

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
July 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 July 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. Stadler was present along with Mr. Califello, Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Cooling and Mr. Lorenc. Mr. Pirc was absent. 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.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from July 15, 2025, as written. Mr. Lorenc asked that a change should be made with the date as shown on the agenda to be changed to July 15. Once that change is made, Mr. Scheidt made a motion with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

IV. Visitors

None.

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Lorenc had a question about an invoice asked Mr. Proia about the Ferris Well charges. Afterwards, Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Califello. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

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

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

108 Anita Ave is Solar panels, Lot 19 Margaret St, New home construction, Lot 20 Maragaret St., New home construction, 725 Otis Ave, Fence, 732 Wheeler Ave, Solar Panels, 829 Moen Ave Fence and garage Door.

X. Communications

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For communications, Mr. Wyke advised the Village Board that Angelo Proia has tendered his resignation letter effective October 1, 2025.

XI. Old Business

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.

Moving to the first item on the agenda was business license review for Star E+P Auto Cosmetics located in the Graham Industrial Park. Business owners Maria Mendez and Francisco Arias were present. Their business is auto repair and detailing. Mr. Wyke asked about security cameras and wanted to know about what was previously done in that specific unit in Graham Park. He also wanted to make sure that there would not be junk vehicles car parts stored outside the business. The owners assured the Board that there would be no such outdoor storage. Mr. Stadler asked if it was autobody repair and they indicated that there would be auto body work done at the business. There is an existing paint booth on the premises since the prior tenant did auto painting.

Next up was the notice of public hearing for an Ordinance Approving the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Rockdale for the Year 2025-2026. Mr. Stiff provided an outline of when the notice was published in the newspaper and the Ordinance being prepared with the Treasurer and Village accountants. A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Mr. Lorenc and with a second made by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mr. Stiff explained the nature of the Ordinance and asked for any public comment. There was none. Mr. Stiff then asked to close the Public Hearing. That motion was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next, Mr. Stiff asked for the next ordinance number which was 1160. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance. That motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next on the agenda was an Ordinance Approving 2025-2026 Pay Increases For Non-Union Village Employees. This was tabled from the last meeting. A motion to table this item again was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported to the Board the progress of the repairs to Well #7 which has been completed with water samples taken and approved as ready to go. One of his employees is going through the commercial driver's license training classes which is on-going. Mr. Scheidt complimented the Public Works department for taking care of fallen trees across Morris Avenue. Mr. Wyke advised the Board that he had been approached by residents asking about the possibility of having soccer nets installed at the Village Park. The Board directed staff to get further information on costs of installing soccer nets or possibly purchasing movable goals.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet and had nothing more to add but offered to take any questions or comments.

Mr. Malinowski reported on his conversations with Nicor about work around Kinsey and Margaret. The Moen Ave project Phase III documents prepared by Dan's office are ready for IDOT's review once they get around to the extension and audit process.

The IDOT Letter of Understanding for the Brandon Road improvements during the detour process has been modified by the Village Attorney and received back. Mr. Stiff will likely speak about this in his report.

Mr. Wyke wanted to invest in time to see if IDOT can support a flashing Stop sign at Midland and Meadow intersection during the detour timeframe. Because of the increase in traffic going through Rockdale during the I-80 reconstruction, these signs will be a reasonable request.

Finally, Mr. Stiff updated the Board on the progress of the Letter of Understanding from IDOT. He has reviewed it and they have made all of his suggested changes. Therefore, it will be on the next meeting agenda with a resolution for approval. Additionally, because of the announcement of Mr. Proia's plan to retire soon, Mr. Stiff recommends that the Village consider a national search with a recruiting company. He will provide the Mayor with contacts for three of those companies. Mr. Stiff recommends putting this on a fast track since it will take time to find a good candidate for the position.

Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for Public Comment. Ms. Weber asked about the Solicitors throughout the Village. Although the Ordinance requires solicitors to apply for permits, they do not always comply. There was a discussion about whether the Village can supply "no soliciting" signs. It was suggested that such signs can be purchased at most hardware or big box home stores.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn 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 August 5, 2025.