

Special Session of Village Council

May 7, 2026; 6:30 pm

Call to Order

The Special Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell Fisher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by Solicitor, John Kaspar. The following members were present.

Emmalee Cartwright
Jim Frederick
Martin Hamlin

Richard Hardin
Samantha Pitzer

This special session of council was called to review a few items that are time sensitive and need councils' attention prior to the next regular session.

Welch Road Grant – Bid Review and Approval

The mayor informed council the bid opening for Welch Road Phase 2 occurred on Monday, May 4th at 2 pm. There were two companies who bid on the project, and the engineer believes there were only two companies due to the time constraint on the project. The companies were Ford Development and Stauffer Site Services. Bids were reviewed by the Engineer at Jones Warner and a recommendation is now made to council for Stauffer Site Services. The bid proposal for Ford Development was \$713,030.80 and Stauffer Site Services was \$612,254.00. The grant for Welch Road is \$460,000. Discussion followed, Councilmember Frederick asked what the warranties on the work and manufacturing would be as well as an explanation on the difference between C900 pipe and steel (ductile). A possibility to save money is being reviewed by the Water Operator and Engineers. This project has been discussed with council for over two years and is now ready to be done. Resolution #8-26 authorizing the mayor or designee to execute bid in furtherance of Welch Road project and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Cartwright. All yeas. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Hamlin. All yeas.

Grant Update

The Mayor gave a quick update on the Booster station in Roachester. This project is on a slight hold until Duke Energy can replace the electric pole and lines at the booster station. This requires several different officials to be there when this occurs. This has been scheduled for May 19th.

Police Department – Cruiser and Auxiliary Pay

The Mayor updated council on the police cruiser that was approved to order at the last meeting. The mayor thought the cruiser would be on back order and not available until next year. Chief Kilburn has found a police cruiser that is already set up with lights, cage, back seat, etc. and is ready to purchase now. He also found a cruiser that will need all of these items and is just a police style vehicle. The mayor is asking if council would like to purchase either one of these cruisers or wait until next year. There is never a guarantee that a cruiser is available when needed. Council discussed and decided to purchase the cruiser that is ready and already loaded. Resolution #9-26 authorizing mayor or his designee to purchase a police cruiser and declaring an emergency and authorizing the fiscal officer to make adjustments to appropriations for this purchase. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Pitzer. All yeas. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Hardin. All yeas.

Next, the Mayor asked council to consider increasing the pay of the part time (auxiliary) officers. They are currently hired in at \$16.50. The mayor asked council to think about this and discuss at the upcoming regular meeting.

Discussion of Ordinance 5-19 – Overgrown yards

The Mayor and zoning inspector, George Schraffenberger, informed council of the current process according to Ordinance 5-19. Schraffenberger is asking council to make the process better by setting the terms and allowing the zoning inspector to expedite the process. The solicitor will be making amendments to this ordinance and presenting to council at the following meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frederick; second by Pitzer. All yea.

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council

Mitchell Fisher, Mayor