

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Village Board

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

6:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room
1050 W. Romeo Rd

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present 6 - Trustee Lourdes Aguirre, Trustee Ken Griffin, Trustee Brian Clancy, Trustee Dave Richards, Mayor John Noak, and Trustee Jose Chavez

Absent 1 - Trustee Linda Palmiter

2. POSTING OF COLORS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zmante Pagojus, Lemont, IL, a concerned mother spoke about the dangers of air pollution in her community, sharing a personal story about her young son's cancer diagnosis, which was linked to environmental factors. She described hearing many similar stories of illness in nearby towns and cited data showing elevated cancer rates. She referenced the Willowbrook Sterigenics case, where flawed air monitoring led to residents unknowingly breathing dangerous chemicals. She explained that local independent air monitors have detected high spikes of benzene, a known carcinogen, but there were no public alerts or warnings. The resident emphasized that air pollution does not respect village borders and called for real-time air monitoring, modern detection equipment, public alerts for emission spikes, and independent oversight-not just self-reporting by companies. She clarified that she is not asking for shutdowns, but simply for transparency and safety.

Amy Kelly, Lemont, IL, clarified that their group is not asking the audience to police or regulate Citgo or any refinery activities along the Canal. Instead, they are seeking an alert system to link with the Illinois Emergency Management system. They want a third-party company to monitor Citgo's fence line activities for community awareness. The issue was discussed at the Lemont Village Board Meeting, but responsibility was deferred

because the Citgo address is technically in Romeoville, not Lemont. The group's goal is simply to stay informed about what happens at Citgo, not to make major changes. Their next steps include meetings with the Environmental Commission, Citgo representatives, and the Illinois EPA. They also note that prevailing winds usually blow east into Lemont, which is a concern for their community.

Mayor Noak and Village Manager Dawn Caldwell acknowledged the concerns, explained that regulatory authority lies with state and federal agencies (Illinois EPA and US EPA), and encouraged residents to contact their state representatives. The village has a notification system in place but relies on regulatory agencies for alerts.

4. PRESENTATIONS

[25-3534](#)

Swearing in Commander Mike O'Connor

Police Chief, Brant Hromadka, introduced Mike O'Connor and Clerk Holloway swore him in as Romeoville's newest Commander. He thanked his wife, children and family, the Village Board, his coworkers, and Chief Hromadka for the opportunity and support.

Swearing in Sergeant Lestronge

Police Chief, Brant Hromadka, introduced Eric Lestronge and Clerk Holloway swore him in as Romeoville's newest Sergeant. He thanked his wife, children and family, the Village Board, his coworkers, and Chief Hromadka for the opportunity.

Mayor Noak expressed his gratitude to our police officers and thanked them for their service.

[25-3537](#)

Fat Ricky's Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary

Mayor Noak acknowledged the 20th anniversary of Fat Ricky's and

thanked them for their service to the community.

ORD25-2013 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 72 of the Village Code of Ordinances to Regulate the Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles Within the Village

Rich Vogel, Village Attorney, explained that this ordinance is pertaining to non-highway vehicles like golf carts or off-road vehicles like a Polaris type of vehicle. Basically, this ordinance would prevent the operation of those vehicles on streets and roads within the village with a couple of exceptions. One for vehicles in that category that are being used by village staff for the performance of official village business. The second exception would be for homeowners' association personnel or their agents if they're doing things around the common areas of the association. Those vehicles would be expected to fully comply with all the applicable Illinois rules of the road and village ordinances regulating traffic.

Village Manager Caldwell also mentioned that staff are working on an ordinance for E bikes that should be at the next meeting.

ORD25-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 112.33(G-1) AND 112.33A(D) (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Village Attorney, Rich Vogel, that this ordinance is an administrative cleanup. The Village is now extending the ability to add video gaming terminal location endorsements to G and G1 licenses which would be both types of hotel liquor licenses that the village has.

5. TO DO A CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Griffin, seconded by Trustee Chavez, to do a consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Griffin, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

[MIN25-1012](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting October 15, 2025

This Minutes Regular was Approved.

[25-3539](#)

Approval of Bills - Schedule A

This Approval Of Bills was Approved.

[25-3540](#)

Approval of Bills - Schedule B

This Approval Of Bills was Approved.

[25-3541](#)

Approval of Bills - Schedule C

This Approval Of Bills was Approved.

[25-3542](#)

Approval of Bills - Schedule D

This Approval Of Bills was Approved.

[ORD25-2015](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Deed (Forest Preserve District of Will County - 525 E. Romeo Road)

This Ordinance was Approved.

[RES25-4123](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Concession Stand License Agreement (Lightning Event and Management LLC-Volunteer Park, Village Park, Century Park, Romeoville Athletic and Event Center and Snack Shack-Recreation Center)

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4124](#)**Amending Resolution 25-4110 Visu Sewer Lining Contract
(Budget Account Adjustment)**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4125](#)**A Resolution Approving an Employee Health Savings
Account Incentive**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4126](#)**Resolution to Include Cash Payments Related to Health
Insurance as IMRF Earnings**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4127](#)**A Resolution Approving a Letter Agreement with Romeoville
Professional Firefighters Union, IAFF Local 4237**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4128](#)**A Resolution to Approve an Agreement from Enterprises
Engineering Inc. to Provide Engineering Services Related to the
Water Audit, LMO2, and Non-Revenue Water Reduction**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4129](#)**A Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Accepting
the Proposal from Currie Motors for the Purchase of a 2026 Ford
Transit Van Utilizing the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4130](#)**Resolution to waive the bid process and accept the quote for a
Rechassis/Remount from North Central Emergency Vehicles**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4131](#)**A Resolution Accepting Public Improvements for Viga National
Express**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4132](#)**A Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Accepting
the Proposal from C & D Recycling Service Inc. for the Demolition
of the Structures at 13849-13855 S Weber Road**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4133](#) **A Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and entering into a contract with
M & O Environmental Services**

This Resolution was Approved.

[RES25-4134](#)

A Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Accepting the Lowest Proposal from Platteville Coatings for Insulation for the Public Works Storage Building at the REMA Site

This Resolution was Approved.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Congratulations to our officers who were sworn in tonight. Thank you to the Fire & Police Board for all you do. Thank you to those who came to speak tonight and know that myself, and our staff are always available any time there is a question or concern and will help where we can. This was a record setting year for Trunk - or - Treats attended. Thank you to the Recreation Department for the great job on the Halloween Fest at Village Hall, there were thousands of residents in attendance. I was happy to speak to a large crowd at the Chamber Event and have a Coffee with the Mayor event at Grand Haven tomorrow. Just a reminder that the Tree Lighting is on Thursday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m. this year. This year is the 32nd annual Harvest Saturday on Saturday, November 22nd it supports multiple pantries in the area. Please think about those who are less fortunate during the holiday season. On a very sad note, our community lost an amazing member, Kevin Hedemark, (Kevin Kollins) he was very involved in the community. He was a good friend and will be missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts. Happy Thanksgiving and be healthy.

25-3535

Proclamation: Veteran's and Military Families Month November 2025

Steve Daley accepted the proclamation on behalf of the American Legion Post 52 family and all the military families in Romeoville. He thanked the Mayor, Village Board, and staff for this proclamation.

A motion was made by Trustee Clancy, seconded by Trustee Chavez, that the Proclamation be Accepted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

25-3536

Proclamation: Small Business Saturday November 29, 2025

Mary Kay Charity, Romeoville Chamber President accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Chamber and its Board. She encouraged everyone to support our local businesses.

A motion was made by Trustee Griffin, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, that the Proclamation be Accepted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[25-3538](#)

A Motion to Accept the Village of Romeoville's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2025

Anthony Cervini Of Sikich gave a presentation of the Village of Romeoville's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2025. Mr. Cervini thanked the Mayor, Board, and Staff for preparing the comprehensive report. It goes above and beyond what is required. It is done to be fully transparent to your taxpayers and residents and anyone with a vested interest with the Village. Congratulations on the award of the GFOA Certificate. The Village was issued a clean unmodified report on the audit. Also, all the pension funds are well positioned. He thanked the finance department for all their help throughout the year.

A motion was made by Trustee Griffin, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, that this Motion be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Holloway extended her congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge and thanked them for their service. Congratulations to Fat Ricky's for 20 years. Clerk Holloway highlighted the flyer she passed out for the VVEEF March 6th, 2026, Emerald City event and encouraged all to attend. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

8. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager, Dawn Caldwell, thanked the Recreation Department and all the other departments that helped with the Halloween event, it was an amazing event and great turnout. Manager Caldwell announced our 4th annual ornament which celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Recreation Department, it will go on sale Friday. She thanked Kelly and her staff for all they do. Village offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. The November 19th Board Meeting is canceled. Just a reminder the last day to apply for the tax rebate is on December 1st, it can be done online, or staff will be happy to print out a copy of the form for residents. The paving on Route 53 should be completed by the end of the week. Taylor Road water tower painting is finished and back online. Congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge and thank you to Chief Hromadka for your leadership during all the transition in the department. Congratulations to Chris Drey who received President's Award from the Illinois Public Works Association. Thank you for all you do.

9. NEW BUSINESS

[ORD25-2013](#) **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 72 of the Village Code of Ordinances to Regulate the Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles Within the Village**

A motion was made by Trustee Clancy, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

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A motion was made by Trustee Griffin, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

10. BOARD COMMENTS (including Commission, Committee, Liaison Reports)

Trustee Chavez - Congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge. Reminder to the residents, don't forget to apply for the tax rebate by December 1. The Holiday Lights will start on Thursday, November 20th. Winter Wonderland will be held on December 5 & 6. Congratulations to our Fire Department Canine Roy on receiving body armor. Thank you to Christi, her staff and all the department heads for the great job you do. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Trustee Griffin - Congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge. Congratulations to Christi and all the finance staff for receiving the excellence in reporting award. Congratulations to Fat Ricky's on 20 years in business and supporting the community. Condolences to the Hedemark family. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Trustee Clancy - Don't miss the Dive in Movie on November 14th. The Tree Lighting is on Thursday, November 20th and Winter Wonderland on December 5 & 6. Congratulations Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge (who was on my baseball team years ago). Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Richards - Congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge and thank you for your commitment to Romeoville. Thank you to everyone that worked on the Halloween Fest. Please don't forget Harvest Saturday, food drop off is in St. Andrew Parking lot the food goes to multiple pantries in the community. Condolences to the Hedemark family, he will be missed, my thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your holiday.

Trustee Aguirre - The next Fire & Police Commission meeting is scheduled for November 11th at 6:30 p.m. Conservation and Sustainability will meet on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to everyone that helped at the Halloween Fest. Congratulations to Commander O'Connor and Sergeant Lestronge. Congratulations to Fat Ricky's for 20 years. Condolences to the Hedemark family. Congratulations to Chris Drey on your award. Congratulations to Christi and the finance department. Please be mindful and help others out during the holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving.

TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Clancy, seconded by Trustee Aguirre, to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Trustee Aguirre, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Clancy, Trustee Richards, and Trustee Chavez

Absent: 1 - Trustee Palmiter

Non-voting: 1 - Mayor Noak

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Chavez, seconded by Trustee Griffin, that Executive Session be Closed at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Clancy, seconded by Trustee Chavez, that the Meeting be Adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.