

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 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 that Trustee Schuldt lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Schuldt, Brown and Stelford. Also present was Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor then stated that the main topic of business tonight would be a preliminary discussion of the budgets for next year. A formal budget hearing will be held next month, which we'll do immediately following our regular monthly meeting. Tonight we'll review the financial reports just prior to the budget discussions. Supervisor Bulmahn then went over the meeting agenda and asked the Board if there were any changes or amendments to it. There were none.

Officer Kevin Williams from the Kane County Sheriff's Office then presented the crime statistics report for Rutland Township for the month of January. He also noted that his office had an abundance of gunlocks if anyone needed them. He agreed to bring some to next months meeting.

MINUTES

There being no questions or amendments to the January minutes, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Board Meeting as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2008-02-01 Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

The financial reports for the 9 months ending December 31, 2007 were distributed in the Trustees notebooks last month for them to consider at tonight's meeting. There were no questions or comments to them so, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and Seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial statements for the 9 months ending December 31, 2007.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-02-02	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Brown	yes

Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried.

The financial reports for the 10 months ending January 31, 2008 are in the Trustees binders this month for further discussion and consideration at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The Town bills for the month of January were the next item on the agenda. Gross salaries were \$14,649.73, with unpaid bills of \$4,465.13 and total claims of \$19,114.88. Following some discussion on the bills, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the bills for the town in the amount of \$19,114.88 for the month ending January 31, 2008.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-02-03 Tessendorf yes
Brown yes
Schuldt yes
Stelford yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried.

The Road bills for the month of January were then discussed with salaries of \$14,051.25, unpaid bills of \$14,143.66 and totals claims of \$28,194.91. Following a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the bills for the Road District in the amount of \$28,194.91 for the month of January 2008.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-02-04 Tessendorf yes
Brown yes
Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes
Stelford yes Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF TOWN AND ROAD DISTRICT BUDGETS FOR FYE 03/09

Review of the preliminary Road District budget ensued with comparisons to the previous year. Health insurance and the use of reserves were of primary concern. The Board questioned Commissioner Schultz on his plans for road repairs and his needs for any new equipment. The Commissioner replied that he doesn't plan to buy any new equipment in the next year as he's putting the bulk of his budget into road repairs. The Road Commissioner is therefore allocating monies from the equipment fund up to the line item titled Contracts to help pay for these repairs. In addition to that money he proposes using \$125,000 from the reserves to put towards this as well. The

discussion continued on having a health insurance savings program for those eligible employees. It was the consensus of the Board that we try to formulate a health insurance plan and also to draw down the reserves by putting \$125,000 towards road repairs.

The discussion then turned towards the proposed preliminary Town Budget. The Supervisor explained in detail the various amounts listed as well as noting the comparisons to last year. Baring any unforeseen circumstance we hope to finish this year under spent. The Assessor's Budget was then detailed and was also compared to her budget for last year. The Board questioned the total amount requested pointing out that the Assessor had not used her entire budget of last year, which had included the quadrennial reassessment. Following considerable discussion a consensus was reached by the Board that \$130,000 was a realistic amount for her budget.

MOTION TO SET BUDGET HEARING FOR MARCH 11, 2008

A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the 7:00 p.m. Regular Township Board Meeting, the 7:15 p.m. Budget Hearing for the Road District, and the 7:30 p.m. Budget Hearing for the Town Fund. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2008-02-05 Motion carried

MOTION TO APPROVE SNOW PLOW RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the proposed Snow Plowing Resolution. Following some discussion and input from Trustees Brown and Stelford, Trustee Schuldt withdrew his motion and no further action was taken.

SIGN PROPOSALS – REVIEW AND DISCUSS

Supervisor Bulmahn and Commissioner Schultz have been working on the design of a proposed sign on the front lawn of the township hall. The Commissioner has offered to contribute the masonry work on the sign as well as doing the foundation. The cost will be approximately \$1,000 for the masonry structure, component materials & supplies. Work will be done after business hours using township equipment. The Supervisor is checking on the cost of the center portion of the sign as well as calling Kane County to see if we need a permit. He will report back to the Board on these issues at next month's meeting & there was consensus

by the Board to proceed.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Clerk Carlsen reported that the election of February 5th had gone smoothly here for Precinct 2 as well as the 3 precincts at the Eagles Club. Commissioner Schultz noted that older people had a hard time seeing at the Eagles, as more lighting was needed. The Supervisor then reported on his meeting with Kane County regarding the splitting of the most oversized precincts. It is his hope that this will be done prior to the November General election.

Road Commissioner Schultz then presented his man hours report to the Board and was commended by Trustee Schuldt for keeping the roads clear during the recent snows.

Trustee Brown stated that resident Bill Siers had called him regarding the Road Commissioner and one of his employees putting up political signs during work hours. The Commissioner explained that he'd asked the employee if he wanted to help him while on his break and he said yes.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2008-02-06 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee