

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

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The Rutland Township board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Sanders called the meeting to order, Clerk Schultz lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Schultz, Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Schultz and Swanson. Also present were Assessor Siers and Highway commissioner Schultz. Our Kane County Representative T. R. Smith was also in attendance.

AUDIT REPORT FROM TIGHE KRESS & ORR, BRENDA REYNOLDS

Supervisor Sanders than introduced Brenda Reynolds, she is our representative from Tighe Kress & Orr. Brenda is here to go over the annual audit report and to answer any question the Board of Trustees may have. Brenda thanked the board for another year of meeting their mission of running a cost effective, modesty spending Township. Basically the analysis shows an increase of equity net position of 1.91%, and the township is debt free. Taxes increased 1.77% which is a very modest increase in real estate taxes. Our expenditures went down 3.17% which shows that the Board is aware of cost and that we are spending the money wisely. The total cash at the end of the year was \$763 thousand and current equipment number is \$1.5 million which could replace 1/2 of the depreciated equipment. The AFR is being submitted this week. She then asked the board if they had any questions. Trustee Schuldt than asked about another set of eyes on the book due to no longer having a bookkeeper. Brenda stated that we are a small entity and the Board is very active in overseeing the bills that is extra set of eyes and that should be no problem. She suggested that if the board wanted to setup a second signature to do so on possible amounts over \$5,000.00 or what the board would agree to. Trustee Payson than asked her if she thought that financially we are pretty sound. She state that we are very strong, we are increasing our net worth slowly, not over spending, and there is enough in the reserve to continue operating for 3-6 months with no money coming though the door. She than thanked the Board for working with them this year and took her leave.

MINUTES

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

2012-09-01

PUBLIC COMMENT

T. R. Smith made comment that the Forest Preserve refinanced 7 million Forest Preserve land which was refinanced at a rate of .46%. It was previously at 5%. Settlers Hill project will go on since he was unsuccessful in tabling it for another month. Kane County will spend 39 thousand on an economic impact study when on environmental study has been done. The rabies tag fee has been raised from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Trustee Payson asked T.R. if he knows anything about the Kane County pay hike at 2%. There are a couple different items in the mill. One is an overall 2% pay increase for all non-union

workers of Kane County. The Second is a 2% stipend, not on top of their salary and will not increase the salaries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the fourth month ending July 31, 2012 for the town were in the Trustee notebooks for their consideration at this time. With no discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Swanson to accept the financial reports for the town as presented for the September 11, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-09-02 Payson yes, Swanson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes. Motion carried.

The financial reports for the fourth month ending July 31, 2012 for the Road District were in the Trustee notebooks for their consideration at this time. With no discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Swanson to accept the financial reports for the Road District as presented for the September 11, 2012 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-09-03 Payson yes, Swanson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes. Motion carried.

The financial reports for the fifth month ending August 31, 2012 were in the Trustee notebooks for their consideration at next month's meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

Discussion began with Supervisor Sanders going over the town bills. Salaries are in the amount of \$10,610.09 and bills in the amount of \$6,385.66 for a total of \$16,995.75. Trustee Payson asked a question about the officials transportation allowance compensation. Supervisor Sanders than discussed with the Trustees the Ordinance for Official compensation which she sent out to them previously that was set by the previous board in November of 2008. With no further questions **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to accept the bills for August in the amount of \$16,995.75 for the September 11, 2012 meeting as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-09-04 Payson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Swanson yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Road District bill began with Supervisor Sanders going over the totals, with invoices in the amount of \$5,370.75 and salaries in the amount of \$10,223.08 for a total of \$15,593.83. Discussion continued on a machine that makes hoses, and the worth of the truck being bid out. Commissioner Schultz than discussed how he ran his dept. Then he discussed the roads in the township getting overlay. With no further question **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to accept the bills of August for the September 11, 2012 as presented. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2012-09-05 Payson yes, Steve yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Sanders yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Sanders discussed the Township of Kane County Annual Dinner on October 17. Also the Legislative Issue Proposal that was included in the Trustee notebook.

OTHER BUSINESS-Adopt official's Compensation Ordinance RU-2012-08

Supervisor Sanders opened with as serious statement that we need to get this item completed. Trustee Payson asked to table this resolution for further discussion. **A motion was made by Trustee Payson and**

seconded by Trustee Schuldt to table resolution RU-2012-08 at the present time for further discussion.

Vote: Roll call vote.

2012-09-06 Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Sanders yes. Motion Carried

Discussion then continued on Compensation for the newly elect officials for the April 9, 2013 election starting with the Supervisor's salary at the present time and what it would increase. The same for the Clerk's position, Assessors, Highway Commissioner, and Trustees with everyone trying to make some kind of agreement. Supervisor Sanders than reviewed at this time the compensation the board has discussed. The Officials Compensation will increase slightly, starting with the position of Supervisor with a salary of \$21,500.00 locked for four years and the Road District Treasure stays the same at \$1,000.00 with transportation allowance of 600.00 paid quarterly. The Clerk's position will increase slightly for a salary of \$10,750.00 for four years with transportation assistance in the amount of \$600.00 paid quarterly. The Trustees will remain the same locked in at \$100.00 per meeting. The Assessors will increase to \$43,000.00 for the four year term starting January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2018 and transportation allowance of \$1,480.00 paid quarterly. The Highway Commissioner position will be \$38,500.00 for four years and transportation allowance of 2,100.00 paid quarterly. All transportation allowance will have CPI increases yearly if any at the time.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Clerk Schultz talked about the upcoming General Election, voter registration and absentee voting.

The petitions for the township election of April 9, 2013 can start circulating September 25,2012.

Road commissioner Schultz said the County will be closing Big Timber Road form the Township to RT 72 beginning September 17 until December 1, 2012.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion a motion was made by Truatee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.. Vote: Voice vote. All ayes.

2012-09-07

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Debra Schultz, Township Clerk

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Katherine Schultz, Trustee

Beulah Swanson, Trustee

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor