

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
October 21, 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 21, 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. Pirc and Mr. Cooling. Mr. Lorenc was absent. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski, Public Works Director Sean Smego and Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas. Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff was absent.

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. 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. Pirc 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. Cooling 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. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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 approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None

Communications

Mr. Wyke asked the Village Clerk to read a thank you letter from the Will County Center for Community Concerns regarding the Village's recent donation

X. Old Business

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

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked the Trustees for any new business. Mr. Pirc asked about the sidewalk replacement with work performed by Nicor to replace outdated gas lines. The temporary fix for the sidewalk was asphalt which did not sit well with the property owners and residents, including Mr. Pirc. Mr. Wyke informed the Board that Nicor will finish the job with a concrete replacement in the spring.

The first item on the agenda was the proposal from Radarsign for four (4) solar LED flashing stop signs in the amount of a discounted cost total of \$4,720.00. Mr. Wyke has spoken directly with the sales staff at Radarsign regarding the discount which is what is before the Board tonight. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Pirc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Before moving on to the next order of business, Mr. Califello asked about the stop signs and had concern about other areas which might need lighted signage in the Village. Mr. Wyke thought it best to consider the lighted stop signs at the Midland and Meadow intersections as part of a pilot program for the signage to measure the success of the program before other signs might be added.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Smego discussed a Joliet project which unfortunately impacted on the Rockdale force main line which is discharged to the Joliet treatment plant. PT Ferro accidentally hit the line that was alleged to have been unmarked by the Joliet Engineering project team. The Public Works department investigated and offered support to Joliet by shutting down the lift station until this damage was repaired. Drawings will be found to confirm Rockdale's line and Joliet's responsibility. Mr. Malinowski wants to get the drawing that will confirm the location which Mr. Wyke suggested the Village Clerk perform an extensive search of the Village Records.

R+R Septic was used to clean out the drainage on the north end of Rockdale near I-80 with considerable blockage removed. This will be under observation moving forward. The Lift Station was serviced by an outside vendor which offers an effective preventative maintenance program. Lastly, the lead and copper project has started and was moving along Moen Avenue. Mr. Wyke asked about the readiness of the snow removal equipment which was confirmed by Mr. Lucas, who discussed the maintenance which has been done in preparation for winter.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 250 calls. There are also pages in his report about recent arrests. Chief Dykstra talked about a couple of important actions which took place with the first being officers dispatched on October 12 to an address on Kinsey with a reported unresponsive 74-year-old subject. When officers arrived, CPR continued until Rockdale Fire Protection District personnel arrived along with East Joliet. The subject was pronounced deceased with the investigation still on-going, although there appeared to be nothing suspicious.

On October 17, officers were dispatched to Wheeler for a female subject who was unresponsive. A 13-year-old in the house was trying to perform CPR on his mother when officers arrived. East Joliet arrived to assist. The subject was unfortunately pronounced deceased. Again, an investigation in ongoing with no foul play suspected.

Chief Dykstra mentioned that the resident, a mother of four children, two which attend Rockdale School, had recently been hospitalized. The Chief noted that there is support at the school. The Village is also offering support and resources for the family.

Officer Danny Jones completed his in-person training course. With this training the State requires certifications for all officers with classes schedule moving forward. This will be an annual or every three years for this mandated training.

The hiring of new officers for the department is ongoing, with three interviews taking place this week.

An important meeting at the IDOT field office in Joliet will take place next week with the Department attending.

Finally, Chief Dykstra mentioned that Rockdale officers assisted other police departments in the pursuit and apprehension of suspects ultimately charged with the theft of \$30,000 worth of Amazon merchandise after a 13-mile chase. The theft was initially reported as six to seven people stealing boxes from the Amazon Facility in Channahon in a rented van and vehicles, which led to a pursuit by responding officers. Eventually, with the support of several departments, the pursuit ended on Interstate 80 near the Briggs street exit where the 5 suspects were arrested.

Mr. Malinowski reported that a business in Rockdale, Schwarz Logistics, is attempting to complete the electrical work required for their facility. Engineering drawings and such need to be submitted prior to this work being approved. A sign identifying the location of their company just off Brandon Road is causing problems with its size which makes it a hindrance for traffic pulling into and out of Mound Road. Mr. Malinowski will ask the owners to remove it. AT+T has plans to have fiber optic lines installed under Moen Ave. west. Obviously, this is a sensitive area with all the underground utilities, so Mr. Malinowski has asked their engineering to come back with revised drawings. Finally, Euro Trucking and its owner wants to discuss tapping onto the Rockdale sewer. It's a unique location so the plans are to provide a Professional Fee agreement and schedule meetings to resolve those issues and move the project forward.

Mr. Stiff was absent.

XIII. Public Comment

There was none.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Before adjournment, Mr. Wyke thanked Matt Lucas for his work in assisting with the transition from Angelo Proia to Sean Smego.

Trick or Treat hours will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on October 31, 2025

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday November 4, 2025.