

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2008**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall. Supervisor Bulmahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then asked Trustee Brown to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The supervisor noted that the new computers for both the town and road had been installed today. We also have a resolution for a drug and alcohol testing policy for employees with CDL driver's licenses who operate township equipment. We'll be looking for Board approval on that as well as adopting the township meeting calendar for 2008. Under Other Business we have a number of proposals and a lot of information on signs which need to have input from the Board as well as some direction. The Supervisor has also received a Resolution from Attorney Ron Roeser for a new snow removal policy, which has been distributed to the Board, and will be on the agenda for approval next month. A copy of the various levies for Kane County was also included in the binders this month for the Trustees information.

**MINUTES**

There were no comments or amendments to the minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup> so **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2008-01-01 Motion carried.

**FINANCIALS**

The financial statements for the first eight months of the fiscal year ending November 30<sup>th</sup> were distributed in the Trustees notebooks last month for their consideration this month. There were no questions or comments on them so **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial statements for the eight months ending November 30, 2007.** Vote: Roll call

vote. 2008-01-02	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Brown	yes

Schuldt yes  
Bulmahn yes Motion carried.

The financials for the month ending December 31, 2007 are in their binders this month for the Board to consider at next months meeting.

**BILLS AND SALARIES**

The Town bills for the month of December were the next item on the agenda with gross salaries of \$12,022.00, unpaid bills of \$1,834.97 and total claims of \$13,856.97. Following a brief discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the town bills for the month of December 2007 in the amount of \$13,856.97.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-01-03 Brown yes  
Schuldt yes  
Bulmahn yes  
Tessendorf yes  
Stelford yes Motion carried.

The Road bills for December were next to be discussed with gross salaries of \$17,898.75, unpaid bills of \$27,849.93 and total claims of \$45,748.68. These bills reflect the large amount of snow plowing activity for the month of December. The labor involved a lot of overtime as the snowfalls occurred mainly on the weekends or at night. There were also quite a few repairs to equipment, salt deliveries, radios installed in all the trucks and the necessary fuel for them. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Road bills for the month of December 2007 in the amount of \$45,748.68.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-01-04 Tessendorf yes  
Schuldt yes  
Brown yes  
Bulmahn yes  
Stelford yes Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY**

The policy is to cover all those employees having CDL licenses and operating township equipment. This is a federally mandated law and testing will be done on employees randomly upon notification by the Road Commissioner and performed at a local hospital. **A motion followed and was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adopt RU2008-01 the Resolution to Adopt a Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Rutland Township.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2008-01-05

Brown	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Bulmahn	yes	
Tessendorf	yes	
Stelford	yes	Motion carried.

**ADOPT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2008**

Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the monthly Board meeting calendar for 2008. Vote: Roll call

vote. 2008-01-06	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A brief discussion followed on a levy report of the various townships in Kane County. The Supervisor prepared this report for the Trustees information and for comparison purposes.

Supervisor Bulmahn then passed around paperwork from various sign companies containing information on types of signs available for the front of the township hall as well as the costs for them. Discussion then ensued regarding the various types and lighting systems available. The Board then questioned Trustee Tessendorf regarding the new sign in front of the Rutland Fire Dept. particularly the costs involved. Discussion then continued and it was agreed that how the sign looks, how it fits in with our buildings, lighted or unlighted, & the costs are the primary issues to be considered.

**REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

Road Commissioner Schultz submitted his man-hours report and then informed the Board that Kane County informed him that the portion of Kreuzer Rd. that was thought to be ours was, in fact, annexed by Huntley in 2007. So we are not liable for the crossing gates. The Supervisor asked the Commissioner to get paperwork from the county on the annexation. The Road Commissioner then addressed the Board on the townships alarm system that has been out of service for several days. The main board of the system is not repairable and the keypads have been removed from all the buildings. As a result he has contacted Fox Valley Fire & Safety and they will be out later this week to see what they can do for us.

Assessor Siers submitted a comparison sheet with 2006 & 2007 assessment information that had been requested last month. She also asked that we give her a report listing what she's paid by vendor for the year to help with her upcoming budget. She stated that our equalization factor compared to other townships is pretty good for a quadrennial reassessment year. She also noted that the deadline for the Board of Review, for real estate tax objections, is next Monday.

Clerk Carlsen reported that she'd received the voting information paper from Kane County, three copies, listing the early voting sites, Election Day polling places, as well as the candidates running for the various offices. She hopes that the county will publicize the locations so that the early voting can be better utilized. Also received from the county is a CD containing their Hazardous Materials Response Plan. It is available for the Board to use on their home computers or they can look at it here if they like.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes  
2008-01-07 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

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Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

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Robin Brown, Trustee

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Steve Schuldt, Trustee

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Roscoe Stelford, Trustee