RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 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 asked Assessor Siers to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Stelford, and Brown. Trustee Tessendorf was absent. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bulmahn updated the Board on the security of our accounts with the Illinois funds. He stated that all of the assets in the accounts are 100% collateralized by US treasury obligations. The refund from Toirma of \$2,048.98 has been received for the lightening damage. 75% went to the Assessors accounts and the remaining to the town. The Supervisor then thanked resident Mack Titus for his input on this issue. Since we've been discussing the purchase of a sign out in front by the road Supervisor Bulmahn has picked up a list of options from a sign store in Carpentersville. Prices range from \$3,000.00 to \$15,000 - \$20,000, as there's quite a selection from which to choose. Trustee Schuldt stated that he is also awaiting prices from a sign company and hopes to have something for next months meeting.

MINUTES

There being no questions or comments regarding the minutes of October 13th a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of October 13, 2007 as presented. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. 2007-10-01 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial reports for the first six months of the fiscal year were the next items on the agenda. They were submitted and discussed last month for the Boards consideration at this time. Trustee Brown noted that we stayed fairly consistent with last year's numbers and then, a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the financial statements for the first six months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.

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2007-10-02 Brown yes Schuldt yes Bulmahn yes

Stelford yes Motion carried

The financials for the seven month period ending October 31,2007 were next to be discussed. The Supervisor then went over, in detail, the town statements. This was followed by a detailed discussion on the road district financials. The Board will review both and consider them at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The town bills for the month of October were then discussed with salaries of \$12,076.75, prepaid bills of \$1,735.77, unpaid bills of \$5,661.69 for a total of \$19,474.21. A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the town bills for October 2007 totaling \$19,474.21. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-10-03 Brown yes Schuldt yes Bulmahn yes

Stelford yes Motion carried

Discussion continued with the bills for the road for the month of October. The salaries were \$6,649.50, prepaid bills of \$75.00, unpaid bills of \$133,065.77 for total bills for the month of \$139,790.27. The \$133,065.77 includes the new truck; plow and salt spreader purchased through the state of IL as well as road repairs done by Peter Baker Inc. A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to a approve the road bills for the month of October 2007 including the supplemental bill for the total amount of \$139,790.27.

Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-10-04 Brown yes Stelford yes Schuldt yes

Bulmahn yes Motion carried

AUDIT PROPOSAL

We've received an audit proposal from Tighe, Kress & Orr in Elgin for the fiscal year ending 3/31/08. It was felt that even though Siepert & Co. has been our audit firm for the last ten years and have done a good job for us, at a fair price, it might be time for a change. The extended delays and inefficiencies by Siepert in completing their audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31,2007 presented some unnecessary problems for us with the State of IL and Kane County filing deadlines of Sept. 30, 2007.

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Representatives from Tighe, Kress & Orr met with Supervisor Bulmahn & Clerk Carlsen. They had several helpful suggestions and offered to come before the Board and give a presentation. The Supervisor will call and ask them to be here next month.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION NEEDS

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the town and road budget needs for the next fiscal year as well as the need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing. The Board was given two preliminary budgets for the town and road comparing the actual budgets of this year with the projected budgets for next year. The Supervisor expressed his concerns about having excess cash reserves, and advised we stay within the 2.5% cap for the road district. The Board questioned Road Commissioner Schultz about his needs for road repairs and new equipment. He informed them that he would not be buying any new equipment next year and that he is comfortable with the money in his budget and could spend down the reserves by increasing his road-repaving budget. A motion was then made by Trustee Schultz and seconded by Trustee Brown to stay within the 2.5% tax cap for the Road District, with the approval of the Road Commissioner, for the tax year 2007 which will be collected in 2008. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-10-05 Schuldt yes Brown yes Bulmahn yes

Stelford yes Motion carried

The discussion continued on the town budget needs and their levy. The projected town expenses will exceed revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 by approximately \$8,000 and we've budgeted for \$20,000 excess. We'll need to spend some of our cash reserves to have six months of cash reserves as we now have ten months. The Assessor noted that the new construction appears to be down a little and capital outlay is probably close to budget as well. A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Stelford to stay within the 2.5% tax cap for the town fund for the Levy for the year 2007 with taxes to be received in 2008. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-10-06 Schuldt yes

Stelford yes Brown yes

Bulmahn yes Motion carried

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

The Clerk had no report at this time. Road Commissioner Schultz reported that Powers Rd. has been patched but needs further work. He also invited everyone to come over to the garage following the meeting and see the new truck. He's had salt delivered today and we have a new full time employee, Steve Allen, who will be supervising the road crew.

Assessor Siers stated that her books are closed and though she doesn't yet have a final number for the new construction she hopes to have it next month.

Trustee Schuldt asked if all the building maintenance is complete and the Supervisor said all but the lawn maintenance costs have been completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mack Titus announced that he will be stepping down as Chairperson for Sun Pack at the end of the year. As a result he will no longer be representing them here at our meetings.

Resident Al Roberts asked why the model and sales search are on longer on the web site? The Assessor stated that it really wasn't necessary and after checking with other townships, they don't have it, and there's really not enough room for it.

ADJOURN

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

There being no further business a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk	
Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor Robin Brown, Trustee	

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee