VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

August 15, 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 August 15, 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. Barnes, and Mr. Pirc. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Public Works Assistant Director 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 August 1st, 2023, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Barnes. 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. Pirc made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. 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. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

The Village Clerk polled the Board members regarding attendance at the annual IML Conference in Chicago next month. Chief Dykstra read a recently received letter from Professional Salon Concepts regarding its annual "Look Amazing, Be Amazing" event. This year was special since it has been three years since the last event due to the pandemic. The event took place at PSC in Rockdale with stylists from the Paul Mitchell Schools donating their time to provide free haircuts to the Rockdale School students. PSC also provided food, beverages and goodie bags. The Police Department provided traffic control and support by giving rides in the 4x4 Police Vehicle. K9 Officer Roxie was also present at the event.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Scheidt asked for a status report on the Guzman property located at the end of Moen Avenue. The discussion centered around the recent heavy rains, which caused flooding at the Guzman driveway across Moen Avenue. Mr. Stiff advised that the recent order from Judge Anderson was that Mr. Guzman provide erosion control, which was either not done at all or done inadequately. The Police Department photographed the flooding as well as Dan Malinowski's office and those photos will be sent to Will County Land Use with the request to provide them to Assistant State's Attorney Dan McGrath for evidentiary purposes. Mr. Stiff will attend the next court hearing and may file an appearance to intervene.

Mr. Stadler asked about the status of the property located at 628 Midland Avenue. This property has a building permit for a new single-family home, but the job has currently stalled with only an unfinished foundation which has now been fenced off. The property owner is claiming that there are financial issues with the lender which have put the project on hold. According to the contractor who performed the foundation work, they plan to put a mechanic's lien on the property to recover money which has not been paid for work already performed.

XII. New Business

The first agenda item was with respect to the Business License Application of AJ Inter Estate, LLC. Jonas Budreika, the owner, was present. The business is located at 1655 S. Larkin Ave. Mr. Stiff provided a historical background about the business and the submitted site plans, which include completion of the previously started grading work, and tapping on to the Village water and sewer. Those plans have been submitted to the Village Engineer. Those plans are currently under review. In addition, they will be providing a fee-in-lieu of detention if necessary. Questions from the Board centered on the type of services offered and the regular hours of operations. This business is primarily to service and repair the fleet of trucks owned by the business, and there will not be any long-term parking of trucks and trailers, since the object is to get these vehicles repaired and back out on the road. The business will also have security cameras.

Next up, Mr. Stiff presented an Ordinance Amending Section 18-65 of the Village of Rockdale Code of Ordinances regarding microchipping of dogs. This ordinance is tied to the approval of a new Intergovernmental Agreement with Joliet Township Animal Control and the Resolution authorizing its execution. The current IGA with Joliet Township Animal Control was executed in 1991. Obviously, operational costs have continued to rise since then, so last year Joliet Township has approached all the local municipalities which use the Animal Control Services to enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement which not only changed some of the old language but also revised the monthly fees for the services. In the new agreement, Joliet Township offered to microchip any stray dogs at the Village's Expense, unless that cost was by Ordinance passed on to the owner of the animal seeking to "redeem" it from Joliet Township Animal Control. Since the Village's Ordinance did not provide for microchipping, the Ordinance being presented here tonight simply amends the "redemption" section of the Rockdale Code to provide any dog being redeemed must be microchipped and that the cost of microchipping be assessed against the owner of the dog. Mr. Stiff asked for the next Ordinance number, which was 1142. A motion to approve Ordinance 1142 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, no nays and no one absent.

The next agenda item was the Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Joliet Township for Animal Control Services Through Joliet Township Animal Control and Authorizing its execution by the Village President. Mr. Stiff highlighted the new terms of the IGA, primarily the increase in the monthly fees, which can also for the Village's convenience be paid annually rather than monthly. The document also contains charts which outline the response times for the various services offered during regular hours and after hours. Chief Dykstra also highlighted certain portions of the new IGA, specifically the change to allow the Animal Control Officers to issue citations directly. The Village will be providing citation books to Animal Control. The next resolution number was 836. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of a one-year Independent Contractor Agreement with John F. Kemp for Water Operator Services. Since this issue is to be discussed during the Executive session, this item was passed.

