

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 11, 2005
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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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 pm, this was followed by the pledge to the flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present was Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bulmahn asked, as he has over the past couple of months, to amend the agenda and put the Assessors report at the beginning of the meeting. Assessor Fritz is ill and in the hospital so his assistant Pat Reser is here to represent him. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to amend the agenda and move the Assessors report to the top of the agenda as requested.**

Vote: Voice vote. 2005-10-01 Motion carried unanimously. The Supervisor stated that everyone has received his copy of the annual audit report and that there will be further discussion on this later in the meeting. He also noted the receipt of the second half of the grant for the parking lot of \$25,000.00. The money will go to some other improvements around the grounds since we've already paid for the parking lot. The leak in the ceiling of the boardroom has been repaired and some of the tiles replaced. A sweating pipe had caused the problem and not a leak in the roof as suspected. The Supervisor said that he would leave the rest of his announcements for the Other Business portion of the agenda.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of September 13, 2005 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote. 2005-10-02 Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the first five months of the year ending August 31, 2005 were distributed last month. The Supervisor asked if there were any questions from the Board and there being none he asked for a motion. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt**

to accept the financial reports for the five months ending August 31, 2005 as presented. Vote: Voice vote. 2005-10-03 Motion carried unanimously. The financial reports for the six months ending September 30, 2005 for both the Road District and the Township have been included in this months' binders. The Supervisor asked the Board to study these reports for next months meeting so that there could be further discussion for levy purposes.

Pat Reser then gave a report from the Assessors office. She stated that the assessor's office has just finished assessing the commercial and industrial properties in Rutland Township. In 2004 the township had a total of approximately 42,369,000 in assessed value and in 2005 a total of approximately 52,612,000 in assessed value, which is an increase of about 10,000,000. There are 5 large subdivisions left to assess which will hopefully be done in the next couple of weeks. Cambridge Lakes homes are closing at a rate of approximately 23 homes per week. There are currently 450 homes with about 30% of them closed so far. The assessor is waiting for Kane County to send in 6 new division packets, 3 for Sun City and 3 more for Cambridge Lakes. The maps have been received and he is waiting for the division sheets. 2 new neighborhoods for Sun City are being imputed which will add 300 parcels to the tax rolls. Resident Mack Titus asked if management tools have been implemented to prevent previous mistakes? The new software should take care of that.

BILLS & SALARIES

Discussion followed on the road bills. Road Commissioner Schultz explained the extra cost of the plow for the new truck. It was not included in the bid and is a 9 ft. blade instead of a 7 1/2 ft. Adams gave us the best price of \$3,944.50. The Smith Engineering bill being paid out of IDOT funds is \$17,500.00. Supervisor Bulmahn then asked about the work remaining to be completed and the Road Commissioner responded that Old Stage Rd. and Binnie Rds. were the only two. Commissioner Schultz stated that borings have recently been done on Binnie Rd. One boring showed 22 ft. of Peat indicating that the original IDOT contract will need to be changed. He will make sure that an extension will also be included in the contract and that everything is in writing. Though not officially, Smith Engineering says this should not be a problem. The cost for this work could possibly be around \$60,000.00. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown not to**

expend any funds on the Binnie Rd. flood area till the responsibility for this is determined. Vote: Roll call vote. 2005-10-04

Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Stelford	yes
Tessendorf	yes

The Board agreed that the potholes on the roads should be filled, and Commissioner Schultz will check with Attorney Roeser on where the responsibility lies for Binnie Rd. flooding. Further discussion followed regarding the prepaid bills and the proposed \$17,500.00 payment to Smith Engineering. The \$17,500.00 is 2/3 of the balance owed and said balance of 1/3 would be payable when the job is complete. Road invoices total \$23,193.41, with salaries of \$4,742.00, with total claims of \$27,935.41. The Board agreed to pay the \$17,500.00 to Smith Engineering and withhold 1/3 of the balance as a compromise. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Road District bills of September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$27,935.41.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2005-10-05

Tessendorf	yes
Stelford	yes
Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes

The Town bills were discussed with invoices totaling \$6,319.77, salaries of \$13,187.08 and the total for both being \$19,506.85. An additional \$160.00 was added to the \$540.00 for a prepayment to Shaddai Bros. for scraping, painting, and sealing of the windows, trim and doors on the town building and the assessors trailer. They also repainted the railing on the assessors trailer, and some rotted boards were replaced. Three bids were received for this work but Shaddai Bros. had done work for us last year and was the lowest bidder of the three. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Township Bills of September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$19,506.85.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2005-10-06

Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Stelford	yes
Tessendorf	yes

RESOLUTION

The Board then discussed the resolution to authorize prepayment of certain bills. Supervisor Bulmahn noted that we had notified all town vendors in August that they would need to submit their bills by the first of every month in order to be paid that month. However, there are still some bills that will need to be prepaid such as utilities, lease payments, credit card companies etc. thereby avoiding late charges. These bills are always listed at the top of the schedule. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve Resolution #RU2005-23 to authorize prepayment of certain bills during each month.**

Vote: Roll call vote. 2005-10-007

Tessendorf	yes
Stelford	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Schuldt	yes
Brown	yes

Road Commissioner Schultz was then asked about the culvert fee ordinance still pending. He stated that he would talk to Attorney Roeser on this and get back to the Board with the final document. He hopes to have it for next months meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board had received copies of a letter sent to attorneys Shearer & Agrella by Supervisor Bulmahn. He had been trying to get information from them for some time regarding information needed by our auditor's for a standard legal confirmation. Attorney Roeser has also tried to get information but Mr. Agrella was saying that we still owed them money. As a result, the Supervisor wrote a letter stating that we have not received any bills, they were sent to the former Road Commissioner's house, and they have no basis for not releasing the files. When Mr. Agrella received the letter he contacted Attorney Roeser and has since agreed to give him the information and will send us an invoice explaining the balances owed.

The Supervisor also informed the Board that the State Legislature has recently raised the bid ceiling from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00. This applies to all municipalities and jurisdictions with regard to any major purchases. The auto mileage reimbursement rate has also been increased from September 1st to December 31st of this year; it's now .48.5 cents per mile.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Commissioner Schultz distributed the man-hours for the month of September.

Clerk Carlsen stated that she had attended the Pingree Grove picnic last month and that several Cambridge Lakes people had wanted to register to vote though they hadn't moved in as yet. She expects they will be coming in when they do. She has also received several requests for absentee ballots from people who are going to Florida for the winter. These ballots won't be available till 40-50 days prior to the primary election of March 21st 2006. New residents are also calling regarding park facilities. She has referred them to Elgin or Dundee Park Districts or to check through their schools. There will be more information available on the upcoming election when the County determines the financial and logistical possibilities.

The Supervisor noted that the auditor's annual report has been received and we got a one months extension for submittal to the State of IL and the County.

Resident Larry Moscato then addressed the Board regarding a bus stop at Harper & Maplehurst. He says that it is still dark in the mornings when the kids are boarding the bus and he's concerned about the kids having to cross Damisch Rd., as there is no streetlight there. The Supervisor was asked to write a letter to District 300 about changing the bus stop to go into the subdivision instead of on Damisch Rd.

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

