

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
June 17, 2025

I. Call to Order

Village President Mr. Wyke was absent, so the meeting was called to order by Trustee Mr. Lorenc, 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. Lorenc asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Cooling was present along with Mr. Stadler, Mr. Califello, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Lorenc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia, Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Next, there was a motion to designate Trustee Lorenc as Mayor Pro-temp to preside over the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Pirc with a second was made by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 3, 2025, as written. Mr. Stadler made the motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

IV. Visitors

Resident Harold Pitsenburger was on the agenda but was not in attendance.

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Califello. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pirc made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Califello. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

The owner of 667 Orr is seeking an electrical permit, and the owner of 700 Warren is seeking a handicap ramp permit. Mr. Lorenc asked about the small dumpster fire over the past weekend at 667 Orr. No work is to take place at this location until a permit is issued.

X. Communications

There were no communications.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc asked for any old business. There was none.

XII. New Business

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

Moving to the first item on the agenda was the Presentation of the 2024 Stormwater Management Plan by the Village Engineer. Mr. Malinowski read from the report which identifies steps required by the Village to maintain controls on the Municipal Storm Water Sewer System as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). A major point of this agenda item is to identify six major control measures which are Stormwater related public outreach and education, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site storm water runoff control, post construction storm water runoff control and pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations. The Village will post the materials at Village Hall for the public to review.

Next up was the Ratification of Approval of expenditures for emergency well removal, repairs and/or replacement or reinstallation of equipment at Rockdale Well 7 per the June 4, 2025, proposal from Layne Christenson Company. Mr. Stiff asked about the proposal. There was a lengthy discussion about volume of water produced and the eventual need of having a low production well in service for the long-term. Mr. Stiff walked through the costs and corrected a math problem for clarification so the Board could comfortably move forward with the approval. A motion to ratify the Layne proposal for the removal and inspection of Well 7, requiring Mr. Wyke's signature, in an amount not to exceed \$31,190.00 motion made by Mr. Cooling, a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported to the Board about a company that handles backflow prevention inspections and will assist the Village with the IEPA licensing requirements for the Village to follow regarding the annual inspections of backflow prevention. This company merely monitors and maintains a database for the Village while the actual inspections are the responsibility of the property owner. Larger municipalities have a department which handles this IEPA requirement and since Rockdale does not have a full department to do so, this company is able to assist. This comes at a cost of \$995.00 annually. Mr. Stiff asked for a contract to review prior to it being on the agenda for approval.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet. The major activity for discussion was the constant U Turn problem on Larkin Ave. Due to on-going construction, the one-lane traffic and the East Bound traffic restrictions has caused traffic to make illegal u turns to get on the East Bound I-80 lane of traffic. The Rockdale PD has had to ramp up the police presence which has curbed somewhat the u turn abuse but it's a limited deterrent.

Mr. Malinowski was up next to report about the conversations with IDOT about grading work around Kinsey and Margaret. The location of this problem area is right on the dividing line between two separate

stages of I-80 work so it is yet to be determined whether this problem will be addressed with the grading for this project or the next phase.

The other issue was about the IDOT plan to reroute traffic through the Brandon Road corridor. IDOT mentioned two years ago that Brandon would be improved to accommodate heavy truck traffic through the detour area. A Letter of Understanding was received from IDOT which seems to indicate that the Village would be responsible for some of these costs. Mr. Malinowski will get additional details before the Letter of Understanding is brought back to the Village Board for approval. Additionally, Mr. Malinowski has requested further information on turn radius for the detour route.

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. The budget team and the Village auditor will be meeting on Friday.

Public Comment

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Public Comment. Ms. Weber talked about the U turns on Larkin Ave. and asked about the Schedule for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday July 1, 2025.