The next item was the approval of proposal for road repair work and resurfacing of Mound Road from Midland Avenue to Larkin Avenue. Mr. Wyke provided background and overview of the solicited proposals. Since the last meeting, the proposals submitted by Gallagher Asphalt and D Construction are for identical scope of work. Mr. Stiff indicated that since the section of roadway which is being resurfaced is entirely within the TIF district, the Village will eventually be reimbursed for the costs from the TIF fund. The motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Stadler to approve the D Construction proposal in the amount of $156,248.10. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next up was the approval of a proposal for road repair work and resurfacing of Mound Road from Midland Avenue to Brandon Road. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to table this item with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The last agenda item was the approval of a proposal for road repair work and resurfacing of Mound Road from Larkin Avenue to the Village west boundary. Again, bids from D Construction and Gallagher Asphalt were received with D Construction being the lowest. A motion was made by Mr. Stadler to approve the D Construction proposal in the amount of $62,453.60 with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Proia provided a handout of the recently installed SCADA unit. The SCADA system will be in full system wide operation when the water tower work is completed. ComEd has a scheduled date to finally complete its required work on the new Lift Station. Trustee Mr. Cooling worked behind the scenes to assist with getting ComEd to commit to a date. The newest Public Works employee is working out well so far. Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Proia to about the recent water main damage done by Intren. Mr. Proia indicated that Intren is clearly responsible for the repair costs.

Police Chief Dykstra provided a two-week call sheet to the Board. Highlights included two special event applications for Roc City which were approved. Chief Dykstra also provided information regarding his recommendation on how to spend the $50,000.00 in grant money from Laraway Communications. Chief Dykstra's recommendation was to use that money to install a new tornado siren at Village Hall. This siren will complete the coverage for the Village.

Chief Dykstra also informed the Board that the owners of the Mansard Room regarding the possibility of obtaining a liquor license. That meeting was quite preliminary, and more information will be forthcoming.

The staff of the police department has been reduced by one, with an officer resigning to take a position with a different department nearer to his home.

New Seabee Diamond ballfield signs in the outfield are now received and ready to be installed. Pictures of the signs were provided in the handout. They are quite colorful and will be a long overdue addition to the ballfield.

Finally, Chief Dykstra wished a happy Birthday to Village President Mr. Wyke.

Mr. Malinowski provided a handout and detailed explanation of his recent observations of the Guzman property located at the end of Moen Avenue at the west end of the Village. A recent heavy rain caused a number of erosion and silt issues which clogged the sewer drain for a number of hours. Dan emailed photographs and a status to Will County Land Use along with the owner, engineer, and attorney for the Guzman property. A long list of recommendations put forth by Mr. Malinowski include stormwater management and a request for a professional fee agreement to compensate the Village for its engineering costs. This has been an on-going issue even before this heavy rain event.

The second part of the handout was about the AJ Interstate property. A number of issues remain which need to be addressed by the owner. Mr. Wyke reminded Mr. Malinowski about their attendance at the meeting earlier in the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the fact that there will be tap-on fees to be paid by the owner.

Mr. Stiff had nothing beyond what was previously presented during the meeting on various agenda items.

XIV. Public Comment

Village President Mr. Wyke invited those in attendance to provide any public comment. There was none.

Next, Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to Consider the employment, appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). That motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XV. Special Business

Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to close the executive session. That motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Based on the discussion in executive session, Mr. Stiff returned to the earlier agenda items with respect to a Resolution to approve a one-year Independent Contractor Agreement with John F. Kemp for Water Operator Services. In addition to that Resolution and the Independent Contractor Agreement, the Board had before it an IEPA Agreement like that which was provided to IEPA the past two years for the Mark Siefert independent contractor agreement, which expires September 15. Mr. Kemp is a Class C Water License holder. Mr. Wyke did note a typographical error with one of the dates on the document but with that date to be corrected, the next Resolution number is 837, and a Motion to approve Resolution 837 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

XVI. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be September 5, 2023