

**VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE**  
***Board Meeting Minutes of***  
**August 18, 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 18, 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, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff and our Assistant Clerk Dawn Pirc. Miranda Gollwitzer was present from Strand Associates.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from August 4, 2026, subject to correction of an error changing a date from “July 127” to “July 17.” Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve with that correction with the second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

**IV. Visitors**

Although there were two visitors on the agenda for tonight’s meeting, neither one was in attendance, so Mr. Wyke moved to the next agenda item.

**V. Bills and Claims.**

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

**IX. Building Permits**

None.

**Communications**

Mr. Wyke asked for communications. The Village Clerk read a letter from Busey Bank with their sponsorship of \$750.00 for the upcoming annual Rocktoberfest event. The Clerk thanked Dawn Pirc for her efforts in obtaining this and other sponsorships for the event.

**X. Old Business**

None.

**XI. New Business**

Mr. Wyke asked the Board members for any new business. Mr. Lorenc mentioned the need to get nuisance abatement notices out to residents.

Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Stiff to present the new business items. Mr. Stiff introduced the first agenda item, which was an Ordinance amending Section 82-35 of the Village of Rockdale Code of Ordinances. Following the healthy discussion during the last meeting. Mr. Stiff revised the draft Ordinance to correlate with the comments made by the Village Staff. Ordinance number 1174 was provided with a motion to approve being made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff introduced the next agenda item, A Resolution Approving A 50-50 Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Policy for The Village Of Rockdale. While the program has existed for many years, the policy itself has never been formalized. Following input from the Village Board at a prior meeting, the Policy is now before the Board for approval. The program is open to both residential and commercial property owners, and requires an application, after which the Village will first determine whether the sidewalk is eligible for replacement. If it is eligible, the Village contractor will work up a quote, and the owner must pay the 50% before the work will be scheduled. The Village will then pay the contractor following final inspection. The program is available on a first come first serve basis and once the appropriation for the year is depleted, the applicant will have the option to be considered first in the next year. The one question for the Board is what time period to be put in the policy, since weather will be a factor. It was determined use April through October, weather permitting. The next Resolution number was 875. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff moved on to the next agenda item which was a discussion regarding An Ordinance Creating A New Division 11 (Truck Parking Space License) Of Chapter 26 (Businesses), Article III (Business License Required) Of The Rockdale Village Code. The draft Ordinance was before the Board for their review. This ordinance will require any trucking company leasing at least one space within the Village to purchase an annual business license. This would not apply to overnight or short-term parking such as offered by the gas station at Moen Avenue. Rather, this would be for long-term parking on open lots within the Village. This is not intended to be a revenue ordinance but instead is to allow the Village to know what businesses are operating within the Village and utilizing the Villages roadway system. It was determined that the annual license fee would be \$50 irrespective of the number of spaces being rented. Mr. Stiff will make those changes and have the Ordinance ready for approval at the next meeting.

The next agenda item is a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 To Strand Task Order No. 25-01 Which Extends The Schedule From August 31, 2026, To November 30, 2026. This task order is for construction related services for the Meadow Ave project and the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Although the primary work on both projects are complete, there is still punch list items and close-out work required. Therefore, Strand needs the Task Order to be extended to allow this to happen. Mr. Stiff asked for the next Resolution number which is 876. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

## **XII. Department Business**

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update about another watermain break which was discovered after the fire which took place at the LRS yard. This break was in the field at the Kinder Morgan property which might have started as a small leak but expanded due to the fire and the high water demand. Mr. Lorenc thought it best to keep an eye on that area on a consistent basis in case something like this happens again. Mr. Lorenc also asked about the summer help and their time frame so they don't extend their stay per the union contract.

Chief Dykstra provided the call list over the past two weeks. This list was a lengthy call list which obviously has kept the Department busy during the last two weeks.

Speaking on behalf of Engineering, Ms. Gollwitzer reported that the Meadow Ave resurfacing project will go out for bid soon with the advertisement to bid going out next week. Mr. Lorenc asked whether the work could be completed this year and Ms. Gollwitzer advised that this was the plan.

Mr. Stiff reported that the text amendment to allow semi-tractor truck sales within the Industrial Zones would be heard at a ZBA meeting on September 15. Mr. Stiff indicated that ZBA Chair Doug Shetina indicated that he would be able to convene a meeting with a quorum on 9/15. The Public Hearing Notice is scheduled to be published in the Herald News next week.

Mr. Stiff is still working on compliance issues and will report any updates in the future.

Mr. Wyke mentioned that he had asked Mr. Stiff to look into the Village's ability to require property owners to maintain the grass on parkways and alleys. The Village has received property damage claims over the years due to its Public Works staff cutting parkway and alley grass. Mr. Stiff will research the issue and prepare a draft ordinance for an upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Lorenc asked about the house located on Howard Street that has been in the process of completing their building permit application. He thought new windows were installed but had a concern of more being done in direct violation since they do not have a building permit as of this meeting. The Village Clerk will contact the owner and check on the status of the permit requests.

## **XIII. Public Comment**

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Mrs. Webber again asked about the Joliet Park District and its tract of land used as a park, located roughly 200 feet away from the northeast corner of the Webbers' property. The heavy brush is home to birds and wildlife, including nuisance animals. Mr. Wyke indicated that the property may actually be owned by the Rockdale School and recommended that Ms. Webber reach out to the School District.

Mr. Alec Cortez addressed the Village Board. His is a lifelong resident of the Village but this is his first Village Board meeting. He came to address a water drainage issue at his home on Belview. He has spoken to Public Works Director Mr. Smego, who agreed to investigate the issue.

## **XIV. Special Business**

None

## **XV. Adjournment**

Before Mr. Wyke adjourned the meeting, he informed the Board that Public Works is looking into the potential purchase of a Bobcat type tractor which would have varied uses, including attachments which will assist in addressing storm damage cleanup. The Village is currently investigating costs and options. Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.