

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 11, 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 were present: Trustees R. Artz, S. Klein, J. Siers. Quorum established. Also in attendance were Road Commissioner John Alesi, Assessor Gary Fritz, and Clerk Cheryl Lemus. Trustee S. Swidler was absent.

Motion to approve the Aug 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting agenda; July 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; Town Fund Budget Hearing Minutes; Road District Budget Hearing Minutes made by Trustee S. Klein; seconded by R. Artz.

Vote: Voice Vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2026-08-11

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

JULY BILLS

TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Raul Lemus asked if there were any questions on the July 2026 Township bills report as presented, in the amount of \$26,160.87

Motion to approve payment of the July 2026 Township bills, in the total amount of \$26,160.87

Made by Trustee S. Klein; seconded by Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2026-08-11

ROAD DISTRICT

Supervisor Lemus asked if there were any questions regarding the June 2026 Road District's bills for \$27,850.27.

Motion to approve payment of the June 2026 Road District bills in the total amount of \$27,850.27 made by Trustee R. Artz; seconded by Trustee S. Klein.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2026-08-11

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of 2025-2026 Audit by Macade Thorpe (Lauterbach & Amen, LLP)—Presentation went over the financial wellness of the township as well as suggestions for the future.

Discussion/Possible Motion: Fire Alarm Upgrade for Rutland Township buildings. Representative from Fox Valley Fire presented a proposal to replace fire detectors and upgrade the system. Road Commissioner John Alesi confirmed the Road District's financial contribution to this project, \$10,000. Motion to approve proposal made by Trustee J. Siers and Trustee R. Artz.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2026-08-11

Discussion/Possible Motion: Rutland Township Flag Vendor Proposals. Motion made J. Siers to proceed with the Peoria Flag Company, setting the maximum flag cost allowance to not go over \$20 the quote. Seconded by R. Artz.

Vote: Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried. 2026-08-11

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Commissioner

The commission discussed road district business.

Assessor

Assessor Fritz discussed issues and changes in the assessor's office.

Trustees

Several trustees discussed issues.

Supervisor

No new information.

Clerk

No new information.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee R. Artz; seconded by Trustee J. Siers.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes

Motion carried. 2026-08-11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Cheryl Lemus, Township Clerk