

VILLAGE OF ROXANA
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 13, 2026

The Joint Committee meeting of the Roxana Village Council was called to order by Mayor Reynolds at 6:30 p.m. in the council room of the Roxana Village Hall, Roxana, IL. The following members were present, Mr. Newberry, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. John. Mr. Ward. Trustee Herndon and Attorney Lading were absent.

****A moment of silence for Senator Graham.**

Mayor Reynolds:

- Asked Chief Doyle how the heavy haul went. Chief Doyle everything went well.

Department Heads

Chief Doyle:

- The Hartford Police Department has requested to purchase two of our four TASER 26XP units.
- After speaking with Chief Asbury, I learned that their officers currently continue to share TASERs at shift change rather than having one assigned to each officer.
- Hartford has offered \$200 per TASER. However, each unit requires a new DPM (battery), which costs approximately \$109 per unit. The value of the Tasers are \$400 apiece which would include the DPM.
- Additionally, when Officer Haines was hired by our department, the Hartford Police Department transferred Officer Haines' ballistic vest and carrier to our agency at no cost. Attached is the invoice I requested from Chief Asbury showing the original purchase price of the vest and carrier.
- In light of Hartford's prior assistance and the age of the TASER 26XP units, I would like the Board to consider declaring all four TASER 26XP units as surplus property and authorizing their transfer to the Hartford Police Department.
- On June 1, 2026, I emailed to request a status update on the radar signs and was informed that I would receive an update within a few days. Unfortunately, I did not receive any additional communication.
- I reached out again today and was advised that the necessary parts are on order and that I would receive update tomorrow. However, I still have not received a repair quote or estimated cost.
- Trustee Cunningham stated he's fine with surplus the Taser's and then giving the Tasers to Hartford Police Department since they did give us Officer's Haines vest; everyone agreed. Chief Doyle will work on doing a surplus for the bicycles also.
- Trustee Ward discussed the speed signs with the data we received. Chief Doyle stated we have only received one complaint about speeding over on East Tydeman.

Street Superintendent Hoxsey:

- Nothing to Report.

Water Superintendent McCann:

- The Water Department recently completed general maintenance rebuilds on the chlorine gas feed system. The system is approximately 10 years old and has now been rebuilt three times. The chlorine feed system has performed very well over its lifetime; however, chlorine gas can degrade not only the replaceable parts, but also the main body components of the system. This will likely be the final time some parts of the system can be rebuilt, so moving forward I will be replacing the parts of the system that can no longer be rebuilt.
- Over the next few months, the Water Department will be confirming that the access agreements we currently have on file are valid and will be working to obtain agreements for homes where we do not already have them. This will focus on homes that we believe have galvanized water service lines requiring replacement. This process will include door-to-door visits to those homes, as well as visits to all homes in the Village to verify that their service lines do not require replacement as part of the upcoming IEPA service line replacement project.
- The 8th Street building is almost cleaned out.
- Trustee Cunningham asked about the cardboard rolls stored in the building. Ken Hoxsey stated they do use them when they chip and oil alleys.

Wastewater Superintendent Schmidt:

- Bickle Electric replaced aeration blower #2 motor starter. The motor starter had lost one of the three phases.
- Attached are the quotes for the purchase of a spare 40 hp aeration blower motor.
- Replaced batteries that supply backup power to the alarm system in each of the Village of Roxana lift stations' master control panels. Also replaced batteries in the Uninterrupted Power Supply units located in master control panels at the Village of Roxana Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Trustee Ward discussed with Scott Schmidt the bobcat they rented and options.

Fire Chief Pence:

- Nothing to Report.

Village Administrator Woody:

- Reminder of the Capital item. Would like to have answers back by Thursday for the appropriation.

Administrative:

- Discussed the Roxana signs. Trustee Cunningham would like to just refurbish the signs. The street department power washed the bricks and there are white stains on the brick that won't come off. Mayor Reynolds stated the bricks look pretty rough. Trustee Newberry would like to keep the signs like they were. Village Administrator Woody stated he does not have a quote yet. Village Administrator Woody will check to see if we can get information on a new face plate. We may need to get new stonework also. Village Administrator Woody and Ken Hoxsey will look into this.
- Discussed the Solar project. We haven't moved in the queue in 4 months. Village Administrator Woody stated we should get a backup plan just in case. We have to have it done by 2027. Mayor Reynolds stated we did not IEPA grant for the funding of the solar project at our wastewater plant. It's a waiting game.
- Update on the hiring process due to miscommunication with our last hiring process. Village Administrator Woody stated board review before final action. Trustee Cunningham stated he feels we do testing first and then knock down the numbers. Mayor Reynolds is concerned of the cost of the testing if we test everyone. Trustee Cunningham is thinking more along the lines of Police and Fire. Dustin McCann feels a comprehensive test was cheaper than a physical test. Mayor Reynolds stated we will have a testing process (depending on each department) and then a final interview. Mayor Reynolds stated we will get a new hiring resolution, but all board members would like to see a final draft first. We will pass this in August.
- Car wash for a fundraiser for an orphanage in Uganda by Liz Bazzell. Date to be determined. All board members agreed to allow Liz Bazzell to hold this at the Village Hall.
- Health insurance for employees increased this year was 15%, which is approximately a \$ 134,000 per year increase.
- Discussed old Village Hall plumbing. GRP and Servpro is totaling \$20, 544.49. Neither bid includes cutting a hole in the gym floor for access and neither contractor will do any work until asbestos is abated. We are waiting on a bid for the asbestos removal. We may have to redo the wood floor. Trustee Newberry would like to save the wood floor if possible.

Public Safety:

- Chief Pence discussed getting a new Fire truck from Precision Fire Apparatus. The price for the truck is a little over \$800,000.00. Chief Pence also reached out to Banner to get a quote to compare which was hire; came back as \$1.25 million and could be ordered today. Chief Pence hasn't heard about Precision, so he reached out to Alton Fire Chief who had nothing but good things to say about Precision and also Madison Fire Department. Discussed the payment options with financing the truck.
- Discussed camera on the outside of the sally port. We discussed a bid from Utilitra. It's to help cover a blind spot on the corner.

Public Works:

- Discussed commercial dumpsters. Some places give codes to their gate, sometimes gates are locked, and access cannot be gained to a dumpster. Trustee Ward doesn't want to have to use codes and feel the business should have the gates open. Trustee Ward asked if it's affecting the equipment. Ken Hoxsey stated that added stuff to their ban list and if needed they do refuse to empty the dumpster when they see chemicals or other stuff the truck can't compact. Discussed what businesses pay in taxes and what we pay in fuel. Also discussed the maintenance to the trash trucks and our manpower. Village Administrator Woody gave prices if Republic would pick up the business's dumpsters. The business would pay Republic. Trustee Newberry stated why do we pick up commercial dumpsters? Trustee Cunningham stated if the Village didn't pick up commercial dumpsters, we would have more time doing other stuff in the Village. Trustee Ward doesn't want to eliminate service. Trustee Cunningham stated we will still do large item pick up and the village occurs the cost that Republic picks up the dumpsters at businesses. Trustee Newberry stated Wood River doesn't pay to empty dumpsters. Trustee Newberry feels the businesses should be paying to pick up their own trash. Trustee Ward says we have 6 employees at the Street Department what is that going to do if we don't pick up trash. Trustee Cunningham stated there is a lot to do in town that the 6 employees can work on. Trustee Ward said if the Street Department doesn't pick up residential trash, they will not get the same service that we provide. Trustee Newberry thought we were talking about commercial dumpsters not the Village trash bins.
- Trustee Ward stated we have offered overtime to the Street Department to pick up the old trash bins and asked Ken Hoxsey how that was going. Ken Hoxsey has created a letter to residents who have the old trash bins. They have been knocking on doors and asking for a signature to haul away the old bins. Ken Hoxsey said they have had a good response. Ken Hoxsey stated we are having issues with the recycle bins. They don't always pick them up. They are in the process of picking up the old recycle bins.
- Discuss purchase of the 40 hp motor for the Wastewater Plant. Trustee John asked about the bid. Scott Schmidt stated they had a motor go bad. Scott Schmidt stated there is a place in Granite City that has them in stock. There is two different prices due to Scott Schmidt having two different quotes.

Community Development:

- The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is available every other year. Applications are due by October 5th. We believe we qualify for a 90/10 split, meaning that we would only pay roughly 10% of the total project cost. This would extend to Park Drive and widen sidewalks. Would need an answer in August to apply. Mayor Reynolds was concerned with widening the sidewalks would require new easements along the route, as the wider walks would have to move into resident's yards.

Unfinished business:

- Passed an Ordinance #1060 Abating \$33,000 of quarterly water sales in 2020 to assist residents during Covid hardship conditions. Mayor Reynolds asked the board to consider reimbursing the water department that amount. Trustee Newberry asked why we didn't do that sooner. Mayor Reynolds stated no one thought about it.
- Working on the drainage issues out of Hedge Road and Cemetery Road.

New Business:

- We are researching if we must have a referendum for alcohol sales in Roxana. We have someone interested in buying Nana's Cups and Cones.

Guest:

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With no further business to be brought before the committee, a motion was made by John and seconded by Smith to adjourn the regular session.

AYE: Newberry, Smith, Cunningham, John, Ward

ABSENT: Herndon

NAY: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Kristi Carter, Village Clerk