

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP  
MAY 10, 2005  
ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING**

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The Rutland Township Board held the Road District Hearing in the Township Hall for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed budget. Roll call showed the following Board Members present. Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Schuldt, Trustees Roberts, Adams, Stuart and Tessendorf. Also present, Highway Commissioner Schultz.

Mr. Bulmahn stated that he and the Road Commissioner, Mr. Schultz, worked on the Budget for the Road District together and that they had segregated the IDOT money and the IDOT revenue and appropriations because they felt that they are separate and apart from the regular budget and should be separately displayed, and shown by the roman numeral II at the bottom of the page. The top half of the page is the regular annual budget. There are three funds for the Road District: Permanent Road Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and Equipment Fund. The cash balance that we started with at April 1, 2005 is \$199,038 and if this budget is adopted we will end up with a cash balance as of March 31, 2006 of \$200,038. Which is basically a break-even budget.

Mr. Schultz then addressed the meeting with a brief rundown on his first week in office. He stated that he and a certified mechanic had gone over the equipment to get an idea of what needed be done to fix or replace the existing equipment involved. He also explained that simple maintenance and cleaning of the end loader would make it usable for the time being. He will also check all the other vehicles and do maintenance on them as well. The previous road commissioner kept no maintenance records but Mr. Schultz will from now on. More tools are needed in the shop and the existing welder is not adequate for his needs. A used back up tractor mower may be needed before summers end but he will wait and see if that becomes necessary. Mr. Schultz also noted that no logs or man-hours had ever been entered for any of the machines used by the department. He also stated that equipment, labor, and maintenance costs in the budget are about the same as last year. Mr. Adams then asked about a new welder that had allegedly been purchased for the road district? Clerk Schuldt will check her files for an invoice for the purchase of leads for the welder that would have cost about \$400. The clerk was also asked to check all the purchases for the road district since 2004. Mr. Schultz will do a complete inventory and make a list of what's needed but it will take some time. Discussion followed on what is needed and asking Mr. Schultz to check any pre-existing invoices. Mr. Schultz agreed that \$20,000 for gravel/asphalt and \$21,000 for salt/sand was reasonable in the budget. A reduction in legal fees was also noted. It was noted that insurance costs were previously \$11,800 with the current premium being around \$10,000. Some of the premium has been shifted from the road district to the town and Mr. Bulmahn is checking on this. We spent \$14,428 in equipment purchases and rentals and we're budgeting \$71,000 for capital outlay this year. The Road Commissioner foresees the need for possibly a new 1-ton dump truck and a good used mower in this year's budget. This is key equipment needed to handle township work. Mr. Schultz then discussed the culvert fee refunds as well as his

proposed new culvert fee rate. He stated that he had contacted the road district attorney, Ron Roeser, who in turn contacted AMG regarding a settlement of their culvert fee refunds. AMG has agreed to a settlement of \$13,000, which was less than their previous request. Any other refunds will come from the equipment fund line item, which is \$30,000. Projected culvert fee income is \$10,000 as we received \$8,500 this year. The road commissioner is projecting \$500 for future culvert fees and will consider lowering if possible at a later date. If the board ratifies this policy tonight any refund owed would have to be paid. This will be discussed further later on in the meeting. Revenue for the road district is projected to be \$379,800 and \$955,000 in grant income. One Grant CD for \$407,000 matured in April and as soon as the other remaining CD matures in June it will be transferred to the road district. Mr. Schultz noted that Curran's paving is ongoing and the contract was negotiated prior to his administration. **A motion was made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Roberts to adopt the Road District Budget for the year ending March 31, 2006 including the regular annual budget and the second category of the segregated funds the IDOT road improvement grant budget of \$955,000.** Vote: Roll call vote.

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Adams	yes
Roberts	yes
Stuart	yes
Tessendorf	yes
Bulmahn	yes

Motion carried unanimously

**A motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Adams to recess this meeting and to reconvene to the Regular Business Meeting.** Vote: Voice vote.

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Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by

Charleen Carlsen  
Rutland Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

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Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

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Robin Brown, Trustee

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Steve Schuldt, Trustee

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Roscoe Stelford, Trustee