The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. The meeting was opened at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisor called the meeting to order and a roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Iverson, Trustees Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Carlsen. Also present was Assessor Siers, Road Commissioner Schultz and Ron Roeser, our Township Attorney.

The **Agenda was Amended** to add MFT as Trustee Carlsen pointed out that she had asked that it be put on the Agenda for discussion in every meeting. It was also noted to discuss, again, and approve the Town Levy but discuss the Road District Levy which cannot be approved until December 29, 2014, since the Levy hadn't been presented to the Board in time to vote on it. This meeting will be recessed and the Road District will be voted on in the reconvened meeting to be held on Monday, December 29, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Sanders made a motion to Amend the Agenda and Trustee Carlsen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Bulmahn – ALL YES. Motion Carried. Supervisor Sanders asked that a remark be removed from the Minutes, but the Board determined that it was said and Trustee Bulmahn made a motion to **Approve the Minutes** as submitted with a second by Trustee Schuldt. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Schuldt, Payson and Carlsen – YES. Supervisor Sanders – NO. Motion Carried.

Public Comment – None

Supervisor's Comments – None

Township and Road District Financial Reports for 7-months ending October 31, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Payson to approve the Town Reports with a second by Trustee Bulmahn. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Payson, Bulmahn, Schuldt, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Road Reports with a second by Trustee Carlsen. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. The **Presentation of the Township and Road District Financial Reports for 8-months ending November 30, 2014,** was made. There was discussion regarding the Assessor's Salaries Budget being way ahead and what is being done about it. It was noted that the Board allowed every penny of what was requested in the last budget. It was determined that the Budget was 83% used but we are only approximately two-thirds through the budget year. It was noted that the Assessor's total Budget was also tracking negatively. The McCornack Road Grant was discussed regarding monies that had come in and bills paid. The Clerk again asked the Road Commissioner for copies of paperwork that she had signed, sealed, and attested to his signature, but has not received copies. He said he would provide them. Trustee Bulmahn asked the Supervisor if she had asked the Auditors how much time they spent on the Town and Road District's portions of the Audit, and why it was charged at 50/50, which was asked at the November meeting. The **November Township Bills and Salaries were reviewed and discussed.** Trustee Schuldt asked a question about an Ancel Glink bill that had been presented by the Assessor. The Township Attorney said we had been over this ground many times and that there was still not a conflict of interest. The Supervisor remarked about the past problem regarding mileage reimbursements. The Township Attorney, again, stated that this also was not a conflict of interest, and has been discussed many times, previously. Trustee Schuldt made a motion to approve the salaries in the amount of $15,163.63, invoices in the amount of

$2,477.30, Il. Food Bank in the amount of $500.00, Auto-pays in the amount of $1,054.16, Quickbooks in the amount of $196.85, and David Yee in the amount of $1,200.00, and removing the Ancel Glink bill of $48.75 for a total of $20,543.19. Trustee Bulmahn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Schuldt, Bulmahn, Payson, Carlsen, and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. **The November Road District Bills and Salaries were reviewed and discussed.** Supervisor Sanders made a motion to approve the Road District Salaries in the amount of $13,818.00, Invoices in the amount of $35,023.45, Auto-Pays in the amount of $599.81, Quickbooks charges in the amount of $87.70. Also, $56,254.26 which was already received for the McCornack Road Grant, $250,733.08 (reimbursement of $168,750.00 due from Grant), $10,000.00 paid to Kane County Div. of Transportation for engineering, for a total of $366,516.30. A second to the motion was made by Trustee Carlsen. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson, and Bulmahn – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

Business Matters – Trustee Bulmahn made a motion and Trustee Payson seconded to **Approve Tax Levy RU 2014-08 for the Township, in the amount of $235,000 for the General Town Fund, $5,700.00 for the General Assistance Fund, for a total of $240,700.00.** Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Payson, Schuldt, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. **The Road District Levy RU 2014-09 was discussed, and will be voted on in the reconvened meeting on December 29, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.** Trustee Payson made a motion to **Approve the 2015 Board Meeting Calendar**, with a second by Trustee Schuldt. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Bulmahn, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

Other Business – MFT was discussed by Trustee Carlsen. She spoke of this Tax as, in fact, being tax dollars and should be accounted for. The Road Commissioner stated he would give full report of all expenditures.

Reports by Officials – The Clerk spoke about a reporter at the Electric Newspaper and how disturbing it is that he was able to obtain the minutes before they were approved and the Ordinance which only the Clerk and Supervisor have access to after it was signed. She also spoke about the problem of her passwords being known and emails being read, and this was not a good practice because records could be lost, destroyed or manipulated. She told the Board that the Digital Recorder had been knocked over a few times and could no longer be used. She is going to go back to former tape recordings if they could be as clearly heard. The Clerk addressed the Township Attorney letting him know that the problem of bringing up the mileage reimbursements, which he said should stop, is still ongoing. She further informed him that the Supervisor told the Board, in the August meeting, that she did have a 2-hour meeting with him which was done before the matter was settled. Mr. Roeser said there was a meeting, but that it was after the fact. He repeated again that he was not informed by the Supervisor that there was a problem, and therefore there was no conflict. Trustee Schuldt asked about the Security Cameras and had questions about investments. Trustee Bulmahn also had questions and recommendations regarding same. The Trustee had submitted recommendations last month, and will resubmit again.

Supervisor Sanders made a motion to **recess the meeting** with a second by Trustee Payson to reconvene at 7:00 P.M., on Monday, December 29, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Bulmahn and Carlsen – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

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The December 9, 2014, Board Meeting was reconvened at 7:00 P.M., on Monday, December 29, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Iverson, Trustees Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Carlsen. Also present was Assessor Siers, and Road Commissioner Schultz.

The Board asked questions of the Road Commissioner and discussed the Road District Levy. Supervisor Sanders made a motion to **Approve the Road District Levy with the amount levied as follows: Road and Bridge $22,000.00, Permanent Road $368,000.00, Equipment and Building $70,000.00 for a Total Levy of $460,000.00.** This motion was seconded by Trustee Carlsen. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Bulmahn – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

Trustee Schuldt asked the Supervisor about the charge for the Audit being 50/50, split between the Township and Road District. He said he wondered because she was going to ask the Auditors. She said she didn't know how they would determine that. He also asked when the Surveillance Cameras would be installed. The Supervisor said they were going to put the cameras in sometime this winter. He also asked the Supervisor for a report regarding all legal bills, for the year, and what the charges were for.

Trustee Bulmahn gave the Board a full report on Investments and provided them with handouts. The Trustee pointed out the reasons why it is critical to diversify, and to ladder and extend the terms. He provided names of banks, phone numbers, and what they were currently offering. There was discussion regarding when some of the investments were coming due and when the Board would have to move on reinvesting or moving the funds, and how much we need in reserves vs. how much we can keep in reserves.

The Clerk asked the Trustees if they had received a copy of the letter written by our Township Attorney, to the Attorney General. He had emailed the documents to the Supervisor, requesting that she distribute to the Trustees. The Trustees had not received a copy so the Clerk copied the letter and distributed it to them.

For the next Agenda – MFT, making sure we switch the Document Signing with the Adjournment on each Agenda.

Adjournment - Trustee Schuldt made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 P.M. There was a second by Trustee Bulmahn. Voice Vote – ALL in agreement. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

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