

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
July 16, 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 16, 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 July 2, 2024, as written. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Lorenc. 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. Barnes made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

1004 Bellevue – New Steps and 1006 Bellevue – New Concrete and Steps

X. Communications

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

XI. Old Business

Mr. Cooling spoke about the hard work put forth by both the Police Department and the Public Works department after last night's storm and following Storm damage. He thought they did a great job and wanted to thank them all. Mr. Wyke followed that comment of appreciation, adding the Fire Department to the list. Mr. Scheidt and the rest of the Board members sent out their thanks for a job done well. With more to take care of moving forward.

Mr. Lorenc asked about the status of the Pancake house after the building inspections. The Clerk gave a most recent update and informed the Board the restaurant will be opening so with a grand opening planned for the future. They wanted the Mayor to participate in a grand opening ceremony so they will keep us informed.

Lorenc asked for an update regarding the opening of the new Rockdale Pancake House. The Village Clerk provided information that they passed all of the inspections with an opening either this weekend or on Monday.

Mr. Wyke continued to poll the Board members for old business which there was nothing to add.

XII. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was a review and approval of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Rockdale Fiscal 2024-2025. Mr. Stiff gave the narrative of the appropriate measures that are required which took place bring us to the conclusion tonight starting with a motion to open the public hears for this appropriations Ordinance. Motion made Mr. Lorenc with a second made by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The with the public hearing opened, Mr. Stiff asked those in attendance if they would have any questions regarding the appropriations Ordinance presented before the Board tonight which is for approval. Since no one in the audience had anything to add regarding the Appropriations Ordinance, Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to close the public hearing, motion made Mr. Barnes with a second made by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Moving forward, Mr. Stiff provided a brief dissertation about the Appropriations ordinance which each member of the Board had their copy now for two weeks to review. Since there were no objections to this ordinance before them, Mr. Stiff asked the clerk for the next Ordinance number which was 1151. Mr. Stiff then asked for a motion that Ordinance 1151 regarding the appropriations budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 be made motion by Mr. Cooling and with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next on the agenda was an approval of the new cleaning services at Village Hall. Mr. Wyke spoke of Thomas Sweeney taking over the cleaning services for the Village. Mr. Stiff continued with the events and what has transpired from two meetings ago which involved the Village cleaning activities. Since this is a vote to ratify what is already taking place a motion was asked to approve his employment at \$300.00 a month motion made by Mr. Lorenc with a second made by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up was the approval of a proposal for new HVAC equipment from the submitted proposals. Mr. Wyke went on to explain another proposal is waiting to be received and also a proposal needs to be resubmitted so from all of this, it will be tabled for now and ready for our next meeting. A motion to table this agenda item until our next meeting was put forth by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia presented his update. Mr. Proia reported the Licensed person for our drinking water will be required to have a new contract in place no later than September 1, 2024. John Kemp has been doing a great job and is line for an increase, so the plan is to raise his salary up to \$1000.00 annually.

His department is handling the storm damage and has plans to continue their effort throughout the week. Tree and limbs removal will be a top priority for the week if not longer.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra had nothing to share with the Board members since he was still recovering from the recent storm activities which produced several tornados spreading their damage throughout Will County and areas close to home.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a handout and then highlighted certain items of interest, including an update on the Guzman property on Moen Avenue, and Nicor work on Midland Ave by the railroad tracks as it pertains to the Village water main.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff reviewed the status of the Eckhart property, indicating the house is now being handled a relative who has hired an attorney and also a real estate agent to handle a potential sale of the house and property.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. There was none.

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke announced that the “Look amazing, be amazing” back to Rockdale Schools annual event taking place this year at the PSC location on August 8th, from 3pm to 630pm. It’s always a treasured event which brings in a large number of Rockdale kids for free haircuts along with special events and food.

Continuing, Mr. Wyke spoke of a resident who will be having a three-day birthday event. Apparently, our Assistant Director of Public Works will be in attendance.

Finally, Mr. Wyke spoke of the success of the car show that was held this past weekend at the Roc City Bar and Grill. Mr. Wyke wanted to thank all of those who contributed their time for a good cause with proceeds going to the Rockdale Police Fund.

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 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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