

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2007**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and this was followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by the Clerk. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Brown, Schuldt and Stelford, Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor reported that in future on the agenda, under Reports By Officials, we would add Reports By Trustees. The financial reports are now numbered sequentially to make it easier when we're going through these reports every month. There is also an ICC hearing scheduled for August 16th at 10:00 a.m. at 160 North LaSalle St. on the location of the proposed overhead electric lines. This is an open meeting so anyone interested may attend. The township hall was hit pretty hard by the recent storms with equipment losses primarily to the assessor's office. The assessor will be discussing her equipment problems when giving her report. The Supervisor also reported that the Board would be receiving an audit draft at next months meeting. Pat Whelan, a resident of Pingree Grove, has given Supervisor Bulmahn a report on his recommendations for future precinct changes. He thanked Mr. Whelan for his efforts and will study the report further. He will put this on next month's agenda for the Board to discuss. Tim Schmitz's representative, Beth, was here on July 29th as he was in Springfield with the budget discussions.

MINUTES

There were no questions, comments, or amendments to the minutes of July 10, 2007 so, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007.** Vote: Voice vote 4 ayes, 1 abstain, Trustee Brown
2007-08-01 Motion carried

FINANCIALS

There was no discussion on the financials for the first three months ending June 30, 2007 as they were presented in last month's binders. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the**

financial reports for the first three months of the quarter ending June 30, 2007. Vote: Roll call vote.

2005-08-02	Brown	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes Motion carried

The financials for the four-month's ending July 31, 2007 were the next item on the agenda. These are presented for the Board to further examine for their consideration at next month's meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The town bills for July 2007 were then discussed with salaries of \$13,807.75, unpaid bills of 5,968.33, and total claims of \$19,776.08. Following some discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the town bills for July 2007 for the total amount of \$19,776.08 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-08-03	Brown	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes Motion carried

The road bills for July 2007 then followed with salaries of \$6,924.00, unpaid bills of \$1,471.44 and total claims of \$8,395.44. After some discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the road bills for July 2007 in the amount of \$8,395.44.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2005-08-04	Tessendorf	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Bulmahn	yes
	Brown	yes Motion carried

There was then discussion on the invoice from Attorney Roeser in the amount of \$1,375.00 for legal proceedings filed against the Assessor. Trustee Tessendorf suggested that this issue be tabled till next month so that the Board can go over the paperwork before making any decisions. The Board agreed and **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to table this item and put it on the agenda for next month.**

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

The Clerk requested the Boards permission, along with a motion from them, to dispose of audiotapes of the minutes that are older then 18 months. Attorney Roeser has agreed that statute permits this along with permission from the State of IL. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to authorize the Clerk under state statute to dispose the audiotapes that have accumulated and are older then 18 months.** Vote: Voice vote. 2007-08-05 All ayes, motion carried. The Clerk updated the Board on the changes being made to the township website with our new Webmaster Mark Rake. He has received approved minutes for the first six months of this year as well as proposed changes from the Assessor's office.

Road Commissioner Schultz then informed the Board of the receipt of the check from Mr. Oury for the repairs to damage done to Powers Rd. The bill from Pingree Grove remains unpaid though the requested breakdown has been submitted. A 3rd bill for \$7,050.00 was approved but we're still awaiting payment. Re-paving by Peter Baker has been delayed due to all the rain. Hopefully, if weather permits, they'll be able to begin in 2-3 weeks. A new power plant is also being built on Sandwell Road.

Assessor Siers reported that due to last week's storms several pieces of her equipment have been damaged. She also needs a new server which supports all her back-up data. Mark Rake has submitted his prospectus, which explains the need for the new equipment that he recommends. The Assessor presented a cost estimate from Dell on her requested equipment replacement. The Board agreed to discuss this along with another equipment proposal at our next meeting. Trustee Schuldt reported that the Buena Vista Cemetery dedication was a success and the plaques looked great.

ADJOURN

There being no further business **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote 4 ayes, 1 nay Trustee Brown. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

