

Rutland Charter Township

Regular Board Meeting

September 11, 2024 / 7PM

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

Roll Call - Members Present:

Gene Hall, Sandy James, Sandy Greenfield, Larry Watson, Robin Hawthorne, Brenda Bellmore, Doug Lectka

Members Not Present:

None

Others Present:

Pat Sharpe, Jane Cybulski, Susan Bender, Jason Watson, Dana Hall, Bob Teunessen, Morgan Haley

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by James, seconded by Lectka to accept the amended September 11, 2024 agenda. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guests:

Library Representative - Jane Cybulski informs the board Peggy Hemmerling is retiring. The library board voted to appoint David Ettleman for Director. They also voted to use the year end solicitation to fundraise for automated restroom doors. As of the end of their fiscal year, June 30, the library had 81,753 visitors and 58,507 the previous year. The program attendance was 9,705 attendees and 7,500 for the previous year. Hall asks about the windows, small defect was found from manufacturer, testing is being done.

Open Comments:

Pat Sharpe asks about Meijer, board says there is nothing to report. Jason Watson introduces himself as the newly elected trustee.

Consent Agenda:

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

Supervisor:

None

Clerk:

Board Members have the Clerk's Report Voucher/Payroll and there are no questions. Overseas voter deadline is September 21 and ballots should be delivered by September 26 and around 800-850 ballots will be mailed promptly.

Treasurer:

Greenfield says her report is in the board member's packets and on the back table. Taxes are due September 16 and her office will be open from 9am-5pm, after that they will accrue 1% penalty per month.

Trustees:

Doug Lectka announces he is running for Supervisor as an independent.

Bellmore inquires about the marijuana license expiration dates, Hawthorne one has current licensing but the one year date is likely approaching.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Dave Jackson has news from the County that spongy moth survey will be starting at the end of the month and into October, receive results hopefully by year end. Micheal Brown retired at the end of August and replaced by Eric Zuzga. The solar ordinance is completed, there will be a Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning review on the 23rd at 7pm at the Tyden Center. The term for County Commissioner is now 4 years. The EDA says there are BEAD grants require 50% matching funds and it would cost about \$20 million to complete the county broadband connection. There are three companies applying to take care of all of Barry County.

Watson compliments on choosing the new airport manager, Gino Lucci.

Unfinished Business:

Proposal to extend and create a new Urban Services District 4.

Board discussion on the proposed 425 Agreement with Hastings City.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lectka to not accept the proposed Urban Services District 4 as presented by the city. Roll Call Vote: James - yes, Greenfield - yes, Watson - yes, Hawthorne - yes, Bellmore - yes, Lectka - yes. All ayes, motion passes.

New Business:

PLM Treatment Plan for Algonquin Lake for the 2025 season.

Pat Sharpe says the previous treatments are good, the assessments will stay the same. Jamie Degares from PLM says there was success in reducing exotic species, macro algae and phosphorus removed from inlets.

Motion by Hawthorne, second by Bellmore to approve the PLM Treatment Plan for 2025. Roll Call Vote: James - yes, Greenfield - yes, Watson - yes, Hawthorne - yes, Bellmore - yes, Lectka - yes. All ayes, motion passes.

Open Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Hawthorne, seconded by Hawthorne to adjourn at 7:34pm, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Morgan Haley, Recording Secretary