Rutland Township
16N491 Powers Road, Gilberts, IL 60136
Board Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2013 - AMENDED

The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 6:58 P.M. T. R. Smith led is in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Sanders called the meeting to order. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Iverson, Trustees Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Carlsen. Also present was the Township Assessor, Road Commissioner, and Kane County Representative T.R. Smith.

Minutes
Trustee Carlsen noted that the Agenda listed the amended August minutes as September minutes, and asked that the Agenda be corrected. Supervisor Sanders said she would correct the Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to accept the corrected August meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Trustees Payson, Bulmahn, Schuldt, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the October meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Payson, Schuldt, Carlsen and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Eight people who were either residents or representing residents spoke to the Board about the Senior/Disabled Busing Programs. Each individual was given three minutes to voice their concerns and recommendations to the Board. Two residents suggested that the people using the bus service assess themselves via an SSA, thereby paying for their own usage. Other residents agreed with that plan. The Supervisor admonished the public to please be respectful as noise keeps the Board and the Clerk from hearing everything they need to. The Clerk presented a 96-page document that she had compiled as a list of services for people in need. It was offered to the public, but no one took it.

The Supervisor asked T.R. Smith if he cared to say anything. He briefly spoke to us regarding the Kane County budget.

Financial Reports
Trustee Bulmahn asked for some clarification on a few line items. A motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Carlsen to approve the Township Financial Reports for 6 months ending September 30, 2013. Roll call vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Road District Financial Reports for 6 months ending September 30, 2013 was made by Trustees Carlsen and seconded by Trustee Payson. Roll call vote: Trustee Carlsen, Payson, Schuldt, Bulmahn and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried. The Township and Road District Financial Reports for the 7 months ending October 31, 2013 were presented. The Supervisor noted that these would be considered for approval at the next meeting.

Bills and Salaries
The Trustees audited the bills and salaries for the Township. A motion was made byTrustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Carlsen to approve and authorize the bills for payment in the amount of $3,733.58 and salaries in the amount $18,911.12, for a total of $22,644.70. Roll call vote: Trustees Bulmahn, Carlsen, Schuldt, Payson and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried. The Trustees audited the bills and salaries for the Road District. A motion was made by Trustee Carlsen and

seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve and authorize the bills for payment in the amount of $21,888.93, and salaries in the amount of $18,838.14, for a total of $40,727.07. Roll call vote: Trustees Carlsen, Bulmahn, Schuldt, Payson and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried.

Old Business
A motion was made to adopt the new **Calendar of Scheduled Meetings for 2014** by Trustee Carlsen and seconded by Trustee Payson. Roll call vote: Trustees Carlsen, Payson, Schuldt, Bulmahn and Supervisor Sanders – ALL yes. Motion carried.
The Board continued **discussion regarding the Senior/Disabled Transportation** programs. The Supervisor asked if any of us had any further questions or comments. The Clerk tried to ask a question, but the Supervisor stopped her saying she couldn't, thereby prohibiting the Clerk from asking a question, and making a comment that could had shed some further light on the subject. The Trustees discussed the very high cost of the rides and the very low amount requested of the users, for the service. Trustee Bulmahn spoke about the history of the Grafton Bus Program, and how it impacts everyone. All Trustees voiced concern about raising taxes to pay for programs that are costly and where the people using the services were not even Means Tested. The Trustees also agreed that the vast majority of the residents in Rutland Township did not want to pay additional taxes for a busing program. Supervisor Sanders made a motion that we engage with the Grafton Program. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed. Supervisor Sanders made a motion that we become a sponsor with Ride-in-Kane for a total of $24,000 per year. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed. There will be no further consideration, at this time.
The Board discussed the **1099 issue** and read the letter from the auditors and the Township Attorney. The item will be put on the next Agenda.
A **map of township roads** had been requested of the Road Commissioner, along with what had been done on the road. The Road Commissioner remarked that we had the maps.

New Business
Investment of Reserve Funds was discussed as being worked on.
The Board discussed the Tax Levies for Township, Road District and Solid Waste District. The Trustees asked that the figures be given to them as quickly as possible, as the determinations had to be made next month, and they just received the figures this evening. The Trustees agreed that they didn't want to increase the Tax Levies, and would like to reduce them. The Trustees discussed the tentative figures they were given, and will await the new figures so they can vote to approve at the next meeting.
Although on the Agenda, a discussion for the **appointment of a Township Attorney** was not brought up for discussion.
Discussion for an Auditor for the 2013-2014 year was discussed with the Siepert firm as a candidate when they give us a bid.

Reports by Officials
The Clerk offered the 96-page document, for people in need, at the meeting and spoke about the 28 people who called her regarding help, noting that none of them wanted the document. Also, no one in the meeting took the information that was offered. A member of the public remarked that it was too bad that one of the reporters left before hearing what the Clerk had to say, as it would have been helpful for the reporter to get another feel for the situation. **The Assessor** spoke about the Tax Levies remarking that the Board should carefully consider the Tax Levy money, at this time. **Trustee Carlsen** spoke regarding the Busing Program, talking about residents taking advantage of the program, making threatening remarks, and her response to same. **Trustee Schuldt** reiterated what was said earlier about the heavy costs to the program, and that it would be irresponsible to go with such a program.

Trustee Bulmahn requested that the Rutland Historical Society be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Trustee Document Signing

Adjournment
A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: ALL yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Linda K Iverson

Linda K. Iverson, Clerk

Margaret A Sanders

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Fred Bulmahn, Trustee

Charleen Carlsen

Charleen Carlsen, Trustee

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee