

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then led us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor asked for the board's support in moving through tonight's agenda quickly due to the bad weather. With their concurrence, he stated that we'd received another tax objection, litigation, though smaller than last year. He will turn this litigation over to our township attorney Ron Roeser. Supervisor Bulmahn then noted that the IL Funds had sent a letter regarding our fund security and he had a meeting with their representative and he feels comfortable with their reassurance that our funds there are basically risk free. There are a few modest increases to the general homestead exemption; to the senior citizens freeze income level, and the senior homestead exemption. Each has been increased by about \$500.00 but is not effective till 2008. The new computers are in the process of being shipped and should be installed next week. The Supervisor then requested that the agenda be amended so that the Road Commissioner could give his report, and leave to help his crew on the roads.

The Board concurred and Commissioner Schultz informed them that the payment from Pingree Grove for our work done on their roads had been received today, he also attended a meeting today with the ICC, the Village of Huntley, Burke Engineering and the Union Pacific Railroad regarding the crossing at Kreutzer Rd. We have 600 ft. at that crossing and the railroad wants to put gates there. They're asking us to pay \$17,000 of the cost. The Road Commissioner asked Huntley to pay half of our portion, as they will soon be annexing the road anyway, and they agreed to do so. Construction will begin in the fall of 2008. Commissioner Schultz also met with Pingree Grove regarding the flooding last August in the Wildwood West Subdivision. Pingree will be working along with the County on the drainage in this area. The Board thanked the Commissioner for his input and for getting Huntley to help with the crossing gate costs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Supervisor Bulmahn then introduced Keith Orr, from Tighe, Kress & Orr, who have submitted a proposal letter to us for doing our audit next year. Mr. Orr explained that his firm is experienced in doing government audits, is located in Elgin and would perform their services in a timely manner. He also explained that they would be doing most of the audit here in our office, which will be very helpful to both them and us.

MINUTES

There were no questions or amendments on the minutes of November 13th therefore **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the minutes of November 13, 2007 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2007-11-01 Motion carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the first seven months ending October 31st were submitted and discussed last month for the Boards consideration this month. There being no questions on the reports **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the financial statements for the seven months ending October 31, 2007 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-11-02	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Tessendorf	abstain	Motion carried

The financials for the eight months ending November 30, 2007 were given in this month's binder for the Board to consider next month.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The town bills for the month of November 2007 were the next item on the agenda. Salaries were \$11,962.75, Purchase orders for PC Connection \$1,040.41, unpaid bills of \$6,525.59, and total claims of \$19,528.75. Following some discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town bills for the month of November 2007 totaling \$19,528.75 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-11-03	Brown	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	

Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried

The bills for the road district for the month of November 2007 were the next item on the agenda. Salaries were \$8,246.50, purchase orders for PC Connection of \$1,050.40, unpaid bills of \$11,192.53, with total claims of \$20,489.43. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Road bills for the month ending November 30, 2007 in the amount of \$20,489.43 as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-11-04 Brown yes
 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried

APPOINT AUDITORS FOR F/Y/E 03/31/08

A brief discussion followed regarding the proposed resolution to appoint the firm of Tighe, Kress & Orr to do the town audit for the fiscal year ending 3/31/08. Trustee Tessendorf reiterated that the new auditors would be doing the audit primarily at our office thereby saving us time and extra work. Trustee Brown asked if we had a recommendation for this firm and the Clerk replied that Dundee Township had recommended them and Supervisor Bulmahn has received a copy of their audit from last year and was pleased with the presentation of the report. A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve Resolution #RU2007-08 the appointment of the audit firm of Tighe, Kress & Orr CPA's for the township audit for the F/Y/E 3/31/08. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-11-05 Schuldt yes
 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Brown yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2007 – TOWN FUND

The Rutland Township Town Levy for 2007 collectable in 2008 was the next item up for consideration. The Levy would be \$236,300.00 to the Town Fund and \$4,300.00 to the General Assistance Fund for a total of \$240,600.00. These amounts are within the 2.5% tax cap the Board had agreed upon last month. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve Ordinance #RU 2007-05 the Levy for the General Town Fund and the

General Assistance Fund for the property tax year 2007 in the total amount of \$240,600.00. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-11-06	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2007 – ROAD DISTRICT

The Rutland Township Road District Fund Levy for 2007 collectable in 2008 was then discussed. This Levy is also within the 2.5% tax cap and has \$396,900.00 going to the Permanent Road Fund, \$4,100.00 to the General Road Fund and \$15,000.00 going to the Equipment Fund for a grand total of \$416,000.00. The Road Commissioner has shifted a significant portion of the total resources under the cap from the Equipment Fund to the Permanent Road Fund, as there are no major equipment purchases anticipated this year. He is therefore planning a significant amount of road repaving utilizing the money from the Permanent Road Fund. There being no further comments, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adopt Ordinance #RU2007-06 the Road District Levy for the Permanent Road Fund, the General Road Fund and the Equipment Fund for the total amount of \$416,000.00 for the tax year 2007. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2007-11-07	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2007 – SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The third and last Levy is for the Rutland Township Solid Waste District for 2007. This is a resource in the event there is ever a proposal or a re-zoning action for a waste district in Rutland Township. We would then, hopefully, have a say in if, where, or when it's located here. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to adopt Ordinance #RU2007-07 for the Rutland Township Solid Waste District Levy in the amount of \$0.00 for 2007.**

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Assessor Siers was pleased to report that our equalization factor of 1.0628 has been reduced to 1.0268. Although we don't have the total EAV yet the approximate assessed value is over \$632,000,000, the number of sales is approximately 957, and the parcel count is up to approximately 11,058. These are all approximate numbers and are subject to the Kane County Board of Review in February sometime. Following publication on Friday property owners will have thirty days in which to file complaints to the Board of Review, and then the Board of Review will determine which of the complaints will be scheduled for hearings.

The Clerk reported that the deadline for registering to vote for the Feb. 5th primary is Jan 8th. She also noted that there will be two primary elections the one on Feb 5th will have two primaries the regular primary and the special primary, and a Special election on March 8th to fill the remainder of Dennis Hastert's term.

The Supervisor noted two reclassifications on the financial statements of November 30th for some building repairs recently completed. Since some of the work was for building improvements it was put into the building and grounds capital account.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

