

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
JULY 12, 2005
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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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 7:30 P.m., this was followed by the pledge to the flag and a prayer given by Al Roberts. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford and Schuldt. Trustee Brown was absent. Also present was Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bulmahn announced that the agenda would be amended so that Al Roberts, speaking on behalf of Assessor Fritz, and Nabi Fakroddin, from Smith Engineering, could present their reports at the beginning of the meeting and then leave due to prior commitments. The Supervisor also stated that the discussion with Mr. Fakroddin would be during bills and salaries for the Road District. A large payout is being paid to both Smith Engineering and Curran Construction so it would be appropriate during that time for the Board to address any questions they might have.

Supervisor Bulmahn informed the meeting that State Representative Tim Schmitz would be at the Township hall on July 28, 2005 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. He encouraged everyone to come and address any questions or concerns they might have at that time. He also asked that the Board members be there and introduce themselves to him as well, also to discuss when or if the Township will be receiving the second half of the Grant from the state used for the paving of the parking lot.

It was noted that there were a couple of re-zoning applications. One for annexation of 7 AC of property on the north corner of McCornack Road & Highland Ave. Anyone interested in that can go to the hearing on July 27, 5005 at 7:00 p.m. The second notice was for property on Freeman Road, called Eva Estates.

MINUTES

They're being no additions or corrections to the minutes. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the minutes of June 12, 2005 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote.

2005-07-01 Motion carried unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A Motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial reports of May 31, 2005. Vote: Voice vote

2005-07-02 Motion carried unanimously

A brief explanation by Supervisor Bulmahn followed regarding the resolution for changing the times of the Board meetings. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve Resolution # RU2005-20 changing all Board Meeting times to 7:00 p.m. Special meetings will be as called. Vote: Roll call vote**

2005-07-03

Schuldt	yes	
Stelford	yes	
Tessendorf	yes	
Bulmahn	yes	Motion carried unanimously

BILLS

The Road District Bills for July were then discussed. They amounted to \$547,050.81 for vendors, with salaries of \$6,605.13 for a total of \$553,655.94. It was noted the different fund areas from which payments are made, with P being for permanent funds for road expenses, R the road and bridge fund, for overhead expenses, the I account is for IDOT, with the last area for equipment. The second installment of the Smith Engineering bill of phase three was approved last month. It wasn't paid at that time as Supervisor Bulmahn asked that Nabi Fakroddin, from Smith Engineering, attend tonight's meeting to address any questions or comments by the board. Smith Engineering has also requested, on Curran's behalf, payment of \$538,388.63. The Township has also requested the return of the waiver of lien held by Curran. The payment will be made out of the IDOT account. Two signatures are required on that account one being Al Roberts and the second Supervisor Bulmahn. The bill for Civil Engineering Services was for the flooding problem on Binnie Road. Mr. Fakroddin then addressed the Board and explained that \$882,000.00 worth of work has been completed in Phase Three. He will also return the waiver of lien as soon as possible. Road Commissioner Schultz noted some problems with some of the shoulder work on Hidden Knolls Road. Mr. Fakroddin assured Commissioner Schultz that Smith Engineering would take care of any problems with

Curran Construction. It was also noted that striping for main repaved roads was included in the contract. The bridgework on McCornack Road was then discussed. Commissioner Schultz stated that the bridge was 4-5" too low and Mr. Fakroddin stated that he would address the problem with Kane County and will report back to the Board at the next meeting. Trustee Tessendorf noted that he had previously asked Mr. Fakroddin to provide the elevations for the bridge but he did not receive them. Supervisor Bulmahn stated that he and Commissioner Schultz had met with Mr. Fakroddin regarding the canceling of the Smith Engineering contract. It was determined that since the work was almost finished it wouldn't be feasible to do so. He also feels, as did the previous Board, that their charges were excessive. Supervisor Bulmahn then asked Mr. Fakroddin if Smith Engineering had donated any money to the political campaign of any candidate in Rutland Township in the last election? He answered by saying that he had not donated to Tom Koppie's campaign but that Smith Engineering often donates to political campaigns of candidates. Trustee Schuldt asked if Smith Engineering would be willing to accept the costs of the testing bills? Mr. Fakroddin said that he did not have the authority to amend the existing contract by agreeing to do that but that he would bring it to Smith's Vice President.

Al Roberts, from the Assessor's office, then reported to the Board. He stated that their office is well on the way toward getting through the 2005 assessments. Assessor Fritz hopes to have all the assessments for Sun City done by August 1st. When that's finished he'll move on to Timber Trails Subdivision and then the rest of the Township. He'll thereby finish and then start the appeal process well before the end of the year. He's also hoping to keep appeals to a minimum. Once assessments are published Assessor Fritz wants people to come in and ask any questions or discuss any problems. Then, if they need an appointment he can hopefully take care of things locally without having to go to the County. Hours for the assessor's office are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office is not open on Fridays, but Mr. Roberts is there Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The public PC is in place but isn't ready to go as yet. Eventually, information from the property record cards will be put on the Public PC for access by the residents.

Supervisor Bulmahn then asked if there were further questions from the Board regarding the road bills, and there were none. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the bills for the road district totaling \$553,655.94 for the month of June, 2005 which include the large draws for Smith Engineering and Curran Construction.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2005-07-04	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes

Motion carried unanimously

Supervisor Bulmahn then reviewed the Town Bills with the Board. Total invoices for the Town are \$6,332.36 with gross salaries of \$11,113.09. There being no questions by the Board, **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town bills for the month of June, 2005 totaling \$17,445.45.** Vote: Roll call

vote.2005-07-05	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Tessendorf	yes

Motion carried unanimously

A brief discussion followed regarding the MFT fund balance report. The road district receives approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500 of motor fuel tax per month and the Board will receive this report monthly. The balance in this account as of May 6, 2005 is \$14,144.19. These funds are distributed by the county to the township. Since these funds have not been included by the auditors in township funds the Supervisor will discuss this with them tomorrow.

The Board then discussed the re-appointment of Siefert & Co. as auditors for the township for the fiscal year ending 3-31-05. The Supervisor recommends using them again as they've been very fair with us, are very qualified, and they also do a lot of municipal work. Their audit fee will be approximately \$5,500, which is 20% higher this year. This is due to the requirement of the resolution for capitalization of equipment as fixed assets. This requires additional paperwork and time on the auditors part there fore necessitating the higher fee. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to retain Siefert & Co. to do our annual audit and also**

prepare the IL Annual Controllers Report on line. Vote:

Roll call vote.2005-07-06	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes

Motion carried unanimously

The Clerk reminded the Trustees to turn in their bios for the web site. She also hopes to have new precinct maps from Representative Kudlicki sometime in August.

Road Commissioner Schultz presented his report to the Board beginning with the list of total man-hours for the month of June. The Commissioner is also currently comparing the bids for the purchase of the new truck. He will let the Board know at the next meeting which bid is accepted. Jan Siers questioned why grass wasn't mowed on areas of Powers Rd. and the Commissioner explained that we don't pay overtime for mowing but he will check the location to see if the area is accessible to our mowers. He is currently awaiting delivery of chloride for the graded roads. A brief discussion followed regarding Smith Engineering and their charges. It was noted by Trustee Tessendorf that we are beating a dead horse on this issue and therefore shouldn't be wasting our time. The Board concurred. Resident Frank Albergo asked if we had obtained bids with and without the trade-in of our old truck? The Commissioner stated that we wanted a trade-in as we don't want to keep it.

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

