

**VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE**  
***Board Meeting Minutes of***  
**April 18, 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 April 18, 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. Pirc and Mr. Barnes were both absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Angelo Proia, Village Engineer 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 April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as written. Mr. Cooling made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Stadler. 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. Lorenc. 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 from Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent. After the vote, Trustee Mr. Scheidt informed our Village Treasurer about other Banks offering higher interest rates on Certificates of Deposit. Treasurer Mr. Lucas indicated that he had spoken with the Vice President of investments from the Village's current bank which resulted in very good rates for the Village's CD's. Mr. Lucas reported that it was recommended that the Village layer" its CD investments.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Cooling 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**

Village President Mr. Wyke introduced the first item on the agenda which was a discussion regarding an Ordinance Amending the Village Code regarding the operation of Food Trucks in the Village. Mr. Lorenc advised that he met with Village staff to get ideas about what he would like to see in the Ordinance, and those ideas were sent to the Village Attorney to be included in the draft Ordinance. This included written input from other Trustees as well. One question that came up was whether the Village wanted to cap the total number allowed to obtain a license. Attorney Mr. Stiff indicated that the draft Ordinance included the ideas selected by the trustees and staff from other municipal food truck licensing schemes. Mr. Stiff reiterated that the current Ordinance prohibits food trucks only on Village streets. The Village can choose to loosen that restriction by allowing food trucks to operate on public roadways but only upon proper licensing. Alternatively, the Village can keep the public roads restriction and just allow food trucks to operate on private property so long as a license is secured. One question was whether the food truck will report sales taxes from sales within the Village. Mr. Barnes had asked for the discussion at the last meeting, but was absent. As a result, Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Motion made by Mr. Stadler, with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

Village President Mr. Wyke thanked all who participated and helped with the annual Village Easter Egg Hunt. The event was a tremendous success and had the largest attendance of children. Mr. Wyke also thanked the following individuals: the Trustees, Mr. Proia, Corner Store owner Mr. Nick Masoud, Mr. Barnes and J&M Hair Salon owner Juana Esquivel who served as Easter Bunnies, the Police and Fire Departments, Jane Baum and Geralyn Wyke who filled more than 4,000 plastic eggs and made more than 65 Easter baskets.

### **XIII. Department Business**

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported the progress of the work on Well #2. The well bowl assembly is being repaired and the Well is scheduled to return to service next week. The lead pipe harvesting project for the IEPA is scheduled to begin May 2, 2023.

Deputy Chief Baikie provided the Police Department's two-week report. Range qualification took place after the Easter Egg Hunt. The Officer Enrollment Program began with a recent interview taking place. Sex offender six-month verification program will take place. The Rockdale "Hill Yeah" run will take place in June. The IDOT Bridge repair might impact the run this year with the closing of Wheeler Avenue.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a written report including a site drawing for the 132 Harris Drive project. This drawing identified the fire hydrant locations which was discussed in length. Hydrant pressure needs to be established through testing. Truck parking is an issue which will be addressed before the project starts.

Work at the old Polly's Garage property is currently halted. Meetings and communications have been conducted with the owner and representatives with the understanding that before work can begin again there must be a pre-development agreement executed. Some of the issues discussed were tap-on fees, water and sewer connection and a fire hydrant along with a fee in lieu of detention. Mr. Stiff will be drafting the agreement.

The 1500 Mound Road building addition is moving ahead slowly. The owner emailed Mr. Malinowski about demolishing a concrete safe room which needs to be part of their final submittal for review.

Mr. Malinowski also reported continuing issues with the LaFarge quarry truck traffic bringing silt and material onto the new Moen Avenue roadway and causing back-ups along the curb and gutter. This problem has also been noted with the Guzman property as well, which continues to be reported to Will County Land Use and is supposed to be handled by the Will County State's Attorney. It was noted that Waste Management owns a sweeper and uses it regularly outside of its facility. The suggestion was made to make this an action item with all the businesses in the area perhaps agreeing to chip in with their own Street Sweepers to keep the entire road clean. Chief Dykstra indicated that he might be able to assist in these discussions.

Euro Trucking on Moen is also continuing to have issues with its trucks causing damage across the street near the ERDS property. Mr. Malinowski suggested possible resolutions.

With respect to the Guzman property, it was suggested that rather than wait for Will County, the violations be reported to the IEPA.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised the Board that he has been in contact with an attorney who represents the new owner of the old Polly's Garage property and plans to communicate with him to get the pre-development agreement done and the project moving forward.

A group of property owners located on Oakwood Court contacted Spesia & Taylor regarding a requested change in their water rates from Industrial to Business. These owners previously attended a Village Board meeting and were advised that because the property was zoned Industrial, they had the lower of the two Industrial rates. The Board authorized Mr. Stiff to respond that the rate would not be changed.

#### **XIV. Public Comment**

Ms. Weber addressed the Board regarding the Food Truck draft Ordinance.

#### **XV.Special Business**

None.

#### **XVI.Adjournment**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion for adjourn tonight's Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023