VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

August 4, 2026

I. Call to Order

Village President Mr. Wyke called to order the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2026, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Califello was present along with Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Stadler. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, Village Treasurer Steve Lucas and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from July 21, 2026, as written. Mr. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

Mr. Wyke introduced Chad Capps from Core and Main. His purpose tonight was to give his description of what is planned for the Village with the installation of the Tower Gateway Station. The tower station allows for a Village wide reading of meters with the system designed to monitor each meter providing real time reads along with alarms for faulty meters, high water usage or meters that have been tampered with. Although it's not designed for use by the residents via access on the internet, it does however, track the usage data which can be analysis by the Village staff and then have reports available to each resident upon request. This new system will save time and also prevent long-term leaks because the system can alarm and show which customer is in trouble. Mr. Lorenc asked about the direct user by the residents feature which can still be added which Mr. Capps spoke of the cost for the entire system being in the $15 to $20k range for the feature. Unfortunately, it is for all users whether a resident or business signs up. Mr. Capps did say that less than 10% of all users in cities where it is installed have signed up for this feature so it would not be a benefit verses the costs.

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Lorenc had a question about the Vape Dispenser license cost listed in the clerk's receipts. Mr. Wyke and the Village Clerk explained where they came up with the cost at which time, Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

519 Moen – Remodel, Lot 23, 24 Parkview – New homes, 628 Midland – Fence.

Communications

Mr. Wyke asked for communications. The Village Clerk was tasked to read the thank you letter addressed to the Village from the Will County Center for Community Concerns thanking the Village for their donation.

X. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc wanted to inform the Public Works team about signage for the section of Belleview going West right before the curve. Signage showing a curve approaching had been missing since Joliet performed work on their construction project near that location so the task at hand was replacing the sign. Public works will replace the sign.

Mr. Lorenc also gave an update of the park located west of the Rockdale School.

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Stiff to present the new business items. The first agenda item was An Ordinance amending Section 82-34 of the Village of Rockdale Code of Ordinances. The background is to amend and provide an exact date the water bills sue each month. There has been a couple of residents who have challenged the date since they are against late fees being charged to their account. Based on a number of factors in a calendar year, the due date of the 25th for each month is not possible. A healthy discussion ensued between members of the Board and members of the Clerks office with both Ms. Dawn Pirc and Ms. Gayle Marchio were in attendance. The facts were presented by both Clerks with Ms. Marchio providing a detailed explanation to those in attendance and to the Board members about how the water bills are closed out each month. She explained in detail the involvement of the process and how it's not just not an easy task to designate a specific date depending upon a number of factors which include weekends, holidays and so forth. Other communities for example don't necessarily decide upon a specific date in the Ordinance language instead stating when the bills are due. This tried-and-true method has been obviously successful enough for the large communities with the Clerks office in agreement, but there remains pushback therefore it remains as an undecided issue to be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Stiff spoke of the next agenda item as the issue being addressed in Special session therefore, it will be held until afterwards.

From the executive session a motion was asked for an approval of a Resolution Authorizing the execution of a Commercial Real Estate Agreement for the purchase of real property. Resolution number 874 authorizing Mr. Sam Wyke to execute the contract for the purchase of real property located at 221 South Midland Ave in Rockdale in the amount of $235,000.00 motion made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadle. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update with the Meadow Ave project. It should be wrapping up shortly. His summer crew is painting areas which are in need of a fresh coat of Yellow paint. Mr. Lorenc brought up an issue with a new house on Margaret with an issue with gravel and in need of a sidewalk. Mr. Wyke mentioned that it's in the works.

Chief Dykstra provided the call list over the past two weeks. Mr. Lorenc asked about the well-being of the Deputy Chief who had been out with an injury but has returned.

Mr. Stiff was up next with his mention of compliance letters which need to be sent out to the properties who remain out of compliance specific to a property that decided to concrete their entire backyard without a permit.

The Sidewalk 50/50 program is still in the final stages of a draft for Board review. Part of a decision to be made is to have a Village preferred vendor for the sidewalk replacement or leave it to a resident decision. To be determined.

Second meeting in August will offer a zoning Board meeting to finalize the Truck vehicle selling license Ordinance to accommodate those businesses which have requested Truck sales.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Mrs. Webber again asked about the Joliet Park District and their track of land used as a park, located roughly 200 feet away to the Northeast of the corner of the Webber's backyard property. The Bushes, only seen when they drive down dirt road, apparently are homes to birds and wildlife. For some reason, the animals like groundhogs or opossums (guessing) are irritating the homes of the Webbers thereby irritating them enough to bring before the Board on many different occasions.

Don Wortman asked about the Village ordinances for parking in the residential area and expressed specific concern for residents/owners parking vehicles on the front lawn. The Village Clerk will be in contact with the homeowner to address these issues.

XIV. Special Business

Moving now to open the Executive Session-5 ICLS 120/2(c)(5)-The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, motion made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling, motion carried 6 aye, 0 nay and 0 absent.

A motion was asked for to leave the executive Session and return to the Board meeting motion made by MR. Lorenc, with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.