

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2018 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (9) Nine interested parties

**AGENDA** – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman **ADOPTED** the March 19, 2018 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – Opposes the continuance use of the Disc Golf Course with use of taxpayer dollars. Also stated that draft minutes are to be available for public inspection within eight business days after the meeting.
- 2) Jon Snyder, 450 Channel Road – County Commissioner – gave a favorable update on the financial status of the County of Muskegon. They adopted a balanced budget and have had success in securing jail bonds which will increase their general fund available monies.
- 3) Lynn Knopf, 4528 Mystic Lane – Spoke about the content in some of the emails she received in her recent FOIA request/response involving Supervisor Jeske. Also stated that Clerk Rillema denied a reimbursement of her claim for duplicate copies on her FOIA.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2018/2019 PROPOSED BUDGET -**

Supervisor Jeske opened the public hearing at 5:10 PM. Supervisor Jeske stated that the proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is balanced. The proposed Revenues are \$972,758.00. The millage rate for Property Tax is not expected to be increased and will generate approximately \$240,000.00. State Shared Revenue is expected to increase approximately \$30,000.00. Fund 101 Appropriations include a 2% wage increase for two office staff and ecology station attendant. The Auditor fees have increased 3 ½%. Well and Cistern Repairs at the Fire Station #2 appropriations totaling \$4,000.00 along with Fire Station #2 being conveyed to the White Lake Fire Authority effective April 1, 2018. The PINS contract increased approximately \$3,900.00 due to wage and benefits increase with our officer. Recycling vendor hauling fees have been increased by Chef Container. Drain Special Assessments – year two of seven assessments for the Mason Drain - \$4,151.01 and year one of seven assessments for the Saxe Drain- \$6,064.78. Parks & Recreation Commission has requested Sports N Shorts Program

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Partnership reduction at a cost of \$1,500.00, Natural Resource Survey increased to - \$2,500.00, Nestrom Park Appreciation Day \$1,000.00 match with Township Board of Trustees and Repairs and Maintenance of \$9,500.00 which includes misc. repairs, soccer nets, tennis court crack repairs, additional steps on Nestrom Park Stairway, Nestrom Park regulation signage and tree trimming around the grounds.

Capital Improvements include the following:

- Township Hall – new roof (\$23,000.00)
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Nestrom Park – trail benches and water to south pavilion \$2,160.00,

The additional Funds revenue/appropriation changes are as follows:

- Fund 120 (Road Fund) – Revenue increased by transfer from Fund 101 and 2017/2018 Fiscal Year roll over-TBD; Appropriations include the Simonelli/Riley Thompson – 3 sections/Murray/Nestrom/Gibson/Belfast Road Projects - \$210,000.00
- Fund 130 (Public Works Fund) – no change
- Fund 140 (Metro Authority Fund) – no change
- Fund 145 (Equipment Replacement Fund) – new server - \$4,100.00
- Fund 160 (Parks & Recreation Specialty Fund) – capital fund \$3,000.00
- Fund 170 (WRLS Preservation & Maintenance Fund) – no change
- Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement Fund) – no change
- Fund 990 (Special Contingency Fund) – no change

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- 1) Tom Thompson, 5564 S. Shore Drive – inquired about the total of the fund balances in relationship to the budget revenue/appropriation monies. Supervisor Jeske stated that the fund balances at the end of February were \$1,915,787.67 versus budget of \$972,758.00.

Supervisor Jeske closed the public hearing at 5:20 PM and stated that the budget adoption special meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM here at township hall. Trustee Bard commented that she would like the Parks & Recreation Commission to take care of the other projects necessary in park improvement. Treasurer Beegle restated her comments from the work session in regards to the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer receiving meeting pay as the Trustees do. Although she was against the tractor lease, she is willing to give it a try for the next year. She still opposes the authorized contract to improve Belfast road as she felt it should have been a special assessment project. Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Bard and Trustee Holman agreed. Supervisor Jeske reminded them that it was already approved at last month's meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA –**

- February 12, 2018 Work Session and February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 1 – February 28, 2018 Revenues - \$203,946.61, General Fund 101 Expenditures - \$67,899.95
- Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments – February

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- Construction Board of Appeals Appointments expiring December 2018 – Dean Evans and Don Schmiede
- Resolution 2018-04 – Adoption of Revised Appendix B of the Water Rate Ordinance

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, **Supervisor Jeske AYE – motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- 1) Tractor Lease –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to enter into a lease agreement with Burnips Equipment in the amount of \$1,200.00 to lease a tractor.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE – motion carried**

Trustee Bard inquired who would be trained to drive the tractor. Supervisor Jeske stated Ecology Station Attendant Sorenson and Maintenance Supervisor Stafford.

- 2) Parks & Recreation Nestrom Park Guidelines – The Board reviewed the revisions to Article R21 – Nestrom Road Park Ordinance by line item proposed by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Board made several suggestions and Supervisor Jeske will forward them to Chairman Williamson for the Commission’s consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- 1) WRLS Liquor License Application – August 3, 2018 -

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the curator of the White River Light Station to apply for a liquor license and host an event on August 3, 2018.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE – motion carried**

- 2) PINS Agreement – FY 2018-2019 -

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve an agreement with the County of Muskegon to provide a Deputy to conduct policing activities within the Township.

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*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – Thanked the Board for offering a second public comment. Stated she walks the park often and picks up trash when noticed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Clerk Rillema received the PINS Stats for both January and February and will place on file. January – 32 property checks, 64 calls for service, 6 traffic stops, 13 reports and 1 traffic crash. February – 51 property checks, 64 calls for service, 7 traffic stops, 13 reports and 1 traffic crash. Treasurer Beegle stated that she collected all 2017 Personal Property tax revenue. She has balanced with the County after receiving nearly 98% of tax monies due for 2017. The White Lake Fire Authority has been awarded the fire alarm grant again in which residents can inquire with the WLFA to have their fire alarms checked for compliance. The 2017 audit has been completed and the presentation will take place at the May WLFA meeting. Trustee Bard inquired about the logs not being in the White Lake Beacon. Treasurer Beegle stated that the WLFA Board does not require them to be published due to time involved in preparing and inaccuracies in the paper. Clerk Rillema requested that we do quarterly reports like in the past for the additional boards/committees that are represented. The board supported that request. Supervisor Jeske reported that 30 requests were received at the Board of Review. The White Lake Senior Center sent a letter requesting our donation for 2017-18 in the amount of \$1,000.00. The board verbally approved this request for payment. An anonymous letter dated March 1, 2018 as received by all members of the Board of Trustees regarding 4120 W. Bard Road. Supervisor Jeske stated that both Attorney Even and Ordinance Enforcer Holtz are working on the cleanup of this property. Supervisor Jeske received a letter dated March 7, 2018 from Gisela Achterhoff with her concerns regarding the health of our Oak Trees and opposition to the Disc Golf Course. She also received a letter dated February 28, 2018 from the Arboriculture Society of Michigan urging the township to follow best management practices concerning forest health recommendations by the DNR. All are invited to the Muskegon County 2018 Economic Summit on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to discuss health and safety in terms of economic development in Muskegon County. Elected Officials are invited complimentary and can do so by registering online at [222.muskegon.org](http://222.muskegon.org).

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:04 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland