VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
November 21, 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 November 21, 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. Barnes. Mr. Scheidt and Mr. Pirc 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 November 7, 2023, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Barnes. 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. Lorenc. 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. Prior to the motion, Mr. Stadler had a question about the name of one of the Vendors. "Boya" is the name of the company, which is owned by John Kemp, the water license holder providing signoffs on the Village's IEPA certifications with respect to the Village's drinking water. Afterwards, Mr. Stadler made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. 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. Barnes made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. 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 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

The Village Clerk indicated that State Representative Larry M. Walsh, Jr. invited the Village elected officials to attend an open house for the opening of his new District Office.

XI. Old Business

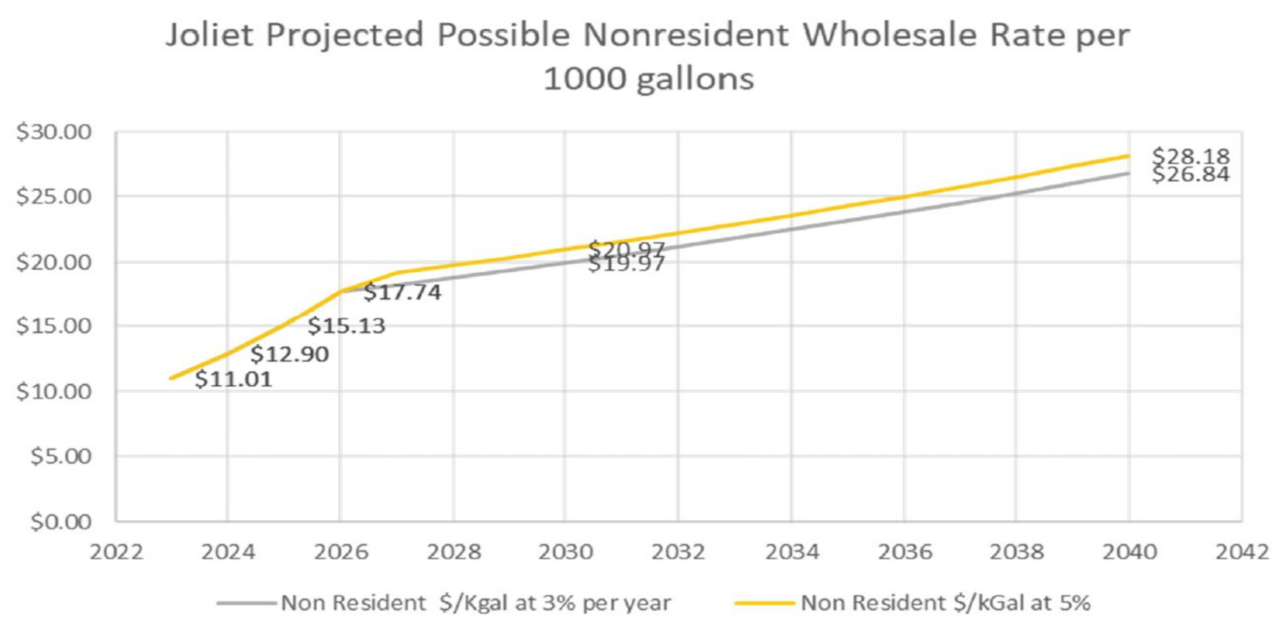
None

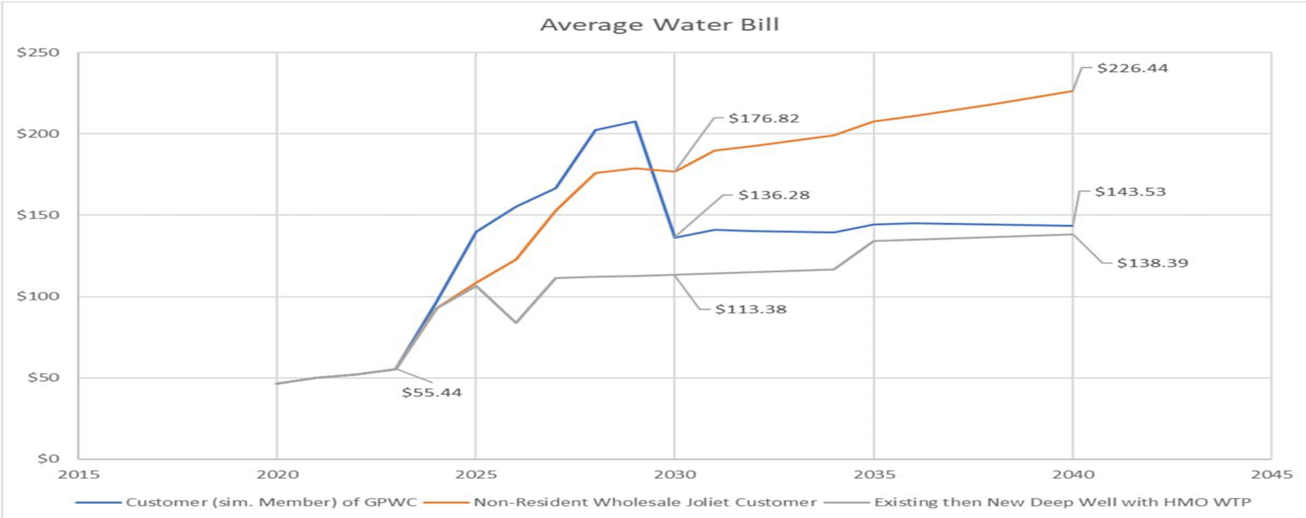
XII. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked each Board Member if they had any new business to share with the Board. Mr. Barnes suggested that the Village Code Enforcement look at the old Syl's parking lot located on the corner of Connell St and Moen Ave. and whether the road paving equipment stored there is within the Village Code. Village Staff will look into the issue.

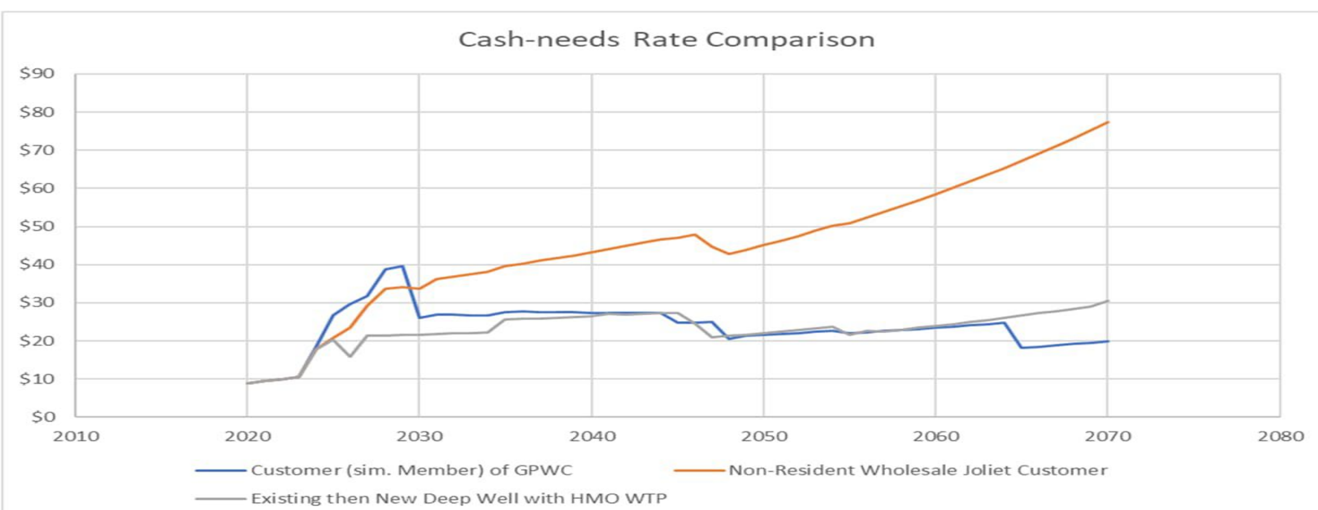
Mr. Wyke moved to the first agenda item which was Chris Ulm of Strand Associates, Inc. who presented materials to the Board regarding future water supply options due to area municipalities moving to Lake Michigan Water and the formation of the Grand Prairie Water Commission. Mr. Ulm provided a handout which is discussed in detail and is as follows.

Alternatives Investigated:
Becoming a non-resident wholesale customer of the City of Joliet as they transition to Lake Michigan water. The Village would purchase water from the City in two distinct locations and then distribute the water throughout the system to Village residents/customers.
Becoming the Grand Prairie Water Commission's first customer and purchasing Lake Michigan water from them to distribute in your water system.
Switching to/Returning to the deep sandstone aquifer as a source and implementing treatment to reduce naturally occurring radium.





Probable Capital Costs			
Description of Alternative	**By 2030**	**After 2030**	**Total**
Customer (sim. Member) of GPWC	$22,480,000	$1,790,000	**$24,270,000**
Non-Resident Wholesale Joliet Customer	$19,920,000	$1,790,000	**$21,710,000**
Existing then New Deep Well with HMO WTP	$19,040,000	$5,820,000	**$24,860,000**



Probable 50-year Present Worth	
Description of Alternative	**Total**
Customer (sim. Member) of GPWC	$107,303,509
Non-Resident Wholesale Joliet Customer	$179,168,337
Existing then New Deep Well with HMO WTP	$102,335,946

The costs associated with each option were included in the presentation. Option 1 was the costliest while Option 3 was the least expensive. However, the least costly is not necessarily the best option to consider which is why there are hard choices to be made by the Board.

With the Option of the Village becoming a customer of the Grand Prairie Water Commission, there is the unknown factor of whether the existing members would agree since the option would require unanimous consent from each member.

With each option, the costs are also not set in stone, as they are based on present cash values.

Option 3 is not only the least expensive, but also has less unknowns, as the Village would remain entirely self-sufficient in providing water to its residents, being reliant on Joliet only in the case of temporary emergencies.

Mr. Stiff reminded the Board that the Village should be in a very good position to receive low interest loans and/or loan forgiveness from the IEPA based on how the Village scores on the scales upon which the loans are given/based.

Mr. Stiff also indicated that with Option 1, the Village would have to spend significant amounts to have its system inspected to avoid non-revenue water loss, as the IDNR requires that figure to be below 10% to be allowed a Lake Michigan water allocation.

In other words, with Lake Michigan the Village would be required to prove that 90% of the water pumped out of Lake Michigan is metered and thereby used (charged to) by a customer and not lost in leaking pipes.

If the Board Decides to Become a Long-term Wholesale Customer of the City of Joliet

- Negotiate a long-term agreement with the City of Joliet.
- Engage the second phase of the Corrosion Study to switch the lead pipe samples to Lake Michigan water.
- Begin the process of obtaining your Lake Michigan Water Supply Allocation with IDNR.
- Conduct a Water System Non-Revenue Water Audit and Water System Improvement Plan
- Complete interconnect near Midland Avenue and Kinsey Avenue and begin planning for replacement of Betula Interconnect.

If the Board Decides Not to Become a Long-Term Customer of the City of Joliet, Consider the Following Next Steps

- Enter into a short-term water supply agreement with Joliet and move swiftly towards building a meter vault near the intersection of Kinsey Avenue and Midland Avenue.
- Perform investigations on the condition of Well 2, and its water quality and supply capacity.
- Work with Will County Governmental League to arrange for discussions with the GPWC about customer status and conditions.
- Move forward with replacement of your aged water main and lead service lines using low interest State Revolving Fund loans, which should offer principle forgiveness.

