VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
December 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 December 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. Stadler, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Scheidt, and Trustee Pirc. Trustee Barnes was absent. 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.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from December 3, 2024, as written. Mr. Cooling made the motion with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Pirc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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 was 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. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to accept 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. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None

X. Communications

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

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any old business. There was none.

XII. New Business

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

The first item New Business item on the agenda was an Ordinance For The Levying And Collection Of Taxes For The Village Of Rockdale, Will County, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Commencing On May 1, 2024, And

Ending On April 20, 2025. Mr. Stiff provided the Village Board with the background detail for this annual Ordinance, which is based on the appropriations Ordinance passed in May, and requested a motion to approve absent any questions. A motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance (No. 1152) was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

Next up was an Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement (Rock Run Crossings Development Expansion Request). Mr. Stiff also provided the background information on this Ordinance, reminding the Board that a sample Ordinance was dropped off by Dan Vera with very little direction as to the Public Hearings referenced in the form of the Ordinance which was apparently passed by Romeoville in September. This Ordinance is similar to the Ordinance passed when the Ecolab expansion was included into the Enterprise Zone several years ago. The Ordinance approves the amendment of the IGA between Romeoville, Lockport, Joliet, Will County and the Village to include the Rock Run Crossings Development within the legal description of the Enterprise Zone. The Public Hearing required by the Enterprise Zone Act was published and conducted by the Enterprise Zone earlier in the year when it voted to recommend approval by the parties to the IGA. Absent any questions, Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance (No. 1153). A motion to approve the Ordinance amending the IGA was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

Next on the Agenda was the approval of the 2025 Village Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Stiff indicated that he was still trying to determine whether November 4, 2025 will be an election date in the Village requiring the Village Board Meeting to be changed to November 5, but other than that the calendar was correct. By a voice vote, all Trustees present were in favor of approving the schedule with one Trustee absent.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the Willett Hofmann proposal for the Close Out of the Moen Avenue Phase III project with IDOT and PT Ferro in an amount not to exceed $50.117.00. Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided handouts 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 delay on the project was still pending with IDOT but was not ripe for Willett Hofmann's review and analysis until IDOT first rules on the Extension of Time Request. Mr. Malinowski was asked whether Willett Hofmann had received the PT Ferro "proofs" on these claims. Mr. Stiff cautioned against putting legal strategy regarding this dispute into the public record and it was determined to reserve that commentary and discussion for a future executive session. Mr. Stiff asked Mr. Malinowski if the proposal was at the hourly rates contained in the document and that while the proposal was not to exceed $50,000.00, it is possible that the work could be completed at a lesser amount. Mr. Stiff indicated that irrespective of the Village's decisions on strategy with respect to the PT Ferro Compensable Delay and Soil Disposal claims, the Village still needs an engineering firm to work with IDOT to close out the project. Therefore, Mr. Cooling made a motion to accept the Willett Hofmann proposal Close Out the Moen Avenue Phase III not to exceed $50,117.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia provided a brief update and wished those in attendance a Merry Christmas!

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the police activity report and had nothing else to report. He also wanted to wish those in attendance a Merry Christmas!

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski had nothing more to add from what he presented earlier so he wanted to wish those in attendance a Merry Christmas!

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff also had nothing more to add other than a Merry Christmas!

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. Diane Weber wished all of those in attendance a Merry Christmas!

XV. Special Business

None

XVI. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke asked Police Chief Dykstra about the winners of the Christmas lights contest. Chief Dykstra advised that the judging was completed and the winners notified and provided with their prizes.

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 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 7, 2025.