

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

September 9, 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, Robin Hawthorne, Marti Mayack, Brenda Bellmore, Jason Watson

Roll Call Members Excused Absence:

Sandy James

Others Present:

Sue Bender, Dave Jackson, Pat Sharpe, Ed and Nora Hickey, Terrick Smith, Doug & Rebecca LECTKA, Jamie Dejaardens, Mark Jordan, Morgan Haley.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Motion by Greenfield, seconded by Watson, to approve the September 9, 2026 RCT Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guests:

Rebecca LECTKA gives an update from the library. Her report is on the back table. Fire Chief, Mark Jordan gives an update from the fire department. Rock the Country went very well and will be back next year. There is an open house at the Hastings Fire House on October 4, 2026.

Open Comments:

Pat Sharpe asks about who is funding the Flock cameras in the county.

Consent Agenda:

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

Supervisor:

Two positions on the ZBA need to be reappointed. Motion by Mayack, seconded by Watson to reappoint Jim James to the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: Greenfield - Yes, Hall - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Watson - Yes, James - absent. Motion passes. Motion by Mayack, seconded by Hall to reappoint Larry Haywood to the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: Greenfield - Yes, Hall - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Hawthorne - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Watson - Yes, James - absent. Motion Passes.

Clerk:

Clerk Hawthorne says her reports are on board members' desks. She also covers the report on duplicate voter registrations and shares that we have none. Most of Barry County have very few overall.

Treasurer:

Greenfield says her report is in the board member's packets and on the back table. She shares that the treasurer's office will be open from 9am-5pm on Tuesday, September 15, to receive tax payments.

Trustees:

Trustee Bellmore asks if Meijer has purchased their proposed property yet, it has not.

Planning Commission Liaison Report:

Trustee Hall has provided board members his report about the September Planning Commission meeting and he reviews the report.

Commissioners Report:

Dave Jackson shares that there will be an open house for the COA on September 29, 2026. Also, the county has selected Granger Construction to work on the jail project.

Unfinished Business:

Contracts for Sexton, Janitorial, Grounds and Snow Maintenance.

The township will be accepting bids for the contracts for maintaining the township hall and cemetery. Contracts remain mostly the same with the sexton changing from 3 to 5 years. Watson would like a specified measurement for snow removal to be added. Bids will be due by 12pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Motion by Mayack, seconded by Watson, to accept proposed contracts with minor updates for bids.

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

New Business:

PLM quote for weed treatment for Algonquin Lake for 2027

Pat Sharpe introduces himself as the President of the Algonquin Lake Community Association. He says PLM has had great success on the lake and the association has a great relationship with PLM. Jamie Dejaardens is a representative from PLM. She says the overall goal is to reduce the exotic plants, enhance beneficial plants, and to preserve the water quality. She says that what they have been doing is working, so they will stay with that course of treatment in 2027. She is thankful for the relationship with Sharpe and the ALCA.

Motion by Mayack, seconded by Bellmore, to approve the PLM Algonquin Lake weed treatment plan for 2027.

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

Open Comments: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Hall, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 7:36pm. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Morgan Haley, Recording Secretary