

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2007**

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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 5:45 p.m. and then asked the clerk to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees, Brown, Schuldt and Stelford. Trustee Tessororf was absent. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

The Supervisor announced that the Annual Town Meeting will follow this board meeting at 7:00 p.m. He also requested a motion to table the Resolution for a retirement plan for the road district on tonight's agenda. He and the Road Commissioner are not quite ready to present it to the Board at this time and would like to table it till the May meeting. Though much research and checking has been done he and the Road Commissioner have not had time to meet and iron out their policy recommendations for the Board. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to table the Resolution to Adopt a Retirement Plan for the Road District employees till the May 2007 meeting.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2007-04-01 Motion carried unanimously

Supervisor Bulmahn then noted that the township septic tank had been pumped. The septic people had also advised him that the pipe under the Assessor's trailer should be wrapped with heat tape and straw bales placed around the base of the trailer. Road Commissioner Schultz stated that he would see to it that the taping is done in the fall and will have the trailer permanently boxed in as well.

The Supervisor informed the Board that during the month a \$35,000 transfer from the road district equipment fund to the permanent road fund had been done. It shows on the balance sheet as a loan and the reason it was done was due to unexpected expenses that were heavier then anticipated at the beginning of the year. This was due to the winter's heavy snowfall. The loan will be repaid out of the monies we receive from the first installments of property taxes this year.

The Supervisor will be attending a meeting in McHenry County on May 25th regarding the upcoming 2010 Census. He also noted his correspondence from Tim Schmitz on what

might be the priorities for us when he meets with the Secretary of Transportation. The Supervisor suggested an immediate, if possible, full interchange for Route 47 and interstate 90 so that commercial development can proceed and relieve some of the tax burden from the residential property owners.

MINUTES

There being on amendments to the March minutes, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of March 13, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as presented** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-04-02 Motion carried unanimously

A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Budget Hearing minutes for the Road District of March 13, 2007. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-03	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bulmahn then explained that though a budget for the town was not adopted at the budget hearing of March 13th another Public Hearing has been scheduled for April 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes for the Town Fund Budget Hearing of March 13, 2007.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-04	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried

unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Following a brief discussion on the financial statements, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the financial reports for the 11 months ending February 28, 2007.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-05	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The March bills for the town were next to be discussed with gross salaries of \$14,305.75, unpaid bills of \$6,717.42,

and total claims for the town of \$21,023.17. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the town bills for the month of March 2007 totaling \$21,023.17.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-06 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes
 Stelford yes Motion carried unanimously.

The March bills for the road district were next to be discussed with gross salaries of \$14,988.25, unpaid bills of \$11,190.76 and total claims of \$26,179.01. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the March 2007 bills totaling \$26,179.01 for the road district.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-07 Stelford yes
 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Clerk Carlsen noted that the disposal of the old files had been completed, that the early voting for April 3rd and 4th had a total of 18 voters, and that the election is the 17th of this month, and she hoped for a good turnout.

Assessor Siers asked if any further thought had been given to benefits for her office? The Supervisor replied that the town and road are separate under statute, when it comes to benefits, though we operate under one tax ID number. Policy issues will need to be ironed out and further discussed this month and possibly additionally in the weeks following before any decisions can be made.

Road Commissioner Schultz presented his man-hours report for the month and year and noted that his weight limit resolution is at the county awaiting their approval.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee