

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 12, 2018 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even and (8) eight interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, March 12, 2018 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:02 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED** the March 12, 2018 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried*

Trustee Cisneros arrived at 10:07 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Muskegon County DPW – Water Rate Increase –Matt Farrar, Director of Public Works, presented the water rate increase recommendations from the Water System Policy Board. Hydrant maintenance fees have not been collected since 2014, causing a shortage of revenue each year. The rate study prepared three options of which Option A & Option C were reviewed by the Water System Policy Board. Option A offered a higher commodity rate and lower minimum ready to serve charge and Option C offered a lower commodity rate and higher ready to serve charge. The Water System Policy Board recommends adopting Option C to help fund the shortage and start preparing for the second line upgrade as mandated by the State of Michigan to maintain quality water service under the Muskegon Channel. The estimated cost for the second line upgrade is nine million dollars. Supervisor Jeske stated that the Water Rate Ordinance R4 – Appendix B would need to be amended to reflect Option C recommendations. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
- 2) Mark Williamson, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman – Chairman Williamson stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending amendments to Article R21 – Nestrom Road Park Ordinance and provided the Clerk with a listing for the board to review. The two sections with proposed amendments are Section R 21.03 – Hours of Operation and Section R 21.05 – Prohibited Activities. Chairman Williamson also requested an increase in their proposed 2018-19 budget for the Natural Resource Survey of an additional \$1,000.00. They have researched a DNR match grant which would now increase the item to \$2,500.00.
- 3) Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – stated his displeasure with actions of the Parks & Recreation Commission and made comment to the proposed tractor lease by the township.
- 4) Camille Jordan-Mark, Michigan’s Adventure – stated that she would like to see the water rate study and would direct questions after the meeting to Muskegon County Public Works Director Farrar. Attorney Even handed his copy of the study to Mrs. Jordan-Mark.

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- 5) Matt Farrar, Muskegon County DPW – provided the Board of Trustees with copies of the 2018 Muskegon County Tire Collection Events to be held this year. There are five total.
- 6) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – interest in learning more about the PINS program benefits and what it stands for.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske stated that she received a request from Michigan's Adventure to request a single day noise ordinance exception on May 31, 2018 lasting until 12:30 am due to a special event. The board verbally okayed this request. Trustee Hampel invited all to attend the Friends of Fruitland Township's Multi-use Trail Committee's trail discovery event this Saturday – March 17, 2018 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on the Anderson Woods Nature Preserve, 4000 Simonelli Road. Treasurer Beegle stated her disappointment with the Trustee's decision to not authorize an increase in the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer's wages for 2018-19. She recommends that those three positions also get paid meeting pay as the trustee's currently receive. She would also like to relinquish her position on the Water System Policy Board and asked for one of them to consider taking that position. She also stated that she could not support the lease of a tractor not knowing the immediate needs for such. Treasurer Beegle still does not support the proposed road work on Belfast Road especially since she worked on a special assessment district for the Nestrom Road improvement last year. Trustee Bard does not support the Disc Golf Course and is cautious of future actions by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget – Supervisor Jeske stated that the budget has been changed to not reflect wage increases for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. A 2% wage increase remains for the two office staff and ecology station attendant.
- 2) Lease Agreement for New Holland Tractor – Supervisor Jeske followed up on the requests of the board from last month. Fruitland Township would not have to perform any maintenance on the tractor as long as the 150 hours were adhered to. Also, Burnips has reduced the delivery charge from \$300.00 to \$100-\$150.00 with no haul back charge at the end of the lease. Burnips recommended just driving the tractor within township limits versus hauling to avoid having to meet the State of Michigan Department of Transportation hauling/tie down requirements. Trustee Bard inquired if any excavating firms have been contacted to see what they would quote to push back the brush pile/leaf piles. Supervisor Jeske stated no. The board agreed to move forward with the lease for a year trial.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) White River Light Station Liquor License for Friday, August 3, 2018 – Supervisor Jeske stated that the Sable Point Lighthouse Association will be hosting an event with Fetch Brewing on Friday, August 3, 2018. They have applied for a liquor permit with the State of Michigan Liquor Control but it requires the municipality to approve such permit. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
- 2) PINS Agreement with Muskegon County Sheriff's Office – Supervisor Jeske received the 2018-19 PINS agreement which reflects an increase of approximately \$3,850.00 due to wage, retirement and benefits increases for Deputy Ashker. Clerk Rillema stated that this

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amount will need to be reflected in the 2018-19 proposed budget. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

- 3) Brining Contract – Clerk Rillema stated that she received the 2018 Brine Program pricing for the MCRC at a cost of \$762.01 per mile and D&B Brine’s cost at \$420.00 per mile. She recommends opting out of the MCRC and continue with D&B Brine. They have been very good to partner with and are less expensive. The board verbally okayed.
- 4) Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day Program 2018 – Supervisor Jeske received the Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day Program 2018 information. The township has declined this in the past and has held a Discount Dump Day at a cost of \$5.00 for a one time/trip during the month of June. The board verbally okayed continuing with the Discount Dump Day for the month of June at a cost of \$5.00 for a one time/trip per resident.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Clerk Rillema stated that she is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – February budget amendments and will have them ready for the Monday Regular meeting. Treasurer Beegle stated that all 2017 Personal Property has been paid and she collected 98% of winter tax revenue. She has balanced with the County of Muskegon for her settlement of the balance due to Fruitland Township. Supervisor Jeske stated that it appears that the Muskegon County Central Dispatch is considering a phone surcharge increase to allow for capital improvements or updates to the existing radio system. Assessor Bowen provided Supervisor Jeske with a listing of Veteran Exemptions (19) which will result in \$1,362,923,000.00 in taxable value not able to be collected in the 2018 tax year. Supervisor Jeske also stated that at the last Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail meeting a shortfall of funds to complete the trail is approximately \$60,000.00 - \$130,000.00 of which several member municipalities have budgeted funds to make up the difference. Supervisor Jeske suggests that we do not budget any monies at this time. Trustee Cisneros researched playground equipment pricing after receiving the “priority list” from the Parks & Recreation Commission last work session. A catalog was presented to Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman Williamson for his review. Trustee Bard directed a response regarding a White Lake Beacon quote by Supervisor Jeske stating she was disturbed by what she said.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**,  
to adjourn the March 12, 2018 Work Session at 11:19 AM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland