

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
November 4, 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 November 4, 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, Mr. Cooling and Mr. Lorenc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Deputy Chief Mr. Robert Baikie, Village Treasurer, Steve Lucas, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from October 21, 2025, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Stadler to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Lorenc 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. Lorenc 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. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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 approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None

Communications

None

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 Swearing in of a New Full-Time Village of Rockdale Peace Officer, Timothy Harney. Deputy Chief Baikie provided his background in Police work for those in attendance which included friends and family. After being sworn in, he shook hands with Village Board, thanking each one for their support.

Next on the Agenda, was an Approval of a proposal from Stip Brothers for the installation of a new B Box at 712 Davis in the amount of \$3,800.00 excluding site restoration. Mr. Stiff helped to clarify not only to have prevailing wage and noted this is a proposal without the site restoration. The Stip Brothers company is presently doing work for the Village with the important lead and copper removal project as part of the IEPA mandate to have this work done with all of the older connections to the Village water supply. Mr. Wyke suggested a meeting with this company to better clarify the terms of this proposal and convince this company to take care of the final restoration since they will be handling this type of work for the lead and copper removal resident who will need it done. There was a minor protest by a Board member who wanted clarification but after a discussion, the motion was moved forward. A motion was made for the approval of this proposal by Mr. Cooling with a second offered by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 5 ayes, 1 nay and 0 absent.

Before moving on, Mr. Wyke suggested getting quotes for the demolition of the Village owned property on Midland (the old Bait and Beer building), in preparation for the construction project utilizing the property for the new water holding and filtration system with its buildings and storage facilities. His thoughts are to have the property free and clear of buildings to help the transition with IEPA and the like for the new structures.

Additionally, Mr. Wyke spoke of talks taking place with Will County representatives about getting funding for a couple of special projects with one being purchasing the system which reads the meters at the Village Hall. This system requires a receiver and a small antenna so the meter reading can be done in real time. Customers with the phone application can reduce complaints because they will know their readings in real time. It's a more efficient method of water controls necessary for our water system. With this we also will meeting with Strand on Wednesday to discuss installing a GIS system for all of the Village water meters, valves and so forth for a better system control and also to better locate the important areas in seconds to have a faster reach with our control of our water system. Once those costs are identified, we want to have this for the Board to review.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Smego discussed a water main break on Midland Ave. this past weekend. The public works crew and also Airy's Construction was called in to assist with the repair of the break in the six-inch water main. It was delayed by Nicor because a line was near our water main, but it was finally completed. Mr. Wyke thanked Matt Lucas and the rest of the team for assisting with the water main break.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 250 calls. There are also pages in his report about recent arrests including an alleged armed robbery who used a weapon with a laser demanding money from the clerk. A patron came into the Gas station during the hold up, surprising the alleged robber with no money being taken. After detective work, the 17-year-old suspect was interviewed and after a

confession, was arrested with the weapon being a BB gun. The suspects guardians have been cooperative with the suspect being remanded to the juvenile court system and released.

Chief Dykstra talked about the new officer replacing one of the Officers who are leaving. Brandon Victor is leaving for a different Police department in Indiana, so he wanted to thank the Staff and the Board for his employment.

IDOT meeting about construction and lane closures for Safety. Issues of concern; The soundwall from Wheeler to Larkin will start in the spring of 2026, D Construction was awarded the Raynor Ave interchange. It will be similar in design to the Larking Ave interchange.

Joliet Park District will have their annual 5K run starting and ending in front of Roc City Tavern.

Tow Trucks for Tots will not take place in Rockdale this year.

Finally, Chief Dykstra wanted to express his gratitude to Mayor Mr. Wyke and the Board for their support in allowing him to be part of the Police Chiefs Association of Will County. This week ends his final year as the President of the Police Chiefs Association. Chief's Dykstra's participation growing through the ranks starting with Sergeant at Arms to being elected as the President. The dedication to charities including the Special Olympics raising with all of the donations received over the last five years has added to the accomplishments which have made the experience everlasting.

Mr. Malinowski reported that Moen Avenue discussions by IDOT brought issues to a point with the compensable delays being considered. We are still in a holding pattern regarding the non-special waste disposal concerns. Apparently, the latest intel is PT Ferro never submitted a claim for the non-special waste. So after all of this time, it was a "false flag" from PT Ferro. A force main project is taking place on Route 6 in Joliet. A pipe was breached which Joliet is investigating for ownership. Our process indicates Joliet ownership.

Mr. Stiff discussed two zoning and code enforcement issues to be addressed by his office with letters to the property owners. ICOPs negotiations for a new agreement will start shortly.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke asked for public comment. Diane Webber inquired about the Nicor construction projects. She has had reports of a gas smell near her house. Calls were placed to correct the alleged problems. She continued with asking about the Meadow Ave pipe replacement project..

XIV.Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday November 18, 2025.