RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2008

The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then asked Trustee Brown to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. The Supervisor opened the meeting by thanking the veterans present tonight for their service to our country. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Brown, Schuldt, Tessendorf, & Stelford. Also present were Assessor Siers and later in the meeting Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bulmahn noted that the sign work is nearly complete and he will have a report for next months meeting of all costs incurred for it's construction. Prevailing wage rules do not apply to the sign's construction since Township employees did the work in house. We'll be receiving our last tax deposit from the county, plus any interest due, this month. The garage floor has been completed with only the roof venting to be done. Kane County will come out to inspect when it's completed. The main topic at next month's Board meeting will be the Levy.

MINUTES

There were no additions or amendments to the September minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of October 14, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2008-11-01 Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

The Trustees received the financial reports for the six months ending September 30th in their last month's binders so they've had the month to review them. Therefore, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports for the six months ended September 30, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2008-11-02

Brown	yes
Stelford	yes
Tessendorf	yes

Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.
The financials for the seven months ending October 31st are included in this month's binders for the Board to study for their consideration at the December meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES
The October bills for the Town Fund were next to be discussed with salaries of $11,922.08, unpaid bills of $13,234.01, for a total of $25,156.09. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Town bills for the month ending October 31, 2008 in the amount of $25,156.09.** Vote: Roll call vote.
2008-11-03
Schuldt yes
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes
Brown yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.
The Supplemental bill for the sign to Insignia Signs is $1,415.00. This was the balance owed and to be paid at the signs completion. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Supplemental bill in the amount of $1,415.00 to Insignia Signs for the month of October 2008 to be dated today.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2008-11-04
Brown yes
Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes Motion carried unanimously.
Our thanks to all the Road employees for their excellent work on the new sign. A request by the Clerk to now remove the old wooden sign was okayed by the Trustees.
The October bills for the Road were then discussed with salaries of $14,944.00, medical reimbursement plan for the quarter of $3,124.27, and unpaid bills of $10,509.57 for total claims of $28,577.84. Following some brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the Road bills in the total amount of $28,577.84 for the month of October 2008.** Vote: Roll call vote
2008-11-05
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes
Brown yes

Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUDITORS FOR FYE MARCH 31, 2009
The proposed cost by auditors Tighe, Kress & Orr CPA's in Elgin is $6,300.00 to perform the audit for this fiscal year. Though this is a 3.7% increase the Supervisor feels that is reasonable and recommends that we contract with them, as he was very happy with their work. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the resolution retaining Tighe; Kress & Orr CPA's to handle our audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.** Vote: Roll call vote.
2008-11-06
Brown yes
Schuldt yes
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR TOWN, ROAD & SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
This is a preliminary discussion on determining if we should stay within the 4.1% Kane County cap. Since we've managed our expenses well, within the cap, for the last couple of years as well as the state of the economy the Board agreed preliminarily to stay within the 4.1% cap. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to present our levy to Kane County under the 4.1% cap details of which will be presented to the Board next month.** Vote: Roll call vote.
2008-11-07
Schuldt yes
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes
Bulmahn yes
Brown yes Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH COMPENSATION RATES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS (2009-2013)
There was much discussion by the Salary Committee as well as the Board on these salaries. The committee stands by all its previous recommendations, noted in the September & October minutes, and is firm in their decisions. Each salary was voted on separately beginning with the Trustees followed by the Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor and lastly the Road Commissioner. The Committee was asked to give their

recommendations first, to be followed by motions from the Board. The first committee recommendation was to retain the Trustee compensation at $100.00 per meeting for the upcoming term. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to set the compensation for the Trustees for the next four years at $100.00 per meeting.** Vote: Roll call vote.
2008-11-08

Brown	yes
Stelford	yes
Tessendorf	yes
Stelford	yes
Bulmahn	yes Motion carried unanimously.

