VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 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 October 6, 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. Mr. Chris Ulm from Strand was also present.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 15, 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

Mr. Alex Rusu was present. His company, ACR, has a contract to purchase the old UPS facility on Moen Avenue for use as a truck and trailer repair facility for his trucking company. This possible expansion will have him move from his Brandon Road location to the 1517 Moen Ave location. The Board expressed concern was the parking of trucks and trailers long term and having the place look like a salvage yard. Mr. Rusu indicated that the trucks parked at the facility would be repaired and then put back into service. He also indicated that his fleet is very well maintained, newer vehicles which are sold when they reach a certain age. Mr. Wyke asked whether the building which houses the repair shop has a triple basin system. Mr. Rusu indicated that he thought that it did, but Mr. Stiff suggested that this be verified first by the Village's inspectors. Mr. Rusu agreed to meet with the inspector at the site.

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. Scheidt. 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. Stadler 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. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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

There were four separate locations which include the Johns Manville site remodel, a fence on Emery, concrete patio on Morris and a new sign on Gould Court.

X. Communications

The Village Clerk read an email notifying the Village that it should forward with a GIS proposal submitted by Strand which will require and updated version and a vote to approve by the Board to move forward with the installation.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Wyke poled the Board members for old business. Mr. Lorenc thanked the Village Staff and all of those who worked to make this year's annual RocktoberFest a tremendous success. All the members of the Village Board agreed with Mr. Lorenc.

XII. New Business

The first item on the agenda was the Swearing-in of Village of Rockdale Full-Time Police Officer Ante Acosta.

After an introduction of Ante Acosta, The Village Clerk swore him in. Mr. Acosta thanked each member of the Board and was welcomed by the Village. In attendance was Mr. Acosta's large group of family and friends.

Next was a Business License Review of the L.A. Beauty Salon Corp. 303 Moen Avenue. The owner, Ms. Laura Vieyra Martinez, was in attendance.

Ms. Martinez provided an overview of how she came about with the transition from the business of being a barber shop to a beauty parlor. She has a six-chair business with the hours of operation of 11 am to 7 pm Monday, through Friday. Saturday is 11 am to 3 pm.

Next was a Business License Review of Lift Tech Equipment Services, LLC. 2132-24 Gould Court, with Donn Domico and his partner, Dino Torres, were in attendance. Mr. Domico repairs, sells and rents lift trucks. One of its customers is Sunbelt Rentals. The business is a union shop. They have been in business since 2024. Their intention is to keep the equipment inside the building since it is doubling in size from their previous location. Therefore, the outside appearance of the facility should not be an issue.

Next was the Business license Review – Findlay Concrete - Adam Findlay and Michael 'Ray' Taylor were present. Discuss the business license application. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Findlay described the genesis of their company as a spinoff of the Alessio business in Rockdale. They do almost exclusively commercial concrete work. Mr. Wyke asked questions about concrete forms and equipment laying around outside. at their business. Both described how that will not be problem since the forms will almost always be on the jobsites. Ms. Marchio inquired as to when they started business in the Village. The owners indicated that it was February. That will be the start date for the business license.

Mr. Stiff presented the next agenda item, an Ordinance Amending Section 82-46 of the Rockdale Village Code.

This Ordinance amends the language specific to rate charged for the Industrial 1 and Industrial 2 users. Basically, the current ordinance has two separate rates, which are named Industrial 1 and 2, but are not actually based on the Industrial 1 and 2 zoning categories. Rather, whether a customer is Industrial 1 or 2 for water rate depends on their monthly usage. One of the Village's water customers has multiple meters and brought to the Village's attention that the rate charged could

vary from month the month depending on spikes in usage. Because of this issue, Strand and the Village Attorney worked out amended language which will in essence capture the average monthly use for a fiscal year and then the next years water rate (Industrial 1 or 2) will be determined for the next fiscal year based on the prior fiscal year's monthly average. The next ordinance number was 1178. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next was an Ordinance Banning Bulk Filling of Water Trucks, Sweepers, and Other Equipment from Village Hydrants and Setting Fines for Violations.

Mr. Stiff provided background as to the past practice of allowing certain businesses to fill trucks by placing a Village issued meter to a Village fire hydrant. Due to the inaccuracy in the calibration of those meters along with the inability to police the hydrants being used to fill these trucks, and possible water loss as well as theft by those without a Village issued meter, Staff drafted an ordinance which simply discontinues the current practice and makes it unlawful across the board to take Village water from a hydrant, with or without a meter. The Ordinance presents the Village with the ability to cite a violator and bring them before the Village Administrative Hearing Officer, who could level a fine of $750.00. The Village would not be precluded from seeking criminal charges, restitution, or additional damages if the case were to go to criminal court. Mr. Wyke suggested that the fines be higher, but Mr. Stiff indicated that the $750.00 fine would be the maximum without going to court. Police Chief Dykstra indicated that the PD currently has the power to arrest and charge for theft of services. Mr. Lorenc asked how often it happens in the Village. Mr. Wyke seemed to think that the theft of water happens more often.

Mr. Ulm indicated that with the meters, the company hooking up to the hydrant could cause cross contamination, which is another reason for the new ordinance.

The discussion continued with the decision to pass the ordinance and allow several different options for prosecution depending on the nature of the incident. Mr. Stiff indicated that he would re-word the penalty section accordingly.

The next Ordinance number was 1179. A Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item was a Resolution ratifying and approving the acceptance of the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 325 P Track Loader from West Side Tractor Sales in the total amount of $96,404.62.

Mr. Stiff presented the resolution ratifying the execution of a purchase agreement for this piece of equipment, which had been provided to the Village as a demonstrator unit. Because the Village had had the unit for some time, and the seller was able to secure the Sourcewell discount, the Village Clerk signed the purchase agreement. The resolution ratifies the purchase, which had been discussed several times during prior meetings where the Public Works Director reported that the demonstrator unit was quite useful for the Village Public Works Operations and should be purchased. The next resolution number was 880. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item was approval of a contract with Airy's Inc. to install and/or replace Roundway & B-Boxes at various locations in an amount not to exceed $14,573.73.

Mr. Stiff introduced this item but asked Mr. Smego to discuss the particulars. He is asking approval of the resolution, which will allow the Village to control water shutoffs for these 5 Village locations. A motion to approve the contract in

the amount not to exceed 14,573.73 was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XIII. Department Reports

Public works Director Mr. Smego reported on the multiple water main breaks last Thursday. The staff handled the event with the system back under control late that evening. The Ferris well maintenance outage will be wrapped up soon. The output might increase due to the cleaning that took place. The Meadow Ave resurfacing project will take place next week weather permitting.

The Police Chief reported being very busy with the two-week call sheet but had nothing else to add.

Representing Engineering for tonight's meeting, Mr. Ulm reported that the IEPA Grant money was awarded in the amount of $2.386 million for the construction of Well number 8. This will cover all but $350,000 of the total amount, as the bids came in higher than anticipated. Chris and his team will continue to look for additional loans and/or grant money.

As to why the well bid came in higher, there are several reasons. The well will be about 1600 feet deep with an 18-inch steel casing. The hole will have to be bigger than the casing. Steel, labor, and fuel costs drove the bid higher. Plus, the well diggers will not operate 24 hours a day. That's a benefit for the Residents nearby but it adds time to the drilling efforts.

Mr. Stiff reported to the Board that the resolution approved at the last meeting which approved Strand Task Order 26-01 should actually been Task Order 26-02 since the Board had approved the Meadow Avenue resurfacing engineering work as Task Order 26-01. So, this is just an FYI that the correction has been made on the Resolution and exhibit.

Mr. Stiff also reported that the closing on the property purchase of 221 S. Midland Ave will be tomorrow, provided that the tenant removes the remaining vehicles and a riding lawnmower from the property. The seller already dropped off the keys to the buildings, and they have been cleared out. The final closing amount due to the owner at closing is $230,259.69.

XIV. Public Comment

The owner of Roc City, Kevin Batus addressed the Board about his financial hardships due to the on-going I-80 construction. He had a lengthy statement but was there to ask the Board to consider some type of assistance with the losses his business has suffered. The ramp and exit closings, according to Mr. Batus, are "cutting a lifeline to my customers." In addition, the water rate increases are also affecting his business. One of his other issues is with cancelation of the annual Santa Shuffle. Police Chief Dykstra responded by indicating that to accomplish this event, there must be adequate safety precautions and with a small police department, which can sometimes be a challenge.

Ms. Kim Grimes had a question as to the new animal sheltering agreement. She wanted to know who was responsible for capturing and transporting animals to Wags 2 Wellness. She was told to either contact the Village or the Police Department. Stray dogs and cats can also be dropped off directly to Wags 2 Wellness. Ms. Grimes also indicated that she was now working with Triple R Pets and Four Stray Paws and indicated her willingness to assist with spaying and neutering of these stray domestic animals.

Ms. Grimes also brought up an on-going issue with door-to-door solicitors. According to our Village Code, they are required to get a permit, but it appears there have been a number of solicitors out there who have not been registered. Police Chief Dykstra advised Ms. Grimes to call the Police non-emergency number to report a solicitor without a permit.

Finally, Ms. Grimes wanted to know if there is an ordinance restricting the E-bike and E-scooters on streets and sidewalks. She noted that it is really becoming a dangerous issue near where she lives. Police Chief Dykstra mentioned there is a new state statute being considered and the Village will take its cues from the state.

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke wanted to personally thank all of those who assisted with making the annual Rocktoberfest a success, naming Dawn Pirc, Gayle Marchio, Sean Smego, Police Chief Dykstra, Mike Stiff, and Mike Hutten. Mr. Wyke also mentioned the upcoming "Men who cook" event.

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