

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
October 7, 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 October 7, 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, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Cooling. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff. Public Works was represented by Team Lead Matt Lucas.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 16, 2025, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

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. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 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 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Califello made a Motion to accept with a second from Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 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. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Mr Wyke went through the list of Building Permits, specifically a fence at 703 Davis Ave., 211 Meadow Ave for a fire restoration project, and 6 Brandon Road for electrical work.

Communications

Mr. Wyke reminded the Board about the "Men who cook" annual event taking place on Saturday, October 11 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the JJC Weitendorf Center on Laraway Road in Joliet. He asked members of the Board to sign up with the Village Clerk should they have a desire to attend.

X. Old Business

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

XI. New Business

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

The first item on the agenda was the Business License Application Review of Spotter Maintenance, represented by Owner Peidi Wu. Mr. Wu was not present when this item was called, but he did arrive toward the end of the meeting, but prior to adjournment. At that time, Mr. Wyke asked him to address the Board about his business and the license application.

Mr. Wu will be renting the building from Euro-Trucking. His business is truck repair along with trucking service. Truck storage/parking outside the building will be temporary and he has installed fencing to screen and protect his fleet. Mr. Wyke mentioned prior (and continuing) issues with the current owner. Mr. Malinowski addressed the water and sewer connection issues. Euro-Trucking has been uncooperative with respect to getting the business, which is annexed to the Village, connected to Village sewer and water. Mr. Wu advised that he was willing to pay the connection costs. When Village Attorney Stiff mentioned the costs, which are codified in the Village Code, Mr. Wu indicated that per his lease, he might be responsible for the connection fees. It was also noted that the fencing installed by Mr. Wu was not done with a permit, so that work may have to be inspected and the permit fees and penalties paid. Mr. Wu requested a meeting with the Village Engineer to discuss what is required to get all code issues up to date. It was also mentioned that a Professional Fee Agreement might be required to cover the Village's professional fees in reviewing the project. Mr. Lorenc asked about a village fire hydrant having been struck and whether it was one of Mr. Wu's fleet that caused the damage. Mr. Wu agreed to discuss this further and provide information as necessary.

The next item was the approval of a proposal from Homer Tree Service for tree removal and stump grinding at 803 Otis in the amount of \$2,900.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item before the Board was a Resolution approving the hiring of Sean Smego as the Village of Rockdale Public Works Director and setting his starting salary at \$95,000 per year plus a \$5,000 per year vehicle allowance. Resolution number 864 was provided by the Village Clerk with a motion made to approve this resolution by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff introduced Mr. Smego and his wife and offered Mr. Smego the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Smego thanked the Village and said he looked forward to working with everyone

Next up was a Resolution approving an Addendum modifying the term of the Traffic Law Enforcement Agreement by and between the Village of Rockdale and RedSpeed Illinois, LLC. Mr. Stiff reviewed the history of the agreement going back to 2010, the First Amendment in 2012 to identify the location of the RedSpeed camera, the two three year extensions and the decision recently to go to a month-to-month contract under the same terms since the original contract only contemplated the 2 three year extensions. Redspeed approached the Village and indicated that it would like to have an addendum passed which is for one year at the original contract terms. Resolution number 865 was provided by the Village Clerk with a motion to approve made by Mr. Cooling and a second provided by Mr. Schiedt. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works had nothing for the Board.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 250 calls. There are also pages in his report about recent arrests.

Mr. Malinowski reported that he attended the IDOT Moen Ave audit meeting reviewing all of the information. Apparently, there will be a follow-up meeting in November. The Kinsey Street drainage has a temporary setup in place which satisfies the drainage needs now, with an eye toward a 2026 completion time. A discussion was on-going about the Forest Preserve license with Mr. Stiff. There is an issue with an AT&T permit for work to take place on Moen Ave. There are too many utilities to count which need to be identified prior to any permit being issued.

Mr. Stiff had nothing to report.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for public comment. Ms. Webber commented that Larkin Ave. is still problematic even though the U-turns have stopped.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Before adjournment, Mr. Wyke mentioned that the illuminated stop sign proposal will be on the next agenda. Mr. Lorenc wanted to be sure the Public Works personnel can handle the installation which was confirmed by Mr. Lucas. Chief Dykstra commented that the batteries listed in the proposal should be researched prior to any purchase agreement, as these may not be the longest lasting outdoor use batteries, as the Flock License Plate Reader cameras use a different type.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 21, 2025.