

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
April 2, 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 April 2nd, 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, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Pirc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski and Village Attorney Mr. Stiff.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from March 20, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

Prior to Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims, Mr. Lorenc asked about an invoice from a vendor which related to the lift station project. With that question answered, Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve 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 approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Pirc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

There was one to report which was adding a new sign at the business located 1810 Moen Ave.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. There were none.

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked the members of the Board for any new business. Mr. Lorenc thanked everyone involved with the Rockdale Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which was a great success. Mr. Wyke added

his thanks to those who helped out, including his wife and her Mother, who worked behind the scenes to prepare the eggs and fill the Easter baskets.

XII. New Business

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

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported the latest schedule for abandonment and capping of Well #3 located just off of Larkin Avenue. Mr. Proia advised the Board of his vacation plans for the next few days. Mr. Wyke asked whether Mr. Proia would still be able to monitor his SCADA while he was gone. Mr. Proia assured the Board that he would have that information available on his phone.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity report for the past two weeks. Things to note from the report were the annual mental health evaluations which are ongoing. Two new Officers will be sworn in at the next Board meeting. Chief Dykstra provided a brief background of each officer who will be sworn in. Additionally, there are plans to hire an administrative assistant to fill the role of the recently retired Gayle Shimek. Gayle will be honored for her years of service at the next meeting as well. Finally, Police Chief Dykstra reported that Rockdale has been accredited by the Illinois Chiefs of Police regarding use of force policies.

Village President Mr. Wyke inquired about two additional plaques for retired Public Works Director James “Smokey” Planinsek and retired ZBA Chairperson Sue Polesel. Chief Dykstra indicated that the two plaques will be completed soon.

Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski provided a handout which included a section on the Euro Trucking business and discussions regarding the issues with their trucks driving over the apron on Moen Avenue. With respect to a proposed project on Elm Court, Mr. Malinowski outlined the steps required along with a professional fee agreement needing to be in place prior to any work proceeding. The owner wanted to know what the charges will be for the professional fee agreement payment. Mr. Stiff asked whether this project will require ZBA recommendations and approvals. Mr. Malinowski will review the plans and discuss the ZBA questions with Mr. Stiff, but preliminarily it appears that no ZBA appearance will be required.

Finally, the old Polly’s garage property is wrapping up with a final determination as to the fee in lieu of detention.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff reported that the owners of the proposed Tavern on Moen have submitted an application for a parking variance. The matter will need to be presented at the ZBA so he will be looking to set the public hearing at the next available date for the zoning board members. Mr. Stiff advised that he was still waiting on a few pieces of information from the Pancake House owners to determine whether they will also need a parking variance, but the preliminary calculations indicate that there is enough parking already.

A meeting with Strand representatives took place with discussions about a timetable and schedule for the upcoming water system capital improvement projects. Once finalized, the information will be brought to the Board.

XIV. Public Comment

None

XV. Special Business

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None.

XVI.Adjournment

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 April 16th, 2024.