

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
September 19, 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 19, 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. Cooling, and Mr. Barnes. Mr. Pirc and Mr. Stadler were absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Public Works Assistant Director Angelo Proia, Village Engineer Dan Malinowski and Village Attorney Mike Stiff.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 5th, 2023, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Barnes. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Barnes. 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

None.

XI. Old Business

None.

XII. New Business

First on the agenda was an Approval of the Budget for the "Septober" festival on September 30, 2023, at not to exceed \$11,000. After a brief discussion confirming last year's budget, the consensus was to keep the budget for this year at that same amount. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve the budget amount for this year's festival in the amount of \$11,000 with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4

ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent. After the vote, Mr. Lorenc pointed out the flyers for the fest have been delivered to the Rockdale School for distribution to the students. Mr. Wyke asked Gary Califello, who was in the audience, about his plans for the parade of school kids around the baseball field like last year. Mr. Califello confirmed that the parade is being planned.

The next item was the approval of the hiring of a new Full-Time Public Works employee, Thomas M. Sweeney. Assistant Public Works Director Mr. Proia provided information on the applicant and indicated that he believed Mr. Sweeney to be a great addition to the Public Works staff. A Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

The last item on the agenda was a vote to approve a Proposal for the Resurfacing and Road Repair of Ferris Avenue at a cost of \$23,500.00. Mr. Wyke provided the Board with a description of the prior paving projects already completed by D Construction in the Village and the positive feedback from residents. The proposal from D Construction is being considered because of that prior work. A motion was made to waive competitive bidding and approve the proposal from D Construction in the amount of \$23,500.00 for the Resurfacing and Repair of Ferris Avenue. The motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Proia thanked the Board for its approval of new Public Works employee and updated the Board on recent developments with respect to the Com Ed work to connect the new lift station. As previously reported, the Com Ed work has been consistently delayed. In a recent conversation with representatives of Com Ed, Mr. Proia was given a projected timeframe of an additional 16 weeks. The water tower work continues and is on schedule barring any last-minute changes. Finally, Mr. Wyke asked about the readiness of the Village snow plowing equipment. Mr. Proia indicated that those maintenance checks would be performed in October.

Police Chief Dykstra provided a two-week call sheet to the Board. Highlights included an update on upcoming testing of fire alarms at Village Hall. Police Vehicle (Unit 760), a 2008 Chevrolet Impala was stripped of all police equipment in preparation of putting the vehicle up for sale at auction in a closed bid process.

Officer Montiel participated in the Movie Night at the Rockdale Public School Friday, September 15, 2023. According to his report, it was a great night and a great opportunity to spend time with the students, parents, and staff of the school.

Mr. Malinowski provided a handout and detailed explanation of a recent email exchange regarding the Ramiro Guzman property located at the end of Moen Avenue at the west end of the Village. There is still difficulty in dealing with Will County Land Use and the attorney representing Mr. Guzman. Stormwater detention is recommended but has yet to be agreed upon. There will be a hearing in court tomorrow which Mr. Stiff will attend. He will hopefully be able to further clarify the Village position regarding the use of the property and the claimed violations.

Additionally, Mr. Malinowski provided aerial photos which show the property in question and the evolving condition of the property over the last few years. Mr. Stiff will take the handout to provide to the judge. Mr. Stiff mentioned a request from Mr. Washburn for a meeting to be held between engineers about the property.

The AJ Inter-Estate property was also discussed. Information was provided to the owner regarding the connection to Village water and sewer.

A change of design plans with the 132 Harris Street location was discussed since the owner is no longer planning to rebuild the burned building but is instead choosing to leave it empty for truck parking. Mr. Stiff indicated that there was a request to lower the tap-on fee but that will be presented at the next Board Meeting as an agenda item for discussion.

Mr. Stiff indicated that he would appear in court tomorrow on the Guzman matter.

He also reminded the Board of the two settlements reached in the PFAS litigation. The Board will have to decide whether to opt out of the settlements, so the attorneys are requesting additional testing of the Village wells so they can give the Village an estimate as to the amounts it will receive pursuant to the settlements in order for the Trustees to make an informed decision as to whether to opt out and continue the litigation or to receive the settlement amounts.

Finally, a public hearing is required by the IEPA to discuss the preliminary approval of the upcoming proposed major Village Water Projects. That required Public Hearing will be Noticed and held at the next Board Meeting.

XIV. Public Comment

None

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

Mr. Wyke informed the Board that the owner of El Comal dropped off paperwork loosely describing what he would like to do with a proposed tavern in another unit down from the restaurant. At this point, it is too preliminary and will be brought to the Village Board when the plans are more formalized.

With the Rocktober Fest fast approaching, the Fire Department wanted to bring their fire truck to the festival and offer hand outs to generate possible candidates to work as volunteers. Mr. Barnes made it clear that the Fire Truck should not be allowed to park in the grass.

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be October 17, 2023