

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2021

The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Sanders. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Hoffman, B. Siers and J. Siers; Clerk Rendl, Road Commissioner Schultz, Assessor Fritz. Trustee Dave Kenik, absent.

As per recent CDC guidelines, mandatory face coverings and physical six-foot social distancing were enforced. Masks were provided by the Township.

Following the Roll Call, Supervisor Sanders tendered her resignation aloud, effective 11:59 pm August 10, 2021.

Supervisor Sanders then called for Public Comments from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ken Heil was the first commenter and yielded his time to Adeline Lewis.

Adeline Lewis addressed the Board regarding (Board) responsibilities, financial accountability and fiscal responsibility, Board appointments, General Assistance, and road maintenance.

The third person to comment was Dawn Heil who yielded her time to Adeline Lewis.

AGENDA

Motion to approve the August 10, 2021 agenda made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee Hoffman.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	Hoffman	yes
Sanders	yes	B. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-01.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes as presented made by Trustee Hoffman; second by Trustee B. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

Hoffman	yes	B. Siers	yes
Sanders	yes	J. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-02.

Presentation of FYE 3-31-2021 Township Audit

George Roach, GRA presented the audit report for the Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

A brief discussion followed the presentation with questions and comments from the Board and Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Corrected financial reports for the Township and Road District for May and the three months ending June 30, 2021 were not provided; no reports were approved at this meeting.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Correct financial reports for the Township and Road District for the 4 months ending July 31, 2021 were not provided to the Trustees at this meeting.

REVIEW OF JULY BILLS

TOWNSHIP

Trustee Hoffman stated that the Trustees had not been provided with expenditure information prior to the meeting, asked to review the bills and questioned the accuracy of the report. Supervisor Sanders stated there had been problems with the computer. Discussion regarding the absence of the credit card statement on the list of bills to be paid. Trustee J. Siers made a motion to pay the Township bills for the month of July in the amount of \$3,300.70; second by Supervisor Sanders.

Vote: Roll call vote

J. Siers	yes	Sanders	yes
Hoffman	no	B. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-03.

ROAD DISTRICT

Discussion regarding the problems with the computer. **Motion** made by Trustee J. Siers to approve payment of the Road District bills for the month of July in the amount of \$1,194.17; second by Supervisor Sanders.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	Sanders	yes
Hoffman	no	B. Siers	no

Motion failed. 2021-08-04.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Hoffman related his conversation with QuickBooks on Monday July 26th regarding the charges and expenses discussed in previous meetings. The total of “scammed” charges is \$7,782.85. Trustee J. Siers relayed that an investigation has been opened with the banks and almost all of the “scammed” charges from the account at BMO have been credited back into the account. PNC will require additional information for their investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Trustee B. Siers to accept Supervisor Sanders resignation; second by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

B. Siers	yes	Hoffman	yes
J. Siers	yes	Sanders	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-05.

Motion to call Closed Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purposes of: 60 ILCS 1/60-5 (a) “a vacancy in any township office occurs for any other reason including

without limitation the resignation of an officer” **AND** 60 ILCS 1/60-5 (b-5) “vacancy being filled.... Is for township supervisor, a trustee shall be appointed as deputy supervisor until the vacancy is filled” Discussion re: appointment of interim deputy supervisor. **Motion made by** Trustee J. Siers; second by Supervisor Sanders.

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers	yes	Sanders	yes
Hoffman	yes	B. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-06.

The Board adjourned to the Supervisor’s office for the Closed Executive Session at 7:48 pm. Township Attorney Mark Schuster was in attendance.

Return to Open Meeting

Roll call was taken following the return to the open meeting. Present: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Hoffman, B. Siers and J. Siers.

Motion made by Trustee Hoffman to adopt Resolution RU-2021-01 appointing Trustee Jan Siers as Temporary Deputy Supervisor; second by Supervisor Sanders.

Vote: Roll call Vote.

Hoffman	yes	Sanders	yes
B. Siers	yes	J. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-07

Discussion/Motion re: compensation for Temporary Deputy Supervisor.

Discussion took place regarding compensation for the temporary deputy supervisor. **Motion made** by Supervisor Sanders setting compensation at (prorated) \$24,000/year for the Temporary Deputy Supervisor; second by B. Siers.

Vote: Roll call vote.

Sanders	yes	B. Siers	yes
Hoffman	no	J. Siers	yes

Motion carried. 2021-08-08.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Road Commissioner

Commissioner Schultz briefed the Board and audience about the tree down on Powers Road from the storm and cautioned all to be mindful of downed trees and road conditions as they go home.

Assessor

Assessor Fritz stated his office was in the middle of appeal season and an update will be given next month.

Trustees

Trustee Siers asked Commissioner Schultz about the (previously discussed) tree trimming on Powers Road at the curve. Commissioner Schultz stated he has spoken to the contractor and it should be about 2 weeks before the trimming can be done.

Trustee Hoffman tendered his resignation effective end of meeting citing upcoming job conflicts.

DOCUMENT SIGNING

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee B. Siers.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2021-08-09.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen J. Rendl

Kathleen J. Rendl, Township Clerk