

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
March 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 March 20th, 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. Scheidt, Mr. Stadler, and Mr. Cooling. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Mr. Pirc and Mr. Barnes were absent. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff was remote via phone.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from March 5, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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 approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve 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 approve the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

There was one to report which was a remodel at 400 Moen Ave.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. Police Chief Dykstra read an email from a driver who had been pulled over for speeding by Deputy Chief Baikie. In the email, she thanked Officer Baikie for being courteous, kind and respectful during this traffic stop. She went on to explain that she appreciated being treated in a civil manner. She mentioned definitely wanted to note how the Police sometimes get a bad rap for just doing their job, so she wanted to recognize Officer Baikie for the good he does.

In addition, a special mention was put forth by Chief Dykstra regarding the Birthday of a resident who was in the audience and is a member of our Zoning Board, Gary Califello.

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any old business and there was none.

XII. New Business

There was also no new business.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported the schedule for abandonment and capping of Well #3 located just off of Larkin Avenue. Everything is lined up so it can be completed as scheduled in one day. Village President Mr. Wyke asked about a Cornwell Report received by Village staff.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity and arrests for the past two weeks. Things to note from the report were the successful lock down drill performed at the Rockdale Public School, and the Donuts with Grownups event which will take place this Friday. The interviews for new officers are continuing.

Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski provided a handout of Elm Court lots 4 and 5 on which the owner wants to place gravel. Mr. Malinowski outlined the steps required along with a professional fee agreement needing to be in place prior to any work proceeding. The owner will be retaining an engineering firm. Village President Mr. Wyke brought up a concern with the overgrowth on the property.

With respect to the Guzman Property on Moen Avenue, Mr. Malinowski re-capped his recommendations for the site and the agreement by Mr. Guzman's engineer with respect to those recommendations for future erosion control.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff reported that any engineering requirements for erosion control on the Guzman property will be requested to be attached to any Court Order so there will be no confusion or doubt as to what will be required going forward. He also reported that the case was up in court and the current issue is getting a landscaping plan approved by the County staff. Mr. Stiff suggested that Mr. Malinowski reach out to the County staff to make sure the Village has an opportunity to review the landscape plan for consistency with the Village's landscaping along Moen Avenue.

The closing for the Village's purchase of the Kinsey Street property for the interconnect is scheduled for the last week in March.

A meeting with Strand representatives is being scheduled to discuss a timetable and schedule for the upcoming water system capital improvement projects.

Regarding the proposed tavern and the proposed Pancake house, the parking issues will be reviewed to determine if variances are required.

XIV. Public Comment

None

XV.Special Business

None.

XVI.Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke reminded the group of the Rockdale Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled for March 30, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sea Bee Diamond. A donation was again provided from Nick at the corner store.

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday April 2nd, 2024.