

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2018

The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall following the Town Fund and Road District Budget Hearings. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance had been recited in the earlier Town Fund Budget Hearing Meeting. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Rendl, Trustees Carlsen, Eaton, Hoffman, and Keegan; Also present, Commissioner Schultz and Assessor Fritz.

AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Carlsen. Vote: Roll call vote.

Eaton	yes	Carlsen	yes
Hoffman	yes	Sanders	yes
Keegan	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-01.

MINUTES

Discussion. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Board Meeting made by Trustee Carlsen and seconded by Supervisor Sanders. Vote: Roll call vote.

Carlsen	yes	Sanders	yes
Hoffman	yes	Eaton	yes
Keegan	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-02.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Bytner, 13215 Oakwood, Huntley, gave his opinion on the appointment of the Deputy Clerk. Rhonda Goldman, 13177 Silver Birch Drive, Huntley, questioned the total amount of Township savings, the total of investment monies, and the same for the Road District. Supervisor Sanders gave the total amount of savings in the Township accounts as \$229,715.13 in 5 accounts. Discussion regarding changes and the types of investments and if there has been any money drawn for emergencies - no. Mrs. Goldman then asked how Rutland compared to other townships and stated she would be investigating that question in the future. She then asked the Road Commissioner the same questions. Commissioner Schultz stated there was \$407,874.51. Discussion took place regarding the Commissioner moving \$305,000 out to use for paving this year leaving approximately \$102,000 in his reserves. He is drawing interest in the reserve accounts. Mrs. Goldman asked if this information was on the website – no it is not. She admonished the Board that transparency is imperative considering the current environment of township government. Further discussion. Fred Buhlman, 130417 Stone Creek Court, Huntley, then made a comment on behalf of Al Roberts who was not in attendance, on the status of alleged omitted properties in the assessor's office. Assessor Fritz gave his explanation. Trustee Eaton spoke quoting Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Armstrong on his view regarding the alleged omitted properties; Mr. Armstrong stated that alleged wrongdoing may look the same as time constraints or what underfunding produces in the office, not wrongdoing. Lonnie Richason, spoke regarding the past environment of discord and conflict and thanked the current Board for its efforts to "just do the job" without all of the drama. Mr. Buhlman then asked to speak again and was told he had used more than his 3 minutes. Mr. Buhlman overspoke Trustee Eaton and continued to speak, unrecognized. Former Assessor Janet Siers was then recognized by Supervisor Sanders and spoke regarding the allegations and insinuations made by the current Assessor and some former trustees, clarifying that each Town/Township Assessor has the authority to determine their own deadline for submitting assessments. Former Assessor Siers has used October 1st as the deadline for *her* office; and anything after that date has been submitted January 1st of the following year. Of the 83 properties recited by Assessor Fritz to have been omitted, only 1 had in fact been omitted. The other 82

properties were to be submitted January 1st 2018, as per and within the timeframe used. Former Assessor Siers then commented on the allegations made in the newspaper “by people who have no assessing experience, don’t know the procedures or policies of the office and have no understanding of why things were done, as being unusual”. She expressed her thought that “the people in Mr. Fritz’s office who have the experience of many years of assessing would know these things, and they might have shared that knowledge with Mr. Fritz; and it wasn’t her problem that he didn’t know about them”. She concluded her remarks by making the observation on “why anyone who does not have any knowledge or education in the assessment field, would accuse her of negligence when there was no negligence”.

SUPERVISOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Audit will start this week and a draft should be available in June.

Supervisor Sanders checked into holding a blood drive. Rutland Township does not have a large enough facility to hold a drive. There are other options to explore.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORTS

No questions or discussion. Motion made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Hoffman to approve the financial reports for the Township ending March 31, 2018 as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.

Eaton	yes	Hoffman	yes
Carlsen	no	Keegan	yes
Sanders	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-03.

ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS

No discussion. Motion to approve the Road District financial reports for the 12 months ending March 31, 2018 made by Supervisor Sanders and seconded by Trustee Eaton. Vote: Roll call vote.

Sanders	yes	Eaton	yes
Hoffman	yes	Keegan	yes
Carlsen	no		

Motion carried. 2018-05-04.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports for the Township and Road District for the 1 month ending April 30, 2018 were included in the Trustee materials for review. Discussion regarding the Statement of Cash Flow report for the Township. Trustee Keegan questioned an entry for PNC Bank. Explanation by Supervisor Sanders, additional discussion. No discussion on the Road District Financial Reports for the 1 month ending April 30, 2018.

REVIEW OF APRIL BILLS

TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Sanders presented the Township bills for the month of April; Itemized totals: Gross Salaries \$18,999.24, Invoices \$7,807.81, Auto-Payments \$857.67, Quickbooks \$130.75, and General Assistance claims in the amount of \$2,505.00 for a **total of \$30,300.47**. Motion made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Hoffman to pay the Township bills **in the total amount of \$30,300.47**, as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.

Eaton	yes	Hoffman	yes
Carlsen	yes	Keegan	yes
Sanders	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-05.

ROAD DISTRICT

Supervisor Sanders asked for any questions on the bills for the Road District for the month of March; Itemized totals: Gross Salaries \$12,526.16, Invoices \$89,357.65, Auto-payments \$322.53, Quickbooks \$98.50, Employee Reimbursement \$4,200.00 for a **total of \$106,504.84**. Trustee Keegan questioned invoice total from CIT Trucking. Explanation by Commissioner Schultz, discussion. Motion to approve the Road District bills **in the amount of \$106,504.84** for the month of April, as presented made by Trustee Eaton, seconded by Trustee Carlsen. Vote: Roll call vote.

Eaton	yes	Carlsen	yes
Hoffman	yes	Sanders	yes
Keegan	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-06.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Name Tag Purchase – tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Amron Railing Bid

Discussion. Motion to approve the Amron Stair bid for railing fabrication and installation in the amount of \$675.00 made by Trustee Carlsen, seconded by Trustee Hoffman. Vote: Roll call vote.

Carlsen	yes	Hoffman	yes
Sanders	yes	Eaton	yes
Keegan	yes		

Motion carried. 2018-05-07.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

None.

Motion and Vote to call Executive Session.

Motion to call and enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the March 13, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes -under **5 ILCS 120/2(c)** made by Supervisor Sanders, seconded by Trustee Eaton.

Vote: Roll call vote.

Sanders	yes	Eaton	yes
Keegan	yes	Hoffman	yes
Carlsen	no		

Motion carried. 2018-05-08.

The Township Hall was cleared of audience and the Executive Session commenced at 9:10 pm.

Return to Open Regular Board Meeting at 9:20 pm.

No audience returned upon resumption of Open Meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion to approve March 13, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes made by Trustee Carlsen, seconded by Trustee Eaton. Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes.

Motion carried. 2018-05-09.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Supervisor Sanders.

Vote: Voice vote. All Ayes. Motion carried. **2018-05-10.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

DOCUMENT SIGNING

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen J. Rendl

Kathleen J. Rendl, Township Clerk

ACCEPTED:

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Thomas Ray Eaton, Trustee

Nicholas Hoffman, Trustee

Charleen Carlsen, Trustee

Victor Keegan, Trustee

