

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
September 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 September 5, 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, and Mr. Barnes. Mr. Pirc was absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Public Works Assistant Director Angelo Proia, and Village Engineer Dan Malinowski. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff was absent, but Chris Spesia was present in his stead.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from August 15th, 2023, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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 Mr. Proia about the purchase of the new zero-turn lawn mower. Mr. Wyke provided background regarding this purchase. One of the conditions of the sale was that it was cash only. The Village Clerk issued a check made to cash which Public Works Assistant Director Proia cashed at the bank to pay the seller. This is a new mower with a one-year warranty for parts. A decision needs to be made as to where the new mower will be permanently stored. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Barnes made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

The locations of 714 Orr Street for a fence and 801 South Larkin for a new building to be added to the South of the existing KWM Gutterman main building.

X. Communications

None.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

Mr. Scheidt asked for a status report on the Guzman property located at the end of Moen Avenue. Mr. Malinowski indicated that there was nothing new to report.

Mr. Lorenc asked Mr. Proia to confirm that all the information regarding John Kemp, the new water operator under contract with the Village, had been submitted to the IEPA for review. Mr. Proia confirmed that the contract had been submitted.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Spesia to open with the next four items on the agenda starting with letter (a), Ratification of Approval of a Proposal from D Construction for the resurfacing and road repair of Midland Avenue from Mound Road to Bellevue Avenue in the amount of \$71,671.15. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve and waive competitive bidding, the D Construction proposal in the amount of \$71,671.15 with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Up next was a Ratification of Approval of a Proposal from D Construction for the paving of the Village Hall Parking Lot at the corner of Moen Avenue and Ferris Street in the amount of \$63,835.00. A motion was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve and waive competitive bidding, the D Construction proposal in the amount of \$63,835.00 with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item was Ratification and Approval of a Proposal from D Construction for the resurfacing and road repair of Lakeview Avenue from Midland Avenue west to the dead end in the amount of \$89,006.70. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve and waive competitive bidding, the D Construction proposal in the amount of \$89,006.70 with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The final item for approval was with respect to the proposal from D Construction for the resurfacing and road repair of Moen Avenue from Larkin east to Brandon Road in the amount of \$231,840.00. A motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve and waive competitive bidding, the D Construction proposal in the amount of \$231,840.00 with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Proia updated the Board on recent developments with respect to Com Ed and the connection to the new lift station. The water tower work will commence tomorrow starting with valve isolation by Public Works. The final color scheme was brought before the Board for comment and approval with a final decision made on a color scheme of white and blue with red and yellow accent colors. Mr. Wyke asked about the lettering of the word Rockdale. In conclusion, Mr. Proia advised the Board that he has received many compliments from Village residents regarding the recent road work and resurfacing which has been done in the Village. Mr. Wyke indicated that with the newly paved roads, motorists are now traveling faster so speeding and safety is now a concern. New speed limit signs will be installed. Additionally, the Village will be obtaining proposals for new street marking and brought to the Board for review and approval.

Police Chief Dykstra provided a two-week call sheet to the Board. Highlights included participation in a tornado drill at Rockdale School. A preconstruction meeting was held at the Village Hall with IDOT representatives in attendance who provided information about the planned reconstruction of Interstate 80- and the detour routes up for discussion. A final decision will be made by the Village on which detour will best serve the community. IDOT provided different maps showing the various stages of construction which are available for review. Finally, the Police Department expressed its condolences on the recent passing of long-term Rockdale residents Lynn LaBuda, Sarah Lucas, and Evelyn Serrato.

Mr. Malinowski provided a handout and detailed explanation of the following:

The IDOT meeting referred to by Chief Dykstra and the key issues with detours. His main concerns are traffic control, semi-truck traffic and the radius for truck traffic to safely turn on and off Meadow Avenue.

Final “punch list” items to conclude the Moen Avenue Reconstruction, including recently planted trees. Mr. Wyke asked about which final invoices are or are not outstanding. The IDOT pay estimates show a lower than originally forecasted amount for the project which is cause for concern since there were additional charges for contaminated soil. Mr. Malinowski will continue to press IDOT for outstanding invoices which still need to be sent.

Recent observations of the Guzman property located at the end of Moen Avenue at the west end of the Village were brought up for review and discussion.

The AJ Inter-Estate property was discussed. Information was provided to them for their connection to Village water and sewer.

A change of plans with the 132 Harris Street location was discussed since the owner is no longer planning to rebuild on the site of the burned building but instead choosing to leave it empty for truck parking.

XIV. Public Comment

Village President Mr. Wyke invited those in attendance to provide any public comment. Ms. Diane Weber advised the Board that her neighbor’s large tree has limbs that overhang onto her property. She asked why the Village has not done more to have the tree trimmed back. Mr. Wyke reminded Ms. Weber that can cut the overhanging tree limbs from her property. Ms. Weber also complained that she was not receiving support from Village Staff. Clerk Sennyes indicated that multiple calls have been made to the neighbor by Village Staff to get the problem resolved.

Next was Ms. McDonald. Her neighbor has brush growing into her yard through the fence. She would like the Village to contact her neighbor. Although the Village will make the call, Mr. Wyke again noted that Ms. McDonald that she can simply trim any protruding brush which is creeping through the fence onto her property.

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

Mr. Wyke indicated that the Board should set the budget for the upcoming “Rocktober Fest” planned for September 30, 2023. Mr. Lorenc agreed it should be on the next agenda.

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 October 3, 2023