

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

June 2, 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 June 2, 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 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 Chris Ulm from Strand Associates. Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from May 19, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt 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 Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Pirc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Cooling made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

III. 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

The first agenda item was addressed by Mr. Stiff. He provided background on the Recommendation and Findings and Decision of the Rockdale Zoning Board of Appeals on the application of the Village of Rockdale for a Text Amendment to the Zoning Code and the Public Hearing held on June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Stiff narrated the events of the Zoning Board meeting with the swearing in of a new member, Michele Pruitt and also approving the recommendation of an Ordinance Creating A New Article VII (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes-PILOT) Program, Section 90-300 And 90-301 And Amending Section 90-118 (Special Uses) Of Article III (Use Regulations) Within Chapter 90 (Zoning) Of The Village Of Rockdale Code Of Ordinances. There were no members of the public who presented comment for or against the proposal. The ZBA voted four-zero to recommend approval to the Village Board with only one proposed change, which was to also amend the I-1 and I-2 permitted uses to remove truck storage. This program will also involve having the existing properties listed as "grandfathered" as legal non-conforming. This status remains in effect until a change of ownership takes place at which time the PILOT program ordinance will potentially be triggered. Mr. Pirc asked about enforcement mentioning a business license per truck owner type of process which Mr. Wyke added was currently under investigation as an add-on to the business license ordinance. Mr. Lorenc wanted further clarification from Mr. Stiff. Truck parking stalls on property would be charged under this special use part of this Ordinance. Mr. Wyke mentioned the old UPS property that is for sale right now as an example discussed with this new program. Mr. Stiff then asked for the next Ordinance number which was 1170 for An Ordinance Creating A New Article VII (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes-PILOT) Program, Section 90-300 And 90-301 And Amending Section 90-118 (Special Uses) Of Article III (Use Regulations) Within Chapter 90 (Zoning) Of The Village Of Rockdale Code Of Ordinances. From this, a motion to approve Ordinance number 1170 was made by Mr. Lorenc to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next agenda item was a discussion and approval of hiring temporary summer Public Works employees. Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Smego, Rockdale Public Works Director to address the Board regarding the selection process of the three new applicants for the summer help program. Mr. Smego identified each applicant with a brief narrative on why they were selected to be a part of the summer staff. Mr. Wyke reminded Mr. Smego that it would be prudent to have our Police Chief review the background of each new employee prior to them starting work. A voice vote to approve the new summer help applicants was unanimous.

Next up, was the review and approval of the Core and Main proposal in the amount of \$124,500.00 for the remote water meter reading (AMI) system. Mr. Stiff provided the history behind the proposal and what the Village will receive in part for the operations of the reading of meters monthly. 100% of the total amount will be funded through a grant with Will County. This system will allow real time reading of the meters. Residents will be allowed to check on their meter reads which hopefully will help each resident and user will find leaks or help them to conserve water. It will also help with the Village to know where leaks are and malfunctioning meters. Mr. Stadler asked about informing the Village users about the new system. Mr. Stiff recommended the Board vote to waive competitive bidding and continued to go through the original proposal, line item by line item, presenting to the Board questions which will be part of the proposal approval moving forward. Mr. Ulm gave a brief description of how the meter reading process is performed now, which helps to better understand how the new system will improve the process. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

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Next was a discussion and approval of a Strand Task Order for engineering and design services related to the re-paving of Meadow Avenue following the water main replacement work. Mr. Stiff went into a lengthy description of what is before the Board with the Strand task order. Once all the work has officially been completed with the Meadow Ave pipe replacement project, there will be a final project to repave the length of Meadow Ave to which Strand will be the engineering firm responsible for engineering. Also included is the services agreement with Strand to continue their work assisting the Village. Once a decision is finalized, the Village will require Engineering services moving forward into the future. An additional five years at least. Mr. Stiff chose to take each task order separately so the first task Order will take the Engineering services to five years with Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The next Task order is for the Engineering services to repave Meadow Ave motion made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Finally, the next item on the agenda was the approval of the Purchase of two (2) 12' x 6' Pro ALU Match60 Soccer Goals from QuickPlay Sports in the amount of \$1,350.00. Mr. Wyke provided the research of the product and the cost with the Village Staff in charge of the ordering of the product. which will be taken care of by Village Staff. Motion made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by MR. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

II. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update regarding the Howard Street well repairs. A test run was performed today with a successful operation. Soon to be back in service as the primary feed of water for the Village. NICOR still has work to do in the Village which should be wrapped up within the next week.

Next, for Chief Dykstra, the Village Clerk provided a very brief overview of what was part of the Rockdale Police handout with the call list. From the handout it mentioned a death of a local resident and then the call list.

Next up, Mr. Ulm provided information on funding opportunities for available loans which the Village will need to help fund the projects scheduled in the coming year. The IEPA has a draft list of funding available for projects which include principal forgiveness. There is scoring system which takes place to determine what municipality gets funding and how much is actually allocated to each municipality. Rockdale has scored high enough in the draft but has been knocked off in the past when the final scoring is made. Even if the Village does not get full principal forgiveness, there are still low interest loans available on a long-term basis. July 5 is when the final lists are announced.

Mr. Pirc asked about constructing the HMO treatment plant before the new well and then using the current deep well for water supply until the new deep well is completed. Mr. Ulm said this was potentially a good idea. Although IEPA usually wants the well first, the water in the existing deep well may be similar enough to the proposed new well water that IEPA would go for the idea. He will check with IEPA. If approved, this could save 2-3 years from the construction schedule and save considerable amounts of money by not being solely reliant on Joliet water for so long.

Mr. Stiff spoke about preparing the 50/50 sidewalk replacement project. One of the questions to the Board was whether there had been money budgeted for the program in the past and going forward. Mr. Lucas indicated that there was \$18,000 budgeted to the program this past year.

III. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. There were no comments.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke mentioned that next agenda will be the discussion on non-union employee wage increases. Mr. Stiff asked if this would be discussed in executive session. Mr. Wyke indicated that there would be a need for executive session. Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday June 16, 2026.