway to create a new mural using private funds, as originally intended, and with meaningful input from Roscoe residents to ensure the artwork truly represents our village.

If the final design resembles the current mural in theme or imagery, it will at least reflect the will of the people and be funded appropriately. This stands in stark contrast to President Gustafson's past actions, which have repeatedly ignored public sentiment.

The Board remains committed to transparency, collaboration, and representing the interests of Roscoe residents.