

**Village of Rockdale  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2017**

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Village Board President Timp called the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board to order at 6:00 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: David Okada, Bruce Barlow, 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 and there were no announcements.
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 September 18, 2017.**  
**Motion** by Castle, second by Bishell, to approve the draft minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Discussion and possible approval of repealing and recreating Chapter 12 – Sidewalk, Driveway, and Curb and Gutter Ordinance.**  
**Motion** by Rucks, second by Nelles, to approve the repealing and recreating Chapter 12 – Sidewalk, Driveway, and Curb and Gutter Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.
10. **New Business.**
  - a. **Discussion and possible action regarding request from Alliant Energy to move street light on East Adams Street.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Bishell, to table the request from Alliant Energy to move street light on East Adams Street until the November 20, 2017 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Discussion and possible action regarding the cost of a curb cut on Merchant Street for parcel #0612-242-4285-1 owned by Dave Wolf.**  
There used to be a driveway for this parcel and when the Village put in the new curb and gutter on Merchant Street a driveway was not cut. Mr. Wolf has requested that the Village pay for the curb cut since it was taken out when the road was replaced. Rucks estimated that for a 16 foot curb cut the cost would be \$360 plus removing the soil from behind the curb at a cost of approximately \$100. Digger's hot line will need to be called prior to work.
- Motion** by Castle, second by Rucks, that the Village pay for the cost of a curb cut and the removal of soil required for parcel #0612-242-4285-1.  
Motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Discussion and possible action regarding introduction of Resolution 2017-02 to vacate Benton Street and alter ownership.**  
**Motion** by Bishell, second by Castle, that the Village Board of Rockdale accepts the introduction of Resolution 2017-02 to vacate Benton Street and alter ownership. Motion carried 5-0.
- d. **Discussion and possible action to set public hearing date to vacate Benton Street and alter ownership.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Rucks, to set the public hearing date of December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., to vacate Benton Street and alter ownership. Motion carried 5-0.
- e. **Discussion and possible action on 2018 proposed budget for Public Hearing.**  
**Motion** by Castle, second by Nelles to accept the proposed budget with minor change for election expense to be presented at the Public Hearing on November 20, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.
- f. **Discussion and possible action regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Rockdale and tree removal of ash trees on Village property.**  
The Village of Rockdale has been put on the red zone list for EAB. The Village has two ash trees in the Village right-of-way and two left on private property. There may be grant money available in 2018. It was the consensus to wait to remove trees and apply for the grant in 2018 and remove in 2019.
- g. **Discussion and possible action on submitting a grant request to the Cambridge Foundation.**  
Discussion took place and it was decided not to submit a grant request this year to the Cambridge Foundation. Next year we may want to submit a request for blacktopping the parking lot.
- h. **Discussion and possible action on request from University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to participate in Urban and Community Forestry Questionnaire.**  
**Motion** by Timp, second by Rucks, that the Village will participate in the UW – Stevens Point request to complete the Urban and Community Forestry

Questionnaire and that Timp will complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Village. Motion carried 5-0.

- i. **Discussion and possible action on 2018 insurance coverage.**  
The Village will do research and bring back to next month's meeting.

11. **Public Comment – Two Minute Limit Per Person.** None.

12. **Correspondence.**

- a. **Dane County Zoning – Notice of Public Hearing held on September 26, 2017 for Lein Acres LLC.** Place on file.
- b. **Dane County Planning Public Hearing on October 24, 2017 regarding Ordinance Amendment #30 – Amending the Dane County Comprehensive Plan by Incorporating Amendments to the Town of Rutland Comprehensive Plan.** Place on file.
- c. **General Engineering – WPDES Permit Compliance – 4<sup>th</sup> Year Final Compliance Alternatives 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 #6150 - #6159 in the amount of \$7,075.95. 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 #5783 - #5787 in the amount of \$6,792.97. Motion carried 5-0.

15. **Any Other Business.** Dieckhoff asked if any board members have had trouble with opening the monthly packets. Bishell has trouble and will pick up a hard copy of packet prior to meetings.

16. **Adjournment.** **Motion** by Nelles, second by Rucks, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Dieckhoff  
Clerk-Treasurer