

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
October 1, 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 October 1, 2024, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a call. Trustee Mr. Lorenc was present along with Mr. Stadler, Mr. Pirc, and Mr. Scheidt. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff, Village Trustee Mr. Cooling and Trustee Mr. Barnes were absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 17, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Lorenc had a question about a paid invoice for tree services but made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 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 now with a second was by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Pirc made a Motion to approve of with a second provided by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

1625 Larkin Ave – Sign – 702 Central Ave – Fence – 935 Meadow Ave – Concrete and Landscaping – All of which were sent to B & F.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. Police Chief Dykstra reported that Officer Jones worked with Joliet Police to help a resident with a mental health issue.

In addition, Officer Dietz and Griffing, along with K9 Officer Roxie, worked to successfully locate a lost infant and the baby's older sister demonstrated her appreciation by coloring a drawing of the police officer and Officer Roxie.

XI. Old Business

There was none.

XII. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Board members for any new business. Mr. Lorenc wanted to applaud the efforts of the Annual Rocktober fest committee, who put forth a tremendous effort this year. Ms. Dawn Pirc, Police Chief Dykstra and Public Works Director Angelo Proia also mentioned how clean the park was after the event. Along with the kind words, Mr. Wyke and all the Board members agreed with Mr. Lorenc.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the request by St. Joseph's Catholic Church for reimbursement of sidewalk replacement expenses pursuant to the 50/50 Sidewalk Program. Mr. Wyke presented the specifics of this request to the Board in detail. The fifty percent amount comes to \$2,576.00. Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the amount of \$2,576.00 as the Village's reimbursement. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 abstaining. Trustee Scheidt abstained, so Village President Wyke voted to approve.

Next on the agenda was the Approval of a Transfer of \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund Account at Busey Bank to a newly established Treasure Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit at Busey Bank. Mr. Wyke advised that Treasurer Steve Lucas and Mr. Wyke met with Busey Bank's management regarding the renewals of the Village's Certificates of Deposits. Following the meeting, it was determined that it was financially advisable to transfer \$2,000,000.00 dollars to a newly created Certificate of Deposit which will generate more money for the Village based on the current interest rates. Treasurer Lucas agreed. The transfer requires a Board vote. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Next was the Ordinance regarding surplus police vests and their donation to St. Michael's Project - Vests For Life. Mr. Wyke asked Chief Dykstra to provide the background on this agenda item. Chief Dykstra advised the Board that these vests were out of warranty and beyond their useful life and had been replaced. However, there was still benefit to the vests, so they can be donated, without further liability to the Village, to the St. Michael's Project, which refurbishes them and provides them for use in underprivileged countries. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve the donation with a second made by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia presented his update. Mr. Proia thanked all of those who participated in the organizing and activities for the Annual Rocktober fest. Special thanks went out to the Village President and Trustees who participated and to Dawn Pirc for her work in making the event a success.

Public Works will work on the Alley scarification project in the upcoming weeks.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the Police activity report.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a handout to the Board. He noted the I-80 expansion project with work starting in the Kinsey Avenue area of Rockdale with additional plans to provide a new highway drainage plan which will help to alleviate the history of drainage problems for Kinsey Avenue. This answers questions raised in the past from Board members and residents.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff was not in attendance.

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 spoke to Mr. Proia about clogged gutters on Moen Avenue. Mr. Lorenc asked if there could be gravel added to the location on Fisher Ave where the recent water main repair took place. Mr. Proia stated it would be taken care of tomorrow. Finally, Mr. Wyke reminded staff to make sure the proposals for road resurfacing and fire hydrant replacement are obtained for the next Board meeting. Blacktopping of the parking areas of the Village will be approved as well.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 15, 2024.