

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Township Hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and then asked Trustee Payson, in Honor of Veterans Day, and since he's a veteran, to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clark Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Bulmahn, Payson and Eaton. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR AMEND THE AGENDA

Trustee Bulmahn asked that we move the Levy discussion, under New Business, before the Compensation discussion under Old Business. **A motion was then made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to move discussion or approval of the Levy, under New Business, before setting the Compensation which is under Old Business.** Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Sanders no, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. 2016-11-01 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2016

Trustee Bulmahn asked that the minutes on the first paragraph of page 137 be amended and the Board agreed. **So, a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the minutes as amended.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2016-11-02 Motion carried. Trustee Schuldt questioned the difference in the total amount of the town bills for last month and the amount reflected in the October minutes. It was explained that the difference was what was paid for the Township Officials of Kane County dinner for Trustee Eaton.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor distributed some paperwork from Township Officials of IL on the reimbursements of travel, meals, and lodging expenses for officers and employees. This should be discussed 60 days after the year end so she will put it on next months' agenda. The Supervisor then noted that cedar wood as been put around the base of the building to hopefully keep out any more small animals. Metal and gravel has also been attached and the work is now complete. The Supervisor had everything cleaned up as well.

APPROVAL - TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIALS FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING SEPT. 30, 2016

There being no discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the Township Financial reports for the 6 months ending September 30, 2016.** Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Eaton yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes. 2016-11-03 All ayes, motion carried. **A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Road District Financial reports for the 6 months ending September**

30,2016. Vote: Roll call vote, Schuldt yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes, Payson yes. 2016-11-04 All ayes, motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 7 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2016.

Lengthy discussion followed on the Township and Road District financials for October. Trustee Payson, noting we're just half way through the year, questioned the large amounts already paid for phone bills, building improvements, the commodities amount of \$6,000, and that the phone bills for both the Town and Road are really high. Trustee Bulmahn asked about the Toirma rebates for the Town and the Supervisor said that those rebates came in before the year end and were already in at that time. Trustee Schuldt then asked the Assessor why we couldn't have an Intergovernmental Agreement with an Assessor from another Township to assist her? We already have an Agreement with Elgin Township to handle our General Assistance and it works very well. The Assessor said that she won't have other Assessors involved here. Questions then followed on the Road District financial reports involving road repairs and the Toirma rebates.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER BILLS – AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The Town bills were checked over with questions on the amounts for the animal control work that was done. The Supervisor explained that the bills were higher due to the additional work done on the Assessors trailer. **A motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Township bills for October, 2016 in the amounts of \$10,850.83 for salaries, invoices of \$3,340.17, auto payments of \$766.42, Quickbooks charges of \$124.25 for a total of \$15,081.67.** Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes, Payson yes. 2016-11-05 All ayes, motion carried. There were no questions on the Road District bills so, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the Road District bills for the month of October, 2016 in the amounts of \$11,618.46 for gross salaries, invoices of \$1,000.88, auto payments of \$409.27, and Quickbooks charges of \$98.50 for a total of \$ 13,127.11.** Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Bulmahn yes. 2016-11-06 All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR RUTLAND TOWNSHIP RU 2016-08 FOR TAX YEAR COLLECTABLE IN 2017

Following a brief discussion and keeping the Levy flat, **a motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the Rutland Township Tax Levy Ordinance # RU 2016-08 to be collected in 2017 in the amount of \$250,700.00 with \$2,000.00 for General Assistance.** Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes. 2016-11-07 All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR RUTLAND TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT RU 2016-09 FOR TAX YEAR COLLECTABLE IN 2017

Following some discussion on the plans for the Road District over the next year, a motion was made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance # RU 2016-09 to be collected in 2017 in the amount of \$460,000.00. Vote: Roll call vote, Eaton yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Payson yes. 2016-11-08 All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION #RU 2016-07-SETTING COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FOR THE 4 YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 15, 2017

A lengthy discussion then ensued on salaries for the elected officials for the next 4 years. Following long discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to pay the Supervisor position a salary of \$23,000.00 annually and \$1,000.00 annually as the Road District Treasurer for a total salary of \$24,000.00 annually for the next 4 years. Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Bulmahn yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-11-09 All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Township Clerks salary at \$11,250.00 annually for each of the next 4 years. Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. 2016-11-10 All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Assessors salary from January of 2018 to December 31, 2021 in the amounts starting at \$45,000.00 the first year, 2019 45,500.00, 2020 \$46,000.00 and in 2021 \$46,500.00. Vote: Roll call vote, Payson yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. 2016-11-11 All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the Trustee stipend of \$135.00 per meeting. Vote: Roll call vote, Schuldt yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders no, Payson yes, Eaton no. Vote: Roll call vote. 2016-11-12 3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Supervisor Sanders to freeze the Road Commissioners salary at \$40,000.00. Vote: Roll call vote, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt no, Bulmahn no, Payson no. 2016-11-13 2 ayes, 3 nays, motion failed.

A motion was then made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to set the Road Commissioners salary at \$35,000.00 per year. Vote: Roll call vote, Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Eaton no, Sanders no, Schuldt yes, 2016-11-14 3 ayes, 2 nays motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS-

Next month we will discuss the annual calendar, curbing outside spending for meals, mileage etc. and when to have budget discussions. The clerk asked that the Trustees be sure to sign everything before they leave.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to adjourn the November Board meeting at 8:56pm.

Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, 2016-11-15 motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen Rutland Township Clerk

Margaret Sanders Township Supervisor

Trustee Ray Eaton

Trustee Steve Schuldt

Trustee Fred Bulmahn

Trustee John Payson