

**RUTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

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The Rutland Township Board held their monthly February meeting in the Town Hall. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then asked Kane County Sheriff's Officer Kevin Williams to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call showed the following members present: Supervisor Bulmahn, Clerk Carlsen, Trustees Tessendorf, Stelford, Schuldt and Brown. Also present was Assessor Siers.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor noted that a new coat rack has been installed next to the washrooms. He also announced the passing of Highway Commissioner Schultz's father Howard Schultz and expressed his sympathies to him as well as his Mother Katherine Schultz.

MINUTES

There being no additions or corrections to the January minutes, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2009.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2009-02-01

Brown	yes
Schuldt	yes
Bulmahn	yes
Tessendorf	abstain
Stelford	yes Motion carried

Officer's Kevin Williams and Cherie Aschenbrenner then addressed the Board regarding the TRIAD organization. This group provides a cooperative expansion of community crime prevention, educational programs to reduce fear and victimization and involves older volunteers in support roles in the process. The crimes involved tend to be targeted towards older citizens. TRIAD meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Elgin Township Bldg. The next meeting will be February 19th at 8:30 a.m. and anyone wanting to serve on the Elgin Township TRIAD should attend these meetings. Officer Williams stated that the crime stats for Rutland Township are now available on their web site at www.kanesheriff.com. The Board thanked both Officers for the information and for coming tonight.

FINANCIALS

The financial statements for the 9 months ending December 31, 2009 distributed last month were the next items on the agenda. Having looked them over since then and there being no questions, **a motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the financial statements for both the Town and Road for the month ending December 31, 2008 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2009-02-02

Brown yes
Stelford yes
Tessendorf yes
Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes Motion carried.

The Trustees also have the financial statements for the Town and Road for the 10 months ending January 31, 2009 in their notebooks this month and they are to be considered at the March meeting.

BILLS AND SALARIES

The bills for the Town for the month of January 2009 were then discussed with salaries of \$13,789.77, unpaid bills of 2,848.21 with total claims of \$16,637.98. There being no questions, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Town bills for the month of January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$16,637.98.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2009-02-03

Schuldt yes
Brown yes
Bulmahn yes
Tessendorf yes
Stelford yes Motion carried.

The bills for the Road for the month of January 2009 were next to be discussed with salaries of \$19,159.00, unpaid bills of \$22,556.48 for total claims of \$41,715.48. Due to all the snow salt bills and the payroll were the largest expenses for the Road this month. **A motion was then made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Stelford to approve the Road bills for the month of January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$41,715.48 as presented.** Vote: Roll call vote.

2009-02-04

Brown yes
Stelford yes
Tessendorf yes
Schuldt yes
Bulmahn yes

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS FYE MARCH 31,2010

Supervisor Bulmahn then went over, in detail, the preliminary budget for the Town for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. He explained that next month when we vote on the budget we'd also do the transfer of appropriations as we usually do at the end of each year. Some account activity, such as general assistance, is hard to predict but so far Elgin Township, who handles our general assistance, does an excellent job of screening applicants and thereby containing costs. Our budget is relatively flat in comparison to last year, which was \$153,300 and this year totals \$154,200.

The Assessor's budget was then discussed. Assessor Siers noted that two of her computers need replacing. One will be replaced this fiscal year and the other will be next year. Her total budget request is \$128,890 with most of her line items remaining the same. Total Town Fund expense, including the Assessor's budget, is \$283,080. We'll be operating with a moderate deficit in order to "draw down" our cash balances again. Based on the "rainy day" fund projections prepared by the Supervisor, this modest "draw down" of cash balances should take our cash balances down to an ideal level. The Supervisor stated that this would likely be the final year in which cash balances are intentionally reduced which are based upon projections of budget needs in the foreseeable future.

The Road District budget was discussed with amounts requested for paving Binie Road and the purchase of a new truck. The salt costs are to be lowered do to purchasing it thru Kane County. The new truck fully equipped would be the big-ticket item for equipment. The total Budget request for the Road District is \$480,700. There's no debt incurred in this budget, and the truck will be paid for in cash.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS

Clerk Carlsen reported that there are two candidates for Supervisor in the upcoming April 7,2009 election and they are, Robin Brown and Margaret Sanders. One candidate for Clerk Debra Schultz, one for Assessor Janet Siers, one for Highway Commissioner Howard J. Schultz and three candidates on the ballot for Trustee Pat Whalen, Steve Schuldt and Katherine Schultz. The remaining open Trustee seat has four write-in candidates and they are: John Payson, Beulah Swanson, John Blomquist, and Barbara Burton. The Clerk then noted that the League of Women Voters will be having a Candidates Night on March 5, 2009 at the Eagles Club at 7:00 p.m. The candidates for Supervisor as well as all

those running for Trustee, including the write-in candidates, will be asked to participate. Supervisor Bulmahn and Clerk Carlsen have been hard at work cleaning up the office for the incoming officers who'll take over in May.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Schuldt and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.** Vote: Voice vote, all ayes.
2009-02-05 Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Carlsen, Rutland Township Clerk

Fred Bulmahn, Supervisor

Ron Tessendorf, Trustee

Steve Schuldt, Trustee

Robin Brown, Trustee

Roscoe Stelford, Trustee