**VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE**

***Board Meeting Minutes of***

**June 20, 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 June 20, 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. Trustees Pirc and Barnes were absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Deputy Chief Rob Baikie, Public Works Superintendent Angelo Proia, Village Attorney Michael Stiff and Village Engineer Dan Malinowski.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 6th, 2023, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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 asked about an invoice which was paid to A-Beep. Chief Dykstra explained that this was for work done a 64 channel communications equipment. 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. Stadler 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.

**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. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

**IX. Building Permits**

Permits from 111 Connell, and 1013 Otis were noted.

**X. Communications**

None.

**XI. Old Business**

Mr. Wyke polled the Board for any old business. There was none. However, the continued discussion regarding closure of Meadow Avenue access to Interstate 80 was called, but since the new engineering drawings for the proposed I-80 interchange at Meadow/Center have still not been received, a motion to table the item indefinitely was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

## XII. New Business

As for new business. Mr. Lorenc indicated that he had recently received a text from the owner of Roc City regarding outdoor dining. The owner was inquiring about the ability to serve food only in an outdoor location on the property. Village President Wyke received a similar text. Mr. Stiff referred the Board back to the outdoor dining ordinance passed during the COVID 19 pandemic. However, he could not recall whether that ordinance was formally repealed or was still technically in effect. A decision was made to verify whether the Outdoor Dining Ordinance was repealed or still in effect and to decide what to do going forward. Mr. Wyke indicated that while he was OK with outdoor dining, he thinks the Ordinance needs to have certain minimum standards and requirements so the Village can control and prohibit makeshift outdoor dining areas. This will be revisited at a future meeting.

Mr. Wyke inquired as to whether the Board would be in favor of a blood drive to take place in the Village. At least one such event was held in the past, and it was deemed a success. One suggestion was to hold the event in conjunction with the annual Rocktober Fest in the Village. This will also be revisited at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Wyke also received a request from a resident to have a three-person mariachi band in the Village pavilion as part of a celebration for a five-year-old's birthday. Because of the possible noise and disruption to the neighboring residents, the Board decided against the request.

The next agenda item was the approval of summer help for the Public Works Department. Mr. Proia had one applicant to present to the Board, Mathew Pirc. There was a discussion amongst Board members about Mr. Pirc, and a motion to approve the hire was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent. The summer employee's hours will be tracked by the Village Clerk. Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski indicated that Will County has been discussing an "internship" program for next year which may yield potential summer help candidates.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff presented the next agenda item, which was an Ordinance approving non-union employee salaries for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Stiff explained that the salaries in the Exhibit attached to the Ordinance were established by the Village Board in the last executive session. The Ordinance sets the salaries effective June 3, 2023. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to accept Ordinance number 1138 with a modification to reflect that the salaries are effective as of June 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff next presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Village of Rockdale Code of Ordinances. Mr. Stiff indicated that this Ordinance was designed to codify the hierarchy of the Public Works Department and to create a new position of Assistant Director of Public Works, which is an at will, exempt, non-union position, to which Angelo Proia will be promoted so long as the Teamsters Union agrees to either a side letter or MOU regarding the Assistant Public Works Director job. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve Ordinance 1139 subject to final attachment of job qualifications and descriptions with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff presented the final agenda item, a Resolution authorizing the Village President to execute documents related to the IEPA Loan program (Project Plan, Checklist and other documents). Mr. Stiff gave the background behind the IEPA low interest loan program to finance the proposed Village capital water system improvements in anticipation of either a switch to Lake Michigan water or drilling two new deep wells. This is the preliminary submission to the IEPA, which has been prepared by the Village's consultant, Strand. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to approve Resolution 835 which would authorize the Village President to execute the documents for submission to the IEPA. The motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

## XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia discussed the final steps of repairs by the Nicor project subcontractor Geneva which is doing a great job with the final asphalt work. He also indicated that another Public Works employee is leaving the Village. This leaves the Public Works department down to two employees.

The new lift station project will be completed in three weeks with testing commencing upon completion.

There was a meeting held recently with Mr. Derrin Clark, who owns a water tower cleaning and painting company. Those in attendance were Trustee Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Proia and Mr. Clark. After having a water tank inspection performed by Mr. Clark, the group discussed maintenance and repair issues for the two water towers. Mr. Lorenc and Mr. Proia summarized the painting and maintenance, beginning with the North Tower. Mr. Proia will obtain a proposal at a future Board meeting.

Deputy Chief Baikie presented information from the call sheet from the last two weeks, including a request for a special event. K9 Officer Roxie is having her 7th Birthday!

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski thanked the Village for its support of his family following the recent passing of his mother.

Mr. Malinowski recently met with the developer of the old Polly's garage location, along with Mayor Wyke and Village Attorney Mr. Stiff. The group was able to make some headway with the plans for getting the development moving forward.

With respect to Moen Avenue Phase III, there is currently a request by the Village for a determination of proof of payment and charges which still remain and Dan's office is reviewing. Mr. Malinowski also noted that one business is not keeping his property free and clear of overgrowth, and he will stay on this.

The Rockdale Schools project is an on-going review. Revised plans have been submitted with revised finals submitted for review. The professional fee agreement has been paid as of this morning.

Mr. Scheidt asked about the Guzman property with updates provided by Mr. Malinowski. This property remains in Violation of Will County Stormwater Ordinance which is being handled by the legal department of Will County and has been reported to the IEPA as well.

Mr. Lorenc wants to put LaFarge Quarry on notice since it continues to deposit dirt and dust from their vehicles leaving the quarry. The owners will be approached for a meeting to work towards a resolution.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised the Board that the Cornerstone transaction was completed.

## XIV. Public Comment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if there were any public comment. Mr. and Mrs. Weber complained about the property owner behind their house. Mr. Wyke will ask Village Staff to look into their complaint.

## XV. Special Business

None

## XVI. Adjournment

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, and 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be July 5, 2023