The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall. Supervisor Bulmahn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and then asked Trustee Schuldt to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Brown, Schuldt and Stelford. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor apologized for the mistake in the time for tonight's meeting as he inadvertently used an old word document when doing tonight's agenda. He then asked that we amend the agenda in order to include the April 26, 2007 budget hearing minutes. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to modify the agenda to include the April 26, 2007 Budget Hearing minutes being submitted for approval along with the April 10, 2007 minutes.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2007-05-01 Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bulmahn then explained that the bills had been broken down into March and April bills, as the auditors want all those vendor bills that relate to March to be expensed into the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. So, this explains why there are two separate files of bills, one for March and one for April. One May bill has also been added which is the Torma insurance premium bill and due June 1st. Our Internet access service provider has been switched to AT&T to a DSL line where data will be transmitted over the fax line. This will be done for both the town and the assessor's office and will be a 50% cost savings. Our web host will also be changing next month and will be at a goodly cost savings as well. The Supervisor has also met with the Assessor regarding the allocation of her $135,000 budget to the various line items. They will meet again the end of the week as a few line items are yet to be done. The 1st property tax installment will be received May 24th and we will then repay the $35,000 that the road equipment fund loaned to the permanent road fund checking account. Property tax bills have also been sent and both the town and road district levy rates have

declined about 12%. The Plaque for the Buena Vista cemetery will be ready to be picked up next week. We'll need to arrange for an installer to put it in and hopefully have it done next month.

MINUTES
Supervisor Bulmahn then asked if there were any questions or amendments to the April 10, 2007 minutes and there being none, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2007-05-02 Motion carried unanimously.
Discussion followed on the April 26, 2007 budget hearing minutes. The board then determined that the clerk should amend the minutes for their reconsideration at the June meeting.

FINANCIALS
The March financials had been presented to the Board last month and there being no questions on these un-audited reports **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports for the road and the town for the 12 months ending March 31, 2007.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-05-03	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Brown	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes Motion carried unanimously

The financials for the month ending April 30, 2007 were then discussed. The Board will further examine them for their consideration at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES
The Assessor questioned why some of her bills appeared in the paid bills but not in the financial reports for April? The Supervisor agreed to discuss this with the bookkeeper and will let her know. The Town bills for the month of April were then discussed with gross salaries of $12,041.25, March bills of $917.37, April unpaid bills of $4,536.50, with total invoices of $5,453.87 giving us total claims of $17,495.12. The Torma insurance bill of $6,774.00 was added as it's due June 1st. Supervisor Bulmahn then went over the bills with the Board and **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve**

the Town bills of $12,041.25 for gross salaries, total unpaid bills of $12,227.87 for the month of April 2007. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-05-04	Brown	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes Motion carried unanimously

The bills for the Road District were the next item on the agenda with gross salaries of $12,575.00, March bills of $6,027.97, April bills of $6,320.03, and May bills, for the Torma insurance, of $10,600.00. Further discussion on the damage done to Powers road and the repair costs incurred continued with the Road Commissioner explaining the details. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Road District bills of $12,575.00 for gross salaries, and $22,948.00 for total bills for the month of April 2007 and prior.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-05-05	Brown	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION FOR RETIREMENT PLAN

Supervisor Bulmahn then went over the details of the plan proposal. It's called a Simple IRA Plan from Fidelity Investments and is designed for small employers. The plan would apply to the Road District as well as the Township and Assessor's Office employees, excluding elected officials. Any employee who earned at least $5,000 in each of the previous two calendar years, and who is anticipated to earn at least $5,000 in the current year would be eligible to participate. Our auditors and attorney have researched the legal and tax aspects and have issued their letters of opinion approving the plan. As an employer we would match the first 3% of employee's elective deferrals on a dollar for dollar basis. No employer contributions would be due if eligible employee elects not to participate. The administrative cost by Fidelity is $25 per participant per year to cover sponsorship and reporting. Following a lengthily discussion the Board agreed that some benefit to employees is necessary in order to keep them as well as give them something they can also take with them. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee**

Tessendorf to adopt the Corporate Resolution Form RU2007-03 provided by Fidelity Investments for the purpose of providing an employee benefit plan for eligible employees.
Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-05-06	Brown	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes Motion carried unanimously

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Clerk Carlsen received a phone call from a resident regarding Thurnow Rd. and asking who was in charge of garbage pick-up etc. She referred the caller to the Village of Pingree Grove as it is no longer our road.

Road Commissioner Schultz showed the Board pictures of the damage done to Powers Rd. He also noted that Gilberts has not responded to his requests for help on the repairing of Binnie Rd. Since the Village owns that portion we can't do anything to fix it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Ken Kozey from Sun City then addressed the Board regarding their studying the possibility of providing bus transportation for seniors and people with disabilities for the residents of Rutland Township. He's requesting a study be done. The Supervisor noted that there are no plans to do this nor do we have the money. It was also felt that since state statute is not defined in this area we legally could not perform such a study.

ADJOURN

A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 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