

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

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from November 18, 2025, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Lorenc asked about a check reimbursement for a building permit application. The Village Clerk reported that the check did not clear the bank which required a reimbursement. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Pirc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Cooling. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None

Communications

Mr. Wyke asked about communications. The only thing presented to the Board were the results of the annual Christmas light judging for the Village. Mr. Wyke announced the first-place winner as Daniel and Village of Rockdale

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Maria Sandquist at 1509 Kinsey. Second place was Monica Ruben D'Angelo at 127 Davis. Third place was Frank and Mary Minard at 219 Davis. Fourth place was the Marlene Polesel Memorial Park. Fifth place was Tom Jones at 107 Central. Finally, honorable mention was Donna Tan and Linda Kus at 109 Midland. Mr. Wyke thanked the winners and the judges.

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. There was none. For the first item on the agenda, the owner of Joliet Tire and Auto service, Theo Vidito, was present for his business license application review. Owner Theo Vidito was required to move from his previous location due to the building being sold and the new owner raising the rent significantly. Mr. Wyke asked about the security of the location with cameras and also overnight parking of vehicles. Mr. Vidito indicated that the nature of the business is general auto repair and tire replacement. There will be security cameras and Mr. Vidito assured the Board that most vehicles will be inside and there will not be extensive overnight outside parking.

The Next item on the agenda was an Ordinance For The Levying And Collection Of Taxes For The Village Of Rockdale, Will County, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Commencing On May 1, 2025 And Ending On April 30, 2026. Mr. Stiff provided the information on this annual ordinance. There were no questions. The next ordinance number would be 1164. Motion was made by Mr. Cooling to approve Ordinance 1164 with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next up was the Discussion and Approval of the annual Christmas Bonus amount of \$150.00 for union and non-union employees. The amount of \$150.00 is on for discussion and/or approval. Mr. Wyke thought it best for this amount and asked if it was a number the Board was happy with. A motion to approve the \$150.00 bonus was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next agenda item was the Approval of Stip Brothers Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$120,406.50 for work related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Mr. Stiff explained that Strand had reviewed and approved the request, which if approved by the Board would then be sent to the IEPA for review and payment. Once paid, this will represent 37.89% of the contract amount. Sporadic bad weather has hampered the schedule somewhat, and a recent change order declined to claim additional money for these delays, which are not within the contractor's control. A motion to approve the Stip Brothers submittal for payment was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motioned carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the 2026 meeting schedule for the Village of Rockdale. The only conflict day that in 2026 would be for the March 17 primary. The meeting will be March 18, which is a Wednesday. Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve the schedule of meetings and post it on the website with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Finally, the agenda item for a Resolution Approving a New 99-year License with the Forest Preserve District of Will County for utilities under the Joliet Junction Trail was next. The Village has a water main crossing the Joliet Junction Trail owned by the Forest Reserve District of Will County. The Village

previously had a 20-year license which expired this year. The water main is a 10-inch ductile water main that goes under the Joliet Junction Trail, which is owned by the Forest Preserve District. The first license was granted and approved in 2005. It was a 20-year lease that expired in May of this year. The resolution indicates that the prior license expired, and the Village and Forest Preserve have negotiated a new license agreement. This one is for a term of 100 years, and it's for a flat fee. In exhibit A of the resolution, that's the actual license agreement. In the very back, you'll see that it's already been passed and approved by the Forest Preserve Board in November. It also lists a twenty-year payment history along with the flat fee costs of \$5112.67 Resolution number 869 was asked for followed by a motion to approve motion made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director Mr. Smego mentioned how busy Matt and the group have been handling water main breaks, which included the upper end of Bellevue, on the west end, just west of Emery and the end of Bellevue. There was a fractured valve on a four-inch ductile line, and there was a repair clamp that Matt had put in a year ago. Probably about five feet away, so they ended up cutting that section out, putting a six-foot, four-inch ductile piece in there with two power clamps which worked out well. Another leak was discovered on Mound Road which caused a drop in pressure but with the system remaining stabilized.

There was mention of the great job the public works department handled the road clearing during the snow. The compliments from the runners during the recently held "Santa Shuffle" 5 k running event were numerous. Keeping the Village roads clear and salted was mentioned as being more efficient than other cities of record. Mr. Scheidt asked about the salt deliveries which are continuous as the supply is needed.

Police Chief Dykstra handed out the PD call sheet with more than 325 calls. There were a couple of things which he described during his presentation before the Board. On December 11, we assisted Joliet Police with the County Sheriff's Office and some other agencies with the pursuit and capture of three armed offenders who are being investigated and tied to several crimes, including home invasion and aggravated robbery. Our officers did a great job assisting, and played a key role in capturing two of the three subjects, with one of them, who was wanted by the marshal service, a recent escapee from the federal prison. They came through Rockdale in the high-speed chase Luckily causing no damages to the Village but unfortunately, Joliet wasn't as lucky with several vehicles damaged during the pursuit.

The first annual Santa Shuffle 5 k run went well with no issues. This shuffle started and ended from Rock City. Like it was mentioned earlier by Mr. Lorenc, there were a lot of compliments on the roads being clear. They were hopeful for about 500 runners but only 260 actually participated.

There were a number of vehicles towed because of the snow. We have an outdated snow parting Ordinance but nonetheless, the Department acted on those who have been habitual offenders.

Mr. Stiff asked about the status of the lines of communication with the Icops Police union about a new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Police Chief Dykstra mentioned that the union had emailed them and thought it was prudent for the Board members to assemble a committee for a contract meeting.

Mr. Malinowski wanted to update the Board on the property involved with the new business owner who spoke earlier. Mr. Malinowski also fielded a question from Board member Mr. Pirc about the IDOT Moen Avenue project and if there was soon going to be resolution.

Mr. Stiff did not have much to add other than the ICops Agreement will require work well into the next year with a possible resolve in early 2026. Otherwise, Mr. Stiff echoed the thoughts of the Board and others wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comments and there were none.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Before closing tonight's meeting, Mr. Wyke reminded everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

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

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 6, 2026.