Rutland Township
16N491 Powers Road, Gilberts, IL 60136
Board Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2014

The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The meeting was opened at 7:02 P.M. with the recitation of 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, and Road Commissioner Schultz.

Trustee Carlsen said we need to talk about MFT and it was determined that MFT would be talked about in Other Business. Trustee Bulmahn said we should **Amend the Agenda** to discuss the Levy and not to approve it. It was noted that the Road Commissioner has not given the Road District Levy to the Board, to even discuss it. There was discussion regarding when this Levy was due. Trustee Bulmahn requested that the Adjournment and Trustee Document Signing be switched, from now on. Supervisor Sanders made a motion to **Amend the Agenda** as stated, and Trustee Bulmahn seconded. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sanders, Trustees Bulmahn, Schuldt, Payson, Carlsen – ALL YES. Motion Carried. Trustee Carlsen made a motion to **Approve the Minutes** of the October meeting with a second by Trustee Bulmahn. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Carlsen, Bulmahn, Schuldt, Payson – YES, Supervisor Sanders – NO. Motion Carried.

Public Comment – A resident asked questions regarding the ability to ask questions of the Board, other than at the start of the meeting. The Supervisor explained that she might recognize someone if they had a question during the meeting. Another resident asked a question about taxes.

Supervisor's Comments – None

Township and Road District Financial Reports for 6-months ending September 30, 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 Payson to approve the Road Reports with a second by Trustee Carlsen. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Payson, Carlsen, Schuldt, Bulmahn and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. The **Presentation of the Township and Road District Financial Reports for 7-months ending October 31, 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 71% used but we are only approximately 50% through the budget year. The Assessor said that she had laid off one part-time person and had cut the hours of another, and that she had done that 6-7 weeks ago. The McCornack Road Grant money was discussed and how and when the bills are paid. Trustee Bulmahn asked why the Audit charges are split 50/50 and not 60/40 for Road District expense. The Supervisor said she would speak to the Auditors and ask on what they spent the majority of their time. The **October Township Bills and Salaries were reviewed.** Trustee Carlsen made a motion to accept the Salaries in the amount of $22,483.39, the Bills in the amount of $1,390.08 and auto-pays in the amount of $498.12, for a total of $24,371.59, with a second by Trustee Schuldt. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. The **October Road District Bills and Salaries were reviewed.** A motion was made by Trustee Payson to accept the Salaries in the amount of $18,950.00, Bills in the amount of 8,927.06, and auto-pays in the amount of $356.97 for a total of $28,234.03, with a second by Trustee Carlsen.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Payson, Carlsen, Schuldt, Bulmahn and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

Business Matters - Discussion of the Town Levy ensued with Trustee Bulmahn in agreement with keeping the Levy flat. All other Trustees concurred that keeping it flat would be the best for the Township. The vote for this Levy will be at the December meeting. A motion was made to vote on this at the next meeting by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Carlsen. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson – YES. Supervisor Sanders – ABSTAIN. Motion Carried. The Road District Levy has not yet been turned in therefore cannot be discussed until next month. Supervisor Sanders called for a vote to approve the $0 Solid Waste District Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn to approve with a second by Trustee Payson. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Payson, Schuldt, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried. There was a motion made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve a $500 donation to the Northern Illinois Food Pantry. The money would come out of the General Assistance Fund. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Bulmahn, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL YES. Motion Carried.

Other Business – The Calendar for the 2015 Meetings was presented for approval. There was a question regarding one of the dates, and it was determined that the Board would vote on this at the December meeting. A thorough Investment Report was given by Trustee and Investment Policy Chief Investment Officer, Fred Bulmahn. He talked about the excess reserves and the need for some serious diversification of the savings. The rest of the Board also discussed the Report. Trustee Schuldt discussed the large increase in the Assessor's Budget. The Assessor and the Supervisor said the Assessor has to have her Budget done by December 31st. Is was then pointed out by the Trustees and Clerk that the Budget was to be done by January 31st. Trustee Carlsen had questions about MFT money, that she wanted to ask the Road Commissioner, but he left the meeting early. The Trustee asked that MFT be on the Agenda every month. She further stated that they need to see the bills and since it is taxpayer money the Board needs to see everything related to MFT.

Reports by Officials - The Clerk spoke to the Board about not yet receiving a copy of the McCornack Road Grant paperwork, that she has repeatedly requested from the Road Commissioner. She stated that she had to leave her job to come to the Townhall to sign, attest to the Road Commissioner's signature, and seal the paperwork with the Township Seal. The Clerk, also as the Road District Clerk, and the Town Supervisor who signed the original request shows that we need copies of this in the office. The Road Commissioner told her that he just received the paperwork, that day, and had to have it to the County the same day. He left the office with the originals and copy. Trustee Bulmahn remarked that the Clerk needs to have this in the minutes, as this should be for public disclosure. Trustee Carlsen made a lengthy, formal statement, asking questions regarding the McCornack Road Grant, other road issues, and bad conduct/behavior at the meetings, especially toward the Trustees. She stated that the lack of respect, toward the Trustees, in the meetings was terrible that the Supervisor was doing nothing about it. The Board agreed that the Levy, Calendar, and MFT be on the next Agenda. The Assessor said she wanted the Board to discuss her Budget and the Supervisor said she would put it on the Agenda.

Adjournment - Trustee Schuldt made a motion to adjourn at 8:33P.M. There was a second by Trustee Payson. Voice Vote – ALL in agreement. Meeting Adjourned.

Trustee Document Signing

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Linda K. Iverson, Clerk

~~Margaret Sanders, Supervisor.~~ FRED BULMAHN

~~Fred Bulmahn, Trustee.~~ Margaret Sanders

Charleen Carlsen, Trustee

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee