

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
December 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 December 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. Scheidt, Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Stadler, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Cooling. 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 December 5, 2023, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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 from Mr. Scheidt. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Cooling. 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 was made by Mr. Pirc with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

Chief Dykstra read portions of a thank you letter from the director of the Tow Trucks for Tots program regarding the Village and Police Department support for the program. This year, there were 82 individual Tow Truck companies providing 208 tow trucks for the annual parade, which is in its 16th year.

Chief Dykstra also advised the Board that the Joliet Park District has decided not to conduct the annual "Hill Yeah" 5k race, part of which route runs through Village. This was not due to any problems or concerns. Rather, the Park District will just be changing the location as a change of pace.

XI. Old Business

None

XII. New Business

None of the Board Members had any new business items. Mr. Wyke announced the winners and honorable mention of the annual Village Christmas Contest. The judging took place this past Friday. The winners were 127 Davis Ave as First Place winner for this year. Second Place went to 216 Davis Ave, with the Third Place finisher being 216 Central Ave. Fourth Place was 214 Davis Ave. with Fifth Place being 209 Central Ave. The Honorable Mention this year was 107 Central Ave. Mr. Wyke thanked this year's judges.

Mr. Stiff introduced the first item New Business Agenda item, which was A Resolution Approving Amendment #2 to Task Order 22-02 between Strand Associates, Inc. and the Village of Rockdale for Technical Services related to City of Joliet Water Supply Assistance, alternative water supply evaluation, and IEPA Revolving Loan Fund Plannings moving to Lake Michigan Water and the formation of the Grand Prairie Water Commission.

Mr. Stiff provided a historical overview of the initial contract for Strand's services regarding the Village water supply, options for future water sources, and the other services related to water services and upgrades which have been the subject of various Task Orders which have been passed and amended from time to time as necessary. This newest proposed Amendment to Task Order 22-02 covers the additional fees to Strand for its continued work over the past year in assisting in the negotiation of the next agenda item, the Interim Water Supply Agreement with Joliet, the continued evaluation of alternative water supply options, which was presented to the Board by Chris Ulm at the last two Village Board Meetings, and the completion and submission of IEPA loan preliminary documents to the IEPA, which came in "under budget" from what was proposed in Task Order 22-02 when it was originally passed. The proposed amendment to Task Order 22-02 is a net increase to the Village of approximately \$16,000.00 with the reduction in the fees for the IEPA item. Mr. Stiff asked the Village Clerk for the next Resolution number which was number 840. A motion was made to approve the Amendment to Task Order # 22-02 between Strand Associates and the Village of Rockdale by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion to approve Resolution 840 carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Following the approval of the Task Order Amendment Mr. Stiff moved to the next item, A Resolution Approving an Interim Water Supply Agreement by and Between the Village of Rockdale and the City of Joliet. This agreement was fully discussed at the last meeting, with direction that the Village Attorneys take back certain additional requests for changes to the City of Joliet's team. Mr. Stiff indicated that some of the requested changes had been accepted by the City, as reflected in the redline version that is at each Trustee's seat on the dais. This is the best the Village can expect from Joliet. As previously discussed, the Resolution approving the Interim Agreement also authorizes and directs the Village President to communicate the Village's decision not to become a water customer of Joliet once the transition is made to Lake Michigan water. Mr. Stiff next asked for the Resolution number for the document, which is number 841. A question put forth by Mr. Wyke was regarding how the notification was going to take place. A motion was made to approve this resolution made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

The next agenda item, A Resolution Approving, Adopting, and Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Rockdale and the Illinois Council of Police (Icops) would not be voted on until after discussion in executive session. There was no opposition.

XIII. Department Business

Mr. Proia updated the Board on the lift station construction noting the emergency motor will be tested tomorrow. Meter work will be included. Lagoon work will also take place tomorrow with the assistance of Strand personnel.

Police Chief Dykstra provided material to the Board which included calls for the last two weeks along with other information. Mr. Wyke asked about the New Year's Eve Tavern hours. Regular hours will be in effect, as none of the liquor license holders requested extended hours.

Mr. Malinowski presented his written 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 to have additional erosion control measures implemented per Dan's suggestion. The County, though unwilling to force the owner to put up a bond or surety, has indicated that it will not allow the final work on capping the landfill to progress without the Village's approval. Mr. Guzman also indicated that he had purchased a used street sweeper so it is hoped that he will agree to use it on Moen Ave. to keep the debris and silt from entering the Village's storm sewer and/or the creek, each of which are Rockdale's responsibility.

Mr. Stiff had nothing to add to what was covered in detail throughout the meeting.

From all of the department heads, they wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked those in attendance if they wished to make a public comment. Mr. and Mrs. Weber wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas. Mr. Califello also wished a Merry Christmas to all.

XV. Special Business

A motion was made to open the Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) regarding the purchase of lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

After the executive session, a motion was made to return to the regular session of the Board meeting made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Returning to the agenda items for action following executive session, Mr. Stiff presented An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property in the Village of Rockdale, Setting the Purchase Price and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Agreement. Mr. Stiff asked the Clerk for the next Ordinance number which was 1146. Mr. Stiff asked the Board for a motion to approve the Ordinance and to allow the Village President to execute the Agreement subject to attorney modification of all but the financial terms. That motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. There were 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. Motion carried.

The next action item following the executive session was a Resolution Approving, Adopting, and Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Rockdale and the Illinois Council of Police (Icops). The next resolution number was 842. A motion to approve Resolution 842 was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XVI. Adjournment

Before asking for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Wyke wished all present a Merry Christmas.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be January 2, 2024