VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

June 16, 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 16, 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. Lorenc, Mr. Cooling, and Mr. Pirc. Mr. Stadler 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 Chris Ulm from Strand Associates.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 2, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. A motion to approve was made by Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. 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. Cooling. 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

IX. Building Permits

115 Moen Ave – Sidewalk, 617 Howard – Remodel/ Demo, 115 Davis – Fence.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None

The first item on the agenda was a Resolution Of The Village Of Rockdale In Support Of The Illinois America250 Commemoration. This is in support of the Illinois America 250 commemoration. The Illinois Municipal League, the Federal Government and the State, asked municipalities throughout the State join in to pass this resolution encouraging their residents to join in the festivities. There are a couple of website links in the body of the resolution that a person can listing things each person can be involved with for the celebration. Absent any questions, the motion would be in order. The next resolution number is 874 so from this, a motion to approve Resolution number 874 was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Next on the agenda was the adoption of a 50-50 Sidewalk Policy. As was discussed a few meetings ago, the village has long had a sidewalk replacement policy which has not official. This is an opportunity before the Board tonight to approve a policy which best suits the needs of the Village. The most important aspect of the policy is to beautify the Village will new sidewalks and also prevent the potential for problems with old or cracked sidewalks. This was a lengthy discussion offering what has been done in the past as a model for the Village. Other municipalities and their programs are also to be considered. The rough edges of the policy were parts of a major discussion from all of the Board members who are passionate about this program regarding which sections of sidewalks throughout the village are long over due for replacement. Cost is always a consideration which was brought to the forefront having one company or a few companies providing the work as long as the State prevailing wage program is adhered to by the sidewalk replacement company. Other key points of consideration were using one exclusive vendor approved by the Board or have the standard process in place which needs to be adhered to by whoever the owner decides to use. The steps of the process were discussed in length which included sidewalks in the various zone for the property locations. Some Board members started listing areas which are in desperate need of replacement. Many key points to be resolved are cost controls, zoning, contractor approval, notification process, and inspections. Mr. Wyke is concerned about sidewalks which are in need of replacement which are on hills or are in places which didn’t have sidewalks before. Mr. Ulm reminded the group of the ADA compliant issues which are in the forefront regarding public sidewalks. Mr. Lorenc reminded the Board a Board approval process remains the final decision maker in the process with Mr. Stiff providing a scenario which can be best described as a guide moving forward. Mr. Wyke wanted to make sure all of the legal language is detailed in our Village policy. Actual ownership of the sidewalk is a slippery slope. The legal aspect of this policy has to be firm. The final determination was made to draft a policy and come up with examples from a select few of municipalities so the Board can pick ala cart what can be applied to the draft policy.

Moving on to the next agenda item which was an Ordinance Amending Sections 82-34, 82-43, 82-46 And 82-47 Of The Rockdale Village Code. This ordinance was passed April 2, 2025 but had a minor mathematical rounding issue with the minimum use charge for residents using just water equaling a $0.01. An additional mathematical error with I-1 customers for their minimum use again only regarding water which was underbilled by the Village. These rates have been corrected including subtracting the $0.01 overcharge removed from all accounts effected by this error. Thankfully, this error was only in effect for the one month of usage. From all of this, the ordinance needs to be before the Board as the corrected pricing version ready for a vote. Orinance number 1171 will be before the Board with a motion made by Mr. Cooling and with a second made by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

The next agenda item was an approval of a proposal from Metropolitan Pump Company in the amount of $4,837.00 for the installation of a Radar Level Transducer. Mr. Stiff asked our Public works Director Mr. Smego to address the Board about this subject before the Board. The software used with the management of the water and sewer controls was malfunctioning more than it had been in the past. From all of the software updates, it was determined to need a replacement which happens. The keep the control necessary for an effective management or the Rockdale System, this transducer needed to be replaced, and which is now before the Board for approval. Mr. Lorenc asked several technical questions regarding this replacement part and carried the conversation further by addressing his disappointment with the overall performance of the lift station in general. Mr. Smego agreed that it was under engineered for its time. Mr. Stiff then asked for a motion to approve the new transducer. Motion made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

From our executive session, Mr. Stiff moved forward providing details regarding an Ordinance before the Board tonight for approving the 2026-2027 pay Increases For Non-Union Village Employees. He listed the annual salary amounts from exhibit A amended, from what they were to what they are now and asked for a motion to approve, Ordinance 1172, motion made by Mr. Lorenc, with a second by Cooling. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstaining, and 1 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update regarding the Howard Street well repairs. There was a water main break over on Gould Ct. It was quickly discovered, repaired and back in service within hours. He wanted to thank his crew for work throughout the Village after the storm went through last week. Mr. Lorenc asked about the water usage from Joliet. Mr. Smego explained the usage has been lower but it will reduce further once the Howard St well is operating at full flow.

Next, for Chief Dykstra, he provided a call list identifying what has happened over the last two weeks adding happy Fathers day and Happy Fourth of July. Mr. Lorenc asked about an ambulance call that was of interest earlier. Additionally, Mr. Lorenc enquired about a text received recently about signing up to the Village wide emergency services notification web site. This service replaces the Everbridge system which has been operating for the Village in the past. This new system should be available July 1, 2026.

Mr. Ulm was acting Engineering of the Village and spoke of how there has been a reduction in Joliet water used since the Meadow Ave project has been completed. Mr. Ulm has been keeping a watchful eye on the water that's delivered which is keeping the Village cost's down. He continued with mention utilizing the Motor Fuel Tax fund which has money in availability for the streets that were in need of resurfacing. Mr. Wyke reminded the Board about the side street resurfacing and also Mound Road. Mr. Lorenc wanted to confirm the Mound Road owned by the Village.

Mr. Stiff spoke about preparing the Appropriations budget for an upcoming Board meeting.

XIII. Public Comment

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

XIV. Special Business

Finally, a motion was asked for to open the Executive Session: 5/ILCS 120/2(c)(1): The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, motion made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

A motion was in order to return to the open meeting from our executive session motion made by Mr. Lorenc, with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

XV. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke wanted to wish everyone a happy Fathers day and a happy Forth of July holiday. 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.