

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sanders at 7:00 pm and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Payson and Eaton. Trustee Bulmahn arrived a short time later. Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz were also present.

APPROVE OR AMEND THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda so, **a motion was made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Payson to accept the agenda as presented.** Voice vote: All ayes. 2015-11-01 Motion carried.

MINUTES

Following an amendment by Trustee Schuldt for a spelling error, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Supervisor Sanders to accept the October 2015 minutes as amended.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-02 Payson yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL ON ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 31, 2015

Trustee Bulmahn has asked that correction of the auditors' entries be made prior to approving these statements. The Supervisor stated that they have been corrected but she hasn't heard anything as yet from Trustee Bulmahn. Trustee Payson then asked that they wait till Trustee Bulmahn arrives and come back to the reports at that time.

TOWN AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING SEPT. 30, 2105

Following a short discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Township Financial Reports for Sept. 30, 2015.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-03 Payson yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. Motion carried.

The Supervisor stated that the requested adjustments to certain accounts in the Sept. 2015 Road Reports had been made though Trustee Payson disagreed stating that the new reports do not reflect those changes. So, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Road District Financials for September 30, 2015 providing that the corrections are made to the proper accounts.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-04 Payson yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. Motion carried. It was also determined, following Trustee Bulmahn's arrival, to again look at the March 31, 2015 Road District Financial Report next month.

PRESENTATION OF TOWN AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 7 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2015

There were no questions on the October 31, 2015 Financial Reports for either the Township or the Road District.

REVIEW FOR AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT FOR TOWN AND ROAD OCTOBER BILLS

The Town Bills were the first to be reviewed with salaries of \$24,543.01, invoices of \$1,372.01 auto payments of \$825.90, quick books charges of \$54.60, and General Assistance of \$990.00 for a total of \$27,785.52. **A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the payment of the Township Bills for October, 2015 in the amount of \$27,785.52.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-05 Payson yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, Eaton yes. Motion carried. The Road District bills in the amount of \$11,370.74 for salaries, invoices of \$35,013.33, auto payments of \$432.72 and quick books charges of \$84.70 for a total amount of \$46,901.49. Following a brief discussion on the newly purchased truck for the Road District, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the payment of the Road District bills for the month of October, 2015 in the amount of \$46,901.49.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-06 Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Bulmahn yes, Sanders yes, Eaton yes. Motion carried. Clerk Carlsen asked Road Commissioner Schultz if we would be getting any MFT, Motor Fuel Tax, money for bills for salt or road repairs? The Road Commissioner said it was up to Springfield and he didn't know when there would be any information about that.

NEW BUSINESS - DONATION TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Supervisor Sanders asked the Board about donating an additional \$500.00 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank from the General Assistance Fund. **A motion was then made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to approve the donation of \$500.00 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2015-11-07 Eaton yes, Bulmahn yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Payton yes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Discussion then ensued on investment information obtained by the Supervisor. It was determined that following further review discussion would continue at the December meeting.

ANCEL, GLINK LEGAL BILLS

A continuous discussion on these bills has been on going for months. Following a note from Ancel, Glink requesting immediate payment or they would take legal action, the Board asked that copies of the bills again be sent to our Attorney Ron Roeser. His response was to tell the Board that there was no direct conflict to warrant consulting another Attorney other than him as the appointed Township Attorney. The Supervisor stated that she had been threatened by a former employee and that Mr. Roeser told her that he could not represent one employee against the other so she

contacted Ancel, Glink for advise. They told her to file a complaint with the Kane County Sheriff which she did. None of the bills however reflect this. Trustee Bulmahn questioned how much of the bills were attributed to that issue. Trustee Eaton then read excerpts from some of the Ancel, Glink bills none of which mentioned the Supervisors allegation. Trustee Bulmahn asked the Supervisor to have Ancel, Glink break out the portion of their bills relating to that issue.

TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT 2015 LEVIES

Discussion began on the preliminary Road District Levy. The Levy Ordinance presented is just a rough copy and calls for \$29,000.00 for Road and Bridge, Permanent Road \$428,000.00, Equipment and Building \$7,000.00 for a total of \$464,000.00. These totals are the Road Commissioners proposals for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. The proposed Levy for the Town is for the General Town Fund \$244,000.00, the General Assistance Fund \$4,500.00 for a total Levy of \$249,000.00. All this information is preliminary for Levy determination at the December meeting. Discussion continued noting that the Town has eliminated most of their reserves which was the initial goal. The Levy was also previously lowered and frozen by 10% but now shows an increase of 3% over last year. Trustee Bulmahn questioned Assessor Siers about levying for the new construction for one year and asked that she bring further information on this to the December meeting. The Assessor explained that two separate levies would need to be done if we levied for the new construction. The Levies for the fiscal year ending March 31,2017 will be determined at the December meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Trustee Eaton reported on his conference trip to Springfield put on by Township Officials of IL. He stated that there were several presentations on Township Government which he found very informative as a new Trustee. Trustee Schuldt noted that there had been an accident on Damisch Road due to mowing not being done which has made for poor visibility when pulling out on to Damisch from any adjoining streets. Trustee Bulmahn stated that the fence at Buena Vista Cemetery needed repairing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Bulmahn to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Vote: Voice vote. 2015-11-08 All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Fred Bulmahn, Trustee

John Payson, Trustee

Ray Eaton, Trustee