VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
May 19, 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 19, 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, Mr. Cooling, 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. Also, in attendance were Chris Ulm and Miranda Gollwitzer from Strand Services.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from May 5, 2026, as written. Mr. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. A motion to approve was made by Scheidt with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Scheidt. 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. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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

Submitted for review are number 12 2026 located at 710 Moen, for a Sidewalk Replacement.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

Mr. Wyke asked for old business. Mr. Stadler asked about the final re-surfacing of Meadow Avenue upon completion of the watermain replacement project. Mr. Wyke mentioned the project is approaching completion but there is utility work to be performed by NICOR which will need to be completed before the road is re-surfaced. Strand will be submitting a Task Order for the design work.

XI. New Business

The first agenda item was addressed by Mr. Stiff. He provided background on the vacancy created on the ZBA by Gary Califello's election to the Village Board. Mayor Wyke is appointing Michelle Pruitt to the Village of Rockdale Zoning Board of Appeals for the vacancy and another 5-year term. Also recommended was the reappointment of Franciso Villafuerte for another term. At the next zoning board meeting, there will be the official swearing in of both persons to the zoning board positions.

The next agenda item was the Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Meadow Ave. Watermain Replacement Project contract which increases the total contract price by $99,641.70 to a total of $3,905,061.58 and extends the Contract Completion date by 29 days from July 31, 2026, to August 29, 2026. Mr. Stiff gave some background information and indicated that Ms. Gollwitzer was present and could answer questions. Mr. Lorenc asked her to explain the added costs. Ms. Gollwitzer identified concrete removal issues along with manhole cover removal issues which impacted the cost and the schedule, thereby leading to the increase. A Motion to Approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item on the agenda was an Approval of Pay Application No. 3 from Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. in the amount of $1,277,310.58 relating to the Meadow Ave. Watermain Replacement Project with direction to send it to the IEPA for approval and disbursement. Again Ms. Gollwitzer was present to answer any questions. There were none. Mr. Stiff highlighted the Strand letter indicating their review and recommendation for approval. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent

The next agenda item was Approval of Change Order No. 4 (Final Change Order) to the Village-wide Lead Service Line Replacement Project decreasing the current total Contract Price by $106,399.45 to $460,730.55 and adjusting the Contract Completion date to April 30, 2026. Mr. Scheidt inquired as to whether a determination had been made as to replacement of the service line at the St. Joes' Parish rectory. He indicated that the prior Public Works Superintendent, Angelo Proia had suggested at one time that the water line was lead. Since the project is now complete and the final pay request was being approved, the Trustees indicated that the issue would be investigated further and as new lead lines are located, the Village may have to replace them on an individual basis. Mr. Smego will inspect the service to determine its status. Mr. Ulm indicated that the project was based on the Village's best understanding of where the existing lead service lines were located. Mr. Lorenc asked for an explanation as to why this contract was being decreased. Ms. Gollwitzer explained that certain locations did not require as much work. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next up was the Approval of the Final Pay Application from Stip Brothers Excavating, Inc. in the amount of $90,463.31 relating to the Village-wide Lead Service Line Replacement Project with direction to send it to the IEPA for approval and disbursement. Mr. Stiff described the documentation in the Board packets which was then presented to the Board. There were no questions. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff asked Mr. Ulm to address the Board on next agenda item, which was to discuss grant opportunities. This was apparently a bit of a misnomer. Rather, Mr. Ulm was planning on speaking on the last agenda item, which was then moved up by agreement of the Board and upon Mr. Stiff's recommendation.

The agenda item was approval and ratification of IEPA Loan Agreement L177318 and direction to have it executed by Mayor Wyke and then to send it to the IEPA. Mr. Ulm indicated that the Meadow Ave. watermain replacement project was covered by approximately $2.9 million of grant money for the roughly $4 million project. The remaining $1.1 million, while not subject to 100% principal forgiveness, will be considered for a long-term, low interest loan which will come into effect during the end of the calendar year of 2026. The lead service line replacement project was covered by 100% principal forgiveness.

