VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 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 September 15, 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. Representing engineering, Ms. Miranda Gollwitzer.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 1, 2026. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

None.

V. Bills and Claims.

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

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

None

XI. Old Business

Trustee Mr. Lorenc asked the Village Clerk about the status of the installation of new meter reading infrastructure and software. The Clerk indicated that delivery and installation is scheduled to take place during the first two weeks of October, and the new system is expected to be fully operational by the end of the second week in October.

XII. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Stiff to begin with the first new business agenda item. Mr. Stiff presented to the Board item 7A under new business, which was the presentation of the Zoning Board of Appeals Findings and Decision from the ZBA meeting held earlier at 6:00 p.m. The zoning board met with a quorum and conducted a public hearing which was properly published in the Joliet Herald News. The agenda item was the Village of Rockdale's request for a text amendment. to the Rockdale zoning code to allow semi-tractor and trailer sales in the Industrial zones but to clarify that those sales are prohibited in the residential and business zones.

Following the public hearing, at which no member of the public spoke up in favor or against the text amendment, the ZBA voted unanimously to recommend to the Village Board that it adopt the text amendment ordinance. The proposed Ordinance amends Chapter 90 Zoning Article 3 Use Regulations Sections 90-114, part 17 of the B Business Zone and 90-115 I-1 Heavy Commercial and Light Manufacturing Zone and I-2 Heavy Industry Zone of the Village Code of Ordinances.

The last amendment to the permitted use section of the B zone is as follows: storage, display, sale, lease, or rental of new and used motor vehicles in drivable condition in the parts thereof, including cleaning and preparation of said motor vehicles for display, sale, lease, or rental. For purposes of this section, motor vehicles shall include automobiles, motorcycles, pickup trucks, sports utility vehicles, and light to medium duty commercial trucks. The proposed amendment adds language which excepts from that definition the sale, lease, or rental of new or used semi-tractors and semi-tractor trailers. The proposed amendment also amends Section 90-115 to add subsection 56 which specifically allows the storage, display, sale, lease or rental of new and used semi-tractors or semi-tractor trailers.

Mr. Stiff indicated that the property owner intending to sell these types of trucks/trailers would still need to obtain the necessary licensure from the State of Illinois.

The next ordinance number is 1176. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to accept or reject the ZBA recommendation on Ordinance 1176. A motion to accept the ZBA recommendation and approve Ordinance 1176 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item was An Ordinance Amending Article II (Dogs) Of Chapter 18 (Animals) of the Village of Rockdale Code Of Ordinances.

At the last Board meeting, the Board ratified the new animal sheltering services agreement with Wags 2 Wellness. Mr. Stiff discussed at that time the need for modifications to the Village Ordinance on dogs to reflect the switch from Joliet Township Animal Control to this new vendor providing more limited animal control services. This Ordinance cleans up that language and makes it more consistent with the new Agreement with Wags 2 Wellness, including the notice required to a potential owner of an unclaimed dog. This Ordinance removes references to Joliet Township Animal Control and

simply references the current vendor providing sheltering services to the Village. By making it generic, these sections of the Code would not need to be changed if at some point the Village were to change to another vendor and terminate its relationship with Wags to Wellness. Again, there were several other slight changes on the number of days' notice on unclaimed dogs which is consistent with the current Wags 2 Wellness agreement. The next ordinance number is 1177. Mr. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Moving on to item 7D, Mr. Stiff presented a resolution approving task order 26-01 by and between the Village of Rockdale and Strand Associates, Inc. regarding development review and general engineering services. Mr. Stiff introduced this item with a summary of what led up to this discussion regarding general engineering services for the Village. Although Willett Hoffman is still the appointed Village Engineer, Dan Malinowski has retired and while the Village is ready to move on with appointing a new Engineer, the decision has been made to hold off on replacing Willett Hofmann until the Moen Avenue reconstruction project is closed out. In the interim, the Village has been using Strand Associates, specifically Miranda Gollwitzer, to conduct development reviews and perform general engineering consultation. This Task Order with Strand was presented several months ago, but since the Moen Avenue job is still not closed out, and the Village is getting more and more development reviews and general engineering questions, it is now back on the table to pass a resolution which would allow Strand to perform these development reviews and general engineering consultation work until a decision is made on the formal replacement of Willett Hofmann as the Village Engineer.

Unfortunately, Mr. Stiff was unable to review the last suggested revisions made by Strand's risk management team so the options would be to approve the resolution subject to final attorney review and approval or table it until the last details can be worked out.

Strand will continue to work on the Village IEPA loan issues major capital projects pursuant to those project specific Task Orders. This Task Order would cover other non-water-related development reviews and day-to-day engineering until such time as the Village is ready to move forward with appointment of a new Village Engineer. The next resolution number is 878. A motion to approve Resolution, 878, A Resolution Approving Task Order 26-01 by and between the Village of Rockdale and Strand Associates Inc. regarding development review and general engineering services, subject to final village attorney approval was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item is approval of Change Order #4 to Contract 2-2025, which is the Meadow Avenue water main replacement project between the Village of Rockdale and Austin Tyler, which increases the total contract amount by $57,755.91 to a total final contract amount of $3,863,175.79. Ms. Gollwitzer was asked to speak to the Board about this item and began by informing the Board that the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project is now complete. Along with that, this final balancing Change Order which identifies the remaining deductions or the pay items that were not completed along with those additional items which were performed. Miranda explained that while the final contract did go up due to extra sanitary sewer work at the intersection of Midland Avenue that was not initially contemplated, all the work was still within the IEPA loan. Mr. Pirc wanted to discuss some areas which needed restoration, but Staff indicated that this was NICOR restoration work and not the responsibility of Austin Tyler.

A motion to approve Change Order #4 to Contract 2-2025, Meadow Avenue Water Replacement Project between the Village of Rockdale and Austin Tyler Construction, Inc., which increases the total contract amount by $57,755.91 to a total final contract amount of $3,863,175.79, was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item before the Board is the approval of the final pay application from Austin Tyler Construction Inc. for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of $800,178.27. A letter dated September 8, 2026, from Strand Associates confirms the amount to be accurate. The letter from Strand, which is in the Board packet, contains the

application for payment, all of the final lien waivers and supporting documentation, which has been reviewed by Strand and recommended for approval. A motion to approve the final pay request was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item was a resolution awarding the contract for Meadow Avenue Resurfacing to D Construction in the amount of $315,452.71. Mr. Stiff indicated that the invitation to bid was through Quest, and it was on August 25th, 2026. The bid process wrapped up on September 9th, 2026, with the bids opened and read aloud by teleconference. The lowest bid was received from D Construction of Coal City in the amount of $315,452.71. Therefore, Strand's September 8 recommendation letter, with the bid tabulation, is attached to the resolution as exhibit A. The letter deems D Construction to be the lowest responsible bidder. Based on Strand's recommendation, a motion to approve the awarding of the contract to D Construction is in order. Mr. Lorenc asked about the restriping. That work will be subcontracted by D Construction. The next resolution number is 879. A motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve the resolution awarding the Meadow Avenue Resurfacing Project to D. Construction with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XIII. Department Reports

Public works Superintendent Mr. Smego reported that the Ferris well has been taken out of service for repairs, including acidizing, bailing, and scraping the well shaft to increase its performance. With the well out of service, there will be limited impact on the system.

Mr. Wyke asked about the new John Deere Tractor being used by Public Works. Mr. Smego described how well it has worked for alley scarification and other uses. Based on the favorable reviews from Mr. Smego, Mr. Wyke indicated that the vehicle purchase would be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

The Board asked Mr. Smego about potential attachments for the John Deere equipment, including a grapple, brush cutter, enclosed broom, and alley-maintenance equipment. The equipment would be evaluated for alley work, storm-damage cleanup, brush removal, and sweeping. Some attachments would not be used enough to justify purchase but can be rented whenever needed. Overall, the John Deere is very versatile and would serve the Village needs well.

The Police Department, Chief Dykstra provided his lengthy call list for the two-week period and had nothing else to add.

Representing Engineering for tonight's meeting, Ms. Gollwitzer had nothing more to add. However, Mr. Scheidt asked about the plans for utilizing the existing deep well for a Rockdale water feed line. Ms. Gollwitzer noted the plans are in place to make this happen but not at this juncture of the schedule. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Stiff indicated that he could not get together the draft/proposed ordinance regarding parkway and alley maintenance responsibilities as promised. Mr. Wyke indicated that there were other alley issues to be discussed and that the issue should probably be tabled for the moment. The Board agreed to shelve this for a future meeting.

XIV. Public Comment

Ms. Webber asked again about the ongoing vegetation issue/trimming at the school park. She was again referred to the school.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to adjourn with a second by Mr. Cooling. The motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.