

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
April 15, 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 April 15, 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, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff, and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from April 2, 2025, as written. Mr. Lorenc made the motion to approve 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. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second 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

The location of 101 Jewett 29 Moen is a remodel of the building.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke advised the Board that LRS Waste Services is supporting the Rockdale Clean-Up Days which are scheduled for May 16 from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 17 from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. There were no other comments.

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any old business. Mr. Stadler asked about two locations on Otis Avenue which remain unfinished from repair work performed on the water hydrant and curbing late in the fall of last year. Mr. Wyke indicated that Public Works will be getting quotes Board review and approval.

Mr. Pirc thanked those involved with the Village baseball field, noting that the field looks good and that he enjoyed seeing the kids out on the diamond.

Mr. Lorenc was curious as to whether the Village could get a quote to extend the Village Parking Lot to reach near the left field fence.

XII. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was the new business license review of Lopez Pallets, LLC., located at 936 Moen Ave, Unit 3. The owner, Alberto Lopez, was in attendance. Mr. Wyke inquired as to whether there will be security cameras installed. It was also suggested that the fire department perform an inspection of the business. Mr. Lorenc asked about the manufacturing and selling of pallets at this location. Mr. Wyke inquired about the sales tax and Mr. Lopez indicated that he did charge sales tax. Mr. Stadler asked about the hours of operation, which Mr. Lopez stated were 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia was attending a water conference so there was no Public Works Department report.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet and had nothing else to add.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski handed out his report which covered the Guzman property issues and the Elm Court project.

Mr. Malinowski also updated the Board on the Moen Avenue Phase III IDOT closeout. IDOT still has not made a ruling on the extension of time request and everything other than the contaminated soil issue is at a standstill until IDOT rules one way or the other on the extension of time. Mr. Stiff brought up the measurement of a cubic yard with the density relatively the same. Mr. Malinowski stated that PT Ferro originally agreed to a density number which it now seeks to change. The net result would be a larger reimbursement to PT Ferro from the Village.

Mr. Stiff indicated that the Village should push hard to make IDOT rule that PT Ferro should be required to honor the agreement it made on the soil removal and should not be allowed to change it now that it suits them. Mr. Stiff inquired as to whether there has been any indication from PT Ferro that they would be willing to negotiate a resolution to speed this closure process along. Mr. Malinowski indicated that there have been no such overtures by PT Ferro.

Mr. Stiff reported that he had spoken with a financial services professional who provided an engagement letter to assist the Village in long-term financial planning and tax levy assistance. He handed out the letter and asked the Trustees to review for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. Ms. Weber asked about the new water and sewer increases. Trustee Mr. Lorenc and Mr. Cooling helped to facilitate an answer which offers a more elementary explanation. Ms. Weber asked whether the Village will follow suit if Joliet raises rates. That answer was basically “yes,”

although Mr. Malinowski suggested that the Joliet increases over the next few years as the City transitions to Lake Michigan water have already been set.

The next person to speak was the owner of property located at 201 Stillwell Avenue. She raised the issue of poor rainwater drainage in her back yard and flooding issues. The owner stated that it sometimes takes days for the water to drain after heavy rainfall. Mr. Malinowski indicated that there are potential solutions but there are laws against diverting drainage onto neighboring properties. Mr. Wyke indicated that the Village staff would look into the issue further to see if there are any solutions that can be offered.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke reminded the Board about the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday May 6, 2025.