

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly in the Township Hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and then asked T.R. Smith, our Kane County Board representative, to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Bulmahn, Payson and Eaton. Trustee Schuldt was absent. Also present was Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**MOTION TO AMEND OR APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**A Motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the Agenda as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-10-01 Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

A brief discussion followed on the minutes. Trustee Bulmahn noted that the amount reflected in the minutes for the Assessors salary at the end of her term will be \$44,500 and not \$44,000 as shown. **A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the minutes as amended.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-10-02 Motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Supervisor then informed the Board of the major problems with animals and mice getting into and under the building. She had to call an animal and pest control company, Kritter Getters, for the removal of skunks, ground squirrels etc. burrowing under the building as well as quite a few mice in the ceiling of the building. The Assessor also has problems with small animals getting under the trailer. Kritter Getters suggests digging around the perimeter of the building and inserting wire fencing at ground level to discourage any animals from trying to get in. He will also inspect the Assessors building to see what he can do there.

**APPROVAL TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIALS FOR 5 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016**

A discussion on the Township August Financials was followed by a **motion made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Township Financials for the 5 months ending August 31, 2016.** Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-10-03 Motion carried.

There was no discussion on the August Road District Financials so **a motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the Financial Reports for the Road District for the 5 months ending August 31, 2016.** Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Eaton yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes. 2016-10-04 Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION-TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Discussion on the Township September Financials ensued with Trustee Payson asking if we'd received all our tax income for the year? The Supervisor said that there is only a small amount remaining at this time. Trustee Bulmahn then questioned the amount owed by the Road District to the Township in the Road District Financials. The Supervisor explained that there isn't enough money to pay the \$24,479 owed by the Road & Bridge to the Permanent Road Fund as per the Sept. 30, 2016 Road District Balance Sheet. The audit shows this amount is due to the Permanent Road Account from the Road and Bridge Account. She suggested that when it's time to do the Levy that we take that into consideration and put more money into that account.

**REVIEW SEPTEMBER BILLS PAYMENT FOR BOTH THE TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT**

Supervisor Sanders explained the amounts being charged by Kritter Getters for mice and animal control listed in the Town bills. This was followed by a motion being made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the Township bills for September in the amounts of: gross salaries \$18,957.44, invoices of \$1,833.49, auto payments of \$880.56, quick books charges of \$45.50, an invoice to Visual PAMPro of \$5,660.00, \$45.00 for Trustee Eaton's dinner at TOKC, for a total of \$27,422.99. Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-10-05 Motion carried. Following that motion, a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Road District bills for September in the amounts of gross salaries of \$11,618.46, invoices of \$3,910.55, auto payments of \$520.41 and quick books charges of \$98.50 for a total of \$16,147.92. Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-10-06 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS- APPROVE A PLAN FOR VARMET CONTROL**

The Supervisor then explained the bid submitted by Kritter Getters in the amount \$915.00 for pest and animal control and since there is money for this in the budget a motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the bid from Kritter Getters for pest and animal control for the Township in the amount of \$915.00. Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-10-07 Motion carried.

**APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FOR 4 YEARS BEGINNING MAY 17, 2016**

Discussion on the compensation began with the Supervisor suggesting no increases for the next 4 years on any position. The Supervisor also suggested that the voting and signing of the ordinance be done tonight. Trustee Bulmahn replied that the Board had decided to vote and sign the compensation at the November meeting. Supervisor Sanders stated that she needed more time to

type up the Ordinance. The Board determined they would wait till November when all members are present.

**REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

The Clerk gave information for changes on the times and days for filing petitions for the April election. They are from December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the first day to file, she will be in the office from 8:30am to 5:00pm. On the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> candidates may call the office at 847-428-6560 or her cell at 847-421-7575 for an appointment to file their paperwork. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the final filing date, she will be in the office from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This information has been posted on the web site and will be posted on the building as well.

Trustee Eaton commented on the time sheets of the Road employees. He feels that the Road Commissioner should be in charge of his employees and that the Board does not need to see these reports.

T.R. Smith gave a report on the Budget discussion at Kane County today. The Forest Preserve will be raising the Levy due to reducing their bonds and the CPI. The County is 5.3 million in deficit spending due to federal mandates put upon the States Attorneys office. He feels that next year they may have to raise the levy or reduce personnel. T.R. says he will not support raising the Levy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:50pm. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-10-08 Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Margaret Sanders Township Supervisor      Trustee Payson

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Trustee Bulmahn

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Trustee Eaton