

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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The Rutland Township Annual meeting was held on April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at EAGLES FATERAL ORDER, 325 Raymond Drive, Gilberts, IL 60136. The meeting was called to order by the Township Clerk, Debra Schultz and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Prayer given by Pastor TY Gooch.

The Clerk than called for a motion to elect a moderator for the evenings meeting and a motion was made by resident Jay Schultz and seconded by resident Steve Schuldt to elect/nominate resident Fred Bulmahn as Moderator for the evenings Annual Meeting. Vote: Voice Vote all ayes. Motion Carried. Clerk Schultz then administered the Oath of Office to Fred Bulmahn and he then took the roll as Moderator for the evenings meeting.

Moderator Fred Bulmahn than started the meeting stating that there is a lot of business to take care of tonight and to encourage questions and comments that would keep the meeting moving along. We also have annual reports by the Officials reporting to you the electors. He then asked Clerk Schultz to do the roll call. Clerk Schultz than asked the Officials to stand as she began roll call. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Margaret Sanders, Trustees John Payson, Steve Schuldt, Katherine Schultz, Beulah Swanson, Assessor Jan Siers, Highway Commissioner Jay Schultz, and Clerk Debra Schultz. Also present tonight for the Annual meeting is Ron Roeser our Township Attorney.

Moderator Fred Bulmahn than asked for a motion to approve the Agenda for the April 10, 2012 Annual Meeting which everyone should have a copy of. A motion was made by resident Jay Schultz and seconded by Resident Al Roberts. Voice vote. All yes. Motion Carried.

Up next is a motion to adopt the date and time of next year's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. which is the second Tuesday. A motion was made by resident Beulah Swanson and seconded by resident Steve Schuldt to adopt April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the next Annual Township Meeting. Vote: Voice vote. All yes Motion Carried.

Moderator Fred Bulmahn than asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 Annual Board Meeting of Rutland Township, motion was made by resident John Payson and seconded by resident Herm Faubl. Jan's Siers asked for a correction to the minutes for her name is spelled incorrectly. Clerk Schultz then apologized, and with corrections noted and no further questions a vote was taken. Vote: voice vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schultz then read the Treasures Report starting with the Town Fund.

Our cash balances at the beginning of the year starting April 1, 2011 began with \$291,581.00 for the Town Fund. We have revenue from property taxes in the total amount of \$263,877.00 and other mics income for total revenue of \$268,765.00. The expenses for the Town are in the amount of \$122,732.00. Broken down by categories following the list, the largest expense is for salaries for the personnel and the Elected Officials in the amount of \$96,980.00. The list of expenses also includes transportation assistance in the amount of \$1,184.00, Trustee fees for \$4,800.00, contractual services for \$1,444.00, audit, legal and accounting services in the amount of \$4,381.00, Workmen's comp, property, liability in the amount of \$7,186.00, utilities, telephone, fax and on line services in the amount of \$3,165.00, repairs and maintenance-buildings in the amount of \$681.00, commodities and supplies in the amount

of \$1288.00, subscriptions, training, dues, in the amount of \$1,533.00 and capital Equipment purchase and rentals in the amount of \$90.00, also included in the Town budget are the Assessors Expenses in the amount of \$98,972.00. The largest amount for the assessor is also salaries for personnel and elected official in the amount of \$65,675.00 Transportation assistance for \$1,484.00, contractual services \$800.00, commodities \$2,272.00, utilities, phone, fax, on line services \$5,440.00, travel and mileage in the amount of \$2,625.00 dues, subscriptions, training in the amount of \$1,218.00, software, licenses, computer Tech Support \$12,983.00 and capital equipment purchases \$6,475.00 making the expenses for the assessor office in the amount of \$98,972.00. We also have expenses for Cemetery Maintenance in the amount of \$1,920.00, Building and grounds for \$7,853.00 and General Assistance for \$2,115.00. The Grand total for expenses for the Town budget (including Assessor Office) is in the amount of \$233,592.00. With total revenue in the amount of \$268,765.00 and expenses in the amount of \$233,592.00 leaves us with a cash excess of \$35,173.00. We end the year March 31, 2012 with a cash balance of \$326,754.00 for the Town fund which includes the towns and Assessors financials together. With the report being read a motion was made by resident Jan Siers and seconded by resident Herm Fabl to accept the Town Financial report as presented by Clerk Schultz. Voice vote taken: All yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Schultz than read the Road District Funds, the cash balances for the Road District begin with a beginning balance for the year starting April 1, 2011 in the amount of \$345,251.00. With revenue from Property Taxes in the amount of \$429,328.00 and some mics income from replacement taxes, interest income, culvert and Road permit fees, Torma rebate and fines the Road District has total revenue in the amount of \$439,022.00. Expenses for the Road district are in the amount of \$362,562.00. The largest expense is for personnel in the amount of \$145,407.00, elected official at \$19,603.00, transportation in the amount of \$2,060.00, contractual service in the amount of \$19,467.00, contract paving in the amount of \$80,727.00, audit, legal, and accounting services for \$4,026.00, insurance, Workman's Comp, property liability for \$11,239.00, utilities, telephone, fax and on-line services in the amount of \$11,365.00, repairs for \$488.00, commodities and supplies \$51,326.00, dues, subscriptions, training \$354.00 and capital Equipment in the amount of \$16,500. With Total expenses in the amount of \$362,562.00, and excess revenue in the amount of \$76,460.00 leaves cash balance for the year ending March 31, 2012 in the amount of \$421,711.00.

Summary: cash balances for both the Town and Road district are in the amount of \$636,832.00, with total revenue from property taxes and mics income in the amount of: \$707,787.00. Total expenses for the Town and the Road district are in the amount of: \$485,294.00, total expense for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$98,972.00, for total expenses is in the amount of \$596,154.00, with excess (deficit) revenue over expenses in the amount of \$111,633.00. Leaving cash balances for the end of year March 31, 2012 in the amount of \$748,465.00. With the report finished Moderator Fred Bulmahn asked if there were any questions, with no questions a motion was made by Al Roberts, and seconded by David Ruby to accept the Treasures report as presented by Clerk Schultz. Vote: Voice vote. All yes.

Highway Commissioner Jay Schultz then read his report after thanking everyone for coming out tonight. This is a look back at our accomplishments for the year 2011/2012. Geskie and Son won the contract from the county for our paving this past year. The roads that have been paved in 2011 are as follows: Wildwood West, Gun Powder, Abilene, Cody Court from one subdivision and North Wind and Spring Creek were also done. The final cost for the paving was in the amount of \$107,875.63. All the newly paved roads have also been shouldered with new gravel and this is all done in-house by the Highway Dept it is a big cost factor for the Township. All other roads were shouldered as needed. The reasoning for the shouldering is so that if vehicles drive off of the road it helps prevents cracking. Grading of the

gravel roads happens every year. We have had a lot of tree trimming in subdivisions, especially on the turn a rounds which are used for the snow trucks and school buses.

As the roads get older they crack and need maintaining so we crack fill to help keep them up. The assessment on the crack filling takes place during the summer after all the salt from the winter washes out and we can assess what roads needs to be done. The crack filling took place in Prairie Oaks and Tipple Oaks Subdivision this past fall. We went thought two tons of crack fill on that project.

We also work through the Kane County with the paving contracts, we pay them \$2,000.00 and give them a list of the road we want to pave they take care of the bid for the road paving they do all the engineering and surveying which is a big savings to the townships.

Looking ahead to the year 2012/2013 we have on order a new salt truck which we are replacing the old 1989 international, and we have rebuilt the old twelve foot plow. Crack filling again in the fall. We will assess roads in the summer for paving next year.

