

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
July 7, 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 July 7, 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, Mr. Pirc and Mr. Stadler. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, and Village Treasurer Steve Lucas. Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff was absent.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 16, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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 Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Stadler. 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. Cooling 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. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. 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. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

702 Central – Patio.

Communications

Mr. Wyke requested the Village Clerk to read a letter received from the Will County Center for Community Concerns. The Center has a long-standing commitment to the residents of Will County, including the Village of Rockdale. It aids those facing economic challenges. Specifically, 86 Rockdale residents have received a total of \$50,897.00 in assistance to aid in remaining housed, maintaining utilities, and moving toward financial stability. Mr. Wyke indicated that the Village has in past years made a \$500.00 contribution to support the Center. The Trustees concurred with making a similar donation again this year.

X. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc commented on the recent installation of soccer goals in the Village Park area. Mr. Wyke concurred with the opinion that the youths residing in the Village seem to be very happy with the new additions and are using them regularly. The twin brothers who play soccer in the park brought flowers to the Clerk's office. With the World Cup now taking place, the timing of the installation of the soccer goals seems to be perfect.

XI. New Business

Mr. Califello reported that the St. Joseph's Catholic Church has added Father Joseph Portzer as Rector and Father Matthew Kane as Associate.

Mr. Pirc asked about when the finishing work will start on the areas disturbed by the Meadow Ave water main replacement project. Mr. Smego updated the Board with the timeline for completion, which was not as urgent as expected by some of the Trustees. There is still finishing work to be done from Nicor in addition to the sidewalks.

The first item on the agenda was a business license review for the JRB Pallets business located at 936 Moen Avenue. The owner, Maria Munez, was in attendance. Ms. Munez has been in business for about seven years. The business manufactures, buys and sells pallets. Mr. Wyke asked whether the fire department had inspected the property. The main reason for this question is that section of buildings houses two other pallet manufacturing companies which puts it in a high-risk flammable materials category. Mr. Wyke requested that the fire department approval be completed prior to a business license is issued by the Village. Police Chief Dykstra indicated that he had received correspondence from the Fire District about this property stating in part, as long as there is enough distance away from the building to where they stage the completed pallets, there is no concern. The letter also noted that there is no sprinkler system in place nor are there fire alarms installed. Mr. Wyke then advised Ms. Munoz that the Village would require a letter from the Fire District certifying the business as being safe to operate. Once that is received and on file at Village Hall, the license can be issued.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update regarding the alleys throughout the Village. There was much work to be done clearing them of overgrowth and foliage.

The Meadow Avenue main feed pipe replacement was finally completed with the main feed being tied into the Village primary feed system. Mr. Smego declared there was a noticeable difference with water pressure. Mr. Lorenc asked about a good mapping of the water main and other piping from Strand since the project is near completion. Mr. Smego said there are pieces of mapping, but he said he will talk with Strand.

Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Smego to check on several downed trees from the weekend storm. The Clerk's office compiled a list of the tree locations and the degree of seriousness. A tree service was brought in to assist Public Works with the tree removals. A few residents asked for tree removal from private property which cannot be done. Mr. Smego did indicate that if the tree limbs are brought to the street, the Public Works team would get them removed.

Next, Chief Dykstra provided a call list identifying what has happened over the last two weeks and had nothing else to add.

Mr. Wyke indicated that there was no engineering report from Strand and the Village Attorney was on vacation.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Mr. and Mrs. Webber asked whether the Village could contact the Joliet Park District to see what could be done to trim back brush on Park District property near their home. Trustee Pirc offered to take his mower and equipment over on a trailer to clean up the area for them as long as they assisted. She declined the invitation. Mr. Webber also mentioned that there were tree branches broken off from the storm which are hanging dangerously above the sidewalk where children often walk and asked if Public Works could isolate the area with caution tape.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.