

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

August 12, 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, Robin Hawthorne, Marti Mayack, Brenda Bellmore, Jason Watson

Others Present:

Sue Bender, Bob Teunessen, Dan Lipstraw, Pat Sharpe, Ed and Nora Hickey, Nickie Haight.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Mayack adds a discussion about Lawn care, Maintenance, and Sexton contracts to the August 12th agenda. Motion by Hall, seconded by Bellmore, to approve the August 12, 2026 RCT Board Meeting Agenda with one addition. All ayes. Motion passes.

Trustee Watson asks, and Clerk Hawthorne explains that the board will be voting again on Ordinance 2026-202 due to the tie vote at the July board meeting.

Guests: None

Open Comments:

Trustee Hall compliments the Library on their financial management through all their recent challenges. Treasurer Greenfield asks if anyone knows the details about the fire at the library, and other board members believe it was electrical. James says the library has great programs and they are well attended. Board members believe the library won a lawsuit and had the windows replaced for free.

Consent Agenda:

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

Supervisor:

Mayack shares that Pat Jensen is putting together a county-wide risk assessment report. Ace is going into Middleville. He thanks Yeti Services for fixing the handicap ramp. He is hoping to have Angela Rigas come to the September board meeting to talk about the House Bills.

Clerk:

Clerk Hawthorne says her reports are on board members' desks.

She shares that the cemetery program is up and running, residents can search for the lots of loved ones from a link on the township website, there will be pictures of the headstones taken and uploaded, and there will be a laptop available for people to use in the township office. She says there were 4 townships running the 9 days of early voting out of the Rutland township hall. There were 183 voters, 86 of which were Rutland residents, during the 9 days. The equipment and everything ran smoothly.

The Hastings Area School System has added a bond renewal to the November election.

Treasurer:

Greenfield says her report is in the board member's packets and on the back table. Her report includes 2 months of interest because of the bank statement cutoff.

Trustees:

Trustee Bellmore asks why there was concrete being poured at the cemetery. Hawthorne believes someone purchased several sites and was pouring the foundation for them.
Trustee Hall shares the Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast is on August 29th from 7-11am.

Planning Commission Liaison Report:

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 says the COA will have an open house September 29th. Commissioners are interviewing construction companies for the jail project.

Watson asks about the Flock cameras that have been seen around. The board and commissioner discuss that someone would have to have contracted with the Flock company and is getting the feed from these cameras. Mayack and Teunessen will both try to find out more about the camera by Walmart.

Unfinished Business:

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 - Yes, Bellmore - No, James - Yes, Watson - No. Motion passes 4-3.

New Business:

Resolution and opposition of House Bills to regulate zoning in the townships

Watson thinks it would be good to inform other surrounding townships. Hawthorne will send this on to the legislators. Mayack says he hopes to get more information from Angela Rigas.

Motion by Mayack, seconded by Watson to approve Resolution 2026-322.

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

Discuss Lawncare, Janitorial, and Sexton contracts

Staff are satisfied with the current Janitorial and Sexton companies and would like to renew their contracts. They would like to see bids for lawncare and snow removal because they are not satisfied with the current company. Hall says all 3 should go out for bid. Board members want the contracts updated to include the ability to end a contract early if the work is not being completed. They discuss splitting lawn care and snow removal and taking bids for them separate or together.

Open Comments: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Hall, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 7:55pm. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nickie Haight, Recording Secretary