

**Village of Rockdale  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2017**

**Budget Hearing**

President Timp opened the public budget hearing for comment on the proposed 2018 budget at 6:00 p.m. With no residents wishing to speak, President Timp closed the public budget hearing at 6:03 p.m.

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Village Board President Timp called the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Robert M. Smithback Community Center.
2. **Attendance Roll Call.**  
Village Board Members Present: Benjamin Timp, Julie Nelles, Nancy Bishell, Carl Rucks and Nicholas Castle.  
Village Board Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Bruce Barlow, Chris Johnson, Terri Van Den Einde and Linda Dieckhoff
3. **Announce Meeting/Reminder for Attendees to Sign In.** President Timp announced the meeting.
4. **Acknowledgement of Meeting Notice/Posting.** Clerk-Treasurer Dieckhoff confirmed the meeting had been properly posted.
5. **President's Welcome/Announcements.**  
President Timp welcomed all visitors.
  - a. Alternate Side Winter Parking – December 1, 2017 to April 15, 2018 for Exchange Street and Water Street.
  - b. Notice of Spring Election – April 3, 2018. Rucks and Bishell informed the board and public that they were not running for trustee positions in 2018.
6. **Preview of Agenda.** No changes.
7. **Public Comment – Two Minute Limit Per Person.** None.
8. **Discussion and possible approval of Village Board draft minutes of October 16, 2017.**  
**Motion** by Bishell, second by Rucks, to approve the draft minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Discussion and possible action regarding request from Alliant Energy to move street light on East Adams Street.**

**Motion** by Rucks, second by Nelles, to approve moving the street light to the pole to the east at the edge of the Village limits. Motion carried 5-0.

b. **Discussion and possible action on 2018 insurance coverage.**

**Motion** by Nelles, second by Bishell, to continue with current coverage levels and decline crime and cyber coverage. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **New Business.**

a. **Discussion and possible action on fiber optic cable expansion by Frontier to Rockdale in Spring of 2018.**

Discussion took place for agenda items 10.a, 10.b and 10.c all together.

If Frontier expands cable will village owners get to hook up? Timp will contact Mi-Tech Services to obtain more information. Frontier will need Village Board approval to go into ROW. Village will approve after submission of drawings of plans for project are submitted. To be put on next month's agenda.

Chris Johnson recommended that we still look at becoming a Broadband Forward Community. The Village would need an ordinance to become a Broadband Forward Community. Timp will research further and put on next month's agenda.

More research will be done regarding Broadband Expansion Grant Program. To be put on next month's agenda.

There will be a Rural Broadband Expansion Meeting on December 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Cambridge Amundson Community Center.

b. **Discussion and possible action on becoming a Broadband Forward Community.**

See 10.a. above.

c. **Discussion and possible action regarding Broadband Expansion Grant Program.**

See 10.a. above.

d. **Discussion regarding LRIP grant funding.**

The Village of Rockdale was granted funding of \$24,277.93 at the meeting on November 16, 2017. Sheldon Street and Monroe Street project were approved for funding for 2019 LRIP project.

e. **Discussion and possible action regarding tree removal on Sheldon Street.**

The Village had two silver maple trees removed on Sheldon Street and we have six more trees that need to be removed before we do the Monroe

Street/Sheldon Street road project. We will budget to have three trees removed next year and three removed in 2019. This year's tree removal cost of \$2,800 will be funded by transferring \$2,800 from the Beautification Fund. In the future we can replace the trees.

- f. **Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2017-03 to Amend the 2017 Adopted Budget.**  
**Motion** by Rucks, second by Castle, to approve Resolution 2017-03 to Amend the 2017 Adopted Budget. Motion carried 5-0.
  - g. **Discussion and possible action on setting 2017 Tax Levy, payable in 2018.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Bishell, to set the 2017 Tax Levy, payable in 2018, in the amount of \$65,645. Motion carried 5-0.
  - h. **Discussion and possible action on 2018 Proposed Budget.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Rucks, to approve the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$153,947. Motion carried 5-0.
11. **Public Comment – Two Minute Limit Per Person.** None.
  12. **Correspondence.**
    - a. **General Engineering – Building permit activity.** We had a shed permit and new residential home construction permit issued. Report place on file.
    - b. **Dane County Planning Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment 2017 OA-036 Amending the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.** Place on file.
    - c. **Dane County Public Hearing – Amending the Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan.** Place on file.
  13. **Discussion and possible approval of Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills.**  
**Motion** by Rucks, second by Nelles, to approve the Treasurer's Report and checks #6160 - #6177, EFT and ATM in the amount of \$35,657.81. Motion carried 5-0.
  14. **Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Clerk Report/Approval of Bills.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Bishell, to approve checks #5788 - #5794 in the amount of \$2,437.60. Motion carried 5-0.
  15. **Any Other Business.** Rucks received a complaint about speeding coming in on Hwy B. The Village should contact Dane County Sheriff Department to run radar and write some tickets. Rucks indicated it would cost \$75 per hour and there is a four hour minimum. The Village has budgeted for police protection.
  16. **Adjournment.** **Motion** by Nelles, second by Bishell, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Dieckhoff  
Clerk-Treasurer