

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

July 8, 2026 / 7PM

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

Roll Call Members Present:

Sandy Greenfield, Gene Hall, Sandy James, Marti Mayack, Brenda Bellmore, Jason Watson

Roll Call Members Excused Absence:

Robin Hawthorne

Others Present:

Sue Bender, Bob Teunessen, Dan Lipstraw, Carolyn Hall, Pat Sharpe, Jane Cybulski, Steve Pachulski, Dennis Mayfield, Nickie Haight.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Watson, seconded by Bellmore, to approve the July 8, 2026 RCT Board Meeting Agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guests:

Jane Cybulski gives an update from the Library. Her report is available on the back table.

Open Comments:

Pat Sharpe asks how much money will RCT receive from having Meijer build here. Greenfield says 1 mil of whatever property taxes the city decides to tax Meijer. Mayack says it is all hearsay at this point because there could be other businesses and medical buildings built on that property.

Consent Agenda:

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

Supervisor:

Mayack makes a motion to re-appoint Steve Pachulski to the Planning Commission, seconded by James. All ayes. Motion passes.

Mayack also mentions that Fire Chief Jordan could not be here tonight but has reviewed and approves of the fireworks permit for Rock the Country. There will be fireworks on Saturday only.

Clerk:

Clerk Hawthorne is on vacation. Board Members have her Report Voucher/Payroll and there are copies available on the back table.

Treasurer:

Greenfield says her report is in the board member's packets and on the back table. Tax bills went out July 1st and payments have started to come in.

Trustees:

Trustee James asks Pat Sharpe if the Algonquin Lake fireworks will continue to be early like they were this year. Sharpe says they might be because costs have gone up so much. He says the

cost of the actual fireworks keeps going up, there are not a lot of fireworks companies around, and to have them come on July 3rd is \$25,000 and July 4th is \$30,000+. He shares that there are some businesses that donate money towards the show but not as much as needed and ALCA does not have enough help finding funding. ALCA used a company called "Small Town Fireworks" and will continue to do their best.

Trustee Watson says that he spoke to State Representative Angela Rigas and learned that the bills that were discussed at the last board meeting will never come to fruition if the house and senate remain in Republican majority, but will be something that local governments will have to deal with if the Democrats win the majority in this years elections.

Planning Commission Liaison Report:

Trustee Hall shares that there was no PC meeting this month so there is no report.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Bob Teunessen shares an update from the County Commissioners Meeting. He brought the resolution that the county created against the state taking control of some ordinances from local governments. The commissioners continue to look for a solution for a new jail.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2026-201 to amend Section 19-9 pertaining to the parking and loading regulations in Article XIX

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Greenfield to accept Ordinance 2026-201 for second reading and adoption.

Roll Call Vote: Greenfield - Yes, Hall - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Absent, Bellmore - Yes, James - Yes, Watson - Yes. Motion passes 6-0.

Hall tells the board that the PC is looking at aligning the MUD ordinances of the JPC and PC. He will review it all with the board once the PC sends it to the board.

Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 2026-202 to amend Zoning Map of the Hastings - Rutland Joint Planning Commission

Motion by Mayack, seconded by James, to accept Ordinance 2026-202 for second reading and adoption.

Roll Call Vote: Greenfield - No, Hall - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Absent, Bellmore - No, James - Yes, Watson - No. Tie Vote 3-3, nondecision.

New Business:

L-4029 2026 Tax Millage Request

Motion by Mayack, seconded by Bellmore, to approve and send the L-4029 to the Barry County Equalization Director.

Roll Call Vote: Greenfield - Yes, Hall - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Absent, Bellmore - Yes, James - Yes, Watson - Yes. Motion passes 6-0.

Hold Harmless Agreement for Kid Rock Concert on August 8, 2026

Motion by Mayack, seconded by James to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement for the Atlanta Special FX, LLC and Showlive SFX. All ayes. Motion passes.

Discussion on Infrastructure in MUD

Board members discuss that they do not want to continue to give property to the City of Hastings, in order to get the sewer and water. Since the City of Hastings is not willing to do simple sewer and water agreements with RCT, like they have done with other townships and businesses, board members want to look into creating their own infrastructure. Mayack is creating a committee that will include himself, Doug Lectka, Jason Watson, and others that might want to join.

Open Comments: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Hall, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 7:38pm. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nickie Haight, Recording Secretary

PROPOSED