

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
September 16, 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 16, 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, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff. Chris Ulm from Strand Associates was also in attendance.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from August 5, 2025, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve 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 made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Stadler. 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. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

X. Communications

There were no communications.

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 the approval and ratification of the Greg & Sons, Inc. proposal for curb and sidewalk repair at the corner of Lakeview Ave and Midland Ave in the amount of \$4,000.00. It was noted that this work had been done previously as discussed in prior meetings. This restoration work at Midland and Lakeview Avenues was performed to complete the project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of a donation by the Village of Rockdale to the Will County Center for Community Concerns. Mr. Wyke noted that the Village has made such a contribution in the past, noting that the WCCCC has provided direct assistance to Rockdale residents in the past. The recommendation was to provide a donation in the amount \$500.00. A motion to approve the \$500.00 donation was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next was a Resolution Approving a Proposal from GEOCON Professional Services, LLC for Geotechnical & Environmental Engineering Services Related to Well No. 8 and Hydrous Manganese Oxide (HMO) Treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$44,033.00. Mr. Stiff turned the podium over Chris Ulm from Strand Associates. Mr. Ulm provided details regarding the work GEOCON would be providing with respect to the upcoming well project. GEOCON has done work for the Village in the past. Mr. Stiff noted that this contract is directly with GEOCON, which will avoid the Strand mark-up if the contract was between GEOCON and Strand.

Mr. Lorenc asked for clarification because the project detail map still identifies the Joliet Inter-Connect at the site location for well number 8. Mr. Ulm indicated that while the Inter-Connect may still show on some of the engineering drawings, it will no longer be part of the construction. This plan was abandoned when Strand learned that the Village would need to obtain an allocation for Lake Michigan water from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources even if it were only using Joliet water as an emergency back-up. It was determined that the cost of obtaining a Lake Michigan water allocation from IDNR would have cost the Village approximately \$1,000,000.00.

The Village backup system will now be the Howard Street well should there be a need. Mr. Lorenc asked whether Apollo Colors will receive treated water if the Howard St. well was the emergency source for the Village. Mr. Ulm confirmed that Apollo Colors will receive treated water in that instance.

Mr. Ulm also provided additional information regarding the HMO treatment facility and the additional water storage tank and reviewed the funding opportunities which the Village will be seeking. Mr. Lorenc asked whether there will be excessive noise generated by the HMO treatment facility. Mr. Ulm indicated that there should not be a noise issue. Mr. Wyke commented that the generator used at the Village Hall during emergencies runs very quietly.

Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 862, the Resolution to approve the GEOCON proposal, in the full amount of \$44,033.00. That motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The final item on the agenda was a Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement by and between the Village of Rockdale and Angelo Proia. Mr. Stiff provided an overview and background. In essence, this agreement allows the Village to continue to have Angelo monitoring the water system and providing services regarding testing and sampling until the Village hires a new full-time Public Works Director. This will allow the Village's contracted water operator, John Kemp, to continue to work with Angelo to make sure there is compliance with IEPA regulations.

Mr. Proia will be working up to a maximum of 24 hours per week and will continue to conduct daily sampling and 24/7 monitoring of the Village's SCADA system. A motion to approve Resolution 863 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay and 1 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that Homer Tree Service took care of the downed trees and ground down the stumps as well. The concrete work for Lakeview and Midland Ave is complete. Asphalt is next. The Meadow Ave pipe replacement is still on hold.

On a personal note, Mr. Proia thanked each member of the Board for their support through his career with the Village and as an Assistant Director of Public works. Mr. Proia noted it was challenging but rewarding. Mr. Wyke followed with the presentation of a plaque to Mr. Proia for years of dedication to Rockdale.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 250 calls. Chief Dykstra noted that he was contacted by the Joliet Park District about its 5k run, which had been partly in the Village in years past but had not been part of the route the past couple of years. They are now in the early stages of planning and are considering going back to the route used in prior years.

Chief Dykstra also mentioned there being discussions about issues with radio bandwidth and whether one or more agencies may be asked to move from to a different channel at Laraway. Discussions are ongoing.

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. The IDOT Moen Ave audit is still in a state of flux.

There is a section of property in Joliet Township which borders Rockdale on 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. Wyke had a question about a permit to dig in and around the Moen Ave are on the West side. It is still under review.

Mr. Stiff reported his follow-up with the Forest Preserve license discussed previously by Mr. Malinowski. The original license agreement from years ago was for \$1.00 but that has increased over the years. The cost of the license now is approximately \$5,000.00 per year, but in speaking with the Forest Preserve, they are willing to consider a 99-year license for a one-time upfront payment of \$5,000.00. The Plat of License has been submitted along with a new license agreement which will be reviewed by the Forest Preserve District's attorney. Once things are finalized, it will be back to the Village for final approval and then final approval by the Forest Preserve District Board.

XIV. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for public comment. Ms. Webber asked about having the minutes and agenda updated on the website. She also inquired about when the Corner Store will re-open. The Board had no updated information.

XV. Special Business

None

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XVI. Adjournment

Before adjournment, Mr. Wyke wanted to remind everyone of the Roctoberfest celebration taking place on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Mr. Lorenc asked Admin Assistant Ms. Marchio to remind Assistant Clerk Ms. Pirc that the Rockdale Schools PTA indicated a willingness to assist with the planning of Rocktoberfest and will be calling soon.

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 7, 2025.