

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 16, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING**

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The Rutland Township Board had its regular monthly meeting deferred to a special meeting on February 16, 2007 due to bad weather. Supervisor Bulmahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then followed with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

SUPPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor noted that tonight's meeting would be mainly a workshop for discussion on the upcoming budgets for the town and road. He also stated that the pipes had frozen under the Assessor's trailer and that she and her staff is temporarily using the washroom facilities here in the town hall. He expressed his regrets to Assessor Siers for the inconvenience but doing the repairs while everything's frozen would be very costly. Precautions will be taken when in the future so this situation doesn't happen again.

The Supervisor then noted the annual meeting date of April 10th and that the date of the Budget Hearing of March 13th 2007 has been duly published in the newspaper.

MINUTES

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes a **motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-02-01 Motion carried unanimously.

FIANACIAL REPORTS

There were no questions or additions to the December 31, 2006 financial statements so a **motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the financial statements for the nine months ending December 31, 2006 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-02-02 Motion carried unanimously.

The Trustees have been given the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2007 for their information and discussion at next months meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The bills for January 2007 for the town were next to be discussed with salaries of \$20,311.16, prepaid bills of \$764.36, unpaid bills of \$3,118.84 and total claims of \$24,194.36. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town bills for the month of January 2007 for the gross amount of \$24,194.36 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-02-03 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

The road bills for January 2007 were next on the agenda with salaries of \$10,414.75, prepaid bills of \$925.98, unpaid bills of \$8,843.64 and total claims of \$20,184.37. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the road bills for the month of January 2007 for the gross amount of \$20,184.37.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-02-03 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes
 Stelford yes
 Tessendorf yes Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN-ROAD DISTRICT

Supervisor Bulmahn informed the board that he's been getting quotes and information from vendors and suppliers on health benefit plans and signage for the town and the cemetery. He will have a report for them at next months meeting.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION (FYE 3-31-08) TOWN & ROAD

The next item on the agenda was preliminary discussion of the Budget and Appropriations ordinances for the Town, Assessor and the Road District. Notice has been published that the public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will take place at the town hall at 7:15 p.m. on March 13, 2007 and final action on these Ordinances will take place at that time. The preliminary budgets were available for public inspection on February 9, 2007. The Town Fund Budget was the first to be discussed with the Supervisor going over each of the line items. Discussion pertaining to salaries, mileage, and insurance were also addressed.

The preliminary Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was next up for discussion. This budget as well as the Town Budget shows a deficit balance and is being done to use up some of our reserves while incomes will also be going up. Questions from the Board regarding road repairs, new equipment, salaries, building maintenance, and the proposed intergovernmental agreement with Pingree Grove were also addressed as well as the income from permits. Commissioner Schultz agreed to check into the amount of income for the intergovernmental agreement with Pingree Grove so it can be included in his budget income. The Road Commissioner also plans to look for a new salt truck in his next budget.

The Assessor's Budget was then discussed. Questions from the Board regarding a cost breakdown on her payroll, new computer and software costs, the quadrennial reassessment, internet costs and future employee benefits were also addressed. The Assessor agreed to provide the Board with further detail on her budget requests for next months meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Road Commissioner Schultz noted the many hours of snow plowing done by his crew. He will also have his man-hours report at next months meeting.

Assessor Siers then reiterated her request for the repairs to the water pipes under her office trailer. The Board agreed that the repairs would be too cost prohibitive while the ground is still frozen and that it would be best to wait till the weather warms up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sun City resident Betty Zirk addressed the Board regarding financial support for the Grafton Shuttle bus service. It was determined that the Township could not afford to support this effort, as it would only be for the residents of Sun City and not all of Rutland.

Resident Mack Titus from Sun City then addressed the Board asking the Assessor how many appeals came from Rutland Township last year and how many of those were from Sun City? She informed Mr. Titus that there were 25 appeals from Rutland and 22 of those were from Sun City. Mr. Titus also asked if any water supply studies had been done before all the development took place and also offered his opinion on the previous budget discussion.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2007-02-04 Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee