

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2006**

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The Rutland Township Annual Meeting was held on April 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Township Clerk Char Carlsen and was followed with the Pledge to the Flag. **A motion was then made by Assessor Siers and seconded by resident Chuck Swanson to approve the annual meeting agenda for 2006.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The clerk then called for a motion to nominate a moderator and **a motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to nominate Bill Morse as moderator.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Carlsen then administered the oath to Mr. Morse and he assumed the role of moderator.

Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Brown and Schuldt. Road Commissioner Schultz and Assessor Siers were also present.

Moderator Morse asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2005 annual meeting. **A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Assessor Siers to approve the minutes of the 2005 annual meeting.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried. He then asked for a motion to adopt the regular township business-meeting schedule for fiscal 2006-2007. **A motion was made by Supervisor Bulmahn and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to approve the regular township business-meeting schedule for fiscal 2006-2007.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The adoption of the date for the 2007 annual township meeting of April 10, 2007 was the next item on the agenda. **A motion was made by Assessor Siers and seconded by Supervisor Bulmahn to adopt the date for the 2007 annual township meeting of April 10, 2007 according to state statute.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The Agenda was amended and the highway commissioner's report was then given. Road Commissioner Schultz reported that the remaining money from the IDOT Grant was being used for road paving. Freeman, Powers, and Combs Roads have been paved as well as paving done in the subdivisions off of Combs Rd. and Powers Rd. Repairs to Square Barn Rd. and Harper Drive have also been done. With the money remaining

and what's in the budget we'll have enough to do two more miles of road.

We've had to do some extensive truck and equipment repairs in order to get through the winter without too many mishaps. We've also made some major purchases this past year with the purchase of a new one-ton dump truck, a new mowing tractor, a new ditch bank mower, a new trailer to hall the mowing tractor, a nine ft. plow and a used shop welder. The Commissioner will be looking for a new wheel loader this year to add to the fleet.

New speed limit signs have also been ordered and have been received. Also beginning this year there will be a moving permit fee to contractors moving heavy equipment in and out of the township. Commissioner Schultz thanked everyone for coming tonight.

The next item on the Agenda was the Treasurer's Report for fiscal 2006-07. Supervisor Bulmahn presented a detailed report on the fiscal well being of the township for the year ending March 31, 2006. We began the year, in the town fund, with \$714,202, with property tax revenue of \$219,649, replacement taxes of \$2,956 interest income of \$4,125 and grants of \$25,000 for the second half of our parking lot. We transferred \$512,500 to the road district giving us total resources of \$455,003. We spent money mainly on personnel \$73,772, contractual services \$7,802, commodities of \$2,397, insurance \$7,153, utilities and telephone \$2,990, legal and audit \$3,700, and the total for capitol outlay was \$3,292.

The Assessor's office expenses for the year for personnel and taxes were \$89,867, utilities and telephone were \$4,383, contractual services \$21,470, commodities of \$3,915 and capitol outlays of \$7,024 for a total assessor expense of \$126,660

We spent \$1,120 for the Buena Vista Cemetery maintenance and we don't incur any expense on the second cemetery over on Thurnow Rd. as the Stark Family maintains that one. We've spent \$2,962 on building and grounds expense for total expenses of \$231,847.

We had \$3,650 expenditures on the general assistance fund, and our total expenses were \$234,825, which left us with an ending cash balance of \$220,178 for the town fund.

The Road District began the year with cash balances of \$644,197, which included the IDOT Grant, which had not been spent at the beginning of the year. Half of the grant money was in the town and the other half was in the road district. The road district collected property taxes of \$363,000, replacement taxes of \$5,600, interest income of \$9,800, culvert fees of \$9,000, with total revenue of \$383,493. There was a \$512,000 transfer between the town and the road. The total expenses for the road district for the year were \$1,191,506 with changes in working capital of \$15,118 with a grand total of expenses of \$1,206,524 leaving us with cash balances at the end of the year of \$333,666. The township has no debt other than the lease purchase of the tractor.

The supervisor's report was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Bulmahn then gave some of the background on the restoration in 2002 of the Buena Vista Cemetery. He also announced that Troop 267, led by Peter Matia, had been responsible for the project and that Peter had recently died in an automobile accident. Two of the Troop members, Rickey Phillips and Tom Konieczny, then addressed the meeting requesting a memorial plaque in honor of Peter Matia to be placed at the cemetery. They have brought sketches of the plaque for the Board and it is to be 12"x20" in bronze, with the Scout insignia, Peter's name, with the name of the cemetery on it. The Supervisor asked for a formal drawing of the plaque to submit for the Boards approval. **A motion was then made by resident Bill Siers and seconded by Assessor Siers to have the Township pay for the purchase and mounting of the Plaque.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Trustee Tessendorf and seconded by Trustee Schuldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen  
Rutland Township Clerk