

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
September 2, 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 September 2, 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. Lorenc and Mr. Pirc. Mr. Cooling was absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia, Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas, and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski. Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff was absent but Attorney Chris Spesia was present in his stead.

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 that the minutes be revised about the drain line investigation for the property next to his house. He wanted the wording changed to identify that the connection in question should read, "not attached to the sanitary sewer system". The Clerk noted and will make the change. Otherwise, a motion was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Pirc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Pirc. 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

622 Meadow – Roof repair + Asbestos abatement of siding panels.

X. Communications

Under communications, there was nothing.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Wyke asked for any old business. There was nothing from the Board members. The first old business item from the agenda was the 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 was best to revisit this in the spring. Next was a discussion regarding the potential purchase of a lighted stop sign for the intersection of Meadow Ave and Midland Ave, Mr. Wyke wanted to gather additional information before a decision is made. Mr. Lorenc wanted to perform additional research on costs. Mayor Wyke suggested that they inquire from vendors at the Illinois Municipal League Annual Meeting in two weeks to see what options and costs are available. In lieu of tabling these matters, Mr. Spesia thought it appropriate to delay and not table both of these old business items.

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 an Approval of the Fleet Safety Supply Proposal for upfitting on Unit 760, a 2025 F.P.I.U in the amount of \$17,773.70. Police Chief Dykstra provided details regarding the required safety features for this vehicle, which is the Chief of Police vehicle. A motion for approval of the expenditure was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up, Mr. Spesia presented an Ordinance Implementing A Home Rule Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax And A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax As Chapter 74 (Taxation), Article VII (Home Rule Municipal Grocery Retailers' And Grocery Service Occupation Taxes), Sections 74-155 Through 74-159, Of The Village Of Rockdale Code Of Ordinances. Mr. Spesia provided background and the need for the Ordinance, if passed, to be sent to the Illinois Department of Revenue by October 1 if it is to go into effect on January 1, 2026. Mr. Wyke reminded the Board that nearly all of the municipalities participate, which underscores the importance of this Ordinance for the Village. The Village Clerk provided the next Ordinance number, which was 1163 with a Motion to approve made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mr. Wyke wanted to speak to the Board about the letter he gets every year from the Will County Center for Community Concerns. This help center provides assistance for those in need with a number of programs available for those in Will County less fortunate. They also provide assistance for Rockdale residents.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that the Homer Tree Service is taking care of cutting down trees following approval of the proposal at the last Village Board meeting.

Unfortunately, the quote for concrete repair came in too late to be placed on the agenda and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Wyke asked about the salt supply for winter. Mr. Proia advised that the Village will be utilizing the State of Illinois contract for purchasing salt, and he will know around the first week of October when he receives a purchase order number. Mr. Wyke asked about the ball diamond fence area behind home plate. The School Superintendent asked that the fence be repaired since it has curled up.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 180 calls and added the Department's participation in the Rockdale Public School tornado drill. One more thing to add was Officer Stankus was released from field training to a shadow phase, which is the next step to solo patrol duties.

Mr. Malinowski reported that he is working on the Plat of License regarding a portion of the Joliet Junction Trail owned by the Forest Preserve District. The plan is to agree to the license that would be valid for the next 100 years for a one-time payment of \$5,000.00. The Kinsey Street drainage has a temporary setup in place which satisfies the drainage needs now, with an eye toward a 2026 completion time. There is a section of property in Joliet Township which borders Rockdale at the far West side near the Kaluzny facility that is seeking annexation to Rockdale. Mr. Malinowski has proposed a professional fee agreement, but there is still a question as to the identity of the owner, and he is not sure of the value to the Village of annexation. As a result, Mr. Wyke suggested putting this on pause so the Village Attorney can obtain more information.

Mr. Spesia indicated that his office would work with the Clerk to get the approved Grocery Tax Ordinance submitted to the Department of Revenue.

XIV. Public Comment

None

XV. Special Business

None

XVI. Adjournment

Before adjournment, Mr. Lorenc wanted to confirm the date for the annual Rocktoberfest, which Mr. Wyke confirmed as September 27, 2025 and also getting a message to Ms. Pirc that there are members of the Rockdale Schools PTA who would be more than willing to assist with the planning of Rocktoberfest.

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday September 19, 2025.