

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
January 16, 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 January 16th, 2024, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Assistant Village Clerk Mrs. Pirc conducted the roll call. Village President Mr. Wyke was present along with Trustees Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Pirc, Mr. Scheidt and Mr. Cooling. Trustees Mr. Barnes and Mr. Stadler were absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Village Attorney Mr. Mike Stiff, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from January 2nd, 2024, 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. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to accept 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 by 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. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. Nothing at this time.

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Old Business. Nothing at this time.

XII. New Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any new business. Trustee Cooling thanked the Public Works Department for their work in clearing the streets following the recent snowfall. Mr. Wyke also received

many compliments regarding the cleared streets. Mr. Lorenc also thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department for their great job on the streets.

The next item was a discussion regarding the hiring of a company to conduct a water rate study in light of the Village's decision not to become the City of Joliet's water customer following the transition to Lake Michigan water. Village Attorney Stiff gave an overview of the issue. Despite the Village Clerk's efforts in calculating the necessary rate increases needed to keep pace with Joliet's increases and to keep the Village's water system operating in the black, the Village needs a more precise report on what the rates need to be to complete the needed capital investments in the system and the decision to stay self-sufficient after Joliet and the other neighboring municipalities transition to Lake Michigan water. The Village is expecting a proposal from Burns & McDonnell, through Strand & Associates, to perform a rate study analysis which will take into consideration those capital costs. The approval will be on the next agenda. There will also be Resolutions approving additional Strand Task Orders so the Village can move forward water main replacement along Meadow Avenue, the lead service line replacement and engineering for the new Interconnect with Joliet which will be located at 1407 Kinsey following the Village's acquisition of that property.

Next up was An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Unscheduled Intercity Buses, And the Discharge of Passengers to Ensure the Health, Safety and Welfare of Residents and Visitors to the Village of Rockdale. Following the introduction by Village Attorney Mr. Stiff, the Board and Chief Dykstra discussed the issue of whether the Village wanted to collect a \$500 administrative tow fee if the bus were towed, and if so the Village Attorney was recommending that the Administrative Tow Ordinance also be amended to reflect the new Bus Ordinance. This was in addition to the fines of \$750 for each passenger. Chief Dykstra's recommendation was to eliminate the \$500 Village Fee and therefore there would be no need for an amendment of Section 78-201. It was decided that the Ordinance(s) needed further modification, so Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to table the matter until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent. Mr. Stiff will have different versions and options for discussion and possible approval at the next meeting.

There was also a discussion regarding whether the Village wanted to declaring by resolution that it was not a sanctuary Village. The Board determined that the Village Attorney should draft a resolution declaring Rockdale to be a non-sanctuary Village due to the Village not having the resources or services to provide for asylum seekers. Mr. Stiff will have a draft for the next board meeting.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that the old Polley's Garage located at 1655 S Larkin has been connected to the Village water and sewer system. After testing the lines, they will tie into the buffalo box. The work was done by Alberico. Mr. Proia will pass along "thanks" to the Public Works Team regarding snow removal. They really put a lot of effort and time into clearing the streets.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity and arrests for the past two weeks. He and the Deputy Chief also conducted three interviews for the open full-time police officer position. The Chief continues to receive applications and will be scheduling additional interviews in the next couple of weeks. The Department is working on the completion of the annual Illinois Attorney General's Way Forward Act and will be submitting it to the Illinois Attorney General's Office soon. Chief Dykstra also reported that the Village may be able to get one of the new squads in for installation of the police equipment in February. This will likely take until June or July. The next squad for up-fitting could be in September or October. Finally, the Police Department will be scheduling mental health evaluations next month per the Illinois Police Officers Training Act. This is an annual requirement for each officer.

Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski shared an update on the Guzman Property on Moen Avenue. As discussed in the past, the site has been eroding soil material onto Moen Avenue pavement, drainage

structures, and the stream. Mr. Malinowski presented comments to the submitted design concept that he believes will direct runoff to the east instead of onto Moen Avenue. Mr. Malinowski received the revision on January 12, 2024. The design implements the diversion channel and infiltration basin that is being recommended. The owner also indicated that he has purchased a street sweeper and would consider using it during their site construction. The AT&T Moen Avenue cable installation near Environmental Recycling will be overhead as it crosses the street and then it will be underground as it enters the site. The second revised plan addressed all 11 review comments about restoration, avoiding conflicts, drainage issues and traffic control etc. The third revised plan was submitted today. The project will be processed by Clerk Sennyes for permitting. Mr. Malinowski suggested the Village needs an updated overall map marking water mains, valves as well as all hydrant locations.

Village Attorney Mr. Mike Stiff previously mentioned the Strand Task Orders Resolutions for the various water projects which will be up for discussion and approval at the next board meeting. Regarding the purchase of 1407 Kinsey, the closing is currently planned for March 26, 2024. The earnest money check was mailed to Attorney Don Gould's office, the Phase I Environmental site assessment is to be completed by the Village within 45 days after the execution of the purchase agreement and title has been ordered by Attorney Gould. There is a meeting set for January 23, 2024 with Carlos Nunez to discuss his plans for a new tavern in the Mansard Room building. Also, a meeting is being set with the owner of Schwarz Logistics which is a new business located on Mound Road at the old mining equipment property. Lastly, we are looking to implement the PILOT Program, which is a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for businesses who are using properties to store or park semis. We will need to have a Zoning Board Meeting and Public Hearing regarding this program.

XIV. Public Comment

None.

XV.Special Business

None.

XVI.Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 6th, 2024.