

# **RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

## **January 13, 2026**

The Rutland Township Board held its Regular monthly Board Meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor Raúl Lemus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll call** indicated the following Board Members present: Trustee J. Siers, Trustee S. Swidler, Trustee R. Artz, Trustee S. Klein, Supervisor R. Lemus. Quorum established. Also, in attendance Road Commissioner John Alesi, Assessor Gary Fritz and Clerk Cheryl Lemus.

**Motion** to approve the January 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting agenda made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**Motion** to approve the December 09, 2025 Board Meeting minutes made Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**Motion** to approve the December 09, 2025, Town Levy Hearing minutes made Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**Motion** to approve the December 09, 2025 Road District Levy Hearing minutes made Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

### **SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Fritz addressed the board regarding unemployment tax discrepancies within assessors' budget, which he alleges were undertaken by Supervisor Lemus. Board thanked him for the information, but reaffirmed that the unemployment tax was the responsibility of the assessors' office.

### **DECEMBER BILLS**

#### **TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Raul Lemus asked for any questions on December 2025 Township bills' report as presented, in the amount of \$27,477.18

**Motion** to approve payment of the December 2025 Township bills, in the total amount of \$27,477.18 made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee S. Swidler

Vote: Roll call vote.

J. Siers      yes    R. Lemus      yes  
S. Swidler   yes    R. Artz       yes      S. Klein    yes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

***ROAD DISTRICT***

Supervisor Lemus asked if there were any questions regarding the December Road District's bills for \$58,905.74

**Motion** to approve payment of the December 2025 Road District bills in the total amount of \$58,905.74 made by Trustee S. Swidler, seconded Trustee J. Siers.

J. Siers      yes    R. Lemus      yes  
S. Swidler   yes    R. Artz       yes      S. Klein    yes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion/Possible Motion: 2026 Scheduled Meetings Calendar

**Motion** to approve Trustee S. Klein, seconded Trustee R. Artz.

J. Siers      yes    R. Lemus      yes  
S. Swidler   yes    R. Artz       yes      S. Klein    yes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

Discussion/Possible Motion: General Assistance Public Act 103-0192: Discussion regarding the assistance program.

Discussion/Possible Motion: Motion to approve Transfer of Appropriations Ordinance RU-2026-01 made by Trustee J. Siers, seconded by S. Klein.

J. Siers      yes    R. Lemus      yes  
S. Swidler   yes    R. Artz       yes      S. Klein    yes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**Motion** to approve Transfer of Appropriations Ordinance RU-2026-02 by Trustee R. Artz, seconded Trustee S. Swidler.

J. Siers      yes    R. Lemus      yes

S. Swidler yes R. Artz yes S. Klein yes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

Discussion regarding preliminary Assessor's budget (FY 26-27). Trustee J. Siers addressed Gary's budget numbers and expressed concerns over the various increases in certain line items.

Motion to Convene by Trustee S. Swidler, seconded by Trustee R. Artz for an EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (d) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of reviewing closed session meeting minutes.

Executive Session

Motion to Return to Open Meeting made by Trustee R. Artz and seconded by S. Klein.

Discussion and Potential Action (as discussed due to the Executive Session): Records dated 10/10/23, 11/14/23, 12/12/23, 6/11/24, 11/12/24, 6/17/25, and 12/9/25 were to remain sealed.

## **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

### **Commissioner**

The commission discussed road district business.

### **Assessor**

Gary discussed issues and change in assessor's office.

### **Trustees**

Trustee S. Klein discussed the legality of township vs. country board rule.

### **Supervisor**

No new information.

### **Clerk**

none

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee J. Siers; second by Trustee S. Swidler

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes

**Motion carried. 2026-01-13**

**Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Cheryl Lemus, Township Clerk