

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
May 5, 2026

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 May 5, 2026, 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. Stadler, Mr. Lorenc, and Mr. Cooling. Mr. Pirc was absent. 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. Also, in attendance was the Chris Ulm from Strand Services.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from April 21, 2026, as written. Mr. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Lorenc asked about an invoice for payment with a vendor for the police vehicles with their added equipment. Afterwards, he gave a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Scheidt 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. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Submitted for review are number 06 2026 located at 1220 Belleview, for a Deck, and number 07 2026 located at 111 Connell, for a fence.

Communications

Police Chief Dykstra read email received from the Rockdale School thanking the Chief and Department for contributing to the 2026 Career Fair.

X. Old Business

Mr. Wyke asked for old business. Mr. Califello mentioned the 50-50 Village sidewalk replacement program and how it should be available to the new residents and existing residents. His concept would be to have more residents aware of this Village program as another means to clean up Rockdale. Mr. Wyke thought we could add it to the Rockdale welcome packet for new residents and have it on the web site. Additionally, there was talk of sending out a new newsletter which would help to educate the citizens of these types of benefits.

Mr. Stiff noted that the 50-50 program is a Village policy but not an ordinance. The policy is not even written. He suggested that the Village could codify it with an ordinance or at least put in into a written policy to be approved by the Village Board. The consensus was to put together a written policy for approval at future meeting.

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked for new business. There was none. Moving to the first item on the agenda which was the an Ordinance Amending Chapter 78 (Traffic And Vehicles), Article IV (Impoundment Of Vehicles), Sections 78-101 Through 78-109 Of The Village Of Rockdale Code Of Ordinances. Mr. Stiff explained that this was a cleanup of the Village's current ordinance which will allow the Village to tow abandoned and inoperable vehicles from private property, after issuing notices and opportunities to abate the nuisance. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has given heightened protection to even junk vehicles, so the cleanup of the ordinance will allow the Village to provide both the 7 day and 30 day notices before towing the vehicle. A Motion to approve the Next Ordinance, 1167 was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Mr. Stiff introduced the next agenda item, which was a discussion and possible approval of Task Order 26-01 and Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Technical Services Agreement between the Village and Strand Associates, Inc. dated November 1, 2021. Mr. Stiff indicated that with the departure of Dan Malinowski from Willett Hofmann, the Village would need to determine whether it wants to replace Willett Hofmann as the appointed Villager Engineer or to move forward with the Agreement and Task Order with Strand. Mr. Stiff indicated that Willett Hofmann should be allowed to complete the Moen Avenue closeout before a change is made. Mr. Ulm indicated that Miranda Gollwitzer would be the primary engineer serving Rockdale, whether the Village goes with simply having Strand work on a Task Order basis or if the Village decides to appoint Strand as the Village Engineer. It was decided to hold off for the moment on this item.

The next agenda item was the discussion regarding a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Ordinance in the Village of Rockdale. This ordinance will need to go through the ZBA recommendation process as a text amendment to the Village Zoning Code. The plan would be to present this to the ZBA at a June 2 meeting if the Board desires to move forward with this to be a condition for having a truck only parking lot use within the Village. The draft ordinance will be circulated to the Board with the homework assignment being to review it, specifically the fee requirements.

Mr. Cooling asked how labor intensive this Ordinance would be to enforce for Village Staff. That is unknown, although the Clerk indicated that his staff was up to the challenge. A roll call vote was taken and

the Trustees unanimously were in favor of moving the process forward. Mr. Stiff indicated that he would move forward with publishing a notice of public hearing for a potential June 2, 2026 ZBA meeting.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, reported the Mound Road lift station spare pump finally arrived. There had been a water leak which was identified behind the Seating Concepts building. It was on private property but was isolated until the owner could repair it. The Meadow Avenue project is moving smoothly. There is currently concrete work taking place with sidewalk replacements, curbs and the like.

The Howard Street well is down. Layne has been working diligently to pull the pump motor out of the ground but will also be providing repair estimates.

Next, Chief Dykstra provided the Rockdale Police handout with the call list and nothing else to report.

Mr. Ulm had nothing to report beyond what has already been addressed relative to Strand taking on some of the Village's engineering projects that had been handled by Dan Malinowski.

Mr. Stiff reported that he is still working on some compliance issues, with others having been resolved satisfactorily. There is one resident that covered the entire rear yard in concrete without a permit. Mr. Stiff has issued a compliance letter and is awaiting response.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Ms. Webber asked about the water rate increases and when they go into effect. She was advised that they would be on the June water bills. She also commented on how effective the nuisance ordinances have been and her hopes to continue enforcement now that summer is getting near.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke reminded everyone about the annual Rockdale Memorial Day celebration on May 25th, 2026, at the Fire Station.

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday May 19, 2026.