

# RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## July 12, 2022

Face masks were provided by the Township.

The Rutland Township Board held its Regular monthly Board Meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Township Supervisor Raúl Lemus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll call** indicated the following Board Members present: Supervisor Lemus, Trustees J. Siers, J. Alesi, D. Kenik and B. Siers. Quorum established. Also in attendance Commissioner Schultz, Assessor Fritz and Clerk Rendl.

Supervisor Lemus asked for any questions or changes to the July 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Agenda; there being none, **motion** to approve the July 12th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting agenda made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2022-07-01.**

**Motion** to approve the June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Trustee J. Alesi; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2022-07-02.**

### **SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Lemus updated the Board on the annual audit process currently underway.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None. Two township residents in attendance.

### ***REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP JUNE 2022 Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual financial report and June Employee Earnings Summary.***

Supervisor Lemus opened the discussion with a request for any questions or concerns regarding this report. Trustee B. Siers questioned the \$300 expense for painting of the exterior door that was not approved prior to contract. Discussion took place.

### ***REVIEW OF ROAD DISTRICT JUNE 2022 Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual financial report and June Employee Earnings Summary.***

Supervisor Lemus asked for questions, concerns on these reports; and asked Commissioner Schultz about the timing of the salt purchase. Answered by Commissioner Schultz. Brief discussion regarding pricing and ordering process. No other questions.

### **JUNE 2022 BILLS TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Lemus asked for any questions on the June Township bills as presented, in the amount of \$32,208.24. Trustee J. Siers questioned the expenses for exterior painting and air duct cleaning that

had been incurred without Board approval. Discussion took place regarding mandated Board approval prior to expenses being incurred or contracted. Discussion also took place setting limits for

spending without Board approval. Discussion item to be added to next month's agenda. Trustee J. Siers also questioned the expense for fieldwork for Tyler Vinczen. Question answered by Clerk Rendl – Assessor's budget line item 622217 *mileage reimbursement*. **Motion** to approve payment of the June 2022 Township bills as presented, in the total amount of \$32,208.24 made by Trustee D. Kenik; second by Trustee B. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

D. Kenik yes B. Siers yes

R. Lemus yes J. Alesi yes

J. Siers yes

**Motion carried. 2022-07-03.**

### **ROAD DISTRICT**

Supervisor Lemus asked for questions or concerns about the June Road District bills as presented, in the amount of \$25,625.82. No questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Trustee J. Siers to approve payment of the June 2022 Road District bills as presented, in the total amount of \$25,625.82; second by Trustee D. Kenik. Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers yes D. Kenik yes

J. Alesi yes R. Lemus yes

B. Siers yes

**Motion carried. 2022-07-04.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The candidates currently being considered for appointment as interim Township Clerk for the remainder of the current term of office, Margaret Shannon and Cheryl Lemus, presented their qualifications/resumes and answered questions posed by the Board regarding time requirements, travel, budgeting experience, and computer experience.

*Motion to convene Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of "the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined by the Act, including a vacancy in public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law...."* made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers yes D. Kenik yes

B. Siers yes R. Lemus yes

J. Alesi yes

**Motion carried. 2022-07-05.** Adjournment to Executive Session 7:28 pm

Executive Session convened.

Return to Open Meeting 7:50 pm

Roll Call Vote following reconvening of Open Meeting indicated the following members present:

Motion to appoint Cheryl Lemus as interim Township Clerk for the remainder of the current term of office effective August 1, 2022, made by Trustee J. Alesi, second by Trustee B. Siers. Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Alesi yes B. Siers yes

D. Kenik yes J. Siers yes

R. Lemus yes

**Motion carried. 2022-07-06.**

## **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

### **Assessor**

Assessor Fritz updated the Board on the submission of his books to the County. He communicated the number of sales taking place in the Township and that commercial property construction is “booming”.

### **Trustees**

Trustees J. Siers, B. Siers and D. Kenik individually thanked Clerk Rendl for her service and quality of work.

Discussion took place as to the acceptance of Clerk Rendl’s resignation – acceptance of resignation will be ratified at the August 9, 2022 meeting.

### **Supervisor**

Supervisor Lemus also thanked Clerk Rendl.

### **Clerk**

Clerk Rendl stated her appreciation for the members of the Board and the support they have given her throughout her terms of office.

### **Commissioner**

Commissioner Schultz expressed his appreciation for Clerk Rendl and the work she has done for the Highway Department. He updated the Board on the paving done this last month and the excellent work that was done, the striping and shouldering that will take place soon. He shared his thoughts on the tree trimming issues in the Township and the problem scheduling a trimming crew to take care of the trees. He also discussed the County hesitancy to approve the requested weight limit reduction on Powers and Freeman roads and the destruction of the roads that will take place without that weight reduction.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee J. Alesi.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes

**Motion carried. 2022-07-07.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen J. Rendl            
Kathleen J. Rendl, Township Clerk