

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP  
TOWN FUND BUDGET HEARING  
MARCH 11, 2008**

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The Rutland Township Board held the Town Fund Budget Hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed Town Budget. Board members present were: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to open the Town Budget Hearing for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.**

2008-03-12 Motion carried.

Discussion on the Town Budget Appropriation Ordinance # RU2008-03 then began with the total appropriations including the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund of \$277,300 with projected revenue of \$256,100. Administrative expenses are \$147,300, the bulk of which is personnel costs, which are up slightly. The building and grounds expense is up this year due to paying for half of the new floor in the garage and the costs for the new sign. If we do as planned, including the additional \$6,000 for building and grounds, and the Assessor's budget of \$130,000 we'll have an excess of spending over revenue projected at \$27,200. Since we discussed last month pulling down the reserves, due to excess cash from not spending all of our budgets, we can be comfortable drawing down the reserves and are still being conservative. By adding the \$6,000 to building and grounds the total amount appropriated for the Town Budget would be \$283,300.

The Assessor's Budget of \$130,000 was next being discussed. Assessor Siers was not here at last months meeting and she asked how the Board had determined the amount. Since there is no quadrennial reassessment this year and the large slow down in the housing market the Board felt that the coming years expenses would be lower then last year. The \$130,000 is a 12-15% increase over last years budget and the Board felt this was a fair increase.

**A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the Town Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance # RU2008-03 for the fiscal year**

**ending March 31, 2009 in the total amount of \$283,300.**

Vote: Roll call vote.

2008-03-13

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

There being no further business, a motion was made by **Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to adjourn the Town Fund Budget Hearing for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2008-03-14 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor                      Steve Schuldt, Trustee

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Ron Tessendorf, Trustee                      Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

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Robin Brown, Trustee