

# RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## November 14, 2023

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: Trustees J. Siers, A. Kenik. D. Kenik, Supervisor Lemus. Absent: Trustee B. Siers. Quorum established. Also, in attendance Road Commissioner John Alessi, Assessor Gary Fritz and Clerk Cheryl Lemus.

**Motion** to approve the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting agenda made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee A. Kenik

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14**

**Motion** to approve the October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Trustee D. Kenik; second by Trustee J. Siers with the caveat that there would be corrections made.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14**

### SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### October 2023 BILLS

#### TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Raul Lemus asked for any questions on the October Township bills' report of 33,000.79

**Motion** to approve payment of the Sept. Township bills, in the total amount of \$33,000.79 made by Trustee D. Kenik., seconded by A. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14**

#### ROAD DISTRICT

Supervisor Lemus asked if there were any questions regarding the Sept. Road District's bills for \$22,439.02

**Motion** to approve payment of the April 2023 Road District bills in the total amount of \$22,439.02 made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion/Possible Motion: Additional Exterior Lighting for the Back of the Garage Building:  
Discussion regarding lighting. John is going to look into the work for this type of lighting.

Discussion: Township Levy Ordinance RU-2023-12:

Discussion: Road District Levy Ordinance RU-2023-13: There was a long discussion regarding the levy for both the road and township. Concerns regarding the low tax levies and the needs of township, especially the salt shed and the parking lot. Trustee J. Siers raised the idea of raising the taxation rate higher, but there are limitations, as Supervisor Lemus pointed out.

Discussion/Possible Motion: Addition of Nelnet (formerly GRNE Solar) as an "Autopay" Vendor to Exhibit A of Resolution RU-2023-14. Discussion occurred.

Motion made by J. Siers, seconded by D. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion to convene to EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2c(11) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing possible litigation.

**Motion** made by Trustee J. Siers, Seconded by Trustee D. Kenik to move into Executive Session.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14**

**Motion** to reconvene Open Meeting by D. Kenik, seconded by A. Kenik.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14**

## **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

### **Commissioner**

Jon Alesi discussed road district business including the lack of inspections on the truck.

### **Assessor**

Gary discussed issues and change in assessor's office including assessing new construction and new tax levy. Payroll was also discussed.

### **Trustees**

Discussion regarding parking lot improvement. There was also discussion regarding Starks Cemetery. J. Siers informed the board that there is no document that list the Township as the owner. More of discussion regarding the tax levy and special assessment.

### **Supervisor**

No new information.

### **Clerk**

No new information.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee B. Siers; second by Trustee D. Kenik

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes

**Motion carried. 2023-11-14.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:02 p.m.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Cheryl Lemus, Township Clerk