

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following review of the agenda the Supervisor noted the merger of Mid-America Bank with National City. Mid-America handles the bank accounts for the Road District. We've received notification of litigation from the States Attorney's office regarding the Levy for the Road District. This seems to have become an annual event and has been found, in the past, to be without merit. Attorney Roeser has received notification of this as well and will keep us informed on this issue. The township has also received notice from the Office of Emergency Management at Kane County regarding costs incurred for labor and equipment in the storms of last month. We will submit a list of these costs this week. Supervisor Bulmahn then reported on several Mary Lane property complaints due to neglect. He wanted the Board to know that we're doing all we can to correct the problem areas. Toirma, our insurance company, has asked that we make sure all of our vendors have workmen's compensation coverage. The Supervisor will work with Attorney Roeser to draft a notice to be sent out.

MINUTES

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of August 14, 2007 **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 board meeting as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-09-01 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the first four months of the fiscal year were the next item on the agenda. They were included in the Trustees previous months binders so, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports for both**

the Town and the Road for the four months ending July 31, 2007. Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-09-02	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried.

The financial statements for the five months ending August 31, 2007 were presented in this months' binders. The Board will have the next month to look them over for their consideration at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The Supervisor has written a long memo to the auditors. It lists what our controls over expenditures are and shows that these controls are more then adequate based upon his enclosed evaluation. We await their response. The August bills for the Town were next discussed with salaries of \$16,888.75, unpaid bills of \$6,044.48 and total claims of \$22,933.23. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Town bills for the month of August 2007 in the amount of \$22,933.23.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-09-03	Tessendorf	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried.

The August bills for the Road District were then discussed with salaries of \$7,696.00, a prepaid bill of 1,464.40 for the State of IL Unemployment Tax, and unpaid bills of \$16,577.79. Total claims were \$25,738.19. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the August bills for the Road District in the amount of \$25,738.19 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The legal bill for Assessor Siers from Attorney Roeser was the next to be discussed. It was determined that an account should be set up in the Assessor's budget for legal fees and the invoice of \$1,375.00 charged to it. The amount can be transferred at the end of the year and put into an

account with any monies left unspent. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to pay the invoice to Attorney Roeser in the amount of \$1,375.00 and to charge the expense from a new line item in the Assessor's budget called legal expense. At the end of the year it will be transferred.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-09-05	Tessendorf	yes	
	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the proposals from the Assessor's office for new equipment upgrades. Assessor Siers explained that the Dell proposal was still the best one of the three presented. The costs for the Dell would be \$968.46, for the tower, firewall etc. and \$4,041.20 for the computer itself. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the purchase of the Dell server system and related equipment and software proposal which is the recommendation of the Assessor and her consultant in the amount of \$5,009.66 to be charged to the equipment fund and software and licenses.** Since the Assessor has the control over how her budget is spent, **a motion to withdraw the motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown.**

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

There was no report from the Clerk. Road Commissioner Schultz reported that Curran is finishing up paving in Maplehurst and Peter Baker is behind due to all the rain but will be starting to grind roads tomorrow. Hopefully, weather permitting, he'll begin paving Harper Drive soon after. The Road Commissioner will be getting costs for the repair to Powers Rd. at the toll way overpass. Trustee Schuldt commented that he has contacted some sign people about the new sign for the township hall. Assessor Siers reminded the Board about winterizing the trailer with heat tape around her water pipes and asked for someone to change her furnace filters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mack Titus addressed the Board regarding the Assessor's web site. He'd like to see the search by model option reinstated. The Assessor replied that some options had to be dropped due to costs.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Vote:

Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-09-06, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee