

**Village of Rockdale  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2019**

**Public Budget Hearing**

President Nelles called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Robert M. Smithback Rockdale Community Center to discuss the proposed 2020 budget for the Village of Rockdale. No one was present for discussion. Public Budget Hearing ended at 6:07 p.m.

**Regular Village Board Meeting**

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Village Board President Nelles called the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Robert M. Smithback Rockdale Community Center.
2. **Attendance Roll Call.**  
Village Board Members Present: Julie Nelles, Jeri Boden, Cynthia Meyers, Alicia Hynes and Sandra Yearman  
Village Board Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Terri Van Den Einde and Linda Dieckhoff
3. **Announce Meeting/Reminder for Attendees to Sign In.** President Nelles announced the meeting and reminded attendees to sign-in.
4. **Acknowledgement of Meeting Notice/Posting.** Clerk-Treasurer Dieckhoff confirmed the meeting had been properly posted.
5. **President's Welcome/Announcements.**  
President Nelles welcomed all visitors.
  - a. Alternate Side Winter Parking – December 1, 2019 to April 15, 2020 for Exchange Street and Water Street.
  - b. Notice of Spring Election – April 7, 2020
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 21, 2019.**  
**Motion** by Boden, second by Yearman, to approve the draft minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Old Business.****a. Update on road construction project.**

Erosion control measures still need to be removed from inlets but waiting for warmer weather (tomorrow or Wednesday) due to ice and fabric is frozen. General Engineering in the process of reviewing a pay request from Contractor.

**b. Discussion and possible action regarding Contract with Badgerland Disposal.**

Motion by Yearman second by Nelles to approve the final contract with Badgerland Disposal. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. LRIP Grant funding award for 2020-2021 is \$27,316.28.**

The Village of Rockdale was one of 11 municipalities awarded LRIP Grant funding for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$27,316.28 for Benton Street.

**d. Update on target survey.**

Sent out 97 surveys – 44 surveys have been returned. Clerk-Treasurer Dieckhoff to compile a list and board members will go house to house to see if we can obtain more surveys.

**10. New Business.****a. Discussion and possible action regarding water drainage at 134 Benton Street – Lynn Herman.**

No action was taken – will look at this in the spring.

**b. Discussion and possible action regarding computer upgrade and IT support to be in compliance with Election Security Subgrant requirements.**

Two proposals were received and reviewed.

Motion by Boden, second by Nelles, to table until next meeting in order to ask more questions regarding current proposals and possibly receive more proposals. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. Discussion and possible action regarding contingency plan for elections.**

Motion by Hynes, second by Meyers, the Village Board reviewed and discussed the proposed contingency plan and suggested that Rockdale Lutheran Church be used as an alternate site after Boden reaches out to the church for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

**d. Discussion and possible action on setting 2019 Tax Levy, payable in 2020.**

**Motion** by Hynes, second by Yearman, to approve the 2020 tax levy of \$66,678. Motion carried 5-0.

- e. **Discussion and possible action on 2020 Proposed Budget.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Yearman, to approve the 2020 proposed budget of \$201,523 for revenues and expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.
- f. **Discussion and possible action regarding Village of McFarland Senior Outreach Services Contract.**  
**Motion** by Yearman, second by Hynes, to approve the Village of McFarland Senior Outreach Services Contract effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.
- g. **Discussion and possible action regarding Dane County Sheriff's Police Protection Contract.**  
**Motion** by Hynes, second by Meyers, to approve the Dane County Sheriff's Police Protection Contract for 4 hours per month effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.
11. **Public Comment – Two Minute Limit Per Person.**  
There was excitement in the Village that there were office chairs going down East Adams Street.
12. **Correspondence.**
  - a. **General Engineering – October 2019 Report** – No report was received.
13. **Discussion and possible approval of Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills.**  
**Motion** by Nelles, second by Yearman, to approve the Treasurer's Report and checks #6527 - #6536, EFT and ACH in the amount of \$7,229.72. Motion carried 5-0.
14. **Discussion and possible approval of General Village Bank Reconciliations.**  
**Motion** by Hynes, second by Yearman, to approve the General Village Bank Reconciliations for October 2019. Motion carried 5-0.
15. **Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Clerk Report/Approval of Bills.**  
**Motion** by Meyers, second by Yearman, to approve sewer check #5932 - #5945 plus 59.95 in the amount of \$1659.95. Motion carried 5-0.
16. **Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Bank Reconciliations.**  
**Motion** by Boden, second by Hynes, to approve the Sewer Bank Reconciliations for October 2019. Motion carried 5-0.
17. **Any Other Business.**
18. **Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility over (Village Clerk-Treasurer).**

Motion by Nelles, second by Yearman, to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the

governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility over (Village Clerk-Treasurer). A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting aye. The board went into closed session at 7:44 p.m.

19. **Return to Open Session.**

Motion by Hynes, second by Yearman, to return to Open Session at 8:03 p.m.  
Motion carried 5-0.

20. **Discussion and possible action regarding items from Closed Session.**

Clerk-Treasurer Dieckhoff indicated to the Village Board that she would like to retire in May 2020. Due to four elections, Dieckhoff indicated that it might be hard to find a replacement but will not work any longer than the first of the year of 2021.

Motion by Meyers, second by Boden, to go along with suggestions regarding holidays, vacation, hours and working schedule as discussed in Closed Session.  
Motion carried 5-0.

21. **Adjournment. Motion** by Meyers, second by Boden, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Dieckhoff  
Clerk-Treasurer