Mr. Ulm then moved to the water storage tank construction project. Because that project also came with 100% principal forgiveness, the IEPA scrutinizes the documentation more heavily. Although Strand had submitted the $20,000 Chapman and Cutler bill, they were getting questions from IEPA, so the decision was made to pull that from the loan submission. The IEPA is giving 100% loan forgiveness for the $1.05 million. Thankfully, the principal forgiveness will amount to $1.45 million to cover all the engineering costs and all the tank bid amount. There were no further questions. A Motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item was the discussion of the downhole video survey report performed by Layne Christensen Company on Well #5 and discussion and/or approval of a Proposal from Layne Christensen Company for Well #5 rehabilitation in the amount of $114,378.00. Mr. Smego explained the pump motor problems happening at the Howard Street Well #5. This well pump repair includes an overdue acid treatment of the well shaft and location of the well head which improves the performance and should last the amount of time needed until our new deep well is in operation. There really is not much alternative. A Motion to approve the expenditure was made by Mr. Pirc with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next up, Mr. Stiff provided the overview and details of the next agenda item, An Ordinance Amending the Designating Ordinance of The Village of Rockdale in Connection with The Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone (Minnick Services Property Expansion). Basically, the Board passed an ordinance amending the Enterprise Zone IGA last August and the Enterprise Zone representative failed to let the Village know that a companion ordinance amending the designating ordinance was also necessary. This Ordinance is in the packet. There were no questions. A Motion to approve Ordinance 1168 was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff continued with the next agenda item, which is directly related to the previous item and is an ordinance correcting a Scrivener's Error in Ordinance 1162, which was the Enterprise Zone Ordinance passed last August. A Motion to approve the next Ordinance, number 1169, was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update regarding the Howard Street well repairs. Obviously, the primary feed of water for the Village is now from Joliet until the well is back in service. NICOR still has work to do in the Village which will delay the repaving of Meadow Avenue.

Next, Chief Dykstra provided the Rockdale Police handout with the call list. From the call list, he reported a Rockdale resident who had an outstanding warrant inadvertently dialed 9-1-1 from his phone which was in his pocket while at work.

From the report, the Village had been using a software called Everbridge, which is designed to send out alerts on matters such as watermain breaks or other emergencies to Village residents who have signed up for the service. Village staff recently had training on the new system for alerts which is called RAVE. It is an upgraded system which requires interested residents to sign up for the alerts. It will be advertised on the Village Website and on water bills.

The Village Red Light Camera will be reactivated today after IDOT completed their traffic light repairs.

In the report, there are also photos relating to Officer Appreciation Day at St. Joseph Medical Center and the Rockdale officers who participated. There are also photos relating to the Chicago Police Officer Memorial which took place recently. Finally, on behalf of the Rockdale Police, Chief Dykstra wanted everyone to have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Next up, Wyke asked Mr. Ulm to speak on behalf of Engineering at which time Ms. Gollwitzer spoke about the Lead Service Line Replacement Project completion. Ms. Gollwitzer also indicated that Strand would be preparing documents relating to the final re-surfacing of Meadow when the project is complete. Funds for that project will need to be allocated in the future, whether from MFT money or the Village's General Fund. Engineering recommended their part of the process should be started soon so the project can move forward until Nicor is done with their work. Mr. Lorenc and Mr. Stadler added pointed questions which were answered by Engineering. Mr. Lorenc thought the timing of the project is important due to the unsteadiness of fuel costs. Ms. Gollwitzer spoke of the need for critical road striping at least until the resurfacing project commences. Mr. Lorenc wanted to make sure it was done properly since the last attempt by a different vendor proved problematic.

The last issue was the MS4 permitting which might be needed to be updated.

Mr. Pirc brought up the desperate need to put asphalt in a huge pothole just off Larkin Ave heading West on Moen Avenue. This pothole is an on-going problem since it is a state road. However, Engineering will look into this issue for a quick resolve.

Wrapping things up, Mr. Ulm will have grant money news by September. He also added the quarry located west of the Kaluzny property approached the Village for an extension of water main so it could operate a concrete batch plant. After meeting with representatives, it was determined that at this time the Village could not produce the required amount of water so the project is on hold for now.

Mr. Stiff reported that the appropriations ordinance must be passed soon and inquired as to whether the meetings with the Village finance staff are approaching. Those meetings are scheduled. The TIF Joint Review Board meeting took place last week. There are several past and future projects for which TIF funding can be utilized.

Prior to Public comment, Mr. Wyke wanted to bring up the purchase of soccer goals for the Village Park. Information is on the dais and the item will be on the next agenda. The Rockdale Clean-up Days will take place this weekend. The dates and times were mentioned to those in attendance. Also mentioned was the annual Village Memorial Day celebration taking place at the Rockdale Fire District which includes the Rockdale School children's choir.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Ms. Webber asked about the reminding Village residents about the nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Wyke came up with the idea to have a summary in the Village welcome packet handed out at the Village Hall to new residents..

XIV.Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which 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 June 2, 2026.