VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
August 19, 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 August 19, 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, and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff. Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from August 5, 2025, as written. Before a motion was made, Mr. Scheidt asked about the drain line investigation for the property next to his house. He wanted to confirm it was not attached to the Village storm sewer. Mr. Proia confirmed that it was not. Mr. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

IV. Visitors

James Shanklin was on the agenda but did not show.

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Cooling 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. Lorenc made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Cooling. 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

700 Central – Fence, 1819 Moen Ave – Cable Boring, 603 Meadow – Porch Supports, 702 Howard – Fence, 811 Parkview – Solar

X. Communications

Under communications, the Village Clerk reminded the Board members about the upcoming IML in September in the City of Chicago and to let him know who will be attending this year.

Chief Dykstra indicated that the Village received a thank you letter from Professional Salon Concepts, which was read by Mr. Wyke. The letter thanked the Rockdale Police Department for assistance and participation in the annual "Look amazing, be amazing" event this year. PSC did more than 50 haircuts and gave away more than 100 school supply bags. The remaining bags were donated to the Rockdale Schools to help them with the start of the new school year. For Salon Concepts, it's always been about helping the kids, and this year was no different. Mr. Wyke reminded the Board that Salon Concepts will be moving soon to a new location in Channahon. The Village tried to keep them and find an alternative space when it learned that the current space had been sold. The management staff of PSC promised to continue the annual haircut event if possible with a future location to be determined.

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.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the potential purchase of movable soccer goal(s) for the Rockdale Village Park in the amount of $479.00 each. Mr. Wyke thought it best to table this issue at this time, so he asked for a motion to table this agenda item motion made by Mr. Lorenc, and with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up was the approval of a proposal from Homer Tree Service for tree removal at 304 Thorn, 725 Otis and 825 Otis in the amount of $6,000.00. Mr. Wyke gave a brief description of the locations of the trees to be removed. Mr. Proia added background. A Motion to approve the proposal from Homer Tree Service was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up was a Resolution approving an Agreement with LocalGov Staffing Solutions in the amount of $3,705 for Recruitment & Outreach Services related to the search for a new Public Works Director as contained in the proposal dated June 28, 2025. Mr. Stiff provided an overview of the agreement and services offered. The next resolution number was 860. A motion was made by Mr. Stadler to approve Resolution 860, the Resolution approving the agreement with LocalGov Staffing Solutions in the amount of $3,705.00 with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next agenda item was the approval of a updated Job Description for the Director of Public Works. Mr. Stiff provided background as to how this current version was drafted following research and input from Mr. Wyke and Mr. Lorenc. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc for approval with a second by Mr. Cooling. Mr. Stiff asked whether the date of approval could be added to the bottom of the document for future reference, and the motion to approve was modified to include the date of approval. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up was a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Village President to Execute an Independent Contractor Agreement with John F. Kemp for Water Operator Services from September 1, 2025 through

August 31, 2026. Mr. Stiff provided a historical background of the past contracts and efforts to secure a new contract with Mr. Kemp. The document before the Board keeps the same framework of the contract from last year, but there may be slight modifications that may be necessary depending on whether current Public Works Superintendent Angelo Proia remains with the Village in some role past October 4, 2025. Mr. Stiff asked about the daily, weekly and monthly sampling duties and paperwork required by IEPA. Additionally, there is an IEPA contract form which needs to go to Springfield by September 1, 2025. Mr. Stiff asked that the Resolution and contracts be approved subject to final attorney approval. A Motion to approve subject to final attorney approval was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The last item on the agenda was an Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement (Minnick Services Property Expansion Request). Mr. Stiff provided an overview of this amendment, which is merely to expand the Enterprise Zone to include additional territory similar to what the Village did last December on several prior occasions. Each other municipality has already reviewed and approved the expansion, and the Enterprise Zone Board previously held a public hearing and recommended approval. The next Ordinance number is 1162. A motion was made to approve Ordinance Number 1162 was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that the kick-off meeting with the contractor performing the Meadow Avenue water main replacement project took place this past week. The plans are to start the project in either the first or second week of September. The contractor plans to use the lift station as an equipment staging area for the project.

Mr. Proia indicated that there was a back injury suffered by one of the Village's summer employees while lifting water-soaked lawn bags.

Mr. Stadler had a question about the Village's street sweeper and the water sprayers while sweeping the roads. This issue is being addressed by Public Works staffing.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 180 calls and had nothing more to add.

Mr. Malinowski was absent, but his written report was submitted to the Board.

Mr. Stiff sought clarification as to what Exhibit A to the recently passed 2025-2026 salary ordinance should show as to the pay increase for Chief Dykstra. It was determined following the meeting that the new hourly wage for Chief Dykstra should have been $67.59 per hour rather than $68.23 per hour. A roll call vote was taken for ratifying the Ordinance with the correction with 5 votes in favor, 0 votes against with one Trustee absent.

Mr. Stiff provided the Board with a brief overview of a meeting with a Joliet business looking to move into the Crescent Electric property behind Columbia Pipe. The business, Sumco, is a metal plating company located in Joliet which is currently in talks to purchase the Crescent Electric property. Mr. Stiff and Mayor Wyke met with the president of the company and its attorney. They were looking to change the zoning from B to an I category. Mayor Wyke voiced his concerns and the Village's reasons for not wanting to change the zoning. The Village indicated that it might consider a special use or development agreement, provided that the terms could be worked out. A special use would require a text amendment, but that could be done. A development agreement would not need ZBA approval. One concern was the fact that there would be no sales tax generated, although the property taxes should go up with the planned capital improvements for the property.

Mr. Wyke outlined some of the pros to having this business in town. They claim to have had zero police calls or problems in the 20 plus years at the current location in Joliet, so they are good citizens. They were not insistent on the zoning change but only suggested the Industrial zoning since that is the only zoning in which a metal plating business can be located in the current zoning code.

Mr. Lorenc and Mayor Wyke expressed a willingness to continue discussions with the company on ways to make this a win for both the company and the Village. Mr. Stiff suggested that we should first obtain information regarding the company's average monthly water usage, the effluents going into the sewer system and whether the company has indeed not had any problems with the City of Joliet.

Finally, Mr. Stiff reported that he visited the area behind Roc City which now houses a landscaping company. It is his opinion that this company needs to either remove the mobile home and screen the storage container at the very least. He agreed that it may be a challenge for the business to operate on this small lot.

Mr. Stiff also reported that he has heard from Mr. Guzman's attorney that the capping of the west half of the property on Moen is done and waiting for County approval. The attorney expected the Court to lift the cease-and-desist order when the case is up next week and then enter a schedule to cap the eastern half of the property. Mr. Stiff also inquired as to whether the erosion control and the property withstood the torrential rains last week. Mr. Proia indicated that it did not. Mr. Stiff advised that he would pass this on to Dan Malinowski.

Public Comment

None

XIV.Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday September 2, 2025.