

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 14, 2006
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 p.m. and then asked Trustee Stelford to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz. The Supervisor stated that the main topic of discussion tonight would be on the upcoming levy. A few pending business items as well as the plaque from the Boy Scouts for the Cemetery will also need input from the Board.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the October 10th minutes so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2006 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2006-11-01 Motion carried unanimously.

FINSNCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the six months ending September 30, 2006 were distributed at last months meeting. Since there were no questions or corrections to these reports, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports for the six months ending September 30, 2006.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2006-11-02 Motion carried unanimously.

The financials for the seven months ending October 31, 2006, beginning with the road district, were then discussed. These statements contain the standard reports of the balance sheet as of October 31st, profit and loss, and the previous years comparison. It also has the profit and loss budget versus actual showing the current budgeted amounts remaining. There will be no IDOT money left after next month when the remaining road repair bills are paid. The town financials contain the same reports as the road and are also for the first seven months of the fiscal year as well as the budget for the entire year. We are still holding some funds at the Mid West Bank, as there are some checks remaining that have not cleared the bank. Both

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the road district and town reports are for the Trustees to examine and will be voted on at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The October 2006 bills were the next items on the agenda for discussion. The road district bills were first with salaries of \$9,453.75, prepaid bills of \$116.96 plus \$472.76; unpaid bills were \$21,103.57 with total claims for the month of \$31,147.04. There being no questions on the road bills a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the road district bills of October 2006 for the total amount of \$31,147.04 as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.

- 2006-11-03 Tessendorf yes
- Stelford yes
- Brown yes
- Schuldt yes
- Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously

The October 2006 bills for the township were then discussed. Gross salaries for the month were \$13,180.91, prepaid bills of \$451.99; unpaid bills were \$8,348.57 with total claims of \$21,981.47. There being no questions on the town bills a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town bills in the total amount of \$21,981.47. Vote: Roll call vote.

- 2006-11-04 Brown yes
- Schuldt yes
- Bulmahn yes
- Tessendorf yes
- Stelford yes Motion carried unanimously

BUENA VISTA CEMETERY

Discussion continued on the plaque proposals for the cemetery. The proposals are for two types of plaques one bronze and one a holly bronze material. The price is considerably higher for the bronze compared to the holly bronze. After further discussion the Board requested that other options be investigated.

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE FOR THE ROAD DISTRICT

Road Commissioner Schultz presented the board with a health insurance quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Trustee Tessendorf suggested paying the employee a cash allowance towards the insurance so that they can find their own insurance and handle the claim forms etc. He would rather

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not see the township saddled with this burden and hopes that the money could be tax free via a medical savings account. Supervisor Bulmahn will check other options including a state insurance pool and how other townships are dealing with this issue.

CONSOLIDATION OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

The Supervisor explained that he would like to keep a nominal amount of money in this fund as it collects money

from the personal property replacement fund from the State of Illinois. For this reason he would like to keep it open. He has discussed this with the attorney and he is in favor of this also. A motion will be necessary when we do the levy for retaining this fund.

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

The process for determining the Levy is that at the December monthly meeting we will need to adopt the Levy for the next fiscal year. If the Board wants to exceed the Levy of 3.4% we will need a Truth in Taxation Hearing, go through the notification process to the public, and it will need to be determined at tonight's meeting. The Levy is due to be filed with the County by December 26th. If the Board decides to stay within the cap we will simply adopt the Levy at the December meeting. The Supervisor then went over the Levy history of the Township as well as the preliminary budget for the Road District. Following a lengthy discussion **a motion of intent for the December meeting was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to keep the tax cap levy for the Road District at 3.4%. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.**

2006-11-05 Motion carried unanimously.

The Township and Assessor's preliminary budgets were then discussed. Trustee Schuldt questioned the need for more money in the town budget for building maintenance as well as an increase in the General Assistance Fund account. The Supervisor will look into these areas and possibly adjust these accounts. The Assessor's preliminary budget was then gone over with the Assessor explaining her needs for the upcoming year. Trustee Tessendorf would like to see the costs per parcel and doesn't feel he can make a decision on her budget till he has more detail. Assessor Siers will get him more information for next months meeting. Supervisor Bulmahn will meet with the Assessor and go over her budget requests. **A motion of intent for the December meeting was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee**

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Tessendorf to keep the tax cap Levy for the Town Fund at 3.4%. Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-11-06Tessendorfyes

Stelford	yes
Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes Motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Clerk Carlsen noted the problems connected with the November 7th election. She also informed the Board of her selection of a Deputy Clerk. She will submit a Resolution for the appointment of Carol Peschke as Deputy Clerk at next months meeting.

Road Commissioner Schultz gave the Board his man-hours report for the month and noted that the suit filed by former employee Clem Schultz has been denied and the case is now closed.

Assessor Siers stated that her books had been turned into the county on August 30, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2006-11-07 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee