

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
March 21, 2023

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 March 21, 2023, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, 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. Lorenc, Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Stadler, and Mr. Cooling. Trustee Mr. Barnes and Mr. Pirc were absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Angelo Proia, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski, and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from March 7th, 2023, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 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. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None

X. Communications

None.

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

The first item on the agenda was Ratification of the March 2, 2023, Layne Christensen Proposal for emergency repairs to Well 2 on a time and material basis. Mr. Wyke asked Public Works Director Mr. Proia if the proposal in the Board packet was the same handout addressed during the last Board meeting. Mr. Proia confirmed that it was. He also confirmed that Layne Christensen would begin work March 22, 2023. Because the work had not actually started, Village Attorney Mr. Stiff indicated that the Board could simply approve the proposal and that no need for

competitive bidding was necessary because of the emergency nature of the matter and the fact that the Village has a well-established relationship with Layne. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 Layne Christensen proposal for Well number 2 repair at the estimated cost of \$105,790.00, with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

The next item for consideration was the Proposal from Metropolitan Pump Company for the installation of Metro Monitoring (Cloud SCADA) equipment for Well #2 in the amount of \$10,692.00. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff explained that this item, along with the next two items, were proposals for similar SCADA equipment for different Village locations.

Police Chief Dykstra presented an overview of the three proposals. He summarized the fact that the Board had previously addressed the issue of installing a full SCADA system in the Village, but that the issue had been tabled indefinitely due to the pricing and the fact that the Village had not determined what would be happening with the potential Lake Michigan water transition. In recent discussions with Metropolitan Pump Company, Mr. Proia was made aware that a scaled down version of the SCADA software and equipment could be had at reduced price. Therefore, the Village received proposals for the basic version Well number 2, Well number 5, and the North Water Tower. Chief Dykstra provided detailed information about the monitoring system and how effective it can be now and moving forward. In summary, it will allow the Village to have real-time data which will help to identify any problems with the water system. Trustee Mr. Lorenc asked if this system was similar to what the new Rockdale Lift Station will have. Mr. Proia confirmed that the Lift Station would have a similar system. Chief Dykstra reiterated how valuable this monitoring system will be moving forward since it can identify trouble spots or a water main break. Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the first proposal, the Proposal from Metropolitan Pump Company for the installation Metro Monitoring (Cloud SCADA) equipment for Well #2 in the amount of \$10,692.00. Mr. Stadler made the Motion with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

With respect to the next proposal, a Proposal from Metropolitan Pump Company for the installation of Metro Monitoring (Cloud SCADA) equipment for Well #5 in the amount of \$11,862.00, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

A Motion to approve the next proposal, a Proposal from Metropolitan Pump Company for the installation of Metro Monitoring (Cloud SCADA) equipment for the Village's North Water Tower in the amount of \$11,277.00, was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that a recent accident at the corner of Midland Avenue and Meadow Avenue damaged a fire hydrant, which was repaired and returned to operation.

Layne will begin the well repairs on Thursday March 23, 2023 due to the fact that the crane needed for the week was being used for another job.

Mr. Proia met with Robinson Engineering and Airy's Construction to discuss the construction schedule for the new lift station. Due to delays in receiving components, the project has been delayed. One suggestion that was made by Airy's was to demolish several of the existing structures while waiting for the components rather than leaving them up and having to work around them. This will serve two purposes. The first would be to clear the site of the dilapidated structures. The second would be to clear a path for equipment which will be used during construction. Chief Dykstra added that this might be accomplished for the amount of the retainage in the Airy's contract. Village Engineer, Mr. Malinowski asked what the plan would be for the demolition debris. Chief Dykstra indicated that he would be reaching out to Environmental Recycling and Disposal to take the debris.

Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra provided his written department report. The Toyota Yaris vehicle which was seized two-years ago has finally cleared the legal restrictions and is now property of the Village. It will now be utilized by the Village Clerk's office and staff when needed to investigate Village nuisance violations and reading Village water meters.