Next on the agenda was An Ordinance Repealing Section 26-249 (Prohibition of Live Entertainment in Certain Establishments) of Chapter 26 (Businesses), Article III (Business License), Division I (Liquor) of the Rockdale Village Code. Mr. Stiff provided background and history on the Ordinance. Basically, this Ordinance was passed to prevent live entertainment at liquor licensed establishments with residential units attached. The Ordinance primarily applied to only one of Rockdale's liquor license holders, Roc City. Over the past year, Roc City has had many special events which were permitted through the extensive permitting process the Village established after the passage of the original ordinance. Since then, there have been zero issues, and the Village Staff is recommending that the ordinance be repealed since the permitting process takes up a substantial amount of staff time to process. The Village can always reinstate the Ordinance if there are complaints or problems with live entertainment in the future. There were no questions. The next Ordinance number was 1143. A motion to accept Ordinance number 1143 approving the repealing of the prohibition of live entertainment was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

The next agenda item listed was a Discussion and Consideration of An Ordinance Opting out of the Illinois Paid Leave for all Workers Act for the Village of Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. Mr. Stiff identified the draft Ordinance which was available for the Trustees to review. The background provided by Mr. Stiff identified a certain allowable for time off for each employee regardless of whether part-time or full-time. This act carves out certain groups of employees for the benefits identified but taking into consideration municipalities which are important to the daily operations. Mr. Stiff provided examples as it pertains to the Village. Because the Act raises more questions than it answers and does not state that it is in derogation of home rule authority, the recommendation is that the Village opt out of the Act. However, there probably should also be a change in the Employee Handbook to reflect that part-time and seasonal employees are provided with some form of paid leave. It is suggested that they get 1 day which needs to be used in the calendar year and does not carry over. The Board tabled the Ordinance until the next meeting, at which time the Ordinance and Resolution will be considered. A motion to table was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

Next up was the Consideration of a Proposal from Pavement Systems, Inc. for pavement marking of Meadow Avenue. Mr. Stiff described the Proposal for Pavement Systems and since both striping contracts would total more than $25,000, he recommended that the Board first waive competitive bidding. That motion to waive competitive bidding on both proposals was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

Mr. Lorence made a motion to accept and approve the Proposal from Pavement Systems Inc., dated November 16th, 2023, in the total amount of $11,040.25 which would be the base amount plus the glass beads option. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.
Mr. Lorence then made a motion to accept and approve the Proposal from Pavement Systems, Inc. for pavement marking of Moen Avenue, Midland Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, and Mound Road dated November 16th, 2023, in the amount of $24,537.50, which would be the base amount plus the glass beads. That motion was second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Mr. Proia updated the Board on the water tower painting project, which is complete other than some minor touch-up work.

The lift station has been completed and is running smoothly. Nicor still needs to add a gas line for the backup systems.

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

Rockdale Police assisted the Crest Hill Police and volunteers with the continued search for missing person Wendy Guessing.

The 16th annual Toys for Tots Tow Truck Parade was a success with no reported issues.

Rockdale Schools threat training will take place soon with the participation of the Rockdale Police Department.

Mr. Malinowski presented his written Engineering Report. One of the primary topics was the continuing issues with the Ramiro Guzman property on Moen Avenue. Communication is continuing with the owner and his engineer. Mr. Malinowski and Mike Stiff will continue to work with the owner now that they appear to want to cooperate to get the landfill capped and the erosion control issues addressed.

The annual Tax Levy Ordinance will be on for the next Board Meeting. He will have all the necessary paperwork ready for review.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if they wished to make a public comment. There were none.

XV. Special Business

None

XVI. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke mentioned that the current business in town doing box truck sleeper conversions is also expanding to do truck repairs, and since the owner had already come before the Board there was no need to have them back for the new business, Triple A Truck Repair, which is immediately adjacent to the other business.

Additionally, there is an annual IML Christmas Party scheduled for December 14th, 2023. Please let the Clerk know if you plan to attend.

Finally, Mr. Wyke wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be December 19, 2023