# RUTLAND TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 11, 2010

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The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting in the Town Hall. Supervisor Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rutland Township resident Robert Stuehler led us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: supervisor Sanders, Clerk Schultz, Trustees Schuldt, Schultz, Swanson and Whalen. Also present were Assessor Siers, and Highway Commissioner Schultz.

#### **MINUTES**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of April 13, 2010 regular board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Whalen to accept the minutes of the board meeting of April 2010 as presented. Vote: Roll call 2010-05-01

Schuldt aye Whalen aye Swanson aye Schultz aye

Sanders aye Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Sanders asked the trustees if we could move the signing of the documents on the agenda to after the April bills, this would give us more time to accept the resignation of Trustee Patrick Whalen. A motion was made by Trustee Swanson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to move signing of documents up to after April's bills and salaries. Vote: Roll call. 2010-05-02

Swanson aye Schultz aye Schuldt aye Sanders aye

Whalen aye Motion carried.

The auditors were here last week and will be getting Rutland Townships audit report ready. It is up to us if we would like to have someone from the auditing firm present to answer questions.

Trustee Schuldt suggested that we get a copy of the audit to review before having someone from Tighe, Kress & Orr present it.

Supervisor Sanders than talk of the flowers that were planted outside. The basil seeds for the Kane County Fair, and that she will be attending the Kane County Township Officials meeting and the Illinois Township Attorneys Seminar down in Bloomington. Also in the binders was a Memorandum regarding Township Cemeteries for the Trustees.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment: by two ladies from Sun City who were not aware of our new public comment procedure. They wanted to know why Rutland Township does not have activities for the senior citizens like Grafton Township. It was discussed that we do not have the funds or extra revenue to do those things. It was then discussed that we are still the lowest tax base in Kane County, and to add activities in would cost the tax payers more. Also mentioned was communication between the Township and the residents with a news letter on line, that would have costs to the Township therefore would also increase taxes.

#### **FINANCIALS**

The Financial reports for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010 for the Town and Road were distributed in the Trustee note books last month for their consideration at this time, there for a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Town and Road financials as presented for the May 2010 meeting. Vote: Roll call. 2010-05-03

Schuldt aye Whalen aye Swanson aye Schultz aye

Sanders aye Motion Carried.

The Financial reports for the 1 month ending April 30, 2010 were included in the Trustees notebooks for their consideration at next month's meeting.

## **BILL AND SALARIES**

Discussion on the Town bills began with Supervisor Sanders stating that there is a slight error on the AT & T bill for the town. It is off by .01 cent. It reads \$194.98 and it should be \$194.97. With that adjustment we have a total for salaries for the town of \$10,057.78, with a total of invoice of \$9,263.88, which makes the total claim in the amount of \$19,321.66. The TOIRMA bill for the township came in higher than what was budgeted.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Swanson to approve the April 2010 bill for the town as presented for the May 2010 meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.

2010-05-04

Schuldt aye Swanson aye Schultz aye Sanders aye

Whalen aye Motion carried.

Discussion on the Road bills began with Supervisor Sanders correcting an error on a bill for Ramsey A. Mowers who had done the electric on the new salt door. The total bill was to be in the amount of \$562.50, not the \$502.91 which was listed. This changes the total of unpaid bills to the amount of \$17,576.06. With salaries of \$13,502.70 and unpaid invoices of \$17,576.06, for a total claim of \$31,078.76, a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Schultz to approve the April 2010 bills for the Road District as presented for the May 2010 meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.

2010-05-05

Schuldt aye Schultz aye Sanders aye Whalen aye

Swanson aye Motion carried.

#### **DOCUMENT SIGNING**

At this time the documents were signed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS**

Discussion on the evergreen tree from previous discussions continued with the decision to pull the tree out and not replace it at this time. It was decided not to plant flowers out by the sign, but to bring them up closer to the door. Township Officials Seminar Training coming up in July. Supervisor Sanders and Clerk Schultz will be attending. Resignation of Trustee Whalen.

# **RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE WHALEN**

At this time Trustee Patrick Whalen let us know that his personal interests have changed and that he can no longer fulfill his commitment to Rutland Township. He thanked everyone for their support. With the resignation of Trustee Whalen Supervisor Sanders went over the

procedure for filling the Trustee vacancy. It is up to the Trustees and Supervisor to elect a new Trustee. If the vote ends up being a tie the Clerk shall cast the deciding vote.

The Township has 60 days to fill the vacancy, which will need to be done at the June 2010 meeting since the July 2010 meeting will be more than 60 days out. It is Supervisor Sanders recommendation that we fill the vacancy at the June 2010 meeting. There are several people interested in the position at this time.

## **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

Assessor Siers reported that the tax bills have gone out early this year and her phones are very busy. The first installment for tax bills are due June 1, 2010.

Highway Commissioner Schultz did confirm that Geske and Sons was awarded the contract bid for our blacktopping by the county.

Trustee Schuldt has been in contact with a church that is considering the possibly an outreach program for residents in need in Rutland Township.

Trustee Swanson questioned if we have always given payment to moderator at the Annual meeting, and yes he/she receives a payment for that position.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Swanson to adjourn the May 2010 meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote: voice vote. All Ayes. 2010-05-06 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DEBRA SCHULTZ, TOWNSHIP CLERK	
MARGARET SANDERS, SUPERVISOR	STEVE SCHULDT, TRUSTEE
KATHERINE SCHULTZ, TRUSTEE	BEULAH SWANSON, TRUSTEE
PATRICK WHALEN, TRUSTEE	