

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2007**

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The Rutland Township Annual Meeting was held on April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Township Clerk Charleen Carlsen and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag. **A motion was then made by Assessor Siers and seconded by resident Charles Swanson to approve the annual meeting agenda for 2007.** Vote: Voice vote all ayes. Motion carried.

The Clerk then called for a motion to nominate a moderator and **a motion was made by Assessor Siers and seconded by resident Bob Conro to nominate Glenn Morganroth as moderator.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Carlsen then administered the oath of office to Mr. Morganroth and he assumed the role of moderator.

Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Deputy Clerk Carol Peschke, Trustees Tessendorf, Schuldt, Brown and Stelford. Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz were also present.

Mr. Morganroth then thanked the elected officials on behalf of all the residents for their time and efforts in performing their duties.

Moderator Morganroth asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting and Assessor Siers asked that the minutes be amended by removing the apostrophe in the Starks name on page 2, second to last paragraph, and correcting the spelling of Thurnau Rd. also on page 2 second to last paragraph. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 11, 2006 as amended.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**A motion to approve the meeting calendar for 2007 was made by Assessor Siers and seconded by resident Charles Swanson.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**A motion was then made by Supervisor Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adopt the time of 7:00 p.m. and the date of April 8, 2008 for next year's annual township meeting.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda was the Treasurer's Report for fiscal 2007-08. Supervisor Bulmahn reported on the fiscal well being of both the Town and Road Funds and noted that copies of the reports are available for everyone here tonight. The Township Board and the Department Heads receive regular monthly financial reports during the year so that they can see the previous year's actual budget and to also compare the progress of the current year. During the year we took another step to strengthen our system of internal controls by having checks co-signed, all bills approved by the Department Heads, and we also changed our town funds bank to the Illinois Funds bank, where we'll get higher interest on our money, and the Road and Bridge Funds are at the Mid America Bank. The Supervisor noted that the Township has virtually no long-term debt and only one lease remaining on our lawn tractor that will be paid off next year. We started the year with cash balances of \$220,178.00 in the Town Fund, and ended the year with \$232,124.00. In the Road Fund we started with \$333,659.00, part of which was leftover money from an IDOT Grant, and we ended the year with cash balance of \$314,703.00. The Supervisor stated that the Department Heads should be acknowledged for the way they managed their money this year. The Road District had a total budget of \$476,850.00 and they spent \$423,740.00 so \$53,110.00, or 11%, of the Road District money was unspent. The Assessors budget was \$127,500.00, and she spent only \$109,473.00 with a savings of \$18,027.00, or 14%. Both Department Heads are to be commended for these savings.

Highway Commissioner Jay Schultz then gave his report. The Commissioner reported that he'd purchased a tool with a jackhammer needed to install road signs. His Department had installed 61 new road signs in Rutland Township last year. After looking into the cost of purchasing this tool, it was \$3,000.00, he decided to go into a cost-sharing program with Hampshire and Plano and our portion was \$750.00. We'll have access to this tool whenever we need it and we saved ourselves some money. The Road District did some paving on Timber Ridge and Carriage Way Subdivisions roads and we also did some road patching on Binnie, Powers and Square Barn roads. The Road district also utilized four community service workers to do mowing, trimming, and garbage pick-up done at no cost to us and it's done through Kane County. The Commissioner also reported that we now have moving permits that contractors are required to purchase from us when moving their equipment in the township. The small fee

charged for these permits has generated \$10,000 in revenue, which is earmarked for road repairs. Logbooks for all our equipment have now been done and any maintenance will be logged in. Commissioner Schultz also submitted his 2006 payroll man-hours report for the year, which shows how each employee's time is spent. New equipment last year included a new wheel loader, and a salt spreader and we'll also be looking for a new salt plow truck to purchase this year. The Road District has been working with the Village of Gilberts and Kane County to fix the flooding portion of Binnie Road. This area has flooded for years and with the counties help we've found the blockage in a broken tile under the roadway. We're waiting word from Gilberts in order to continue any further repairs, as half of this area is theirs.

Supervisor Bulmahn acknowledged Clerk Carlsen for her service to him and the township. He stated that the Township has gained a really good clerk and she is to be commended. The Supervisor also acknowledged all the Trustees for their conscientious work and dedication to the community. Work has continued on the updating of the Buena Vista Cemetery. A new plaque is planned for the front as well as some tree trimming and planting.

Trustee Schuldt thanked Supervisor Bulmahn for keeping everything running smoothly and the Clerk for doing a great job. Trustee Brown reiterated what Trustee Schuldt said and added his thanks.

Assessor Siers reported that in 2006 over 1,900 new parcels had been added and \$53,000,000 in assessed value to the township. The expected drop in the housing market has not hit Rutland Township yet so we're projecting another 2,200 new parcels, which will bring our total, if that happens, to over 11,000 parcels in Rutland Township. We were able to reduce the tentative township factor from the county last year from 4% to just under 2%. We're hoping to keep along the same lines for 2007. The Township is growing and the Assessor hopes that everyone spreads the word next year and that we have a better turnout for that Annual Meeting.

In the Public Comments portion of the meeting resident Bill Siers asked the Road Commissioner why he used township equipment to plow his driveway and if he was planning to reimburse the township for its use. The Commissioner

replied that he needed to get to the township to work here and that he was not going to reimburse the Township. Resident Nancy Sternberg who lives on Powers Rd. expressed her concern about the proposed new ComEd substation and transmission lines planned for the Township. This will adversely affect her property if this happens and she wants the Township to be aware and to try and do some regional planning in the future. The Supervisor replied that the Township is limited in what they can do as the zoning authorities in municipalities determine these issues. We can offer our opinions etc. but we have very little say.

**A motion was then made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Assessor Siers to adjourn the 2007 Rutland Township Annual Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen  
Rutland Township Clerk