

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
September 17, 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 September 17, 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. Cooling, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Stadler 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. Village Trustee Mr. Scheidt was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 3, 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. Barnes made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Lorenc. 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. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

668 Orr St – Solar – 723 Orr St – New House – 2134 Maxim Dr – Sign, 905 Otis – Garage – All of those were sent to B & F.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. The Village Clerk reported that the railroad will be performing work at the Midland Avenue crossing from October 21 to November 1, thereby requiring road closings. Police Chief Dykstra reported that a thank you letter from Professional Salon Concepts is included in his Board handout.

XI. Old Business

There was none.

XII. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Board members for any new business. Mr. Lorenc requested that the Police Department, during night shift patrols, could note the pole number and location of any streetlights that are burned out. ComEd has been lax in getting lights replaced. Chief Dykstra reported that he would make the request to his officers.

The first regular business item is consideration of proposed options for renewal/extension of the Village's Agreement with AT&T for the cell phone site located at 119 Harris Drive on the Village water tower. Mr. Stiff provided some historical background to the lease and what was proposed the last time the lease was up five years ago. AT&T has offered two options. The first option is a continued monthly lease amount and second is a lump sum payment in exchange for a 99-year lease. Mr. Stiff outlined the risks of both options. With the 99-year lease, the Village gets the lump sum now but takes the risk that the market goes up in the future. With the second option, the Village takes the risk the market goes down appreciably, and the next lease is at an even lower monthly rent. The consensus of the Board was to simply extend the lease for another period at a monthly rate. The motion to accept that option was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia presented his update. Mr. Proia advised the Board that curb painting has been completed. Also, there are still vendors who have not submitted pricing proposals for Village Road resurfacing projects. They will be ready by the next Board meeting. Trustee Mr. Pirc asked about a P.T. Ferro submitting a proposal. There are concerns about meeting the requirements of the bidding process. Mr. Stiff asked the Village Engineer about whether Schwarz Logistics on Mound Road has been approached regarding the resurfacing of the road in front of his property. The Village may be able to pass along a reduced rate if there are other projects being done in the Village.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the Police activity in Rockdale. Chief Dykstra also mentioned that he would be seeking to dispose of surplus vests and will be preparing an Ordinance for the next meeting. He is proposing that the expired vests be donated.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a handout for review regarding the Alliance Fence property. The concerns raised by our Engineering Department regarding drainage and other issues are presently in the process of being resolved.

Mr. Pirc asked whether IDOT has responded to Mr. Malinowski's request that they address the flooding issue near Kinsey which was reported as continuing by one of the residents at a recent meeting. Mr. Malinowski did speak with his contacts at IDOT about this issue. IDOT did visit the site and advised that it would be addressed at the time that the I-80 reconstruction project work is being done in that area.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff updated the Board on the status of Joliet's purchase of the Glosky property located on Rock Island Avenue. Joliet posted for a public hearing on the annexation and rezoning. Mr. Wortmann attended the public hearing and provided old documentation which indicated that he owned a small sliver of land which was purportedly part of the purchase from Glosky. The issue has been investigated by Joliet and has proven to be accurate. Joliet is going to move forward with its purchase of the Glosky parcel, minus the Wortmann parcel, and then negotiate a purchase of the Wortmann parcel directly from Mr. Wortmann. Therefore, once Joliet is the title holder on both parcels, they will be coming back to the Village with a similar disconnection petition as was granted previously. Mr. Stiff reminded the Board that pursuant to the Water Supply Agreement with Joliet approved last December, Joliet will be required to create another access point to the property up on Meadow and may also seek another at grade crossing of

the railroad tracks providing access to Route 6. The benefit to Rockdale will be reduced traffic on Rock Island Avenue.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment comments from those in attendance. There was none.

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

Mr. Wyke indicated that Mr. Scheidt had made a request that the Village consider allowing the current sidewalk work at St. Joseph's Catholic Church to be part of the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. This will be an agenda item for October.

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 October 1, 2024.