

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

April 7, 2026

I. Call to Order

Village President Mr. Wyke was absent, so a motion was made to by Mr. Pirc, with a second by Mr. Stadler, designating Mr. Lorenc as the Village President, pro temp, to preside over tonight's meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent. Mr. Lorenc called to order the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on April 7, 2026, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Lorenc asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Califello was present along with Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Stadler, Mr. Lorenc and Mr. Pirc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff, and Village Treasurer Steve Lucas. Village Trustee Mr. Cooling and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski were absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Lorenc asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from March 18, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Califello. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lorenc asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

Mr. Lorenc asked for new business. Mr. Scheidt raised a concern about a dangerous dead and rotted tree branch which may or may not be located on Village property near the intersection of Morris and Lakeview. Public Works Director Mr. Smego will investigate it.

Mr. Lorenc asked Mr. Stiff to address the next agenda item, which was Appointment of Doug Shetina to the Rockdale TIF Joint Review Board is for information purposes only. Mr. Stiff provided the background indicating that with Mr. Califello's election to the Village Board, the public member of the TIF Joint Review Board became vacant. Mr. Wyke designated Mr. Shetina, who has accepted the nomination.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, reported that Stip Brothers is preparing for the final repairs of construction areas which require asphalt following the completion of the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. April 1 is the target date. The Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project is proceeding quickly and on schedule. Austin Tyler predicts completion by the end of May. Nicor is also doing work in the same area but thus far the dual work is being coordinated with the other construction teams. Mr. Lorenc asked about the final road surfacing project and whether it's included with the IEPA Loans. Mr. Stiff indicated that this would be a Strand question and that he would ask Chris Ulm. Mr. Califello asked about the repairs of his property which Mr. Smego addressed.

Next, Chief Dykstra provided the Rockdale Police handout with the call list and nothing more to report. Mr. Malinowski was absent.

Mr. Stiff reported that he is presently working on scheduling a meeting with Joe Mazzone regarding the Eaves property and the tenants on Mound Road. The Diaz trucking company has reported that they have made a concerted effort to clean up the property following the business license review meeting. The Village staff still needs to check on this status.

Mr. Stiff will also be discussing several other matters regarding permitting and compliance and the grading work done on the old Naal Plumbing site.

Mr. Stiff will also be sending additional compliance letters regarding an alleged auto repair business on Meadow Ave which is zoned residential. This has been going on for a while now and is advertised online as a business. Another property located on Meadow Ave was being improperly used as a two-unit. Following the issuance of compliance letters, the owner evicted one of the tenants and pledge to not use the property improperly going forward. We did have B & F conduct an inspection and there is nothing more at this time that we can make the owner do other than to monitor for use by another tenant.

The property on 203 Stillwell Ave remains in a state of flux with the property owner notified by letter to remain compliant with the zoning which is R1. Neighbors have complained there are three families living there but the owner tells the Village it is family. A meeting is forthcoming with the property owner. Mr. Califello needed further clarification about the history of the property which Mr. Stiff obliged.

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Mr. Lorenc asked the Village Clerk about a valid business license for the new barbershop located at the 305 Moen Ave location. Staff will be contacted tomorrow to get an answer.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Lorenc opened public comment. Ms. Webber complimented the Police Chief and his staff correcting parking issues during Meadow Ave construction. Also asked about a building project of a data center in Joliet.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Lorenc wanted to thank everyone who participated in the annual Easter egg hunt which had to take place inside the Village hall this year because of the rain. Although it was hindered somewhat it was still a good turnout and deemed a success.

Mr. Lorenc then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday April 21, 2026.