

**VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE**  
***Board Meeting Minutes of***  
**February 20, 2024**

**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 February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

**II. Roll Call**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Lorenc was present along with Mr. Pirc, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Stadler. 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. Mr. Scheidt arrived at the midpoint of the meeting at 7:24 pm.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from February 6, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**IV. Visitors**

Although Mr. Carlos Nunez representing one of the Business owners in town was scheduled to speak to the Board, there was no one in attendance.

**V. Bills and Claims.**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**VI. Clerk's Receipts**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

**VII. Treasurer's Receipts**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Barnes made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 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. The Trustees had no new business. Mr. Wyke moved to the first item on the agenda which was the Official Swearing in of new Rockdale Police Officers Anthony

Dietz, Mitchell Hosman, and Danny Jones. Police Chief Dykstra welcomed those in attendance as well as friends and family of the three officers. Officer Griffing introduced each officer and provided the Board with each officer's background. Following those introductions, the Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the new Rockdale Police Officers.

The next agenda item was the Ordinance amending Sections 82-43, 82-46, and 82-47 of the Rockdale Village Code with respect to water rates in the Village. Mr. Stiff provided background regarding the proposed increase, including an explanation as to why the discount rate needs to continue because it is based on a written agreement. If the Village Board is contemplating either the termination of that agreement, or a modification or renegotiation of the agreement, that can be accomplished. Mr. Stiff explained that there were two different rate increase proposals presented at an earlier meeting and that the Ordinance in the Board packet is the least aggressive of those two, noting that this increase is really just a first step and the rates will need to be reassessed when the Burns and McDonnell water rate study is completed. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion on the next Ordinance, number 1148. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motioned carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item was the approval of an extension of the 2010 Red Speed contract on a month-to-month basis with 60-day mutual termination. Mr. Stiff explained that the original contract from 2010 had expired after a 2018 extension with the most recent extension modifying the financial terms by removing one of the fees. With the contract set to expire again in March, Red Speed offered a completely new contract, which was similar but not identical to the new agreement or the option of simply keeping the 2010 agreement's terms in place on a month-to-month basis with the right of either party to terminate the relationship upon 60 days' notice. Police Chief Dykstra preferred the month-to-month option and addressed the Board to provide his take on the issue. A Motion to approve the month-to-month Red Speed Agreement was made by Mr. Pirc, with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next was an Ordinance Amending Section 26-232 of the Rockdale Village Code to Increase the Number of Tavern Liquor Licenses to 4. Mr. Stiff provided the Board with background and explanation about how Carlos Nunez, the Owner of El Comal, wants to open a tavern in the same building as the restaurant and banquet hall. The primary concern is regarding the inadequate parking, and Mr. Stiff's recommendation is that the business owner apply for a variance and have that request proceed through the ZBA. Since Mr. Nunez was not present, the Board decided to table the Tavern Liquor License Ordinance until the variance request is decided. A motion was made to table this Ordinance with a motion made by Mr. Barnes and with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Trustee Mr. Scheidt arrived for the Board meeting at 7:24 pm.

### **XIII. Department Business**

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported his staff boarded up the abandoned house at 1509 Kinsey Ave. There have been squatters reported in the house so for the safety of the Village residents in the area, it was boarded up. Chief Dykstra added additional background regarding the house.

Mr. Proia is still waiting for quotes for Well #3 closure and capping. Three quotes are expected for the next meeting. Mr. Barnes asked about the fading of the recent street striping and whether it will be covered under the vendor's warranty.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity and arrests for the past two weeks.

A criminal sexual abuse allegation was reported.

There were four incidents of people being charged for driving on a suspended license. A Bolingbrook resident, a resident of Joliet and two Rockdale residents.

Officers responded to a tavern where an assault took place. fight with an arrest made for domestic battery against Christopher Gonzalez.

Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski provided a handout of the property of 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 explained that he did pass along his comments to Mr. Guzman's engineer, as previously approved by the Board, and those comments were well received. A fee in lieu of detention is on the table for the old Polly's garage property. The owner and his attorney will have time to review.

Mr. Stiff added that the Will County case against Mr. Guzman is up next week, and he will attend if necessary.

Mr. Stiff also reported that Kinsey property purchase is moving forward. A shed on the property line will need to be demolished as it encroaches on IDOT right of way. The Phase I Environmental came back clean, although additional geotechnical work will be required under separate contract for the engineering of the interconnection and vault. Additionally, the Interim Water Supply Agreement with Joliet is now completely signed, and an original is with the Village.

#### **XIV. Public Comment**

None.

#### **XV.Special Business**

None.

#### **XVI.Adjournment**

Village President Mr. Wyke added that the Village has been approached with plans for a new breakfast restaurant/pancake house and will have the owners present for the next meeting. The Rockdale annual Easter egg hunt will be scheduled prior to Easter in March.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.