

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

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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 then asked Trustee Brown to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Brown, Schuldt, Tessendorf, & Stelford. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Supervisor announced that the sign construction has begun and some stonework is already done. He also noted that the Early Voting has started and information on the locations and dates are available on the front table as well as on the web site. Work was also started yesterday on the new garage floor and the Road Commissioner can elaborate on that in his report. We've received a proposal from the auditors, Tight, Kress, & Orr, for the audit for our fiscal year ending 2009. This will be presented together with a Resolution at next months meeting along with the Supervisor's recommendation to retain their services. Since there is to be continued discussion tonight on salaries for the next four years, it was thought that perhaps any final decision would made at next month's meeting as we have till November 19<sup>th</sup> to make the final determinations.

**MINUTES**

There were no additions or corrections to the September minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.  
2008-10-01 Motion carried.

**FINANCIALS**

The financial reports for the five months ending August 31<sup>st</sup> were given to the Trustees in last month's binders so they've had time to review them. Therefore, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the financial reports for the five months ended August 31, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-10-02

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| Brown      | yes |
| Tessendorf | yes |

Stelford            yes  
Schuldt            yes  
Bulmahn            yes Motion carried unanimously.

The financials for the six months ended September 30<sup>th</sup> are included in this month's binders for the Trustees to consider at next months meeting. The Board concurred that since we'll be working on the Levy and Budget within the next couple of months we can forgo any detailed discussion on these tonight.

**BILLS AND SALARIES**

The town bills for the month of September were the next items on the agenda with salaries of \$12,036.58, unpaid bills of \$2,362.56 for total claims of \$14,399.14. Following a brief discussion a **motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town fund bills for the month of September 2008 in the amount of \$14,399.14 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-10-03

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

The September bills for the road were then discussed with salaries of \$10,229.00, unpaid bills of \$11,021.72 and total claims of \$21,250.72. The Road Commissioner explained they had finished the crack filling on the roads and completed the desired mileage. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the road bills for the month of September 2008 in the amount of \$21,250.72.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-10-04

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

**SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT-COMPENSATION RATES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS (2009-2013)**

Trustee Brown stated that the committee had not changed any of their salary determinations from last month's meeting. The Supervisor's salary remains at \$21,000, the Clerks at \$10,000, Trustees at \$100 per meeting, the Road Commissioner at \$30,000 and the Assessor's at \$34,500. All

of these salaries, with the exception of the Trustees, would receive cost of living increases annually.

Assessor Siers presented the board with a report showing the salaries from 7 other townships. She asked that the Board consider that her salary be increased, from \$37,000 in 2009, by \$5,000 in 2010, and \$2,000 per year for the following 3 years.

Road Commissioner Schultz stated that his position is more full time then part time and that he administrates and oversees a \$400,000 budget. The Road Commissioner is asking for a salary of \$40,000, which is an increase of \$10,000. He feels that he's on the job 24-7 so this would be a fair increase. Trustee Tessendorf noted that from past experience there is no guarantee that top dollar will produce top performance.

Supervisor Bulmahn stated that he wanted to be sure that everyone had a chance to offer his or her suggestions and opinions. He will offer his suggestions at next month's meeting along with the formal resolution, minus the amounts, for the salaries. The Supervisor then asked that we table the final decision for the salaries till next month and **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Stelford to table the final action on salaries till the November meeting.**

2008-10-05

#### **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

Road Commissioner Schultz presented his man hours report and also noted that the garage floor is done, the road salt has been delivered and his men are busy doing road maintenance.

Assessor Siers noted that her books have been submitted to the county.

Clerk Carlsen reported that voter registration has closed but people are still calling wanting to register and that early voting has started and continues through October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the October meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

2008-10-06

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Robin Brown, Trustee

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Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

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Steve Schuldt, Trustee