

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

March 12, 2025 / 7PM

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Mayack at 7pm. Moment of Silence. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Members Present:

Sandy Greenfield, Marti Mayack, Robin Hawthorne, Brenda Bellmore, Jason Watson

Members Not Present:

Gene Hall - excused, Sandy James - excused

Others Present:

Pat Sharpe, Dan Lipstraw, Mark Jordan, Steve Pachulski, Robert Foster, Sue Bender, Jane Cybulski, Dave Jackson, Dana Yarger, Michelle Duith, Ines Straub, Gary Jones, Bruce Shek, Nickie Haight

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Watson to accept the March 12, 2025 agenda. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guests:

Jane Cybulski gives an update from the Library monthly meeting and her report is available on the back table.

Open Comments:

Bruce Shek introduces himself as a Hastings Township Trustee and a member of the BIRCH Board. He asks the RCT Board members to please support keeping Mercy ambulance.

Steve Pachulski thanks the RCT board for supporting the work that is going to be done to Ottawa Trail.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Hawthorne to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Watson. All ayes. Motion passes.

Supervisor: None

Clerk:

Board Members have the Clerk's Report Voucher/Payroll and there are no questions. Hawthorne has provided board members with the audit results and says RCT got an A rating again.

Treasurer:

Greenfield says her report is in the board member's packets and on the back table. She shares that taxes have been turned over to the county and payments now need to be paid at the courthouse. She says 95% were paid at RCT.

Trustees: None

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Dave Jackson shares that the county has given Eric Susgard a 3 year contract and he has done an excellent job.

He says there are several broadband companies that are looking to come into Barry Co to extend broadband. This will likely be at no expense to the customer or local governments. Hawthorne says that none of that is happening in RCT, even though they have given the ARPA money towards broadband. Jackson says there are more companies that will be involved than what are in the area now.

Jackson says the jail feasibility study is ongoing, the commissioners are discussing body and dash cams and have found that they would be a large expense, the county passed a resolution about keeping employees wages competitive in the market, the COA building construction will begin soon, and the commissioners are working on clean energy ideas.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Resolution to approve 2025 Road Resolution

Supervisor Mayack says the BCRC has updated the plan to include what this board decided last month. They will take off Green St and Gun Lake Rd, and use that money towards gravel.

Motion by Hawthorne, seconded by Bellmore, to approve Resolution #2025-308. Roll Call Vote: Hall - absent, James - absent, Greenfield - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Watson - Yes. Motion passes.

Hold Harmless agreement for the fireworks tent located at 1450 W M-43 Hwy

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Greenfield, to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement for PPI Fireworks. All Ayes. Motion Passes.

Hold Harmless agreement for the fireworks display at the Barry Expo Center for the music festival

Motion by Watson, seconded by Bellmore, to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement for Strictly FX LLC. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Mercy Ambulance service proposal

Supervisor Mayack would like to table this discussion and the vote until the board meeting next month, when Hall and James are present. Motion by Greenfield, seconded by Bellmore, to table the Mercy Ambulance discussion and vote until the board meeting next month. All Ayes. Motion Passes.

Open Comments:

Sue Bender gives the board a quick update from the local Republican party and is available for any questions.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Hawthorne to adjourn at 7:16pm, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nickie Haight, Recording Secretary