

Rutland Charter Township

# Regular Board Meeting

July 13, 2022 / 7PM

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

## Roll Call Members Present:

Gene Hall, Sandy James, Sandy Greenfield, Larry Watson, Robin Hawthorne, Brenda Bellmore, Stacey Graham

## Others Present:

Audrey Burton, Doug Lectka, Steve Pachulski, Deb Jackson, Dave Jackson, Eric Bair, Hunter McLaren, Pat Sharpe, Nickie Haight

## Approval of Agenda:

Watson adds "Algonquin Lake Weed Control 2022-282" under New Business. Motion by Greenfield, seconded by James to accept the July 13th agenda with one addition. All ayes. Motion passes.

## Guests:

### **Audrey Burton - RCT Library Board Representative:**

Burton shares highlights from her monthly report. Copies are available on the table and board members received them in their packets.

## Open Comments:

None

## Consent Agenda:

Motion by James to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Bellmore. All ayes. Motion passes.

## Supervisor:

Watson shares that the cemetery work has started and they have had some complaints but that it is looking nice. The board discusses that the previous clerk planted trees at the cemetery that are not in the way for maintenance.

## Clerk:

Hawthorne says her clerk report is available and board members have it on their desks. She explains that RCT is increasing their mileage reimbursement amount to follow the state norm. She also shares that election prep is going well and August 2nd is the election. James says there has been some confusion over the redistricting and others agree. Bellmore asks for a copy of the ballot so board members can answer questions if asked.

## Treasurer:

Greenfield shares that a copy of her Treasurer's Monthly Report is on each board member's desk. She says tax payments are coming in.

## Trustees:

Graham asks if the JPC has met recently and Hawthorne tells her they met in June and did a site plan review for FlexFab.

James asks if there are any other businesses going into the new buildings where Save-A-Lot was and Watson says Starbucks is the only one so far. James says she is thankful for the zoning report and happy to see all the work happening.

## **Commissioners Report:**

Dave Jackson gives an update from the Commissioners. He explains that the new Lofts apartments will not be low income based but will instead be workforce housing. He explains they are still working through the logistics of many offices moving and some buildings that have been left empty. Pat Sharpe asks how much the empty buildings will sell for and Jackson says he has not heard yet. Hawthorne asks if there has been any progress from the Broadband Committee and Jackson says they are in the early stages of talks. Bellmore comments that the empty buildings upset residents that have been repeatedly asked for millages.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **Chip Sealing on the roads around Algonquin Lake:**

The board discusses the petition that some Algonquin Lake residents signed to stop the chip sealing from being put down on their roads. Attorney Rolfe sent an email explaining to the board that they are under no obligation to discuss or decide on this matter because individual residents cannot involve themselves in an agreement between the Road Commission and RCT.

Hawthorne explains that the money allotted for those roads was over \$300,000 and that if they do not finish the job, the work will only last half the time. If that were to happen, the Algonquin Lake residents would need to have a special assessment done and pay for the repairs and future maintenance themselves. Greenfield points out that only residents from 3-4 roads signed the petition.

The board members all agree that the work should be finished according to the agreement with the Road Commission and that fixing roads is not just about appearance but about durability.

Pat Sharpe is the President of ALCA and agrees the work should continue as planned.

Motion by Hawthorne, seconded by Watson, to continue the work laid out in the agreement between the Road Commission and RCT. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Yes, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - Yes. Motion passes.

## **New Business:**

### **MTA Dues:**

Hawthorne explains that this vote is needed every year to renew the MTA membership dues. She says the employees at RCT use MTA a lot for advice and classes. She says the annual fee is \$3182.51.

Motion by James, seconded by Hall, to approve the MTA dues. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Yes, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - Yes. Motion passes.

### **Resolution 2022-280 Great Lakes Energy Franchise Request:**

Hawthorne explains that the board has to give Great Lakes Energy permission to access the right of ways in RCT in order to bring broadband to their customers. Hawthorne says they pay RCT a one time fee of \$500 and that RCT already has similar agreements with Consumers Energy, AT&T, and Charter. Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Greenfield, to approve Resolution 2022-280. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Yes, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - Yes. Motion passes.

### **Resolution 2022-281 Request for MDOT to conduct a traffic analysis of intersections in RCT:**

Hawthorne explains that there is no additional cost for this survey because it has been paid for by taxes already. This is not a speed study, it is just for the intersections. MDOT is partnering with BCRC and their plan is to do a survey in all the townships. Motion by Bellmore, seconded by James, to approve Resolution 2022-281. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Yes, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - Yes. Motion passes.

### **Algonquin Lake Weed Control 2022-282:**

The first public hearing will be at the August meeting and the second will be at the September meeting. Motion by Greenfield, seconded by James, to approve Resolution 2022-282. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Yes, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - Yes. Motion passes. Pat Sharpe thanks the board.

### **Open Comments:**

Hunter McLaren introduces himself and says he is from J-AD.

Eric Bair from Algonquin Lake Storage reintroduces himself to the board. Hall says he is impressed with how nice it looks there.

James says she was happy to see the flier from Commission on Aging and asks if anyone has heard who will replace Tammy Pennington, but no one has heard.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion by James, seconded by Bellmore to adjourn, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nickie Haight, Recording Secretary