VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

July 5, 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 July 5th, 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, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Pirc, and Mr. Barnes. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Deputy Chief Rob Baikie, Public Works Superintendent Angelo Proia and Village Attorney Michael Stiff. Village Engineer Dan Malinowski was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 20th, 2023, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Bills & Claims as submitted. Mr. Stadler asked about the Police Vehicle Purchase and the number of vehicles purchased. Deputy Chief Baikie explained the history behind the purchases including the quantities and the delivery schedule. Mr. Stiff asked whether the old vehicles would be declared surplus once all of the police equipment had been removed. Once that is done, he will provide an Ordinance for approval and the vehicles can then be sold.

Mr. Lorenc inquired as to what equipment would be transferred to the new police vehicles from the vehicles being retired. Deputy Chief Baikie indicated that there would be some equipment transfer to save on cost. Mr. Wyke requested a log or other documentation showing the savings achieved by the transfer of equipment. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

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 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

A Permit from 1416 Belleview was noted.

X. Communications

None.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Wyke polled the Board for any old business. Mr. Lorenc wanted to thank both Assistant Clerk Ms. Pirc and the Clerk for their efforts in obtaining code compliance with a property with overgrown grass.

Mr. Wyke wanted to discuss the proposals for resurfacing work on Mound Road which he received from D Construction. The proposals covered Mound Road from Larkin Avenue to Midland Avenue in the amount of $170,000.00 for chipping and an overlay of asphalt. The proposal for Mound Road heading east from Midland Avenue to Brandon Road was in the amount of $180,000.00. The proposal for Mound Road heading west from Larkin Avenue to the Village Boundary needs an updated proposal for thicker overlay due to heavier truck traffic. Mr. Proia reported that he had a proposal from Gallagher but it was unclear as to whether that proposal was for the same specifications as the proposals received from D Construction. Since this was not a formal agenda item, the Board decided to have the pricing options from D Construction and Gallagher on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

XII. New Business

As for new business. Mr. Scheidt asked about the Guzman property on the West end of Moen Avenue in the Village. Mr. Stiff indicated that he is still trying to discuss this with the Will County State's Attorney's Office.

Next on the agenda was consideration of a proposal for the Village of Rockdale Sidewalk 50/50 Program at the corner of Connell Street and Otis Avenue. The handout provided was from a contractor who was already doing the installation of the sidewalk portion which is the owner's responsibility due to the new construction. Originally proposed as a Village 50/50 sidewalk program, it was determined that the ADA compliant sidewalk work at the corner would be the Village's responsibility. Therefore, it was determined to have the Village Engineer check the specs on the current quote and have the Village secure additional quotes. This will be put on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a proposal from Maguire Iron, Inc. for repairs and improvements to Larkin Water Tower. Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Proia regarding some of the details of the proposed work. It was determined to have the proposal modified to make clear that Maguire would secure all of the permits and that the Village logo will be included in the quote. Mr. Wyke wanted to make sure this water tower work remains in compliance with all requirements of the IEPA. Mr. Proia will make sure these additions to the proposal are made. A motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve the proposal and to authorize the Village President to execute the agreement with Maguire for $495,000.00 subject to the addition of the language discussed in the meeting with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. Later in the meeting, after the vote to approve, Trustee Mr. Lorenc advised that Maguire had offered an installment plan during their initial meeting. He suggested that the Village take advantage of the no interest installment plan option. So Village Attorney Mr. Stiff asked that the prior motion and vote be modified to include the installment information in the proposal. There was a unanimous voice vote to approve with 6 ayes, zero nays and no one was absent. The final proposal will be included in the next meeting for formal ratification but Mr. Proia can represent to Maguire that the motion to approve the contract amount was carried. Thereafter, a motion was made to revise the prior motion to include the no interest payment plan language in the proposal. That motion was approved unanimously. It was noted that the Village should follow up with Wescom as to whether its communications equipment would need to be disassembled and/or removed during Maguire's work.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia discussed the final steps of the Scada equipment installation with a late July target date for readiness. The Lift Station is almost completed. Airy's is waiting on ComEd to complete its work. Finally, Public Works is asking for another summer help employee to be approved since the staff is down to 2 full-time employees. With this request not on the agenda, Mr. Stiff recommended that it be placed on the next agenda. The Board agreed.

Deputy Chief Baikie presented information from the call sheet regarding the last two weeks, including a special grooming case. Mr. Baikie continued identifying two cameras which needed replacement along with two monitors. Finally, the Village's newest Patrol Officer is working out well.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised the Board that the next Board meeting will include the annual appropriations ordinance and public hearing. Mr. Stiff is awaiting comment from ASA Dan McGrath as to the County's intent regarding the Guzman property at the end of Moen Avenue on the West side of Rockdale. The PFAS litigation which involves forever chemicals in all the water systems and in all of the soil can either be discussed in an executive session or in the open regarding a recent update regarding a settlement reached in the courts. 3M Corporation and DuPont decided to settle with all parties involved pending final approval by the presiding Judge in the case. The combined settlements are in the neighborhood of $140 Billion. As part of the agreement of the settlement, there will be a formula to determine who gets what amount of money. The Village can either "opt out" and go to trial on its own, or it will automatically be part of the settlement group since it has already filed suit.

XIV. Public Comment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if they had any public comment. Mr. Califello asked about the Board's decision for outdoor dining. Mr. Stiff thought the Village may have repealed the original Ordinance but it actually had not been repealed. The Clerk provided the Board with a copy of the Ordinance for review. It was decided that the Village Attorney should revise the Ordinance removing all of the pandemic related requirements and provide it for discussion and/or vote at the next Board meeting.

XV. Special Business

None

XVI. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke provided the Board with flyers regarding the annual RocktemberFest which will be held at the end of September. Mr. Wyke also mentioned and provided the flyer for the "Look amazing, be amazing" back to school haircut promotion at Professional Salon Concepts at 610 Moen Avenue in the Village. Children from the Rockdale Schools are invited to get their back-to-school free haircuts. Along with the free haircuts, food and children's acceptable beverages are provided. Next Mr. Wyke asked Trustee Scheidt if the Fire District would be interested hosting the Blood Drive which was discussed at a prior meeting. Mr. Scheidt agreed to bring it to the Fire Protection District's Board.

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be July 18, 2023