

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
October 17, 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 October 17, 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. Cooling, Mr. Stadler and Mr. Pirc. Mr. Stadler and Mr. Barnes were absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Robert Dykstra, Village Engineer Dan Malinowski, Village Attorney Mike Stiff and Public Works Assistant Director Angelo Proia.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from October 3, 2023, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Stadler with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Pirc made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Cooling. 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. Stadler made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Confirmed Lot 22 – Margaret Street was sent to B & F for review.

X. Communications

The Village Clerk advised that the 2024 Rocktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 28th, which is the same last Saturday of September as this year's event.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc reminded Mr. Proia to discuss the most recent updates regarding the Ferris Street pipe replacement project.

XII. New Business

None

XIII. Department Business

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Mr. Proia updated the Board on the Water Tower painting project, which is partially completed with the lettering to be done next. Tuesday of next week is slated for filling the tank and sampling.

The Lift station work is drawing to a close with the demolition of the old pumping equipment and the switch to the new equipment.

With respect to the Ferris Street project, Mr. Proia suggested a new plan which involves lining up the water piping to be more efficient and causing less problems moving forward. This plan will also cost less and save the Village a considerable amount of money in the future by isolating the water system in a more efficient manner.

All snow removal equipment is ready for winter.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra provided material to the Board which included calls for the last two weeks along with other information.

Mr. Malinowski presented his written Engineering Report. One of the primary topics was the continuing issues with the Ramiro Guzman property on Moen Avenue, the status of which was left to the Village Attorney's report.

With respect to the AJ Inter-Estate property, the project site plan has been reviewed and approved to move forward. Clarification was required by the Village Clerk on whether to allow the property owner to proceed with the site planning work and after much discussion, it was agreed by all to allow AJ Inter-Estate to proceed with work only as it relates to the approved site plan drawings. A building permit has not been issued as of this writing with a few non-compliant issues yet to resolve through B & F.

KWM Gutterman's project has also been reviewed with specific concerns regarding fire protection to be resolved with the Fire Protection District.

The 132 Harris Drive location was discussed regarding the new valve location.

The corner of Harris Drive and Moen Avenue is a hot button of concern with landscaping issues from the construction project. According to Dan Malinowski, he has contacted NICOR to restore the area from its work there. However, if NICOR refuses to do this work, it could be added to the Moen Ave Phase III project pay item. Mr. Wyke asked if the Village can now receive the final invoices from IDOT regarding the Moen Avenue Phase III Road Project. According to Mr. Malinowski, there are only a few items outstanding, specifically adding the topsoil to the previously mentioned corner lot on Moen Ave and final approval of the trees planted. However, the final submittals will still be subject to a final audit by IDOT. This will delay the official closing of the project into 2024. Mr. Malinowski will do his best to get the final invoices from the contractors. Mr. Malinowski went further to explain that the original contract, which was around \$5,000,000.00, but with all the additional costs the total went to roughly \$6,000,000.00. He believes that there are invoices totaling \$5.5 million which are accounted for, so they are waiting on the remainder. Due to Covid, there may be increased costs of material which could cause the contractors to ask IDOT for more money to cover those increases.

Trustee Mr. Pirc asked if the project "punch list" has been completed. There were a few outstanding items for review, but damaged tree branches were pruned along with other issues yet to be addressed. Engineering will do a final walkthrough to make sure what remains gets closed out. Mr. Pirc questioned why Mr. Malinowski was not overseeing the project. Mr. Malinowski explained that he has staff that handles this function. Mr. Pirc asked about the corner lot on Moen Ave and Harris Drive and why PT Ferro didn't fix the rough condition of the landscape. This on-going problem will be resolved by engineering.

Mr. Stiff updated the Board with general information regarding the PFAS settlement. The settlement attorneys have a new portal which will assist in information flow with the Village's attorneys and those working on the settlement calculations. The Village will still have to decide on whether to opt out of the settlement and continue with the litigation or to accept the settlement amount, which is yet unknown.

With respect to the Ramiro Guzman property and the outcome of the recent court hearing, Mr. Stiff advised that there appears to be an ongoing request by the County to properly cap the landfill with clay. To date, that has not been done. Additionally, the Court and the parties have apparently recognized Rockdale as the Road Authority, since the last court order requires Mr. Guzman to obtain authority to bring in the clay for the capping. Mr. Stiff will file the Board approved petition to intervene to be filed with the Court with the goal of obtaining cooperation.

Mr. Stiff reminded the Board of the AJ Inter-Estate agreement from a letter settled upon a time ago. Since the attorney has assured the Village that his client will comply with the Village's requirements so long as he is permitted to use the property now for the parking of truck, the Board gave the OK to proceed with the site plan improvements with the Building Permit being issued later once the remaining issues with B & F have been resolved.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if they wished to make a public comment. Chuck Storm spoke to the Board about the problems with cats at his property. The concern he has is with neighbors who feed the cats. Additionally, since he lives off Meadow Ave. and has concerns about the heavy traffic. He asked about possibly installing speed bumps on the road. Mr. Wyke explained how the Village has looked into this issue in the past.

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

Mr. Wyke reminded the Board about the "Men who cook" event taking place this Saturday so if any Board members plan to attend, to be sure and let the Clerk know.

Mr. Wyke wanted to wish all in attendance a Happy Halloween. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be November 7, 2023