

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Holman, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor Jeske

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (9) nine interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, February 13, 2017 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Rillema, ***ADOPTED*** the February 13, 2017 work session agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) James Pitney, 3674 Scenic Woods Circle – Encouraged the board to not support the upcoming ballot millage request of 2 mills for an aquatic center in the City of Whitehall.
- 2) Sally Schwartz of the White Lake Community Library presented the 2015 Annual Report and December 31, 2015 Audit of the Library. She shared several programs offered at the Library. Director Shelley Williams shared a new program which is offered only in one other library state-wide known as the Vitality Kit. This kit can be checked out by community members for a week which contains pamphlets, informational books and devices to aid in the particular type of information kit checked out. The sample kit she presented was on low vision therapy.
- 3) Tom Schmiedeknecht of the Pro Med Ambulance Service presented an overview of type of call/response information for ambulance service in Fruitland Township from January 1 – December 31, 2016. Pro Med responded to 317 calls of which average response time were 10 minutes P1 and 11 minutes all priorities. At this time, the property conveyed to them on Riley Thompson Road remains vacant until increased volume is obtained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor Jeske reported that she will place on file in the Clerk's office the 2016 Annual Report of the White Lake Fire Authority and the 2016 End of Year Report of the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nestrom Road Paving Project – Treasurer Beegle reported that she has received over 51% of supportive petitions for this project. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for the Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017 at 5:00 PM.
2. Ecology Station Committee Report – Trustee Manny shared three quotes received to create an additional drive at the ecology station. More discussion at March's work session is needed to study the flow of traffic to ease the collection of fees by our attendant.

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3. Wastewater Users Committee & Water Policy Committee Appointments – Supervisor Jeske asked to appoint herself as the representative on both the Wastewater Users Committee and Northside Water Policy Committee. A motion will be prepared for the Tuesday Regular meeting.
4. Greater Muskegon Recreation Partnership – Township appointment representative Jan Deur shared the draft articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Recreation Authority. The board and Attorney Even discussed the requested changes/amendments of both documents and tasked Mr. Deur to summarize our changes and send to Connie Maxim-Sparrow for comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. White Lake Community Center/Whitehall School Board Community Pool Millage –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to not send a Resolution of support for the upcoming community pool millage as requested by the White Lake Community Center Committee.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried
2. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Supervisor Jeske received interest from David Stevens to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion will be prepared for the Tuesday regular meeting to appoint him.
3. Board of Review Vacancy – Supervisor Jeske received interest from Stan Burnell to serve on the Board of Review. A motion will be prepared for the Tuesday regular meeting to appoint him.
4. Draft Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Discussion – Parks & Receptions Commissioner’s Williamson & Knopf presented their budget proposal. Included in their budget is a request to develop a Disc Golf Course at Nestrom Park on the southern property. Estimated costs for the township is \$9,549.00 for this project. Other appropriations included pavilion improvements at Nestrom Park. Many of the trustees expressed their concern about the lack of updating playground equipment and longevity of the tennis courts. Due to the fact that the budget was not shared with the Board of Trustees until this morning, more discussion of it will take place at the March work session. Supervisor Jeske presented the 2017-18 budget for Fund 101 and additional funds. She highlighted a couple areas of appropriation expenses budgeted for township grounds landscaping and township hall painting of interior hallway. She contacted Sheriff Poulin about the PINS program and if any increases were expected. Supervisor Jeske has also included a 1.5% wage increase for elected officials and staff. Additional Fund 120 (Public Roads) has appropriations for Chip Sealing and Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017. Fund 145 (Equipment Replacement) has appropriations for two computer replacements, copier and election equipment purchase. Fund 470 (Building Site) has funds deposited for future building repairs in the amount of \$10,000.00. The board okayed holding a public hearing for the proposed 2017-18 fiscal year budget on March 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM and a special budget adoption meeting on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM.
5. WRLS – Concert/Fetch Brewing Company Event –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the request of WRLS Curator Varnum to conduct a concert/Fetch Brewing Company event at the WRLS on August 3, 2017 and use the township hall as a backup for other concert dates for 2017.

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Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Treasurer Beegle stated that a formal motion would need to be done at the Tuesday regular meeting to remove Anne Thomasma and add Mary Mansfield to the banking institutions as Deputy Treasurer. Clerk Rillema inquired with Attorney Even about the status of 4790 W. Bard's demolition. Attorney Even stated that the township is good to go with having the building demolished and property cleaned up. Supervisor Jeske will contact Press's to see if the original quote is still valid. Clerk Rillema shared the information on the MTA 2017 Conference & Expo, April 10-13 held in Lansing. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Supervisor Jeske.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the February 13, 2017 work session at 12:25 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland