THE RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8,2008

The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall. Supervisor Bulmahn called the meeting to order at 5.45 p.m. and then asked Trustee Stelford to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Brown, Tessendorf, and Stelford. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor noted the receipt of information regarding a new TIF District being proposed by the Village of Pingree Grove. The village will notify us when the meetings occur on this commercial zoning. The Kane County Dept. of Environmental Management under the US Geological Survey is remapping the floodplains of the Kishwaukee River headwaters, which includes Coon, Eakin and Union Creeks in Kane County. This information will be put on the table for anyone who's interested.

MINUTES

There are three sets of minutes up for approval tonight. All of them are from March 11, 2008 and are for the Regular Board Meeting, the Town Budget Hearing and the Road District Budget Hearing. There were no questions or amendments to the Regular Board Meeting minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 11, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2008-04-01 Motion carried.
There being no amendments to the Road District Budget Hearing minutes, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the Road District Budget Hearing of March 11, 2008.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2008-04-02 Motion carried.
The last set of minutes up for approval were for the Town Fund Budget Hearing. There were on comments or amendments to these minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Town Fund Budget Hearing minutes of March 11, 2008.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2008-04-03 Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

There were no questions on the financial reports, distributed in last month's notebooks, for the 11 months ending February 29, 2008. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports for the 11 months ending February 29, 2008.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-04-04	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

The financial reports for the 12 months ending March 31, 2008 have been distributed in the Trustees notebooks this month for their consideration at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The Town Bills for the month of March were the next item on the agenda with salaries of $12,141.58, unpaid bills of $3,097.48 with total claims for March totaling $15,239.06. There being no questions on these bills, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Town Bills for the month of March 2008 totaling $15,239.06 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-04-05	Brown	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

The Road Bills for the month of March were next being discussed with salaries of $10,576.50, unpaid bills of $4,568.23 with total claims of $15,144.73. Following a brief discussion on correcting the classification of the Conserv bill and there being no further discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Road Bills for the month of March 2008 in the amount of $15,144.73 with the change in the classification of the Conserv bill from vehicle fuel to heating fuel that amount being $1,309.00.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-04-06	Tessendorf	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO REAPPROPRIATE CERTAIN BUDGET LINE ITEMS

We are not changing any total appropriations on either the Town or the Road, so no budget hearing is necessary. We're simply transferring amounts in the Road District budget from under utilized accounts to those that were overspent totaling $17,100.00 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Transfer of Appropriation #RU2008-04 for the Road District for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 in the amount of $17,100.00 per the attached schedule.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-04-07	Brown	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

We will also be transferring amounts in the Town budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 totaling $3,350.00. These will be done from both the Town and the Assessors accounts. The Town fund amounts total $800.00 with the balance in the Assessors accounts. There being no questions, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Transfer of Appropriation #RU2008-05 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 for the Town Fund in the amount of $3,350.00 per the attached schedule.** Vote: Role call vote.

2008-04-08	Tessendorf	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ALTERNATIVES

The Supervisor asked that this discussion be tabled till the May meeting. He noted that we would need to do more research and interviews before we have any proposals for the Board to consider. With that understanding this will be a top priority for the May meeting. Supervisor Bulmahn will be meeting with Larry Holley, an insurance representative, on the 15th to discuss his proposal. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to table this item till the May meeting.**

UPDATE DISCUSSION ON SIGN PROPOSALS

The sign proposals were submitted in the Trustees notebooks this month and discussion followed with the Supervisor giving information on each of them. It was determined that no decision would be made tonight as we'll need to determine a vendor, chose either internal or external lighting, and the sign construction. Following some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to table any decision till the May meeting.**

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS
Road Commissioner Schultz issued his man-hours report and noted that the road paving bids will be opened at the County on Friday. Tree cutting and trimming will begin tomorrow, shoulder repairs have begun and general maintenance has also started.

The Assessor had no report but the Supervisor asked to meet with her about a couple of her line items. He will call her to set a time.

Clerk Carlsen reported on the Ride in Kane meeting she attended along with Trustee Brown on the 19th of March. She stated that it would be an expensive project as the Township, or sponsor as they call it, contributes 20% and the federal government 80% via grants. We'd need to determine the amount of rider ship for the township and how much we could contribute, as there's no set amount. The cost per rider would be $3.00 per 10-mile trip with a maximum range of 15 miles and if we ran out of our contribution for the year we'd have to cease operation. The Federal Grant money would be determined annually as well as any changes. The Clerk also reported that we have a General Assistance man working here as a volunteer for the Road District. He is required to work 30 hrs. per month and also bring 10 job applications to the General Assistance office every month to show that he is actively looking for work.

Trustee Schuldt questioned when the road paving would be starting and Commissioner Schultz stated that as soon as the bids are approved and weather permits.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2008-04-09 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

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Steve Schuldt, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee

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Roscoe Stelford, Trustee