Rutland Township
16N491 Powers Road, Gilberts, IL 60136
Town Fund Budget Hearing, May 13, 2014

The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting and Budget Hearings at the town hall on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Supervisor Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Iverson, Trustees Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Carlsen. Not present was: Assessor Siers. Also, present was Road Commissioner Schultz.

Trustee Payson asked a question regarding the removal or addition of an item to the Agenda. Township Attorney Ron Roeser clarified the issue. Trustee Bulmahn made a motion to approve the Agenda, with Trustee Carlsen seconding the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

At 7:13 P.M., Supervisor Sanders opened the Hearing for the Town Fund Budget, Ordinance RU2014-03, for the year ending March 31, 2015. The Supervisor presented the Budget for the Township, totaling $335,465.00. This total was broken down by Town $165,765.00 and Assessor's Office $169,700.00. She asked if there were any questions regarding the Town Fund. Trustee Bulmahn suggested the title of the Auto Allowances be changed to Reimbursements. Trustee Carlsen raised a question about the General Assistance amount. Trustee Bulmahn suggested the Legal Fees be raised. Ron Roeser, our Township Attorney, suggested we take the Legal Fees line items out of the Assessor's Budget as it is all paid from the Township. He further suggested that the Legal Fees line item in the Road District Budget be changed to read Consultant Fees. The Board agreed with his suggestions. Some of the other items discussed were Workman's Comp., Repairs and Maintenance, Accounting Services, Training, Audit Expenses, and Building Improvements. After all discussion and adjustments the Town portion of the Budget would now be adjusted to $165,172.00.
At 7:42 P.M., Supervisor Sanders opened up the meeting for questions for the Assessor's Budget. The Supervisor presented this Budget for the Assessor's portion of the Township Budget, in the amount of $169,700.00. Trustee Bulmahn presented a history of the Assessor's Budget over the last three years, and the Trustees also received a history of the Tax District Equalized Assessed Value Report for the last three years. The Trustees questioned the amount of parcels. The Supervisor said the Assessor told her she has 20,000 parcels to work with. Mr. Siers, the Assessor's husband said he was told it was 12,000 parcels. The Supervisor mentioned that the Assessor planned to be at this meeing, but couldn't get a flight in due to a problem at the airport, and the Supervisor said her flight was cancelled. However, the Assessor's office emailed the Clerk, the week before, saying the Assessor wouldn't be back until the Thursday after the meeting. The Board discussed most items in this Budget, and made a few changes, both adding and subtracting items. It was noted that the Assessor recently hired a full-time Deputy Assessor. The Trustees asked the Supervisor when this change was made and if the part-time workers hours would be reduced. The Supervisor said she wasn't sure when the full-time status of the Deputy Assessor took place, but that she was under the impression that the part-time hours would decrease. The Trustees said since they didn't know when this took place, they would need to see, next year, what the decrease would be. The $25,000 for a car for the Assessor's office was taken off, but the mileage reimbursement increased. The Township Attorney clarified that the Board is responsible to adequately fund the Assessor's office, and that the Board can change the Assessor's Budget, they just can't change amounts in the Road District Budget. Trustee Bulmahn made a motion to adopt the revised Assessor's and Town Budgets, for a new total of $311,422.00. This is broken down into $165,172.00 for the Town and $146,250.00 for the Assessor's Budget. Trustee Payson

seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Payson, Shuldt, Carlsen, and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. **The Town Fund Budget Hearing was closed at 9:18 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Linda K. Iverson, Clerk

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Fred Bulmahn, Trustee

Charleen Carlsen, Trustee

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee