

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2022

Face coverings were requested, but not required. Masks were provided by the Township for anyone needing one.

The Rutland Township Board held its Regular monthly 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 indicated the following Board Members present: Supervisor Lemus, Trustees B. Siers, D. Kenik, J. Siers, and J. Alesi. Quorum established.

Also in attendance Commissioner Schultz, Assessor Fritz and Clerk Rendl.

Kane County Deputy Gast was also in attendance.

Prior to any discussion or motions Clerk Rendl advised the Board of revisions/additions made to the Monthly Bill Presentation report after the receipt of additional March bills and a corrected line-item coding (after being electronically sent to the Board last week) and gave the corrected expense totals: Township \$21,832.52 Road District \$19,293.71. The paper copies of the report given to the Trustees at the meeting reflect the correct totals.

Motion to approve the March 8, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda with the with the aforementioned changes made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2022-03-01.

Motion to approve the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes made by Trustee D. Kenik; second by Trustee J. Alesi.

Vote: Roll call Vote.

D. Kenik	yes	J. Alesi	yes
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J. Siers	yes	B. Siers	yes
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R. Lemus	yes		
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Motion carried. 2022-03-02.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Lemus welcomed Deputy Gast to the meeting and asked if he (Deputy Gast) had anything he wanted to speak on. Deputy Gast stated he is in the area during the week mainly to enforce traffic violations and deal with vandalism. Discussion took place regarding annexation surrounding Rutland Township and resultant issues/problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No Township residents in attendance.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 2022 BILLS**TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Lemus asked for any questions on the Township bills. Trustee J. Siers asked about the Allied Benefit Systems Inc. deposit. Answer by Supervisor Lemus – refund of prorated coverage cancellation. The bill for Sentry Security was questioned - contract is on a 3-year basis payable annually. Trustee Kenik questioned the Muniweb expense. Answered by Clerk Rendl – expense is the monthly charge for website hosting. **Motion** to approve payment of the February 2022 Township bills as presented, in the total amount of \$21,832.52 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
J. Alesi	yes		

Motion carried. 2022-03-03.

ROAD DISTRICT

Trustee Alesi questioned the LP expense from ConservFs. Answered by Commissioner Schultz. Trustee J. Siers asked if there could be discussion on the *Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual* reports. Supervisor Lemus allowed the discussion and discussion took place regarding the Township Profit & Loss report. Trustee J. Siers asked for explanation of various line-item totals. Discussion took place regarding entries prior to October and resultant questions/issues. Clerk Rendl presented a *Quick Report* on a specific expense breakdown being audited. Trustee J. Siers also questioned Assessor Fritz on the total of heating expense for the Assessor's office. Further discussion took place regarding budget totals and actual expense totals / accurate budgeting.

Discussion then took place regarding the Road District *Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Report*. Trustee J. Siers asked Commissioner Schultz for an explanation of the line-items *culvert permit* and *road fees permit* income. Explanation given by Commissioner Schultz. Trustee J. Siers then questioned the line-item *62219 Telephone* expense. Supervisor Lemus answered the question and informed the Board of the phone plan change that will greatly reduce that specific expense.

Motion made by Trustee J. Siers to approve payment of the February 2022 Road District bills as presented, in the total amount of \$19,293.71; second by Trustee J. Alesi.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2022-03-04.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of GRA Audit Proposal for 2022-2023

Supervisor Lemus presented the proposal/engagement letter from GRA and asked for questions from the Board. Discussion took place. Commissioner Schultz expressed his opinion on the audit presentation given last year by GRA and his dissatisfaction with the Township and Road District not being documented separately in the audit report. Additional discussion took place regarding the responsibilities of the auditors/costs/experience level of personnel performing the audit. Further discussion regarding the consideration of other firms and talking to other townships for any suggestions. Supervisor Lemus will follow-up with other townships and with GRA and update the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding Draft Agenda for Annual Town Meeting

Supervisor Lemus asked for any questions on the draft ATM Agenda as presented. Discussion regarding the violation of allowing political candidates to speak/lobby as has been allowed in previous years. Discussion also took place regarding the time limit allowed for speaking. Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the speaking limit changed to 3 minutes made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

Siers	yes	Kenik	yes
Lemus	yes	J. Alesi	yes
B. Siers	yes		

Motion carried. 2022-03-05.

Discussion regarding date for Town Fund and Road District Budget Hearings

Discussion took place as to the time requirements mandated. Board consensus to hold the hearings May 10th. Motion to schedule and hold the Town Fund and Road District Fund budget hearings on May 10, 2022 (Town at 6:15 pm, Road District at 7 pm) made by Trustee D. Kenik; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2022-03-06.

No Executive Session called for or convened.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Commissioner Schultz inquired why the hearings had been scheduled for May and not in March as has been done the last few years. Discussion took place regarding the reasons for that decision. He then reported that salt has been ordered and shipments have been received. The Road District is on track with budget. Trustee B. Siers spoke about a tree on Powers Road that should be looked at to prevent accidents. Trustee J. Siers asked about the garbage dumped on Powers Road. Commissioner Schultz reported that they had picked up over 8 bags, the dumpster is full. Dumping garbage continues to be a significant problem on township roads.

Assessor Fritz asked Deputy Gast about the resident selling cars on Oliver and Coombs Roads. Deputy Gast said that he has spoken to him and that he is cooperative and not trying to be a problem. Discussion took place regarding the speeding problem in Rutland Township and how it has become extensive and getting worse.

Discussion then took place regarding traffic issues resultant from annexed property involving Rutland Township.

Assessor Fritz informed the Board on what is taking place in his office – residential sales, commercial and industrial valuations, commercial vacancies, new projects on route 47, residential development adjacent to Sun City.

Trustee B. Siers asked Commissioner Schultz if there is any planning on how to preserve the roads in Rutland Township that are being used by non-residents and the commercial entities. Discussion took place about trying to compel commercial entities to fund road maintenance for their traffic use.

Trustee J. Siers reported that the Village of Huntley unanimously approved changes to the first phase of Huntley Crossings to build “Lighthouse Academy” on Powers Road & Route 47. It is a 110-acre development. She also reported on the meeting regarding the Kane Truck & Trailer repair site on Mason Road in Gilberts that was held last month. The land is currently unincorporated but is guaranteed to be annexed. The estimate of usage/storage is 700 trucks per 24 hours. She also questioned why the Board is not receiving financial reports – discussion took place as to why the reports were stopped. Reports were terminated in July 2021 because of the difficulties the previous Supervisor was having, the financial reports were incorrect and were therefore irrelevant. Discussion took place as to what reports were necessary and on what basis. Board consensus was to continue to receive the *Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual* report each month. Commissioner Schultz opined that the *P&L Budget vs Actual* was very important for him.

Trust D. Kenik brought up the subject of an air purifier, (discussed last year) he will research and present the information at the next meeting.

Supervisor Lemus asked for any additional discussion. There being none, **Motion** to adjourn was made by Trustee B. Siers; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Voice vote.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen J. Rendl

Kathleen J. Rendl, Township Clerk