Chief Dykstra will be meeting with the Will County Circuit Clerk's Office regarding processing of electronic citations. This will include other agencies and help to streamline the process of issuing citations.

The Department's annual wellness screenings are taking place this week. Blue Line Professional Consultants will conduct the screenings pursuant to statute.

Two special use permits were reviewed and approved. The applications of Roc City for events on April 8 and May 13 were approved. Those are live entertainment events.

Wang engineering has completed the sample soil borings along the North of Kinsey Avenue and the West side of Larkin Avenue within the Rockdale Village limits. These samples are a required prior to construction of the sound barriers along those routes.

Work will continue with the Village staff to secure reputable companies to spearhead our efforts with the requirement of the IEPA to remove a small sample size of lead service lines. The plan is to have a couple of proposals ready for review by the next Board meeting.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff asked Chief Dykstra to update the Board on the Veolia request to inspect the Village water towers. Chief Dykstra indicated that he was disappointed in the process, and the seeming difficulty to get the information requested by the Village Attorney. In addition, Veolia has now sold the inspection company and because of the ups and downs in getting the inspection done, the Village is moving forward with obtaining information about other inspection companies which do the same thing. Additionally, Chief Dykstra and Mr. Proia have learned from other municipalities that rather than using a company like Veolia, they simply hire a diver to inspect the inside of the water towers annually at a significant cost savings. Mr. Lorenc asked about when the last cleaning took place and the consensus seemed to be that it was more than ten years ago. Mr. Lorenc agreed that the Village should move forward with an inspection and continue to look for tank cleaning vendors. Painting the two Village water towers will be an expensive job. Past cost estimates were \$1.2 to \$1.5 Million.

Chief Dykstra wanted to wish long-time Village resident and TIF Board Chair, Gary Califello, a happy birthday. Gary celebrated his birthday this past Friday.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a written report. The Tony Guzman property is located at the North side of Moen Avenue, West of the Environmental and Recycling property. Problems exist with soil erosion onto Moen Avenue and into the Village sewers. Dan has reported this again, including the existence of a drainage hose from a trailer on the property, to the Will County Land Use Department. Similarly, the Lafarge Quarry on Mound Road at the extreme West end of the Village is contributing to silt and mud on Moen Avenue. There has been contact with the Troy Township Road Commissioner to address this issue.

1655 Larkin Avenue meeting was held to discuss the Code and Village requirements with the new owners of the property. They plan to lease each separate building and the requirements follow their plans. They have executed and paid the Village required professional fee agreement. Secondly, connection fees were identified since the previous owners were grandfathered in with a well water and septic sewer system. This project is in its infancy which requires more work moving forward.

Dan will be meeting with the property owner of 1500 Mound Road regarding code requirements for a proposed addition, specifically fire suppression, triple basin and stormwater management requirements. The architect will submit a concept plan. They are aware of the Professional Fee Agreement process.

Dan also communicated with IDOT's I-80 design team regarding the Kinsey and Margaret ditch. IDOT will lower the ditch from the flared end section and in the IDOT ROW so it drains and will not back up onto Kinsey.

Dan has also been assisting with the IEPA Storm Sewer System submittals to the IEPA and it will be uploaded to the Village website.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised the Board that he had provided confidential information regarding the PILOT program along with the draft ordinance regarding the position of Village Administrator.

XIV. Public Comment

Diane Webber asked if the new water bills could include verbiage which reminds the Village residents to adhere to the Village nuisance ordinance and maintain their properties.

Mr. Wyke advised that yard waste pick up begin on the first Monday in April (April 3). The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8th at 10 a.m. for Rockdale Residents only (ages toddler to 10) and will be held at Seabee Diamond Field. If there is inclement weather, it will be held at the Village Hall. Also, Mr. Wyke reminded the Board to complete their online economic interest statements before the deadline.

Gary Califello asked about whether the next meeting has been moved to Wednesday April 5, 2023 due to the election. The April 5 meeting date was confirmed.

XV. Special Business

None.

XVI. Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2023