

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
TOWN FUND BUDGET HEARING
MAY 9, 2017**

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The Rutland Township Board held the Town Fund Budget Hearing at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall for the purpose of discussion and approval of the proposed Town Fund and Road District Budgets for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018. Those present were Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Payson, Bulmahn and Eaton. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz. Following the Pledge to the Flag **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the agenda as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. 2017-05-01

The Supervisor opened the meeting and discussion for the Town Fund Budget Appropriation Ordinance #RU2017-02. Trustee Payson questioned the amount posted under audit expenses noting that this is to be shared with the Road District and should be \$2,500.00 and not \$7,500.00. Legal fees were changed to \$10,715.00, training expense was discussed as was the general assistance amount. Equipment expense was raised to \$2,000.00 for tablets and possible copier. Further discussion continued on the amounts for insurances for workmen's comp, liability & property, maintenance, equipment repair and audit expenses. Trustee Bulmahn noted that the interest being collected on our funds is too low. He asked that the investments be reconsidered. Trustee Eaton strongly opposed the amount being budgeted for training of the elected officials. He feels that more should be allocated for their training. Supervisor Sanders then listed all the amounts being requested for the new Budget. Total revenue would be 257,100.00, Personnel, salaries, are \$105,750.00, Contractual services totaling \$41,574.00. Equipment, Cemetery, Building and Grounds, and General Assistance put Total Expenses at \$162,339.00.

The Assessors Budget was then discussed. Trustee Bulmahn stated that since there is no quadrennial this year he feels that her Budget request is too high. She also did not spend all of her budget last year so he's suggesting that \$155,000.00 should be adequate. Trustee Payson agreed as well. The Supervisor then gave the total amount of the Town Budget, including the Assessors Budget, to be \$317,339.00. **A motion was then made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Payson to adopt the Rutland Township Budget Appropriation Ordinance #RU 2017-02 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 with a total appropriation, including the Assessors Budget, of \$317,339.00.**

Vote: Roll call vote. 2017-05-02 Bulmahn yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton no. Motion carried.

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There being no further discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the Town Fund Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018 at 7:50pm.**

Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. 2017-05-03

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen Township Clerk

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Thomas Ray Eaton, Trustee

Charleen Carlsen, Trustee

Nicholas Hoffman, Trustee

Victor Keegan, Trustee