The Supervisor recommended that the Supervisor's salary be fixed at $21,000 (which includes the Treasurers salary of $1,000) for 2 years, then increase to $22,000 for the third year and remain at that level for the fourth year. The auto allowance will increase from $576.00 to $1,000.00 and to include cost of living annually. Following a lengthy discussion, **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to fix the Supervisor's salary (which includes the Road District Treasurer's salary of $1,000) at $21,000 for 2 years, then increase to $22,000 for the third year and remain at that level for the fourth year. The auto allowance will increase from the current level of $576.00 to $1,000.00 and includes cost of living annually.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2 ayes, Trustees Schuldt & Supervisor Bulmahn with 3 nays by Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford & Brown, motion failed.
2008-11-09

SECOND MOTION ON SUPERVISOR'S SALARY – **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf that the Supervisor's salary be set at $20,000 and $1,000 for the Road District Treasurer with the existing auto allowance to remain at $576.00 with both increasing by the annual cost of living tied to the Kane County CPI.** Vote: Roll call vote, 3 ayes Trustees Brown, Tessendorf & Stelford with 2 nays Trustee Schuldt & Supervisor Bulmahn, motion carried.
2008-11-10

The Committee recommends that the Clerk salary remain at the current level of $10,000 annually with the auto allowance remaining at $576.00 annually with both to

receive an annual cost of living adjustment per Kane County CPI. Much discussion followed and then, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf that the Clerk's salary remain at the current level of $10,000 with the auto allowance also remaining at $576.00 with both to receive an annual cost of living adjustment per Kane County CPI.** Vote: Roll call vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Brown, Tessendorf, & Stelford. 2 Nays Trustee Schuldt and Supervisor Bulmahn, motion carried.
2008-11-11

The Committee recommends that the Assessor's salary be set at $34,500 with an annual cost of living increase and the existing auto allowance of $1,440 to be adjusted for cost of living annually as well. Much discussion ensued followed by a **motion made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf that the Assessor's salary be set at $34,500 with a cost of living increase annually from Kane County CPI with the existing auto allowance of $1,440 to be adjusted by CPI as well.** Vote: Roll call vote, 2 ayes Trustees Brown & Tessendorf 3 nays, Trustees Schuldt & Stelford & Supervisor Bulmahn, motion failed.
2008-11-12

SECOND MOTION ON ASSESSOR'S SALARY – **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Stelford to start the Assessor's salary at $38,000 with an increase of $1,000 per year. The existing auto allowance of $1,440 to have an annual cost of living increase per Kane County CPI.** Vote: Roll call vote, 3 ayes, Trustees Schuldt & Stelford, and Supervisor Bulmahn. 2 nays Trustees Tessendorf & Brown, motion carried.
2008-11-13

The Committee recommends that the Road Commissioner's salary be set at the current level of $30,000 annually with an annual auto allowance of $500 both to include annual cost of living adjustments. A Discussion then followed and **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to set the Road Commissioner's salary at the current level of $30,000 plus an annual auto allowance of $500.00 both to be adjusted annually for cost of living per Kane County CPI.** Vote: Roll call vote, 2 ayes, Trustees Brown & Tessendorf with 3 nays Trustees Stelford & Schuldt & Supervisor Bulmahn. Motion failed.
2008-11-14

SECOND MOTION ON ROAD COMMISSIONER'S SALARY – **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Stelford to raise the salary of the Road Commissioner to $34,000 to start with increases of $1,000 per year for the next 3 years plus an annual auto allowance of $2,000 plus a cost of living annually.** Vote: Roll call vote 3 ayes, Trustees Schuldt & Stelford & Supervisor Bulmahn with 2 nays Trustees Tessendorf & Brown. Motion carried.
2008-11-15
The Supervisor thanked the Salary Committee, Trustees Brown and Tessendorf, for their hard work.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS
The Clerk noted that Election Day was a disaster here at the Township Hall. Hundreds of people came here to vote only to find that they needed to go either to the Eagles Club in Gilberts or to Del Webb in Huntley. Everyone who came said that they had not been notified of any change in their polling place. The County had sent us a sign to post on the front door sending everyone to the Eagles but many were turned away and told they couldn't vote there. Hopefully this will all be straightened out by the April election. Packets are also available for anyone wanting to run for any of the Township positions and petitions may be circulated as of Oct. 28th. They need to be turned in to me by January 26, 2009 along with the Statement of Economic Interest receipt from the County.

The Road Commissioner reported that the caps for the sign pillars are yet to be installed and that he had no man-hours report.

Assessor Siers presented a letter to the Board from Kane County that might be helpful with regard to an issue that came up at last months meeting. Property assessments are out and her office is receiving several calls per day as people are having trouble understanding them.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the November meeting at 9:00 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
11-08-16

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor Steve Schuldt, Trustee

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Ron Tessendorf, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee

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Roscoe Stelford, Trustee