

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
November 19, 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 November 19, 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. Stadler, Mr. Cooling, and Mr. Scheidt. 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. Trustee Barnes and Trustee Pirc were absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from November 5, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc approved 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. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the treasurer's receipts and the treasurers' reports were not available for review and approval. Therefore, Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to table each of those approvals to the next Village Board meeting. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to table with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

See the comments above.

IX. Building Permits

Rockdale Schools – Application for Sign approval, which has been reviewed and issued.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any communications. The Clerk reminded the Board about the annual Will County Governmental League Christmas party, which is being held this year on December 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc commented that the new flagpole monument at the Village Park looks very nice. Village President Mr. Wyke indicated that he would like to have formal dedication in the future.

XII. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was the Opening and Review of sealed bids received for the used 2008 Chevrolet Impala police vehicle being disposed of as surplus. Mr. Wyke opened each bid and announced the name of the bidder and the amount bid. The highest bid of \$3,500.00 was awarded to Ronnie Carter. The next highest bid was \$3,200.00, which was received from three separate bidders. We will determine how to proceed if the high bidder chooses not to purchase the vehicle. A lottery between the second highest bidders may be an option.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia updated the Board on the fire hydrant replacement project. D Construction has completed the street resurfacing projects in the Village. Stip Brothers completed work on the damaged fire hydrant. Strand Engineering has been working on the Meadow Avenue water main replacement location along the south side of Meadow Ave. from Larkin Ave to Brandon Road. The water pressure issues reported at the last Village Board meeting is still under investigation with Strand providing assistance.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the police activity report. Chief Dykstra updated the Board regarding the \$50,000.00 grant check which should be arriving soon from the Laraway Communications Center. Pursuant to discussions at the last meeting regarding the Village's permit fee structure with Oxcart for overweight and over-dimension permits, Chief Dykstra indicated that the Village's fees are still generally in line with neighboring communities and do not, in his opinion, need to be increased. Mr. Wyke asked about this year's judging of the annual Christmas Light Contest. The date for the judging has yet to be determined in coordination with the Village Clerks.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided a handout to the Board. He referenced emails and recent communications with PT Ferro regarding claimed amounts due and outstanding from the Moen Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Malinowski explained that the claim for compensable delays on the project was still pending with IDOT and was therefore not ripe for Willett Hofmann's review and analysis until IDOT rules on the Extension of Time Request. Although Mr. Malinowski acknowledged that this claim was pending, he asserted that there was really nothing to be evaluated at this time.

He indicated that he had not seen any of the PT Ferro "proofs" on these claims and agreed that if the Village wanted to be proactive and start evaluating these claims now, he would generate a quote for the Village's review and consideration. Mr. Malinowski also referenced PT Ferro's claim for additional sums on the separate issue of the contaminated soil from the project. Mr. Malinowski suggested a meeting with Village staff to further discuss the issues. Mr. Stiff inquired as to whether these claims are in writing and provided with sufficient back-up documentation that can be scrutinized. Mr. Malinowski did not have immediate access and said he would look. Mr. Stiff also asked whether IDOT is providing an appropriate review of the claims or is instead expected to "rubber stamp" the claims as approved since the Village would be responsible for the payment of these amounts. Mr. Malinowski advised that IDOT may not be providing a critical review of the claims. The Village's team will try to meet next week to assess the situation. Mr. Malinowski indicated that Willett Hofmann has logs which may help to verify the PT Ferro claims.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff indicated that investigation is continuing regarding the property located 2280 Moen and whether the owner can be required to bring water and sewer to the property.

The tax levy Ordinance to be passed in December is still being discussed and will be either on the agenda for the first or second meeting in December.

XIV. Public Comment

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

XV.Special Business

None

XVI.Adjournment

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday December 3, 2024.