

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 12, 2006
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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The Rutland Township Board held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall. Supervisor Bulmahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and that was followed by the Pledge to the flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Also present were Assessor Siers and Road Commissioner Schultz. The Supervisor announced that the main focus of tonight's meeting will be the Levy, for the town, the road and the zero levy for the solid waste district, the final summary of expenses for the IDOT grant, an update of the health insurance benefit issue, the sign for the cemetery and finally the budget. He also explained that this is a levy hearing not a budget hearing, which is done in the spring. It is felt that the budget and the needs of the township drive the levy, not the other way around. While others may levy to the max and spend accordingly we are not.

MINUTES

There being no additions or corrections to the November 14, 2006 minutes a motion was made by **Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the minutes of November 14, 2006 as presented.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2006-12-01 Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the town through the month of November 30, 2006 were then discussed. The remaining funds in the Midwest Bank checking account have been transferred to the Illinois Funds money market account. The only funds remaining at the Midwest Bank is the CD, which has another six months till it matures. All our funds are earning money, even the checking account that is earning 5.1% and all our funds are in one place, which is good. The interest earned is also up from last year so that's a nice dividend. The discussion continued with Supervisor Bulmahn going over the individual account totals in the Town and Assessor budgets through November 30, 2006. The bottom line totals for both are almost equivalent to last years and are a good indicator for the year-end.

The financials for the road district through the month ending November 30, 2006 were next on the agenda. Once again the Supervisor went over the individual account

totals and explained that he had negotiated a 5.6% interest rate on the road district CD. Though it isn't reflected in these statements, it was also noted that we'd received our last installment for the year on this years property taxes. The final IDOT expense is shown on the statements used for road improvements and will now be closed out. The Road and Bridge account receives the personal property replacement tax and collects \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year so it should be retained for that reason. We also don't want to jeopardize this source of income. The Board will have these reports to study till voted on at next months meeting.

There were no questions on the financial statements of October 31, 2006 presented in last months binders so, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to accept the financial reports presented last month for the seven months ending October 31, 2006 for both the town and road.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-12-02	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Stelford	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bulmahn noted that Trustee Stelford reminded him that there is a new credit on this year's 1040-tax form for the telephone excise tax. There is a credit coming for those of us who've paid it so watch for it when you do your taxes.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The town bills for the month of November 2006 were next to be discussed with salaries of \$12,301.66, unpaid bills of \$2,883.87 with total claims for the month of \$15,185.53. There being no questions on the town bills, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the town fund bills for the month of November 2006 in the amount of \$15,185.53.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-12-03	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

The November 2006 bills for the road were then discussed with salaries of \$6,784.00, unpaid bills of \$104,296.38 and total claims for the month of \$111,080.35. The \$104,296.38

includes the final IDOT payments for road improvements of \$96,405.40. Trustee Brown complimented Road Commissioner Schultz on keeping salaries under control whereupon the Supervisor complimented Assessor Siers for controlling her salaries as well. There being no further questions **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the bills for the month of November 2006 for the road district.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-12-04	Brown	yes	
	Schuldt	yes	
	Bulmahn	yes	
	Tessendorf	yes	
	Stelford	yes	Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL REPORT-IDOT ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS

The Trustees received a copy of the final IDOT report showing how, when and where the funds were disbursed. The initial total amount of the Grant was 1,025,000.00 with an additional interest amount of \$25,426.48 added giving a grand total of \$1,050,426.48. All the funds, following this month's payment, have now been disbursed. This Grant covered engineering, road paving, our portion of the McCornack Rd. bridge deck, and testing costs over the past three years. The township is very grateful to our State Representatives, especially Tim Schmitz, for their assistance in obtaining this Grant.

UPDATE ON HEALTH PLAN FOR THE ROAD DISTRICT

Supervisor Bulmahn received a large packet from the State of IL with information and costs for the public employees health plan. The numbers are very high and the Supervisor feels that more research is necessary. He will explore further options and report back to the Board at next months meeting. He hopes to have something set up by fiscal year end.

UPDATE ON CEMETERY & TOWNSHIP SIGNAGE ALTERNATIVES

The Supervisor has looked at the sign in front of the Rutland Fire Dept. and is checking prices and various sources at this time. The Rutland Township Historical Society has donated \$200.00 towards the new signage for the Buena Vista Cemetery, which will help.

ANNUAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A DEPUTY CLERK

A brief discussion on the Resolution followed with questions regarding the Deputy Clerks salary and if there were money in the budget to pay for this. The Board was

assured that there is money and that the Deputy Clerks time was on an as needed basis. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to authorize and approve the Resolution to appoint a Deputy Clerk.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.

2006-12-05 Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR 2006- TOWN FUND & ROAD DISTRICT

The Levy being proposed for the Road District is \$405,845.00. \$351,845.00 is for the Permanent Road Fund, \$4,000.00 for the General Road Fund and \$50,000.00 is for the Equipment Fund. The total of \$405,845.00 is 3.3% higher than last years levy and is within the cap. Attached to this is a Resolution authorizing its passage. Questions and comments followed and ultimately **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance # RU 2006-13 for the 2006 Levy to be collected in fiscal year 2007 for the Road District.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-12-06 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

The total Levy proposed for the Town Fund is \$234,820.00 which is also within the tax cap of 3.3%. The Tax Levy Ordinance details the amounts of \$230,585.00 for the General Town Fund and \$4,235.00 for the General Assistance Fund. We also have other revenue of \$10,500.00 and the existing previous cash reserves of \$26,215.00. Once again questions and comments followed regarding the General Assistance Fund money, money available if needed before the year-end, and the increased percentage asked for in the assessor's office. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to approve the Levy for the Town Fund Ordinance #RU 2006-14 for the year 2006 collectable in 2007 based on the details previously discussed and totaling \$234,820.00.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2006-12-07 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes
 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes Motion carried unanimously.

The final Levy being proposed is the zero Levy for the Rutland Township Solid Waste District for the year ending 2006. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded**

by Trustee Schuldt to adopt the zero Levy for the Rutland Township Solid Waste District Ordinance # RU 2006-15. Vote:
Roll call vote.

2006-12-08 Tessendorf yes
 Stelford yes
 Brown yes
 Schuldt yes
 Bulmahn yes Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bulmahn then asked the Board for their consideration on the meeting schedule calendar for next year. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Tessendorf to adopt the proposed meeting schedule calendar for 2007.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2006-12-09 Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Road Commissioner Schultz reported on his man-hours and snow plowing for the month. He is also submitting a bill to Pingree Grove for the gravel and grading of Thurnow Rd. He's been getting prices for another new truck that will be in next years budget.

Assessor Siers reported that there are now 9,044 parcels in Rutland Township; EAV totals are 527,568,002 and new construction totals of \$53,239,181.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Herman Faubl from Huntley addressed the Board regarding the Assessor's budget. He feels that she should receive 50-100% more for her next budget. He feels that she can't properly adjust or correct taxes and handle the new construction without this increase. It was noted that the budget for the assessor's office has increased substantially in recent years and the upcoming budget has yet to be determined for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2006-12-10 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