

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP  
TOWN FUND BUDGET HEARING  
MARCH 13, 2007**

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The Rutland Township Board held the Town Fund Budget Hearing at 7:45 p.m. in the town hall for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed budget. Roll call showed the following board members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz.

**A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to open the Budget Hearing for the Town Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried  
2007-03-11

The first item discussed was the Transfer of Appropriation from the General Town Fund. We'll be transferring unspent amounts from our legal service account, trustees fees, (reducing from two budgeted special meetings to one) and capital outlay equipment money for a total of \$3,650.00. We'll be transferring the money to administrative salaries and unemployment taxes that goes with it, telephone, dues, travel, insurance expense liability, other expense, and office expense, for a total of \$3,650.00 of overspent items. Following questions, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Transfer of Appropriation from the General Town fund to the general administrative accounts only, excluding the Assessor's accounts, in the amount of \$3,650.00 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-03-12	Brown	yes
	Schuldt	yes
	Bulmahn	yes
	Tessendorf	yes
	Stelford	yes

Motion carried unanimously

The next item covered was the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #RU2007-01 for the Town for the year ending March 31, 2008. The Ordinance is not complete, though we have the revenue numbers we don't have the final expense number. Once we decide on the final numbers here that part will be completed. Discussion then continued with the Supervisor going over the detail of each of the amounts in the town budget. The proposed revenue projection is \$255,000 of

which the town fund and the general assistance fund will collect levies of \$235,000, up from \$227,100 with the balance coming from replacement tax, interest income, a Toirma rebate and rental fees. The expenses for the administrative section total \$89,300, contractual services total \$30,100, commodities \$2,700, capital outlay is \$1,300, cemetery expense of \$3,500, building and grounds \$4,000 and general assistance of \$6,700 for total expenses of \$137,500. Questions were then addressed and the meeting continued with the Assessor's portion of the budget.

Assessor Siers presented her reduced budget projections for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 of \$161,440 a reduction from last months request of \$168,125. Discussion on her requests continued with questions regarding payroll, the upcoming housing market, the cost to do each parcel, the assessor's request for such a large increase compared to her original request of \$142,000 when we were setting the levy. The Assessor acknowledged that it's the board's responsibility to make the decision regarding her budget. Needing more time to make that decision the board determined it would be necessary to defer the Town Budget Hearing to another month. **A motion was then made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Brown to postpone the Town Fund Budget Hearing to a Special Meeting to be held April 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. The only topic of discussion will be the Town Budget, which includes the Assessor's budget.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2007-03-13 Brown yes  
Schuldt yes  
Bulmahn yes  
Tessendorf yes  
Stelford yes Motion carried unanimously

There being no further discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adjourn the Town Budget Hearing at 9.00 p.m. Vote: Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Charleen Carlsen, Township Clerk

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Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

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Robin Brown, Trustee Roscoe Stelford, Trustee

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Steve Schuldt, Trustee

