VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

August 6, 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 August 6, 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 16, 2024, as written. Mr. Barnes 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. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Stadler. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

625 Midland - Solar Panels -this application has been sent to B & F.

X. Communications

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

XI. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc complimented Chief Dykstra and Mr. Proia on the signs commemorating Smokey Planinsek at the Village baseball field. Mr. Barnes was credited with the original idea and the signs look great.

XII. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was a business license application review for RSC Express. Radu Botnari, the owner, was present at the meeting. His business is truck repair. Mr. Wyke raised questions about security cameras and specifically, truck parking on the property at the business during business hours and overnight. The owner assured the Board that there would be no more than one or two.

The next item was also a business license application review for CTR Truck Repair, with owner Braulio Rodreguez scheduled to appear. However, the owner was not in attendance, so Mr. Wyke moved to the next item with an instruction to the Clerk to reach out to Mr. Rodreguez to make sure he is at the next meeting.

The next agenda item was A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Village President to Execute an Independent Contractor Agreement with John F. Kemp for Water Operator Services. Mr. Stiff provided additional detail regarding the prior contracts for water operator services and explained that this new contract with Mr. Kemp is identical to the prior agreement except for the dates and the previously agreed upon increase in the monthly pay from $800.00 per month to $1000.00 per month. The increase was based upon Mr. Proia's satisfaction with Mr. Kemp's work for the Village over the past year.

The next resolution number was 851. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item was A Resolution Approving Task Order 24-05 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Preliminary Design, Design and Bidding Related Services for Well No. 8. This resolution involves providing engineering services for the new deep well (No. 8) and includes the preliminary design services, design and bidding related services for Well No. 8 in addition to design and bidding related services for the ground storage tank, design and bidding related services for the HMO treatment facility and pumping station, and design and bidding related services for the raw and finished water main. The Task Order totals $681,000.00, but the Village has determined to defer approval of everything but the Well No. 8 design and bidding related services totaling $138,000.00. The next resolution number was 852. Mr. Cooling made a motion to approve Resolution 852 with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next on the agenda was A Resolution Approving Task Order 24-06 with Strand Associates, Inc. for On-Call Development Review Services. This was designated as Resolution 853, and the resolution will allow Strand to perform development review for projects on an as needed basis, with the nature and scope of each review being discussed in advance of any work being performed. A motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve the Resolution with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item was a discussion regarding proposals for new HVAC equipment for the Rockdale Village Hall and Board Room. Mr. Stiff explained how he did not have a resolution prepared for the Board since there was no clear indication which proposal was being considered for approval. Mr. Stiff suggested that the proposals and prices be listed. Mr. Lorenc indicated that the JJR company from Plainfield proposed to install American Standard equipment for $41,789.00 and Goodman equipment for $38,527.00. Johansen and Anderson proposed to install York equipment in the Board Room for $21,195.00 and $20,595.00 for the Clerk's office. Four Seasons proposed to install Lennox equipment in the Board Room for $20,420.00 and the Clerk's office for $18,365.00. Gene May also submitted a proposal. Mr. Barnes commented that he had used Gene May a number of times with a great deal of success. For those in the audience, Mr. Stiff asked the Mr. Wyke to explain the reason for the proposals. Mr. Wyke explained the need to replace the more than 30-year-old equipment which has been requiring repairs and needs replacement. Mr. Wyke indicated the Gene May quote for the Clerk's office at $19,643.00. Mr. Stiff asked about why each proposal was broken out separately for the Board Room and Clerk's office. Mr. Wyke explained the reasons behind the two proposals. The Gene May proposal for the Board Room was $24,230.00. Finally, Comfort Control, which has a Rockdale office, proposed to install Amana equipment. This brand was researched with favorable online reviews. That proposal was $19,300.00 for the Board Room and $19,300.00 for the Clerk's Office. Mr. Stiff asked whether the project had been listed as requiring prevailing wage in the agreements. This question put a pause to the discussion, so Mr. Stiff thought it best to put it before the Board to waive competitive bidding. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Barnes. Motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next Mr. Stiff asked the Board to now select the appropriate choice of which HVAC company offers what each Board member requires. Mr. Wyke opened the discussion with his thoughts. Mr. Lorenc asked the Public Works Assistant Director what he thought, which was Gene May. Mr. Stiff asked whether there was an actual contract with terms and conditions, and it did not appear to be the case. The decision was made to table this until contracts with warranty and insurance information can be obtained. A motion was made to table this issue for now motion made by Mr. Cooling, with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia presented his update. Mr. Proia advised the Board about the Planinsek tribute signs which are positioned in two locations at the Sea Bee Diamond. The Planinsek family had a chance to see the signs and thought they were outstanding. They thanked all of those who participated with the signs including a special thank you to Mr. Proia. The Rockdale School Baseball coach saw the signs and asked whether they could get signs as well.

The Village welcome signs have been completed by a sign painting company. Mr. Lorenc gave a special mention to Mr. Proia who saved the Village an additional $500.00 by providing touch-up work which really made the signs stand out. Mr. Barnes had a couple of questions regarding the signs and when they were painted. There was a discussion about putting lights on the signs. Mr. Barnes added to the sign discussion by suggesting that local businesses could be sold signs to advertise at the ball diamond.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the Police activity in Rockdale. There was an increase in domestic battery cases. A special notice was for a juvenile domestic against a parent. Allegedly the teenager choked his parent. He was arrested and sent to the juvenile processing center in Joliet. Deputy Chief Baikie had dealt with this juvenile in the past taking particular care to guide him through the troubling period in his life. The technical security audit was a success. This year's Toys For Tots parade will be in November.

One of the violent offenders against youth who resided in the Village is now leaving town. Kari McKay is moving from Rockdale to Joliet so that brings the Rockdale total down to two sex offenders still in town.

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. Alliance Fence and their project is continuing with the discussions with the design engineering.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised the Board that Governor Pritzker signed legislation abolishing the state grocery tax which will take place in January of 2026. The legislation does provide authority for local municipalities to replace the grocery tax as a local ordinance. There will be a discussion at an upcoming meeting regarding codification of the Village's Special Events policy.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for a Public Comment. A resident asked about door-to-door solicitation. She believes there was an attempt at her house and wanted to know the policy and who to report this to in the event it happens again. Also, she added her opinion on the HVAC equipment and what type of warranty to ask for when the Village eventually decides on the company and equipment for the HVAC.

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 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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 20, 2024.