Road update: Big Timber Road will be closed from McCornack Rd to Damish Road until sometime in August. Moderator Bulmahn, than asked for a motion to approve the Highway Commissioners report, a motion was then made and seconded to accept the Highway Commissioner report. Vote: voice vote. All yes.

Assessor Sires than made the Assessors Report. She thanked everyone for coming. The Assessor's office has had a very busy year and came in under budget this year. In 2010 we had a total assessed value of seven hundred seventy six million nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred and twenty two and in 2011 the assessed value was seven hundred thirty six million five hundred sixty two thousand one hundred and seventy one. So actually the assessments were lower in 2011 than in 2010. Assessments have gone down so if you are wondering why your tax bill went up please check you're taxing bodies. Also when you receive your taxes bill in May make sure you are receiving the exemptions that you qualify for: The General Homestead Exemption, if you are over 65 years of age the Senior Exemption, and if you total household income is less than \$55,000.00 the Senior Freeze Exemption. Please call Kane County if you are not receiving your exemptions. As far as residential parcels we have 11,792, with Cambridge and Carrolon taking the most parcels at 3258 with residential parcels being at 1732. Sun City has 3239 parcels with 3080 being residential parcels. Gilberts Towns Center is at 619 parcels and growing. The total EVA for 2011 is at 11,792 parcels equaling 736 million 562,171. Assessor Siers was then open to questions from the residents. Questions were then asked by Dave Ruby for numbers on the assessor's web site, Deborah Schuldt asked about empty lots being sold for less, Al Roberts was interested in commercial properties, Vince Bartolome had question on short sale availability, Herm Fabul asked questions on the nature of a sale and Steve Bytnar was interested in the sales sheets. With no further questions Moderator, Fred Bulmahn than asked for a motion to approve the Assessors report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Assessor report. Vote: voice vote. All Ayes.

The Supervisors Report was then given by Supervisor Sanders. Margaret thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She started out telling everyone how well all the Elected Officials pull their skills together to make the Township work for the residents. We interact and share information with our neighboring Townships at meetings and at training sessions. Township Official of Kane County meets quarterly and at the March meeting we met members of our County Board. Our County Board member is T.R. Smith and he was here earlier and went on to another Township's meeting. He attends many of our monthly board meetings and keeps us up to date. Clerk Debi Schultz and I will be attending Topics Day in Springfield in May to meet with Senator Chris Lauzen and State Representative Timothy Schmitz and others to let them know how important Township Government is to the residents of Rutland Township. As you may know there is talk of abolishing Township Government. So we need to connect with and work with the

people that have the power and let them know we are doing good work and we are a necessary part for the residents of the community. The Road District crew and Highway Commissioner Jay Schultz continue to do an outstanding job keeping the roads in Rutland Township clean and in top condition. Assessor Jan Siers has had a busy year with reassessments and appeals. The Rutland Township annual financial report shows that both the Town including the Assessor's office and the Road District have all come in under budget. Supervisor Sanders thanked the Trustees attending meetings, auditing our bills, attending annual budget meeting, and levy responsibilities. The entire Trustee's bring a wide range of talent to the meetings. With a few questions having been asked, the Moderator than stated that from his perspective everyone was doing a good job and he then thanked Margaret, Jay, Debi and the Board of Trustees for all their efforts. He then asked for a motion to approve the Supervisors Report, a motion was made by Jim Keierigan and then seconded by Jay Schultz to approve the Supervisor's Report. Voice vote: All yes.

Moderator Fred Bulmahn than asked if any of the Trustees had anything to report or if anyone had any questions for the Trustee. Trustee Steve Schuldt then encouraged the residents of Rutland Township to come to the monthly meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of each month. With that being said Supervisor Sanders than announced the change for the meeting of May 2012 has been changed to Thursday May 17, 2012 due to Topics Day in Springfield being held on the second Tuesday, and that she and Clerk Schultz will be attending.

