

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – (3) Three interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the August 9, 2021 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended August 9, 2021 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Senior Millage update** – Clerk Fagan stated the voucher system started the first week of August and has been going very well, with nearly \$5000 in vouchers being ordered the first week. She also shared that the “Stretch N More” class with Agewell will be starting this week.
- b. **Duck Lake Cemetery** – Supervisor Marcinkowski received an email from Wesley Jackson of GVSU directing him to 2 groups which use ground penetrating radar to locate the burial sites.
- c. **Working with Drew Rayner (DNR) to conduct an outreach event on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in September.**
- d. **Town Hall meeting with District 8 County Commissioner Doug Brown** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that this meeting was well attended (about 40 people) and went well.
- e. **Township Audit** – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, and Treasurer Pachman met with Eric Van Dop on pre-audit presentation the full presentation to the Board is on August 16 at regular board meeting
- f. **Still receiving ARP funds infrastructure ideas via email.**
- g. **Technology** – Phone handsets and other equipment has been received from ZOOM. There have been ongoing meetings to build out the phone system.
- h. **Stan Burnell resigned his spot on the Board of Review** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is working with Assessor Sue Bowen to find a replacement. So far, 2 township residents have expressed interest in filling the spot – Meredith Kuiper and Brian Fowler – a selection will be made and brought to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Sign samples from Jennifer Venema (Risk Management Tokio Marine) for the Duck Creek Natural Area and McMillan Rd. end stairs** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared sign suggestions from Jennifer Venema. He will order as necessary.
- b. **Duck Creek Natural Area – additional companies who can establish a scope of work for the Natural Area** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is setting up meetings with additional companies.
- c. **Technology –**
 - i. **Township website update** – Clerk Fagan shared that she had a virtual meeting with the STG and they should have the “first draft” soon. She asked anyone that has pictures of the Township that could be useful for the website to send them to her via email.
- d. **Ecology Station – Resolution 2021-13 Property Exchange for Ecology Master Plan** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared property information from Assessor Sue Bowen. Trustee Jeske asked that we poll the community on how they feel about the land swap and whether anyone opposes the township trading the land on Wabaningo. She thinks some residents might use that as hunting property. Board members also questioned the differences in value. Trustee Lundell suggested maybe only allowing a swap with the Wabaningo parcel and not including the Murray Rd parcel. Clerk Fagan suggested checking on the results of the survey sent by the Planning Commission last year to see if there were comments about the ecology station or the Wabaningo parcel. The Board chose to take no action at this time.
- e. **McMillan Rd end stair removal** – Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that this is scheduled for the end of August and the insurance company will not cover the replacement of the stairs, due to it not being included on the policy prior to the damage. He also said that residents continue to call and email on status. They would like to have them replaced.
- f. **Scenic Drive Road End –**
 - i. **Consumers Energy invoices and information for pole, light and power pedestal installation** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared quotes from Consumers Energy for a total of \$165.00 for the necessary installation of a light. He is still working with James Konieczny on final camera pricing.
 - ii. **Parking Area Lease and copy of resolution sent to Otterbacher and Craft for review.**
- g. **Ordinance NO. 50** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will send the drafted ordinance to Attorney Even for review.
- h. **3905 Scenic Dr** – Attorney Even stated that the process server has been unable to serve Mr. Roberts, but they will continue to try. The court date has been delayed to August 19, 2021.
- i. **3321 Scenic Dr** – Attorney Even stated the lawyer and estate have agreed to release the property but the mortgage company will also need to release the

property in order for it to be demolished. There will need to be further conversations on the costs of the demolition.

- j. White Lake Drive Road End** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that he met with some of the neighboring property owners, as well as Tim Demumbrum. Some of the property owners may be willing to look at a land swap to allow Fruitland Township to be able to improve the road end.
- k. Duck Creek Natural Area Signage** – The Board reviewed an updated draft for the Duck Creek Natural Area. The Board would like to see our actual logo at the top of the sign.
- l. Gagnon** – A “Cease and Desist” letter was sent to Sam Gagnon in reference to operating a commercial business at 4565 Lorensen Rd.
- m. Glaser** – A “Cease and Desist” letter was sent to property owners Glenn Jr. and Lynn Glaser regarding the camper being parked at occupied at 4451 Park St.
- n. Tanis** – A letter was sent to Lee Tanis regarding ongoing ordinance violations at 4344 Park St. Supervisor Marcinkowski and Building Inspector Val Jensen are planning to walk the property soon and will issue a citation if the work is not being completed.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Park and Recreation Commission update** – Chairman Herb Huch provided updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission. He shared that the flag and light for the flag pole have been received, and he wants to have all of the portions of the flag system inspected and updated as needed. The scoreboard has also been ordered but may not arrive in time for the end of this season. The Parks and Recreation Commission has discussed budget amendments to finish some stump grinding and moving some benches. When questioned by the Board he stated there was some forward motion on the Master Plan, and that he plans to look into it further after Labor Day. He also shared that the Parks and Recreation Commission did vote to gather quotes to have an outside organization review the Master Plan.
- ~~**b. Kathy Buress – Fruitland Engaged Campaign**~~
- ~~**c. Food Truck – request to park on Scenic Drive**~~
- d. Brush chipping at Ecology Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the brush pile at the Ecology Station was in need of grinding which will cost around \$5,000 with White Lake Excavating. Clerk Fagan shared that this has been done in previous years for the same amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Graham inquired about the status of the boy scout that emailed earlier this year about the cemetery project he had planned for his scout project – Supervisor Marcinkowski said that he had spoken with the young man and the planning will begin in the Fall. Trustee Jeske inquired about future plans for Gypsy Moths and Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that he continues to get updates from the county and the planning for

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next year is now happening and he will continue to give updates. There will be a planned “walkabout” at Duck Creek Natural Area on Wednesday, August 11, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 9, 2021 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:21 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland