

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
MARCH 14, 2006
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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Supervisor Bulmahn called the regular monthly meeting of the Rutland Township board to order at the township hall at 7:00 p.m. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present were Road Commissioner Schultz and Assessor Siers.

MINUTES

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes so a **motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the minutes of February 14, 2006.** Voice vote, 4 ayes. 1 abstain, Trustee Brown.
2006-03-01 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

There were no questions on the January financial reports so, a **motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adopt the 10-month ending January 31, 2006 financial reports.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2006-03-02 Motion carried unanimously.

The financial statements for the town and the road for the 11 months ending February 28, 2006 were presented to the Board in their notebooks for their information and review. A brief discussion on the statements followed. Adoption will be considered at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The Township bills for month of February 2006 were then discussed. Gross salaries for the month were \$8,899.75 with prepaid bills of \$198.90 and unpaid bills of \$3,022.07. Total claims for the month are \$12,120.72. Following a brief discussion a **motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Township bills for the month ending February 28, 2006 in the amount of \$12,120.72.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-03-03

Brown	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Bulmahn	yes	
Stelford	yes	
Tessendorf	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

The Supervisor then went over the bills for the Road District. Salaries totaled \$\$8,774.00 with \$710.13 in prepaid bills and \$30,420.43 in unpaid bills for the month of February 2006. Total claims were \$40,818.04. The final bill for the McCornack Road Bridge is included in this months expenses and will be paid out of the IDOT grant account. **A motion was made by Trustee Stelford and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Road District bills for the month ending February 28, 2006 in the amount of \$40,818.04.**

Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-03-04

Brown	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Bulmahn	yes	
Stelford	yes	
Tessendorf	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

The next order of business was the resolution for the withdrawal of emergency services provided under the general assistance program. We will still be responsible for the traditional general assistance services program so that will continue. The resolution would authorize the clerk and the supervisor to enter into a contract with Elgin Township enabling them to administer the Emergency General Assistance Program on behalf of Rutland Township beginning April 1, 2006. This year's budget will show \$200.00 per month for this service. The proposed contract will be presented to the Board for their approval. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution #RU 2006-07 the General Assistance-Emergency Services Board of Trustees Resolution dated March 14, 2006.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-03-04

Tessendorf	yes	
Stelford	yes	
Bulmahn	yes	
Schuldt	yes	
Brown	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATIONS

Discussion followed on the proposed Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal 2006. This amendment to the budget does not change the bottom line of the budget but simply revises some various accounts. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to**

approve the Rutland Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #RU 2006-04 for the fiscal year April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-03-05

Tessendorf	yes
Stelford	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Schuldt	yes
Brown	yes Motion carried unanimously.

The resolution for the Town Fund amendments to the fiscal 2006 budget was then discussed. Once again there is no change to the budgets bottom line. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adopt the amendments for the Town Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal 2006 #RU 2006-03.** Vote: Roll call vote. 2006-03-06

Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Stelford	yes
Tessendorf	yes Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was preliminary discussion of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinances for the Town, Assessor, and Road District. The board agreed to hold the budget hearing at the May 9, 2006 board meeting. The budgets are to be adopted at that time. The budgets will be available to the public April 7, 2006. The Road District budget was the first one discussed with questions from the board regarding road repairs, equipment and salaries addressed. At a straw poll the Trustees agreed on the Road District budget.

The preliminary Town Fund Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was next up for discussion. This budget as well as the Road Districts shows a deficit balance and is being done in order for us to use up some of our reserves. If this is not done we could have challenges from taxpayers saying that we're accumulating too much money. With 95% of our money coming in primarily at the beginning of the year we need some in order to operate during the last six months of the year. Questions pertaining to salaries, legal services, mileage, insurance, and the assessor's expenses were then addressed. This was followed by a lengthy discussion on the assessors' budget. Questions regarding

maintenance and custodial expenses, travel, software, salaries, and the 10% overall increase in her budget were also addressed. The budgets for the townships of Hampshire, Plato, Campton, and Blackberry were discussed and compared to Rutland's and also the Road Districts budget increase. The Supervisor agreed to furnish the 2005 budget for the Road District for the trustee's review and information. The assessor stated that she needed the requested amount for her budget or she would not be able to operate. The next budget hearing and further discussion will be at the regular board meeting of April 11, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. prior to the Annual Meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

The Clerk reported that she has been working here since the 27th of February on the Early Voting. So far there have been a total of 40 voters with no problems or complaints on the actual voting but some with the equipment. Early voting continues till the 16th of March with absentee voting, only, on the 17th and 20th.

Road Commissioner Schultz then gave a report on the upcoming needed road repairs with a ballpark on the costs to do them. He will have more accurate amounts for the next meeting but he wanted to give the board an approximate idea, for now, on what to expect.

OTHER BUSINESS

A brief discussion followed on the proposed new ComEd electric lines.

ADJOURN

There being no further business a motion was made by **Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2006-03-07 Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee