

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular board meeting in the Township Hall after the business of the Budget hearings. In attendance were Supervisor Sanders, clerk Schultz, Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Schultz, and Swanson. Also present were Assessor Siers and Highway commissioner Schultz.

With the closing of the Budget Hearings for both the Township and the Road District Supervisor Sanders asked for a motion to open the regular board meeting. **A motion was made by Trustee Schultz and seconded by Trustee Swanson to open the regular board meeting of March 13, 2012. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-06

Schultz	yes	
Swanson	yes	
Payson	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Sanders	yes	Motion Carried.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 14, 2012 board meeting. **A motion was made by Trustee Schultz and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2012 board meeting as presented. Vote: voice vote. All ayes.**

2012-03-07

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by three residents of Rutland Township; Herm Faubl, Fred Buhlmann, and Al Roberts. The subject matter brought to the board attention were the Assessors budget, Thanks for a conservative budget and being frugal with the tax payers monies, also the process of the model search which would make it easier for the tax payers with their assessments.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2012 for the Town and Road District were distributed in the Trustee notebooks last month for their consideration at this time. First up is the Road District, Supervisor Sanders going over some of the totals as of January 31, 2012, noting that we are still under budget at this time, but have two more months to get through. There were no questions or discussions on the Road District financials. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to accept the financial reports for the Road District as presented for the March 13, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-08

Schuldt	yes
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Payson yes
 Schultz yes
 Swanson yes
 Sanders yes **Motion Carried.**

The financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2012 for the Town were up for discussion next. Supervisor Sanders than went over some of the totals as of January 31, 2012 also noting that we are under budget at this time still having two months to go. With no further discussion a **motion was made by Trustee Schuldts and seconded by Trustee Swanson to accept the Town financials as presented for the Mach 13, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-09

Schuldt yes
 Swanson yes
 Payson yes
 Sanders yes
 Schultz yes **Motion Carried.**

The financial reports for the eleventh month ending February 29, 2012 were distributed in the Trustees notebooks for their consideration at next month's board meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

Discussion on the Town bills began with Supervisor Sanders going over the totals, with bills in the amount of \$7,880.46 and salaries in the amount of \$10,783.12 for a total in the amount of \$18,663.58. Trustee Payson questioned the bill for Steven Surnicki in the amount of \$5,000.00. Assessor Siers explained that it was his fee for helping her with the Board of Reviews. With no further questions a **motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to approve the bills in the amount of \$18,663.58 as presented for the March 13, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-10

Payson yes
 Schultz yes
 Schuldts yes
 Sanders yes
 Swanson yes **Motion Carried**

Discussion on the Road District bills began with Supervisor Sanders going over the totals. Invoices for the Road District are in the amount of \$35,461.97 and salaries are in the amount of \$11,629.25 for a total amount of \$47,091.22. With no discussion or questions a **motion was made by Trustee Schuldts and seconded by Trustee Payson to accept the Road district bills in the amount of \$47,091.22 as presented for the March 13, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll Call vote.**

2012-03-11

Schuldt yes
 Payson yes
 Swanson yes
 Schultz yes
 Sanders yes **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS MATTERS**ANNUAL MEETING:** Approve-Agenda and Moderator Stipend

Supervisor Sanders than read the items on the Annual Agenda, with a slight error to the date of the Annual meeting, adding a line for discussion of the mosquito abatement to also include cost, Action to be taken on the mosquito abatement services to be before open discussion and Trustee Schuldt would like to have prayer added to after the Pledge to the Flag. With the corrections being done **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to accept the Annual Meeting agenda as presented with the minor corrections to be amended. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-12

Payson	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Schultz	yes	
Swanson	no	
Sanders	yes	Motion Carried.

TOPICS DAY- This is a meeting in Springfield for the Township Officials to gather together and discuss with their leaders their concerns. The date happens to fall on May 8, 2012 which is the Tuesday we have our meeting scheduled and it would need to be changed. Discussion continued on who was available and what dates would work for everyone if we changed the meeting. The date agreed upon is Thursday May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to allow the change of the meeting date. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-13

Payson	yes	
Schultz	yes	
Swanson	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Sanders	yes	Motion Carried.

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE- The landscaping contract from Ray and Dave's has arrived. It is the same cost as last year. Discussion continued about the services, fuel charge and materials. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Swanson to accept the contract of law mowing services from Ray and Daves as presented for the March 13, 2012 Township board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-14

Schuldt	yes	
Swanson	yes	
Payson	yes	
Sanders	yes	
Schultz	yes	Motion Carried.

QUICKBOOKS ASSISTED PAYROLL-The comparison sheets were in the Trustees notebooks to look over. The savings going to this system would be around \$900.00 per year. Discussion continued on the fees, and the process of the system. **A motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to switch over to the QuickBooks assist system for payroll. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-15

Payson	yes
Schuldt	yes
Schultz	yes

Swanson yes

Sanders yes Motion Carried.

MODERATOR STIPEND-The stipend for the moderator is a fee given for the duties placed upon at the Annual Meeting. Last year's fee was \$50.00 and the year before was \$80.00. This year the Board agreed to keep it the same as last year in the amount of \$50.00. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to \$50.00 for the stipend for the moderator of the Annual meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-03-16

Schuldt yes

Payson yes

Swanson yes

Schultz yes

Sanders yes Motion Carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Assessor Siers reported that she was finishing up with the 2011 assessments, and that 2012 assessments are moving right along.

Highway Commissioner Schultz reported on the closing of Big Timber Road due to the bridge being worked on, next week the gravel roads will begin being worked on, so watch out for the equipment, and taking place in May will be the down and dirty event.

Clerk Schultz stated that she is in contact with a representative for Clark Environmental about the mosquito abatement issue.

Supervisor Sanders then read an article published in the paper about the DNR.

DOCUMENT SIGNING

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to adjourn the Board meeting of March 13,2012 at 8:30 p.m. Vote: Voice vote. All ayes.**

2012-03-17

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Debra Schultz, Township Clerk

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Katherine Schultz, Trustee

Beulah Swanson, Trustee

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor