

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
June 3, 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 June 3, 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. Cooling was present along with Mr. Stadler, Mr. Califello, Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Lorenc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia and Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas. Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff attended remotely. Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from May 20, 2025, as written. Mr. Stadler made the motion to approve 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. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Pirc made a Motion to accept with a second from 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. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

KWM Gutterman is adding a new office structure. 1007 Otis is seeking a fence permit. The application was denied by B & F.

X. Communications

There were no communications.

XI. Old Business

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

XII. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was Swearing in of the new full-time Village of Rockdale Peace officer, Brittany Stankus. Deputy Chief Baikie provided an introduction and background regarding Officer Stankus, who was present with family members. After the administration of the oath, the Village Board welcomed her to the Rockdale Police Department.

Next on the agenda was a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency the Loan Application and supporting documents relating to the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. From his remote location via telephone, Mr. Stiff provided the background on the resolution and explained that this Resolution and the next is authorization for submittal to the IEPA certain documents relating to the Meadow Ave. Water Main Replacement Project and the Village's attempt to get even more loan money than was awarded during the last fiscal year. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve Resolution 854 for the Meadow Avenue water main replacement project with a second made by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item was a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency the Loan Application and supporting documents relating to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Mr. Stiff explained that this is a companion to the prior Resolution only for the Village-Wide Lead Service Line Replacement Project. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve Resolution 855 for the Meadow Avenue water main replacement project with a second made by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff explained the next resolution as the bid award for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement project. Included in the resolution is a rejection of the Scanlon Excavating and Concrete bid, which was technically the lowest bid. However, the IEPA rejected the bid as non-responsive because Scanlon, while itself is a DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise), failed to follow the requirement that bidders seek DBE subcontractors). The next lowest bid was from Austin Tyler Construction. Strand is recommending that the Village accept that bid, even though it exceeded the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost. The resolution was provided number 856, A Resolution Rejecting the Bid Of Scanlon Excavating And Concrete And Awarding The Contract For The Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project To Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Dollars And Eighty-Eight Cents (\$3,805,419.88) Subject To IEPA Loan Approval. A motion to approve Resolution 856 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second made by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Up next was a Resolution Awarding The Contract For The Village-Wide Lead Service Line Replacement Project To Stip Brothers Excavating, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred And Fifteen Dollars (\$699,815.00) Subject to IEPA Loan Approval. Mr. Stiff recapped the bidding process on this Project, for which there were only two bids submitted. The lowest bid was from Stip Brothers, which Strand recommended as a responsible bidder. The other bid, which was

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submitted by Airy's was submitted more as a courtesy, and came in at nearly double the Stip Brothers bid. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve the Resolution, which was numbered 857, with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The last resolution before the Board was to Approve Task Order 25-01 between the Village of Rockdale and Strand Associates, Inc. For Loan Application and Construction Related Services For The Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement And Village-Wide Lead Service Line Replacement Projects In The Estimated Amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand And Fifty Dollars (\$324,050.00). Mr. Stiff explained that this new Task Order is to compensate Strand for the construction observation of the two previously awarded water projects as well as continued work with the IEPA to secure as much funding for the projects as possible. The next resolution number was 858. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The last item on the agenda was the Ratification of the hiring of Public Works Summer Employees. Mr. reminded the Board that at the last meeting, the Public Works Superintendent had several summer employees ready to start but the item was not on the agenda. Thus, there is a need to formally ratify the approval of the hiring of those summer workers. Unfortunately, there was one candidate who only worked less than 18 hours and decided to seek other means of employment. Nonetheless, Public works leadership will continue with efforts to provide additional staffing during the summer months. Motion put forth to approve by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Wyke then recognized Chris Ulm from Stand Services, who was present to address the Board with updates regarding the latest fiscal year funding through the IEPA loan funding process. Mr. Ulm reported the IEPA issued a preliminary report which indicated that for the upcoming fiscal year the Village would receive total loan forgiveness on the upcoming deep well project and above-ground storage tank. He also reported that the engineering design costs for some of these projects will also be included in the loan forgiveness. The Village did not get an increase in the loan forgiveness previously awarded for Meadow Avenue so the Village will be moving forward with that project with the funding (still significant loan forgiveness) awarded last year. Although this is still preliminary and may change, it is a great sign and good news for the Village. This could mean a reassessment of the recent water rate increase and perhaps a future rate decrease.

Mr. Lorenc asked whether the existing wells would be available as back-up in the future. Mr. Ulm thought they were great questions which can be better answered when these capital projects are closer to completion. There was also a question of PFAS, which has not been detected in the deeper wells.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported to the Board that Well 7 was shut down from the supply feed due to the cavitation on the pump feed line. Layne Christensen will be on site soon to troubleshoot and investigate the issue. There was discussion as to whether Well 7 should be brought back online due to the low production values in the 28-gpm range. Mr. Ulm provided a cost per monthly charge for Joliet water versus the actual revenue return from the well.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet. There were a couple of things to add for discussion which was the interest in acquiring a drone for the Village. There are approximately 1400 police Departments in the United States using drones. That number is expected to increase as drones become more accessible and more capable. From search and rescue to crime scene investigation, the use cases for

police drones run the gamut of law enforcement missions. Departments using drones find new and more innovative uses for them every day.

Drones are of use with missing children searches. An added plus is officers now have a reason to stick around for the long-term employment with the Village by offering the latest technology with which to work. He is looking at a contract for which the initial \$9,900.00 for the first year will be covered by grant money. The Chief hopes that for the remaining years there will be other grant money available to help reduce or eliminate out of pocket costs to the Village.

Finally, Mr. Stiff updated the Board on the Public Works CBA and negotiations on the new Agreement. Mr. Stiff also indicated that the Public Hearing on the Annual Appropriations Ordinance will need to be published and take place in July with the Appropriations Ordinance needing to be passed by the end of July. Mr. Wyke indicated that the budget team and the Village auditor will be meeting on Friday.

Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for a Public Comment. Ms. Weber asked the Police getting another K9. Her second question was about the costs of the water and sewer for the end user asking the Board for their predictions of water supply costs in the future.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Califello. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday June 17, 2025.