

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF
JANUARY 12, 2016**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall. Supervisor Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00pm which was followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Payson and Eaton. Trustee Bulmahn was absent. Also present was Assessor Siers.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR AMEND THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda so, **a motion was made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the agenda for the meeting.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-01-01. Motion carried.

MINUTES

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of December 8, 2015 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-01-02 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Edelman from Triple Oaks Subdivision addressed the Board regarding his friends, the Lawnicki family. They're requesting that a plaque be attached to their street sign saying "In Memory of Scott Lawnicki". The Father, Ted Lawnicki, also spoke about his son who had tragically passed away at the age of 24. They were told that the Township would need to approve this as all signs need to conform to county statutes. They've been trying to contact Road Commissioner Schultz but have not heard back from him. The Supervisor stated that she will contact the Road Commissioner and give him this information. The Trustees were very supportive of the family's efforts and are urging the Road Commissioner to respond regarding the legalities for the plaque.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Sanders noted that the Township Levy's have been accepted by the County. We have also received a copy of the Assessors Budget for 2016.

APPROVAL TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 8 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2015.

There was no discussion so, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the Township Financial**

reports for the 8 months ending November 30, 2015. Vote: Roll call vote. Payson yes, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes. 2016-01-03 Motion carried. A brief discussion followed of account 6560 in the Road District financials. **Following that a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Financial reports for the Road District for the 8 months ending November 30, 2015.** Vote: Roll call vote. Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-01-04 Motion carried.

PRESENTATION TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

There were no questions on these reports.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 2015 BILLS-AUTHORIZE TOWN AND ROAD BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Discussion began with the Town bills and Trustee Payson questioning the bill from Ray and Dave's for November which was received after the November bills were processed. **A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the December 2015 bills in the amounts of \$15,153.16 for gross salaries, invoices of \$2,613.34, Auto pays of \$659.63, Quick Books charges of \$114.20, Employee insurance reimbursements of \$1,500.00, and general assistance of \$500.00 for total expenses of \$20,540.33.** Vote: Roll call vote. Schuldt yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes, and Eaton yes. 2016-01-05 Motion carried.

Following a brief discussion on the Road Bills, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Road bills for the month of December 2015 in the amounts of \$11,093.99 for gross salaries, invoices of \$3,390.51, auto payments of \$305.85, QuickBooks charges of \$86.20 and employment insurance reimbursements of \$3,000.00 for a total \$17,876.55.** Vote: Roll call vote. Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, and Eaton yes. 2016-01-06 Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-INVESTMENT REPORT

The Supervisor reported that there are no changes in interest rates as they are still down so she will leave things as they are.

NEW BUSINESS-APPROVE CALENDAR OF NEXT YEARS SCHEDULED MEETINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the 2016 Meeting Calendar. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-01-07 Motion carried.

BANKING CHANGES AND CHARGES-Supervisor Sanders then explained that BMO Harris Bank will now be handling the Town banking from Illinois Funds due to new charges by US Bank. Discussion then followed with

Trustee Payson and the Supervisor on combining certain accounts. Trustee Payson stated that he thinks the General Assistance account should be kept separate from the insurance account but doesn't have any problem combining Building and Grounds with the General Fund. The banking changes will go into affect February 12,2016 and we can no longer write any more checks on US Bank.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS-Trustee Eaton then explained the bills for his trip to Springfield for the TOI seminar. \$400.00 has already been paid on this and he's now asking for an additional \$300.00 plus. Trustees Schuldt and Payson don't feel that the Township should pay these bills due to lack of Board approval prior to the trip. The Supervisor feels that all elected officials could benefit from these seminars and that she will make out the check for this next month and the Board can either approve it or not. The Assessor stated that her roof has now been repaired though Trustee Schuldt had asked that we get quotes before hand. The Assessor said that she had it fixed since it was leaking and she couldn't wait any longer. Discussion continued on several previously discussed items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Sanders and seconded by Trustee Payson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-01-08 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen Rutland Township Clerk

Margaret Sanders Supervisor

Steve Schuldt Trustee

John Payson Trustee

Ray Eaton Trustee

Fred Bulmahn Trustee