

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING FOR
TOWN BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 26, 2007**

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The Rutland Township Board held a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed Town Budget. Roll call showed the following board members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Also present was Assessor Siers. Following the Pledge to the Flag, Trustee Brown asked that the audience hold their questions or comments till the Public Comments portion of the agenda. The other Board members agreed, as this will enable them to focus on the task at hand.

BUDGET

The Supervisor then explained the format of the budget submittal. The columns begin with Actual FYE 03/07, Amended 03/07, Proposed FYE 03/07 and alternate budgets A and B. The amounts in these columns are for the Boards information as well as discussion in determining the town budget tonight.

Also before the Board is a Transfer of Appropriation Resolution from the 07 budget needing approval at tonight's meeting. This will be transferring a total of \$9,750.00, within the Assessors budget. The amount is well within the 10% allowed and will clean up the 06 budget. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the Transfer of Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$9,750.00 to clean up the 07 Budget.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-08	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion then followed with the Supervisor explaining the two alternate budget requests by the Assessor. The amounts in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance have not been entered, as they are yet to be determined at tonight's meeting. Trustee Brown commended the Assessor for staying well below her budget for last year but also asked if the Board should be giving her another cushion in her budget for this year? Trustee

Tessendorf noted that he'd worked on some numbers and multiplied the Assessor's budget for last year, of \$127,500, by the levied amount of 3.4% and come up with \$133,835, which includes the excess monies remaining from last years budget. The excess would be to put towards the upcoming quadrennial reassessment, as the exact amount is unknown at this time. Trustee Schuldt questioned how the construction is going at this time and the Assessor stated that things were a little slow but not when compared with the other townships. Additional budget resources would be used for salaries, upgrading the web site and for the quadrennial reassessment. Assessor Siers stated that she would like to consider having retirement benefits this year and to look into health insurance in 2008-09. Following some additional discussion Trustee Schuldt suggested rounding off the \$133,835 to \$135,000 for the Assessors budget so **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve \$129,900 for the General Fund Budget, including the General Assistance Fund, and \$135,000 for the Assessors Budget for a total of \$264,900 for the Town Fund Budget Appropriation Ordinance #RU 2007-01 for the fiscal year ending 03-31-08.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-04-09 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Bulmahn yes
 Schuldt yes
 Brown yes Motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion with the audience, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the Special Budget Hearing Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-04-10 Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

