

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
July 21, 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 21, 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, Village Treasurer Steve Lucas and Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff. Also present from Strand Associates were Mr. Chris Ulm and Ms. Miranda Gollwitzer.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from July 7, 2026, as written. Mr. Stadler made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. 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. Scheidt 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. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. 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. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

519 Moen – Remodel, Lot 23, 24 Parkview – New homes, 628 Midland – Fence.

Communications

Mr. Wyke asked for communications. There were none.

X. Old Business

Mr. Lorenc reported that there was a meeting with the officials from the Joliet Township Park District concerning the park located west of the Rockdale School. A resident had reported to the Village Board that she had made a request to the Park District about the overgrowth near her property and received no response. She had asked the Village to investigate the issue. Mayor Wyke, Trustee Lorenc and Village Clerk Pirc met with Park District officials about the concern. Mr. Lorenc reported that the officials indicated that the lack of response was not satisfactory and that they would see to it that the work would get done.

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked Mr. Stiff to present the new business items. The first agenda item was a Public Hearing regarding the Village of Rockdale Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Mr. Stiff noted that the Public Hearing Notice was properly published in the Joliet Herald News on July 2, 2026. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

With the public hearing open to the general public, Mr. Stiff noted that the Village staff and the Auditors from Wermer, Rogers met to work on the appropriations for the new fiscal year and provided them to his office, which then created the Appropriations Ordinance, which has been available for public inspection since the notice of public hearing was published. Mr. Stiff asked those in attendance if there were any comments. Since there was none, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Stadler with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

With the Public Hearing conducted, Mr. Stiff presented the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Rockdale for the Year 2026-2027. The next Ordinance number was 1173, so a motion to approve was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next was the approval of Change Order No. 3 to the Contract between the Village of Rockdale and Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement increasing the total contract sum by \$7,603.89 to \$3,912,665.47. Ms. Gollwitzer was asked to present to the Board the overview of the additions and deductions which form the basis of the Change Order. A motion to approve the Change Order was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next on the agenda was the approval of Pay Application No. 4 from Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$413,256.23. Mr. Stiff reported that Strand had reviewed the request and issued a written recommendation for approval. Again, Ms. Gollwitzer was present to answer any questions. There were none. A motion to approve Pay Application No. 4 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The final item on the agenda was a discussion regarding a potential amendment to the Rockdale Business License Ordinance. Mr. Stiff indicated that the purpose of the amendment would be for the Village to be able to know what trucking businesses are leasing space in Rockdale and thereby conducting business in the Village. Mr. Stiff's office has researched the issue and there is no prohibition to an amendment of the business license structure to require a business leasing 1 or more spaces for trucks in the Village to get a business license. The only prohibition is that the licensing would not be solely for the purpose of generating revenue. The license fees would generally be in line with other fees and would not be for additional revenue to the Village. The Board directed Mr. Stiff to draft the proposed ordinance for an upcoming Board meeting.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, provided an update regarding a watermain break from a couple of weeks ago. This happened east of Larkin on Mound Road. This was the second watermain break in the same area in less than six months is of concern. Mr. Smego suggested that the Village may want to look at replacing this section of watermain.

Public Works is wrapping up the cleanup and collection of storm damage debris from last week's storms. Many residents thanked the Public Works team during the removal of damaged trees.

Nicor is still in the Village repairing areas following lead service line replacement project. Austin Tyler is also still working on the Meadow Avenue project. for another couple of weeks.

Chief Dykstra provided the call list over the past two weeks. A robbery suspect was picked up by Rockdale Police. After a field interview, the subject was turned over to Joliet where the robbery took place with the subject then being arrested.

The Roc City Car Show event took place this year. Chief Dykstra and two officers participated on behalf of the Village. Proceeds were donated to the Rockdale Police Equipment Fund totaling \$1267.00. Chief Dykstra expressed his thanks to Roc City and those who participated.

Finally, Mr. Stiff reported that he was working on some outstanding compliance issues which will be reported to the Board when resolved. He also indicated that there may be a need for an executive session for the potential purchase of real property on the Board meeting agenda.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Mr. and Mrs. Webber thanked the Public Works department with their handling of the storm damage with trees downed and removed in a timely manner.

Don Wortman asked about the Village ordinances for parking in the residential area and expressed specific concern for residents/owners parking vehicles on the front lawn. The Village Clerk will be in contact with the homeowner to address these issues.

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. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.