

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Township Hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and then asked Trustee Payson to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Schuldt, Payson and Eaton. Trustee Bulmahn was absent. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**MOTION TO APPROVE OR AMEND THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the agenda as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. 2017-02-01

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2017**

Trustee Schuldt asked Trustee Eaton which of the auditors he had questioned about the legality of the deficiencies they had listed. Trustee Eaton responded that he didn't remember the auditors name. **A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the minutes of January 10, 2017 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. 2017-02-02

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Mack Titus spoke about the forum in Sun City, Huntley. Jim Darrow had questions regarding candidates running in the election. Supervisor Sanders reminded everyone about the next meeting of the Kane County Township Officials of Illinois meeting on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. She said that the meeting is about the Kane County Forest Preserves.

**APPROVAL-TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 2016**

There being no discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the financial reports for the 9 months ending December 31, 2016 for the Township.** Vote: Roll Call Vote, Payson yes, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, motion carried. 2017-02-03 There was no discussion on the Road District Financials so, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the financial reports for the 9 months ending December 31, 2016 for the Road District.** Vote: Roll Call Vote, Payson yes, Eaton yes, Sanders yes, Schuldt yes, motion carried. 2017-02-04

**PRESENTATION-TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE 10 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2017**

There was a brief discussion on the January 2017 Township Financial Reports as well as the Road District Reports. Concerns were addressed regarding the costs of the phone bills.

**REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF JANUARY 2017 BILLS**

The Supervisor then addressed the bill from Attorney Roeser stating that the amount of his bill is more then we have left in the legal account. Trustee Eaton questioned why Mr. Roeser had to be present at the court hearing and the Supervisor wondered if there would be more amounts to come. Trustee Schuldt asked the Clerk to contact Attorney Roeser regarding the possibility of an additional discount on his bill. Discussion followed on several of the Town bills then, **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded**

by Trustee Schuldt to approve the January 2017 bills for gross salaries of \$11,867.19, invoices of \$2,147.53, auto payments of \$559.54 and Quickbooks charges of \$122.75 for a Total of \$14,697.01. Vote: Roll call vote, Payson: yes, Schuldt: yes, Supervisor Sanders: yes, Eaton: yes. 2017-02-05. A brief discussion followed on the Road District Bills. **A motion was then made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the January 2017 Road District bills in the amounts of \$13,438.71 for salaries, invoices of \$14,337.16, auto payments of \$772.39, Quickbooks charges of \$191.75, and employee insurance reimbursement of \$3,000.00 for a Total of \$31,740.01.** Vote: Roll call vote, Payson: yes, Eaton: yes, Schuldt: yes, Sanders: yes. 2017-02-06 motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS - APPROVE ORDINANCE RU2017-01 TO REGULATE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Discussion ensued on the Ordinance with the Clerk requesting the Boards permission to speak. They agreed and she produced a copy of the Reimbursement Ordinance for Hanover Township. Their Ordinance shows limits for all travel expenses that would be reimbursed for any trips by Elected Officials or Employees. Ours does not. The Clerk feels that since this Ordinance is required by the State of IL, and is forever superseding all others, we need to have limits. The discussion continued regarding necessary seminars for officials, employee's ability to go to interview vendors or contractors etc. and the lack of any stipulation for limits prior to attending or going to any of these. The Assessor stated that when she attends a seminar or class etc. she knows what she has in her budget allocated for these expenses. Following the discussion, the Board agreed that some changes are necessary to this Ordinance and **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to table the Ordinance RU2017—1 till next month and will review the Ordinance from Hanover Township.** Vote: Voice vote, 3 ayes 1 nay, Supervisor Sanders, 2017-02-07 motion carried.

### **REVIEW AUDIT BIDS**

Following a brief discussion, a motion **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to table a decision on the audit bids till next month.** Vote: Voice vote 2 ayes, Schuldt & Payson, 2 nays, Sanders and Eaton motion failed. 2017-02-08. **A motion was then made by Trustee Eaton and seconded by Supervisor Sanders to accept K & A Auditors bid of \$7,500 for the audit.** Vote: Eaton: yes, Sanders: yes, Schuldt: no, Payson: no, 2017-02-09 motion failed.

The Audit bids will be put on the March agenda for determination at that time.

### **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS**

The Clerk thanked Kathleen Rendl for doing a nice job on the minutes last month. Trustee Schuldt asked about the fees from Township Officials of Illinois and the Supervisor stated that she uses them as an information source. She also concurred that their information is not technically legal. Trustee Schuldt once again sited the deficiencies noted at the Township by several audit firms over the years and the fact that the Supervisor refuses to correct any of them. The Supervisor said that she's an honest person and that the letter from the auditors is sent to everyone that doesn't follow the recommended accounting practices. She then **made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm** while there was laughter and applause from the Assessor, the Road Commissioner, and her constituents in the audience. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, 2017-02-10 motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Township Clerk

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Margaret Sanders, Supervisor

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

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John Payson, Trustee

Ray Eaton, Trustee

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Fred Bulmahn, Trustee