VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

November 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 November 4, 2026, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Ave, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Village Clerk conducted the roll call. Village President Mr. Wyke was present along with Trustees Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Stadler and Mr. Califello. Trustee Mr. Pirc was absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Smego, Village Attorney Mr. Stiff. Chris Ulm from Strand was present for Engineering questions. Village Treasurer Mr. Lucas was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from October 20th, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent.

IV. Visitors

None.

V. Bills and Claims.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Bills & Claims as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for these to be tabled for the next meeting.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays 1 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Village President Mr. Wyke stated 608 Moen solar permit and 503 Meadow roof reframing have both been sent over to B&F for initial plan review.

X. Communications

None

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for old business. Mr. Califello stated that LRS is not making sure they compact the trash which is getting blown off the trucks and into the village. Village Staff will contact the vendor, Lakeshore Recycling. Part of the problem may be residents failing to properly bag their trash.

XII. New Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for new business. Since there was none, Mr. Stiff went to the first agenda item. Mr. Stiff explained that with the resignation of the Village Clerk, Frank Sennyes, Mr. Wyke has appointed Dawn Pirc as the Interim Village Clerk. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve the appointment of Dawn Pirc as Interim Village Clerk with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent. Since Mrs. Pirc was already sworn in as Deputy Village Clerk, there is no need to swear her in again. Frank Sennyes was also the appointed authorized agent for IMRF pension so at the next meeting there will be a resolution to make Dawn Pirc the authorized agent. Mr. Stiff asked for a voice vote to determine whether the Board was in favor of the proposed replacement of Frank Sennyes with Dawn Pirc. Following the voice vote, all were in favor of that replacement. The resolution will be prepared for the next board meeting.

Item 7b on the agenda is a Resolution Authorizing the execution of a Notice of Intent to Award, Notice of Award, and Awarding Contract 3-2026 Well No. 8 Well Drilling to Municipal Well and Pump in an amount not to exceed $2,604,180.00. However, in the agenda packet Resolution does not include the intent to award, since Chris Ulm indicated that it was not necessary per the IEPA. Exhibit A to the Resolution is the bid tabulation and Strand's October 16, 2026 letter. Two bids were received and Municipal Well & Pump was the apparent low bidder and the bid is deemed responsive. Strand recommends that we proceed with the award. Exhibit B is the Notice of Award which will be executed upon approval. Mr. Ulm stated the bids came in high due to the price of steel. However, most of this cost will be offset by the grant award, which is roughly 2.3 million dollars. The remainder will need to come from the water fund. Mr. Lorenc asked when the contractor would start. Mr. Ulm stated February/March and they would not be working through the night but rather a typically work day. Mr. Ulm stated Strand has worked on many successful projects in the past with Municipal Well & Pump.
Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve Resolution 882 Authorizing the Execution of a 'Notice of Award' and Approval of the Award of Contract 3-2026 for Well No. 8 Well Drilling to Midwest Well Services Inc DBA Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of $2,604,180.00 with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item is 7c Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Acknowledgment document resolving disputed P.T. Ferro past due water invoices, late fees and penalties. P.T. Ferro has disputed water usage charges based on Industrial I and Industrial 2 water rates and during the pendency of the dispute, the Village assessed penalties and late fees on the past due balances. On October 6, 2026 the Village passed Ordinance 1178 which clarifies how the Industrial 1 and Industrial 2 water rates will be determined. P.T. Ferro has agreed to settle the disputed water charges by payment of a lump sum of $8,194.80 to satisfy all past due water charges. Exhibit A is the Acknowledgment of Water Account Reconciliation and Payment. Mr. Ulm stated this issue started due to a meter being read manually. Since May 2025 by the placement of a decimal on the reading, it was determined P.T. Ferro paid approximately $11,000 over what they needed to. Mr. Lorenc asked if this problem has been resolved and Mr. Ulm stated yes. Mr. Stiff added that the 'floating meter' that was used to fill equipment at hydrants is no longer allowed as the accuracy of that meter would be questionable due to not being calibrated regularly. The village has received that meter back. Absent any further questions, a motion was requested to approve Resolution 883 Authorizing the Execution of an Acknowledgment document resolving disputed P.T. Ferro past due water invoices, late fees and penalties. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Reports

Public Works Direction, Sean Smego addressed the Board. Two weeks ago, the Village had a main break on Maxim Drive, but it was quickly addressed with minimal water loss. The Ferris Well is on and operable with good samples. We are easing it into full operation by dialing it in delicately. The residential street patch work from prior main breaks has been completed. The remaining locations need curb work first. Mr. Lorenc asked when Greg & Sons is going to start the sidewalks. Mr. Smego advised that he has placed calls to Greg & Sons but did not get a call back.

Police Chief Dykstra had nothing other than the call list that is on the dais. However, Brandon Road might be re-opened soon. Mr. Lorenc asked how Deputy Chief Baikie is doing. Chief Dykstra indicated that DC Baikie will hopefully start physical therapy next week.

Village Engineer Chris Ulm stated that the Meadow Avenue paving is done. There are a couple areas to check and get the striping down as long as the weather cooperates. The water tank foundation has been poured and backfilled. Next step would be to bring in the steel the first part of December. Mr. Wyke will have the tank color picked out, which will be needed in the spring. Chief Dykstra asked if they would be striping for street parking spots as residents seem to claim those spots if they are located right in front of their house or the police will get calls if someone is parked over the lines. The Board wanted those parking spaces striped, although Mr. Ulm will verify whether that was included in the bid. Mr. Cooling remembers someone asking about striping the parking spots and it was stated Meadow Avenue would have what it had before.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff had nothing to add but welcomed any questions. He wished all veterans a Happy Veteran's Day.

XIV. Public Comment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if they would like to address the Board with Public Comment. Diane Webber congratulated Dawn Pirc on her new appointment along with thanking Gayle Marchio. Mark Webber thanked the Board for getting Meadow Avenue completed.

Kim Grimes addressed Board regarding trap, neuter and release of the cat population and wanted to know the status. Mr. Cooling said he has not received a return call to set up a meeting with Amber. Kim asked if she could be a part of that meeting as the organization she works with, Triple RRR only charges $50 vs $130.

XV. Special Business

None

XVI. Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke wished all a Happy Veteran's Day and a special thanks to Dawn Pirc, Gayle Marchio, Chief Dykstra and Sean Smego for their time and assistance in making the transition following the Clerk's resignation. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, and 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 1, 2026.