

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013

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The Rutland Township Board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on Tuesday March 12, 2013. **A motion was made by Trustee Schultz and seconded by trustee Swanson to open the regular town meeting at 7:58 p.m. after the Budget Hearings for the Town and Road District.**

Vote: voice vote. All yes.

2013-03-07

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Sanders, Clerk Schultz, Trustees Payson, Schuldt, Schultz, and Swanson. Also present were Assessor Siers and Highway Commissioner Schultz, also present was T.R. Smith our Kane County Board Representative and Township Attorney Mr. Ron Roeser.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time there was no public comment. T.R. Smith then addressed the board and the residents. He introduced himself as our Rutland Township Kane County Board Representative. He also represents Burlington, Hampshire, Virgil and Plato Center. At this time T. R. discussed the issues of the consolidation of Township Government. There is a commission to eliminate several levels of government and township government is one of them, he than stated that the County's position is not the same as his position. He stated that township government is the best bang for our buck because township government is local; it knows the people and the problems, and is very concerned about the monies being spent.

Eliminating township government will cost a lot more money. If we had any concerns or questions we should contact Karen McConnaughay and Jim Oberweis for they are on the consolidation committee. If anyone had any questions they could see him after the meeting.

MINUTES

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes for the February 12, 2013. With no corrections or discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2013 board meeting. Vote: roll call vote.**

2013-03-08

Payson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Swanson abstain.

Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Sanders then informed the Trustees of a seminar on the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Illinois Freedom of Information Act being held at the Kane County Branch Court on Randall

Road in St. Charles on March 21, 2013, and a meeting she attended in Huntley on the Tollway Authority closing the Powers Road Bridge sometime this summer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2013 for the town were in the Trustees notebooks for their consideration at this time. With no discussion or questions a **motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schultz to accept the financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2013 for the town as presented for the March 12, 2013 Board Meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2013-3-09 Payson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes, Swanson yes.

Motion carried.

The financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2013 for the Road District were in the Trustees notebooks for their consideration at this time. With no discussion or questions a **motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to accept the financial reports for the tenth month ending January 31, 2013 for the Road District as presented for the March 12, 2013 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2013-03-10 Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Sanders yes.

Motion Carried.

BILLS AND SALARIES

Discussion began with Supervisor Sanders going over the totals for the Town, with salaries in the amount of \$11,518.56 and invoices in the amount of \$6,229.09 for a total in the amount of \$17,747.65, a question was asked by Trustee Payson for the Assessor's Office for purchases of equipment regarding a purchase of computer monitors. With no further questions or discussion **a motion was made by Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the town bills in the amount of \$17,747.65 as presented for the March 12, 2013 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2013-03-11 Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Sanders yes.

Motion carried.

Discussion for the Road District began with Supervisor Sanders going over the totals, with salaries in the amount of \$15,160.58 and invoices in the amount of \$32,958.06 for a total in the amount of \$48,118.64. A question was asked by Trustee Payson to Highway Commissioner Schultz on the use of the salt. Hwy Commissioner Schultz then stated during a normal winter we go through approx. 400 tons of salt, this winter we have gone through 600 ton of salt and as of today have ordered 100 ton more to hopefully finish off the winter. We also went through the 300 ton that was leftover from last winter. A question was asked by Trustee Schuldt on purchases of clothing listed on the credit card. Highway Commissioner Schultz then detailed his purchases of coveralls for the men to protect their clothes when doing oil changes to the trucks and rain gear to protect their clothes when washing trucks in the wash bay due to the water getting everywhere and the men were ending up soaked. The gloves are reflective safety gloves for the crew when working out on the roads. With no further questions **a motion was made by**

Trustee Payson and seconded by Trustee Swanson to approve the Road District bills in the amount of \$48,118.64 as presented for the March 12, 2013 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.

**2013-03-12 Payson yes, Swanson yes, Schultz yes, Schuldt yes, Sanders yes.
Motion carried.**

BUSSNESS MATTERS

TOWNSHIP CODE/ ILLINOIS STATUTES FOR GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE

Township Attorney Ron Roeser was present this evening at the request of Supervisor Sanders. He started out by saying that he was here to answer any questions that anyone might have. The government has rules and we have to follow the rules, there is very little leeway. The township code as a whole was written about the time of Thomas Jefferson. It is out of sync with county and municipal codes. Township code tells us that the supervisor is the only one to sign checks. The only way someone other than the supervisor can sign checks is by his/her request stating they wanted someone to sign along with them or in the absence of the supervisor and a purchase of a bond for that person. It is not a resolution or an ordinance and cannot bind the supervisor. The discussion then continued with questions on transportation assistance, the officials are entitled to be reimbursed for township business. When going to convention or conference you are entitled for reimbursement. Mileage is considered a reimbursement for township business. Transportation assistance payments are allowed as long as it is considered part of the official's compensation. Transportation allowance assistance cannot be prepaid. Trustee Schuldt then stated that as far as the Officials Compensation Ordinance the transportation compensation is not in the minutes and that is was never voted on. Ron Roeser then stated that the minutes are a reflection of what has taken place, and if it is not in the minutes it did not happen, however he suggested to review the minutes, review the tape, and amend the minutes. The next question was about signatures on ordinances and resolutions. A resolution is an act of expression they are not law; they can be sited in the minutes. Ordinances on the other hand are done by State Law in pamphlet form and then sometimes are published in the newspaper, as far as who signs them typically the Supervisor and the Clerk. The Trustees approval or disapproval is documented in the minutes.

ANNUAL MEETING

Approve Agenda for Annual Meeting/Stipend for Moderator

The Trustees have been provided with the proposed agenda for the Annual meeting which is scheduled for April 16, 2013 the third Tuesday of April. Clerk Schultz asked if still wanted to have invocation/pray on the agenda. Trustee Schuldt said why not and volunteered to arrange for the Pastor. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to approve the agenda for the Annual Meeting as presented. Vote: voice vote. All yes. Motion carried.**

2013-03-13

The Moderator stipend was then set at \$50.00 for their participation at the Annual Meeting . A **motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to set the Moderator's stipend at \$50.00 for the April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2013-03-07 Payson yes, Schuldt yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Sanders yes. Motion carried.

LANDSCAPING PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT

Supervisor Sanders talked about the landscaping maintenance proposal and contract that had arrived a few days ago, and wanted to discuss with the Trustees if they still wanted to hire Ray and Dave's or contact others for bids. The trustees discussed the matter noting that Ray and Dave's did a great job last year and the contract is the same price as last year with all the same services. Discussion continued. **A motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Schultz to accept the contract as presented for the March 12, 2013 board meeting. Vote: Roll call vote.**

2013-03-14 Schuldt yes, Schultz yes, Swanson yes, Payson yes, Sanders yes. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR PAINTING TOWN HALL

Supervisor Sanders then wanted to discuss the bids for the painting of the town hall. Trustee Schuldt had a painter present at the board meeting to give a bid. Supervisor Sanders had acquired an additional two bids that were handed out to the trustees in their notebooks.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

No reports were given by the Officials.

ADJOURN

With no further business **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Payson to adjourn the towns meeting at 9:03 p.m. Vote: Voice vote. All yes.**

2013-03-15

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Debra Schultz, Township Clerk

John Payson, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Katherine Schultz, Trustee

Beulah Swanson, Trustee

Margaret Sanders, Supervisor