MOSQUITIO ABATEMENT PROPOSAL

Moderator Fred Bulmahn then opened the Mosquito Abatement Petition with opening questions and opening statements. **The Petition reads that Rutland Township shall organize, supervise and pay for a contract for the funding of mosquito abatement services in the unincorporated areas of the Township.** Moderator Bulmahn then asked for a representative for the proposal to come up and speak. Tim Jarzemyk than took the floor. He then thanked the Board for looking at his petition. He went ahead and stated his petition on the mosquito problem in Timber Trail. Discussion continued. Highway Commissioner Jay Schultz then read his report stating that he met with the representative from Clark to discuss the issue and Clark than did a survey for us. This is for the whole unincorporated areas of the Township. The main issue is that there is 203 acres of wetlands in the township. The treatment that was proposed was a larvicide treatment applied by helicopter at the cost of \$42,000.00 per treatment four to five times a season which broken down is \$168,000.00 for four treatments and \$210,000.00 for five treatments. The reason for the helicopter drop is by Federal Law they cannot treat standing water without permission from land owners. The proposal also included a spraying program for the Rutland Township roads only at a cost per spray of \$1,800.00 at four to five times in a season costing up to \$9,000.00. This applies only to township roads for center of the road 33 feet each direction and no front our back yards. Rutland Township Road District already has a Larvicide Program sponsored by Kane County Health Department. The men are certified for this program. This larvicide can only takes place in road easements and not on private property. The area that is subject to is the wet lands in Timber Trails and is owned by the village of Gilberts c/o Ryland Group Inc. Questions were then asked by some of the residents. Jack Thennisch the repressive from Clark than addressed the residents on mosquito stages, mosquitoes bred in standing stagnant water. Questions were then asked from the residents. Discussion continued. Moderator Bulmahn stated that the proposal was for unincorporated areas of the township. Questions were asked from residents Steve Schuldt, Lisa Brewer, Deborah Schuldt, Steve Bytnar, Alan Scott, Kelly McDonald, Robert Herring, and Al Roberts. Discussion continued. Moderator

Bulmahn than introduced the township attorney Ron Roeser to explain the process. Mr. Roeser than explained that the proposal may not have been properly done. The electors may authorize the Township Board to contract for furnishing mosquito abatement, all this is doing is authorizing them to be able to do it. It is not requiring them to do it, the Township Board only has certain powers unless you the electors give them the power. There are 39 powers that the electors have that they can give to the board, and if you vote in favor of this proposal you are authorizing them to do it, you are not requiring them to do it in the unincorporated areas of the township. The question only seems to be in the neighborhood (Timber Trails) and is this property in question is in the Village of Gilberts. If it is in the Village of Gilberts the Township is not going there even if you pass a resolution, and if the Township is given the power to do this in the unincorporated areas of the township the monies would come out of the General Fund of the Township and in that case everyone in the Township would be taxed or you can create a Mosquito Abatement District and that would have to go on the ballot at a general election and then only the unincorporated area in question would be taxed. The question is if the property in question is in the Village of Gilberts. Discussion continued. Mr. Roeser stated that we could not vote on the petition as presented because of the words shall and supervise. Supervise is not in the statute, but can use the words may authorize. Then a motion was made to respectfully request that the Rutland Township Board be authorized to contract and furnish mosquito abatement services in the unincorporated areas of Rutland Township. The motion was than seconded and discussion and questions continued. A vote was then called as requested to authorize Rutland Township to enter into a contract for mosquito abatement. The vote was then taken. The vote resulted in 17 votes for Rutland Township to enter into a contract for mosquito abatement, and 26 votes opposed. Motion failed. Moderator Bulmahn than thanked the resident for their proposal.

Open Discussion continued with a few comments from the residents about mosquito abatement.

With no further business a motion was made by resident Jay Schultz and seconded by Jan Siers and Herm Fabl to adjourn the annual meeting at 8:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Debra Schultz, Township Clerk