

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING November 9, 2021

The Rutland Township Board held its Regular Board Meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor Raúl Lemus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Supervisor Lemus, Trustees B. Siers, D. Kenik, and J. Siers; Quorum established.

Also in attendance Clerk Rendl, and Commissioner Schultz.

As per recent CDC guidelines, face coverings were requested. Masks were also provided by the Township.

AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to approve the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda made by Trustee B. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2021-11-01.

Motion to approve the October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	D. Kenik	yes
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R. Lemus	yes	B. Siers	yes
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Motion carried. 2021-11-02.

Motion to approve the October 7, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes made by Trustee D. Kenik; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

D. Kenik	yes	J. Siers	yes
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B. Siers	yes	R. Lemus	yes
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Motion carried. 2021-11-03.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Lemus apprised the Board of additional funding for rental assistance through Kane County, and informed all of the associated links for information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. One Township resident in attendance.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 2021 BILLS

TOWNSHIP

Discussion regarding total amount difference shown on Monthly Bill Presentation and Bill list. Monthly Bill Presentation shows salary and associated expense (QuickBooks fees); Bill list does not include those amounts. Consensus was to continue as being done currently. **Motion** to approve

payment of the October 2021 Township bills in the amount of \$5,635.08 made by Trustee B. Siers; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote

B. Siers	yes	J. Siers	yes
D. Kenik	yes	R. Lemus	yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-04.

ROAD DISTRICT

Commissioner Schultz questioned difference on bill list. Discussion took place regarding the procedure to approve the total of expenses, including salaries.

Motion made by Trustee J. Siers to amend the previous motion (approval of payment of the October 2021 Township expenses in the amount of \$5,635.08) to include the salaries and associated expenses (Quickbooks) in the amount of \$20,224.59, for **approval of payment of the October Township expenses in the total amount of \$25,859.67**; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	D. Kenik	yes
R. Lemus	yes	B. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-05.

Motion made by Trustee J. Siers to approve payment of the October 2021 Road District bills, including salaries and associated expenses (Quickbooks) in the total amount of \$21,072.79; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	D. Kenik	yes
R. Lemus	yes	B. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-06.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee J. Siers apprised the Board of her discussions with David Yee regarding the age of the current Township computer (Supervisor's – to be around 4 years) and his thoughts that the township could purchase a portable hard drive and offload non-essential documents and continue using the current computer, or purchase a new computer. He estimated the purchase cost for the new computer would be \$1200 - \$1400 including the necessary software. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Ordinance RU-2021-03 Township Levy Ordinance. Supervisor Lemus explained the levy amounts indicated. Trustee B. Siers spoke on the necessity of funding appropriately for the Building & Grounds, and reviewed the previous dialogue regarding repairs needing to be done on the salt shed to maintain the integrity of the shed. Discussion.

Discussion regarding Ordinance RU-2021-04 Road District Levy Ordinance. Commissioner Schultz presented his levy amounts. He then spoke about needing to purchase a new truck but not being able to proceed because of production problems associated with Covid. No dealerships will

guarantee delivery, costs have increased over 30% - trucks cannot be built and delivered within the same budget year.

Discussion regarding providing notary service to residents (by appointment) through the Township offices. Motion made by Trustee B. Siers to provide this service on a trial basis for one year and revisit after that time whether to continue the service. Second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

B. Siers yes D. Kenik yes

J. Siers no R. Lemus yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-07.

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 this Act, including a vacancy in public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law”*

Motion made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers yes D. Kenik yes

R. Lemus yes B. Siers yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-08.

Executive Session convened 7:20

Return to Open Board Meeting. 7:32 pm

Roll call taken following return to Open Meeting with the following Board members present: Supervisor R. Lemus, Trustees B. Siers, J. Siers and D. Kenik. Quorum established.

Motion to appoint John Alesi as Township Trustee made by Trustee B. Siers; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

B. Siers yes J. Siers yes

R. Lemus yes D. Kenik yes

Motion carried. 2021-11-09.

Administration of the Official Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee John Alesi by Clerk Rendl.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Commissioner Schultz congratulated Trustee Alesi on his appointment and spoke about the TOKC Annual Dinner meeting. He also spoke about the County transportation meeting he and Trustee J. Siers attended, the specifics of the meeting and the lack of funding the township receives from impact fees for building in Rutland township. As per state statute, townships receive no monies from impact fees.

The State of Illinois (IDOT) is going to establish and build a bike path in from the DeKalb County line to Starks. The townships included in this endeavor are Hampshire and Rutland. The state will build the path but the townships will have to maintain the path. It is a 5-year project and will begin in 2022. Discussion continued regarding the expense and lack of input the township has, and will have on the project. Commissioner Schultz will contact the County and State for more information.

He also spoke on the necessity of budgeting/investing for future expenses of township buildings and grounds and how Trustee B. Siers has been the only person lobbying for that funding consistently through the years and how not levying for those expenses is short-sighted and increases costs.

Trustee Alesi suggested Commissioner Schultz contact IDOT and discuss IDOT's plan to allocate funds for maintenance and liability of the bike path.

Trustee J. Siers reported to the Board regarding the cost of the security system for the Township office, the garage and the Assessor's office and what changes can be made to reduce expenses. Options are available. Copies of the information were given to the Board for review and discussion at the December meeting.

Clerk Rendl reminded the Board about the TOI virtual conference November 15-17th; registrations are still being accepted.

Supervisor Lemus asked if there was any additional discussion.

There being none, **motion was made** by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2021-11-10.

Meeting adjourned 8:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen J. Rendl

Kathleen J. Rendl, Township Clerk