

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
January 7, 2025

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 January 7, 2025, 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, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Barnes. 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 17, 2024, as written. Mr. Cooling made the motion with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second was by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 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 New Business item on the agenda was the approval of the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle from D’Orazio Ford in the amount of \$52,993.00 to replace the Ford Police Interceptor Utility damaged in a collision in 2024. Mr. Stiff explained that there were two separate agenda items related to this vehicle purchase. The first item is the authorization to sign paperwork to purchase the new vehicle from the listed dealer at the price of \$52,993.00. The Second agenda item is the authorization of the expenditure of up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase, which is the difference between the insurance proceeds of \$43,984.00. Trustee Mr. Lorenc asked whether this is the “out the door” price or whether there will be additional equipment that has to be added. Police Chief Dykstra explained that there will be an additional charge to outfit the vehicle, although this particular vehicle will need less equipment than at typical patrol vehicle. A motion to approve the purchase of the 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle from D’Orazio Ford in the amount of \$52,993.00 was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

The motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$10,000 toward the new vehicle to replace the Police Interceptor damaged in the 2024 collision following receipt of \$43,984.00 in insurance proceeds was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

Police Chief Dykstra indicated that he has all the paperwork regarding the insurance claim and the new vehicle if any Trustees would like to take a look at it.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia indicated that with the predicted snow flurries the crews are salting the streets as a precaution.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra handed out the two-week call list along with the police activity report and had nothing more to report other than Office Ewa Biskup has indicated that she will be resigning to take a job in the private sector and remain as a part-time officer should it be approved by the Board.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski had nothing to report for tonight’s meeting since there was no activity over the holidays. Mr. Lorenc asked whether IDOT still had the drainage issue raised in past meetings on the radar. Mr. Malinowski added that they have been clearing that area and that he thinks the problem will be solved.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff and Mayor Wyke have a meeting planned with Strand Engineering and Chapman and Cutler (bond counsel) about the two upcoming water projects for the Village. The Meadow Ave water main replacement project has the funding approved for this project with plans to get this going before long. The second project is the lead service line replacement project with funding available utilizing a low interest loan. Chapman and Cutler will be brought on as bond counsel to assist with the funding for these capital projects. Chapman has worked with the Village before on the Cornerstone bond issues and has also assisted Spesia & Taylor on Crest Hill water projects with the IEPA. The plan would be to have Chapman and Cutler’s Engagement Letter secured and ready to be voted on at the next meeting.

The water rate study will soon be available for review. This study was promised months ago but has not been finished. From the rate study, a determination will be made about raising property taxes along with raising water rates. This is all about the finances required for our main water replacement loan paybacks. Mr. Pirc asked about the amount property taxes will be raised to once the rate study gets done and ready for review.

Public Comment

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

XIV. Special Business

None

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XV.Adjournment

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 21, 2025.