VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

July 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 July 2, 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, and Mr. Barnes. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski, Village Attorney Mr. Stiff and Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia. Trustee Pirc was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 18, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

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

IX. Building Permits

919 Moen Avenue-Application for a new business sign.

X. Communications

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

XI. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc asked for an update regarding the opening of the new Rockdale Pancake House. The Village Clerk provided information about the recent inspections requested for the new alarm and fire suppression systems as required by the Fire Department. The Will County Health Inspector is also scheduled to be at the business. According to B & F, the Village building inspection company, they will return to the business for final inspection after the Fire Department and Health Department inspections are completed.

XII. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Board members for any new business. There was none.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the business license application for a semi-truck repair business at 1625 S. Larkin Ave. Mr. Dmytro Marhafilli, the business owner, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Mr. Wyke asked about truck parking and outdoor security cameras. Mr. Marhafilli indication that there would be no long-term parking and that security cameras would be installed. Mr. Stiff asked about the business hours. The mechanics would be on call from 6 am to 10 pm with the building mechanics being onsite from 7:30 am to 6 pm.

The next item was the new business application for a construction equipment rental business, Equipment Share, Inc. located at 132 Harris Drive. Hiram Rodriguez was present to answer any questions about the business. The hours are 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Mr. Wyke asked about weekend hours and whether there would be security cameras. Mr. Rodriguez responded that if a customer needed a piece of equipment on an emergency basis on the weekend, arrangements could be made for a pick-up. Cameras will also be installed. The rental equipment would be installed in the fenced in yard, but fire department access roads would be kept clear. Police Chief Dykstra asked about occupancy and Public Works Assistant Director Mr. Proia asked about access to the Village water valves which are accessed through the property. Mr. Rodriguez assured the Board that his company would provide digital access to the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Stiff asked that emergency contact information be provided to the Village for any emergency access issues. Equipment available to the consumer will be organized on site and will not look like a junkyard.

The next item was an Ordinance Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Village of Rockdale, Illinois pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/7-1-24 (Petition of Glosky Enterprises, Inc.). All the paperwork is in the Board Packet, including the signed letter from Donahue & Rose and a Plat of Disconnection, which is an attachment to the Ordinance. Mr. Stiff provided background information and summarized discussions in prior meetings, including the December 2023 meeting at which the Village Board approved the Interim Water Supply Agreement with the City of Joliet. As part of that Agreement, the Village agreed to voluntarily disconnect the property on Rock Island Avenue owned by Glosky Enterprises so it can be annexed to the City of Joliet. The Ordinance provides that Joliet must annex the property, or the Ordinance will be null and void. Mr. Stiff asked for the next Ordinance number which is 1150. A Motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve Ordinance 1150 with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next agenda item was for Approval of an Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for replacement of the Rockdale Police Department's tasers, body-worn cameras, and in-squad cameras. Mr. Stiff provided detailed information about the cost savings of the five-year agreement versus individual pricing for the three items (tasers, body worn cameras and in-squad cameras). Because the agreement can be terminated, it does not run afoul the rule against binding future boards to financial obligations. The cost savings of more than $65,000.00 over the term of this agreement for all of the services makes it a cost-effective measure moving forward. Mr. Stiff indicated that for the next fiscal year appropriation, the first year of the contract will be reduced by the use of $50,000.00 in grant money which had previously been earmarked for the tornado siren, but which Chief Dykstra obtained approval to re-direct the grant money to this purchase of equipment. Chief Dykstra provided a more detailed invoicing document which shows exactly what the Village is getting with this agreement. Mr. Stiff indicated that the actual terms and conditions of the various agreements were quite lengthy and requested that the approval vote to allow potential attorney review of the documents. A motion to approve the 5-year agreement with Axon, subject to attorney approval, not to exceed $318,464.86 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent. Mr. Scheidt asked whether the tasers would be yellow and Chief Dykstra confirmed that they would indeed be yellow.

Mr. Stiff asked that the remaining new business items be deferred until after the scheduled executive session.

After returning to Open Session following the executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Mr. Stiff asked for Approval of the hourly wage for the Public Works Team Lead Position at $26.00 per hour as discussed in the executive session. The Motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next, Mr. Stiff asked for approval of the designation of Public Works employee Matt Lucas as the Public Works Team Lead. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The last agenda item was for the Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Rockdale and General Teamsters Local 179 regarding the Rockdale Public Works Team Lead Position starting on July 1, 2024, as discussed in executive session. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia presented his update. Mr. Proia reported that they are wrapping up work in the alleys on the upper area of the Village. The Lower half will continue next week. One of the summer help workers decided on another career path and no longer works for the Village.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity report for the past two weeks. There happens to be a bit of irony and humor with the report as told by Mr. Dykstra, when a person who came to the Police station to report a problem just happened to have an outstanding arrest warrant. Additionally, with the addition of new officers, traffic tickets have increased.

Trustee Lorenc asked about plans to have a new privacy fence installed the break area for the Police Officers. The fence and break table were generously donated by Alliance Fence Company. The officers are very grateful.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a handout and then highlighted certain items of interest, including an update on the Guzman property on Moen Avenue, the 606-608 Elm Court property development, and Nicor work on Midland Ave by the railroad tracks as it pertains to the Village water main. A property located on the West end of Moen Ave will be developed soon so water and sewer will need to be provided. Mr. Wyke reminded Mr. Malinowski that there is a recapture agreement in place for any new water and sewer connections in that area.

Before moving on, Mr. Wyke asked about outstanding PT Ferro invoices related to IDOT for the Moen Ave project which was completed more than a year ago. Specifically, the Village received an invoice for more than $80,000.00 for work done in 2021. Mr. Wyke explained how difficult it is to understand why invoices are submitted almost three years later and how it causes a budgetary nightmare with the Village expenses. Mr. Malinowski indicated that the delay is actually in the Village's favor since IDOT has paid these invoices but has not looked to the Village for reimbursement these past several years.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff reviewed the status of the Guzman property, indicating the case was up in court recently and continued for status as to the progress of capping the landfill with clay. There is still an issue with the landscaping plan required by the County, but Mr. Stiff indicated that he was assured that the court case will not be closed until the County and Village are satisfied.

Additionally, there was a notice of public hearing published in the Joliet Herald News this past weekend regarding the appropriations ordinance for the current fiscal year. This will be voted on at the next Board meeting on July 18, 2024. The draft for this is part of the Board packet for tonight and for the Trustees to review. It is also available to the public.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. A resident reported an unusual number of vehicles and a camper parked in the yard at 700 Warren St. Mr. Wyke indicated that the Village Staff would look into the issue.

XV. Special Business

A Motion was asked for to go into an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)—The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, motion made by Mr. Cooling and with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XVI. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke announced that the Village will be accepting proposals for heating and air condition replacement project for the Village Hall and the Conference room.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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