

VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
October 20, 2020

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 October 20, 2020 at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Ave, Rockdale, Illinois. This meeting was an in-person meeting with no trustees participating remotely. The meeting was open to the public to attend in person, subject to the State of Illinois current COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

II. Roll call

Following the pledge of allegiance, the Village Clerk conducted the roll call. Village President Mr. Wyke was present along with the following: Trustees Mr. Lorenc, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Pirc, Mr. Stadler, Mr. Scheidt and Mr. Barnes. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff, Village Treasurer Mr. Lucas, Police Chief Dykstra, Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski, and Public Works Director Mr. Planinsek.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Wyke asked for a motion to approve the previous Village Board meeting minutes from September 15, 2020 as written. A motion was made by Mr. Barnes to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

There were no scheduled visitors in attendance.

V. Bills and Claims

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Bills & Claims as submitted. Trustee Mr. Scheidt asked questions about certain checks written vendors with which he was unfamiliar. Police Chief Dykstra clarified the identity and nature of the purchases from those Police Department vendors. Mr. Scheidt also inquired about a check written as payment to the Will County Trustee. Mr. Stiff and the Village Clerk confirmed that the check, in the amount of \$791.00 was written to the Will County Tax Trustee for the purchase of the parcel located on Orr Street which was approved by the Board at its last meeting.

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooling to accept with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays and 0 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to accept with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays and 0 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Trustee Mr. Lorenc asked about the Public Works Equipment Fund Busey back account and when the new Public Works Vehicle purchase will show a withdrawal of funds. The Village Clerk provided his response to the satisfaction of Mr. Lorenc. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to accept with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays and 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. A Motion was made by Mr. Lorenc to accept with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, and 0 nays and 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Village President Mr. Wyke read through the building permits issued since the last meeting and they were 20-030 – 807 Parkview with Village President repeating what our inspection company requirements were which are only repairs and not a total remodel. 20-031- 105 Jewett – New fence, 20-032 – 931 Meadow Avenue – New fence and the 634 Morris property participating in the Village 50/50 Sidewalk replacement project. The 634 Morris property owner submitted a request for tree stump grinding and removal, but the Village Board denied this request since the tree is on privately owned property.

X. Communications

None

XI. Old Business

None

XII. New Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked the Board for any new business for discussion. Mr. Stadler asked about a downed tree right off Midland Avenue near Interstate 80. Village Public Works Director Mr. Planinsek advised the Board that this tree is on IDOT property but indicated that he would investigate and make sure that IDOT was aware.

Mr. Scheidt received an inquiry from a resident regarding why it takes the Village administration longer at times to process water bill payments, primarily those payments made by check. The Village Clerk explained that the Clerk's receipts need to be approved by the Board at each meeting before the Village Treasurer makes deposits to the Bank, so this sometimes results in a slight delay in processing, especially if the checks are written well before the Board meeting. Mr. Scheidt also received an inquiry about security on election day. Specifically, the citizen was concerned about protests or other disruption during the election. Chief Dykstra addressed the concern by stating that his department has not received any credible threats to security, but that he and his officers were not only prepared for election day, but they are also continuously monitoring the situation.

Mr. Barnes asked the Public Works Director about the new Village truck. Mr. Planinsek indicated that he was quite happy with the vehicle and how great it works in the field. Additionally, Mr. Planinsek provided an update to the Board on the entire Public Works fleet and how they have all been IDOT inspected and are road ready for the winter.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked the Board members if there was new business to discuss. Mr. Stadler inquired as to the time it would take to complete the repair of the area of the water main break on Meadow Avenue. Village President Mr. Wyke advised that he had spoken with D Construction, which has indicated that the temporary patch will be placed this week at a cost \$3,500.00.

Village President Mr. Wyke next addressed the first item on the agenda which was the road salt purchase price of \$47.73 per ton. No vote is required since it is an established price through the state.

The next item on the agenda was the Ordinance Amending Sections 82-5 and 82-105 of the Rockdale Village Code regarding water and sewer connection fees. Village Attorney Mr. Stiff advised that the draft version of the Ordinance, which was initially presented with only the water tap on fee amendment at the last meeting, now has the current sewer tap on fees included. Mr. Stiff asked the Board to review the Ordinance with respect to the current sewer connection costs and determine whether those should be increased. The topic can be discussed at the next meeting on November 4, 2020.

Village President Mr. Wyke addressed the next item on the agenda which was a discussion and approval of the new yard waste disposal policy for the Village. Mr. Wyke gave a brief history of the decision-making process which led to his lengthy conversations with the leadership at Environmental and Recycling. Mr. Wyke discussed the several options going forward, from continuing to use the Village yard waste bags to implementing a sticker sale system, neither of which is cost effective for the Village or the resident. After discussions with Jay Ipema at Environmental Recycling and Disposal, Mr. Wyke was extremely pleased to report that Environmental has agreed to continue to dispose of the Village's yard waste at no charge to the Village or its residents, provided that there is no significant increase or abuse of the program. As a result, all Village residents can now purchase their own lawn bags wherever they choose, and the Village will no longer sell bags. The Public Works Department will continue to pick up yard waste bags and bundled yard waste every Monday during the season, and Environmental will dispose of the waste at no cost to the Village or its residents. Trustee Mr. Lorenc further emphasized the cost prohibitive nature of staying with the old bag sale program and the sticker program. The bottom line is that due to the great working relationship between Environmental and the Village, this amounts to a win for the Village.

Village President Mr. Wyke also announced to the Board the two ribbon cutting ceremonies which are planned for November 5th, 2020. Environmental and Recycling will have their open house starting in the afternoon at 2 p.m. and will run until after 5pm in smaller groups. All members of the Board are invited! The second open house and ribbon cutting ceremony is for November 5th, 2020 at the new location for Enterprise Truck Rental located at 705 S. Larkin Avenue. This open house is scheduled to start at 4pm.

XIII. Department Business

Police Chief Dykstra provided the following information to the Board:

- Distribution of the call list including a summary of calls and incidents during the last two weeks, and highlighted some of the more significant matters, including:
 - Ms. Lisa Vetter was arrested for Battery.
 - Administrative Assistant Gayle Shimek returned to work.
 - Received approval for a Grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund to purchase a new trailer.
 - The Department successfully completed American Heart Association AED, CPR and Stop the Bleed training.
 - Distributed letters to residents of the Village informing them of road closures on Halloween.
 - Wrap Industries will host a training and information session at the Rockdale Police Department on October 27th, 2020, demonstrating the Bola Wrap restraint product.

Village Engineer Mr. Malinowski provided an update on the following issues and projects:

- A progress report for the Moen Avenue project and the submittal of the non-special waste soil item pricing to IDOT. Still stuck in the IDOT maze of approvals and signatures. Two-month time frame expected.
- The Harris Drive (Polar Services) project is moving at a slow pace with plans forthcoming.
- Plumbers Local 130 Union construction project has been moving forward with attention on revisions to the Easement document.
- KWM Gutterman project moving forward with the site construction as on-going with pressure testing on watermain system complete.

Director of Public Works Mr. Planinsek provided his department report:

- The Larkin Avenue well repair was started with minor damage discovered due to the high Iron content of the water. The pump was not disassembled but was instead examined with minor impeller wearing on the pump. Additionally, it was discovered that the well was not as deep as it was in 2015. This might be related to the well actually being “filled in” so it is recommended to keep the pump away from the bottom depths of the well to alleviate laboring on the pump.
- There will be a change in water analysis lab companies.

Village Attorney Mr. Stiff updated the Board on his progress with on-going Village projects, as follows:

- The Illinois Governor has moved back Will County to COVID-19 restrictions requiring bars and restaurants to cease indoor drinking and dining which will go into effect on Friday, October 23rd, 2020.
- Looking to meet with the Plumbers Local 130 attorney to finalize the easement document and then get the site plan before the Village Zoning Board.

XIV.Special Business

None

XV.Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Wednesday November 4, 2020