

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

November 10, 2021 / 7PM

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

Roll Call Members Present:

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

Roll Call Members Not Present:

Sandy Greenfield, (Excused)

Others Present:

Pat Sharpe, Kim Bosma, Les Raymond, Sandi Drummond, Carl Algera, Sheryl Lewis-Blake

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Hawthorne, second by James.

Greenfield Absent

All Aye Motion carries

Guests:

Kim Bosma – RCT Library Board Representative:

Kim reports on the Jingle and Mingle Celebration December 3, 2021. There will be arts and craft booths set up there. She also reports that the high school art students are going to be displaying their art work in the Teen Room at the Library. Also, that the caulking around the windows is being replaced. Kim Bosma's term as Library Board Representative has expired and we will need to get a new representative. She has termed out.

Open Comments:

Pat Sharpe wished all a Happy Thanksgiving from ALCA and thanked the Township for the pothole repair on Douglas and Ottawa Trail.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Hawthorne to accept the consent agenda with two corrections to the minutes for name spelling changes. Seconded by Bellmore. All ayes, Motion carries. Absent Greenfield

Supervisor:

Watson says we need to reappoint Robin Hawthorne and Eric Miller to the ZBA. Appoint Marti Mayack to the Planning Commission and the JPC to replace Stacey Graham and appoint Doug Lectka as an alternate on the BOR. Motion by Hawthorne, second by

Bellmore to approve Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Absent ,
Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes Graham - Yes
Motion passes.

Clerk:

Hawthorne shares that a copy of her Clerk's Report is on each Board Members desk and on the back table.

Treasurer: absent

Hawthorne shares that a copy of the Treasurer's Monthly Report is on each board member's desk.

Trustees:

James asks about the possibility of changing the dates of the PC and Board Meetings so the current PC Minutes could be in the Board Member packets. Polling of the Board and the dates will stay the same. Watson will check into getting the minutes faster and possibly emailing them to the Board members.

Graham shares that there is a survey online to take from the Blue Zones Committee on Trails for their Master Plan.

Commissioners Report:

Dave Jackson reports that the County Budget has been approved. There will be an ARPA fund meeting November 30 at 7:00 pm. Location is to be determined.

Unfinished Business:

Township Website Quote Discussion:

Copies of the five quotes were included in the packets. Gene Hall goes over the information spreadsheet that he prepared for the board with the price comparisons. Discussion and the board pairs it down to two LIAA and Pixelvine and directs the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to interview them and report back to the Board with their recommendations. Motion by Bellmore Second by Hall to have the Clerk and Deputy Clerk report back to the Board with their recommendations at next month's meeting. All Aye Motion passes Absent Greenfield

Accept Ordinance #2021-178 the Cemetery Ordinance for Second Reading and Adoption

Board discussion. Motion by Bellmore, supported by James to accept Ordinance #2021-178 for second reading and adoption. Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Absent, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Graham - yes
Motion passes

Marihuana Ordinance Discussion

Discussion on the two draft marihuana ordinances. Hall asks and Hawthorne explains the differences between the regulatory ordinance and the zoning ordinance. Graham states that these two drafts are a collaboration between our attorney and our

planner. Hall wonders about the 1000 ft between marihuana businesses that was talked about at one time. Watson says he will contact the attorney and ask the question about this. Pat Sharpe asks about how much revenue the township will receive from this. Watson responds that is unknown at this time. Hall expresses concern about the amount of businesses that are going to be allowed in the MU districts. Hawthorne says that only three of them will have actual store fronts/retail businesses. James states she would like for Rutland to start small. Hall and James state both have concerns at this time on the amount of retail being allowed. Watson says that he has not encountered any marihuana retailers close by one another when doing research on this issue. Zoning Administrator Raymond agrees that he has not seen any retailers close by each other. Bellmore states she would like to see it set for public hearing to get the public input on this. Hall agrees. Board decides to hold the public hearing as a special meeting. Board discussion. Motion by Hawthorne second by Hall to set the public hearing on the Marihuana Regulatory Ordinance as a Special Meeting for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm. All Aye Motion passes Absent Greenfield

New Business:

Budget Public Hearing:

Supervisor opens up the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget. Watson states that he wants to see a raise for the Zoning Administrator of \$1,500.00 due to the amount of hours he puts in. The board all agrees. Hawthorne states that there are some adjustments to the budget one is the cemetery. The vacant land needs to be prepared for future burials. The cemetery is running out of spaces for burials. Also at the cemetery we will need to reseed and repair around the monuments when we clean them up. Hall brings up the hiring of a landscaping company to fix up the landscaping around the Township Hall. Board discussion about putting this up for bid in the spring. Township Hall snow/lawn care raised up to \$10,000.00 to budget for this. Discussion about new shingles for the Township Hall roof and repair of the cupola on the roof. Board agrees to set \$25,000.00 for this. Graham compliments the board on our Fund Balance.

Additions/changes

Service Agreements - \$15,000.00

Election Inspector wages - \$7,000.00

Election Misc. - \$4,000.00

Cemetery repairs and maintenance - \$15,000.00

Twp Hall Snow/Lawn care - \$10,000.00

Sheryl Lewis-Blake asks the board to remember Blue Zones in Budget Discussions.

Budget Public Hearing is closed with the budget being set for adoption at the December Board Meeting with the changes stated.

Resolution #2021-274 Approval of the Amendments to the Master Plan:

Hawthorne points out that the error in the Master Plan for Algonquin Lake is fixed and now on page 58 number 6 now reads:

6. Due to nutrient loadings, it may be necessary to develop wastewater collection and treatment facilities around Algonquin Lake in the next ten years.

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Hall to approve the Resolution #2021-274.

Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Absent, Watson - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes. Graham - yes Motion passes.

The Board thanks the Planning Commission for all their hard work on this project.

Step One Approval of the Algera Condominium Subdivision Project:

Hall inquires if the project has been submitted and approved by the Road Commission/MDOT and our Township engineers.

Watson says yes it has. The Township Board discusses and approves the passing of this Step One without the pass thru roads required in Article II

Subdivisions/Condominiums Section 200-16 Letter A (1) Streets Paragraph (b).

Hall inquires as to whether the ordinance needs to be changed at this time. Board discussion and will give to the Zoning Administrator to work on this.

Hawthorne makes a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and give Step One Approval for the Algera Condominium Subdivision Project with the variance approved on the pass thru roads, seconded by Graham.

Roll Call Vote: Hall - Yes, James - Yes, Greenfield - Absent, Watson - Yes,

Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes. Graham - Yes Motion passes.

Open Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Bellmore to adjourn at 8:55pm, seconded by James, all ayes one absent Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Robin Hawthorne, Township Clerk