VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

January 21, 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 21, 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 and Mr. Pirc. Mr. 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 January 7, 2024, as written. Mr. Lorenc made the motion with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Lorenc had a comment about an invoice that was resolved before the meeting by the Clerk. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second was by Mr. Pirc. 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. Lorenc made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Mr. Scheidt asked about the final status of the Moen Ave. Reconstruction Project close-out. Although completed, there are still open items which are being reviewed by IDOT. This includes the extension of time request from P.T. Ferro, the additional soil disposal claim and the compensable delay claim. Dan Malinowski also stated that there is a significant credit for work not done to be finalized.

XII. New Business

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

The first New Business item on the agenda was the Business License Review of PAP Leasing Inc., which was represented by its owner, ____________. The Board asked about security cameras and the nature of the business. The company will be selling used trucks and trailers. This property is located on the corner of Moen Avenue at 2280. The property still may require a solution to whether it can or must be connected to Village water and sewer. In the meantime, there are temporary water and septic services being supplied, so the business license being approved tonight is only temporary. This is similar to what was done recently on the immediately adjacent business.

The next business license review was All Fleet Services, represented by _________________. This business is located at 303 Mound Road at the 4C location. The company provides tractor trailer towing services but does not offer long-term truck or trailer storage. The company plans to have security cameras installed in the next few days. Trailer inspections are also performed at this location.

C+C Property Investments was the next business license review. The owner was out of town but his brother, _______________was present to answer questions from the Board. This location is at 1940 Mound Road which is the furthest west location on Mound Road after Larkin Avenue. According to the owner's spokesperson, there is an agreement to purchase this property from the existing owner. Mr. Wyke commented that in the past there have been complaints from nearby businesses and property owners regarding truck traffic and truck parking. This has been cleaned up with the junk from the previous owner being removed. Cargo container storage was addressed and clarified in front of the Board. Security cameras are in place.

The next agenda item was approval of an Engagement Letter from Chapman and Cutler in the amount of $20,000 for services related to the funding of IEPA Loans for the Meadow Avenue water main replacement and lead service line replacement projects. Mr. Stiff explained that Bond Counsel is necessary to draft the funding ordinance since the IEPA Loans are technically Alternate Revenue Bonds. Again, the good thing is that the IEPA granted a significant amount of principal forgiveness on the Meadow Ave. project and a low interest loan on the lead service line project. A motion to approve the Engagement Letter was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next agenda item was for Presentation and Review of the Water Rate Study performed by Burns and McDonnell. Mr. Stiff explained that Chris Ulm would need to make a presentation on how to interpret the rate study and how best to implement the recommendations. The item was placed on the agenda before knowing whether Chris would be available for a presentation. Chris will be making a presentation on February 4 for the Public Hearing related to the upcoming projects, so the plan is now to meet separately with Chris Ulm and then meet individually with Trustees to answer any questions with a formal presentation by Strand at an upcoming meeting. Therefore, the recommendation for tonight was to table this item. A motion to table was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia had nothing to report to the Board other than normal activities by his department.

Police Deputy Chief Mr. Baikie handed out the two-week call list along with the police activity report. Office Ewa Biskup has indicated that she may be interested in remaining in Rockdale but on a part-time basis. This request is being reviewed.

DC Baikie presented options for the final design of the external graphics package for each new police vehicle. The Board was offered two options. Which did they pick? The reflective or non-relective

Finally, Officer Griffing tendered his resignation letter. He has taken a position with the Plano PD. The intent had been to retire K9 Officer Roxie soon anyway, so the next meeting will have an Ordinance to transfer ownership of Roxie to Officer Griffing.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski had nothing to report other than a need to revisit the status of the Guzman property.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff had nothing to add about what has already been addressed.

Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. Mr. Jim Hensley addressed the Board about a property he owns on Davis Avenue. His plan is to sell the property, and he wants to know if the mixed use in a business zone can continue. Mr. Stiff read the Ordinance and explained that while Mr. Hensley is not mandated to seek a Special Use, he is certainly able to do so and the request must be approved per Ordinance. Mr. Stiff also explained that the new owner would also have the same right to request a special use.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke wished Police Chief Dykstra a "Happy Birthday" as did others in attendance. Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday February 4, 2025.