

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Holman, Trustee Jeske, Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Graham, Trustee Lundell

ABSENT – Trustee Jeske

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:03 AM via Zoom.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 11, 2021 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mary Ann Bard commented that she was having issues hearing the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

1. Article R 63 – Natural Area Conservation District Draft Ordinance – Section R 63.14 Hunting – Kevin Even.

Trustee Holman would like to allow firearms during rifle season, only in Area B that currently allows bow hunting. Discussion ensued about what precautions would need to take place in order to allow firearm hunting. The Board decided to defer any action until we are able to meet in person. Supervisor Marcinkowski remarked that the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails group is working on some grant applications and will need this ordinance to apply for grants.

2. COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Update for ZOOM meetings - Clerk Fagan asked that a date be changed to reflect an end date of March 31, 2021 for allowing virtual board meetings for open meetings act, per state guidelines. Attorney Even will send to Clerk Fagan in a Word format so that it can be updated.

3. **Carlet Mitenbuler 4655 Nestrom Rd encroachment – Kevin Even** – Attorney Even stated that communication is ongoing between Carlet Mitebuler and Attorney Even. He is hoping to have something for next Board meeting.
4. **Stair Removal at McMillan Road End Bid – Supervisor** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has sent the bid requests to MLIVE to be published January 10, 17, and 24th.
5. **Jefferson Henry 1832 W River Rd – update** - Supervisor Marcinkowski and Building Official Val Jensen went to court Friday, January 8, 2021. Supervisor Marcinkowski reports that the case was dismissed without prejudice due to technicality. After 7 days we can reissue tickets.
6. **Staff Health Insurance – Clerk** – Clerk Fagan reported that she has received quotes from two local insurance broker type companies and is waiting on quotes from the Small Business Association of Michigan as we have used them in the past.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Treasurer reports**
2. **James Pitney letter – Franchise Fees** – Resident Jim Pitney has been in communication with Supervisor Marcinkowski regarding Franchise Fees that we receive from various companies and what those companies are charging the residents. Attorney Even will research whether we are required to charge a franchise fee. Board members feel it is important to lower this if we can be sure that the companies will also lower how much is being charged to the residents. Otherwise, perhaps we can look at the budget to make sure franchisee money is earmarked to benefit residents.
3. **UVC light** – Supervisor Marcinkowski provided information on an option for a SolarStorm light that emits UVC light to clean and sanitize rooms/buildings and questioned whether it is something we should invest in for our meeting room and building. Per Board request, Supervisor Marcinkowski will work with the company to set up test to see efficacy and discuss safety.
4. **PINS Officer Change** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that Deputy Paseka has taken another position. Will be replaced with Deputy Amy Fekken starting February 14, 2021.
5. **School of Choice Resolution** – Supervisor Marcinkowski received an email asking that Fruitland Township issue a proclamation recognizing School Choice Week. The Board decided not to take action.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Board discussed meetings being held in the meeting room. It has been agreed no further meetings will happen within the building with current COVID governmental/health department

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guidelines. Further discussion may be needed to go over current policies regarding outside groups using the meeting room. Trustee Holman requested that Supervisor Marcinkowski gather information from the White Lake Fire Authority including the current budget, salary information and expenditures in regards to concerns over the purchase of 2 new fire trucks. Clerk Fagan reported there was damage to one of the Township vehicles and the repairs are being handled through an insurance claim. Clerk Fagan presented information sent from the Muskegon County Road Commission regarding previous and upcoming projects. Clerk Fagan also discussed that our current retirement accounts require that all employees reach the age of 65 before they are able to make any withdrawals, and discussed a resolution that would allow that age to be lowered to 55. She will present the resolution at the Regular Board Meeting for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the January 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 11:25 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **ZAYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland