

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Binns, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Bole, Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT – One (1) interested party.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence..

AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 15, 2012 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 10, 2012 Work Session Minutes and September 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$34,579.10 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,158,447.15 for the period of September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$50,103.61 for the period of September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour announced that he had sent a letter to SPLKA in support of retaining Ms. Leslie Griswold as the curator at the WRLS. SPLKA reports that the 2012 season at the WRLS was positive with over 3900 adults and over 850 children resulting in about \$18,000.00 in Revenue, along with an additional \$2352.00 from gift shop sales. Communication from the Muskegon County Sheriff's office was received informing the townships of low number of jail workers available for volunteer cleanup which has resulted in our increased wage for seasonal part time help. Supervisor St. Amour spoke to Parks & Recreation Chairwoman Shields about the possibility of re-finishing the picnic tables. The P&R Commission favors this re-finishing and will make the necessary budget amendments at their November meeting. The MCRC Annual Roadkill Banquet is Thursday, November 1, 2012. Please RSVP to Treasurer Beegle if you will be attending. Communication was received regarding the Tri-township Scrap Tire Grant showing 3,856

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tires were collected and no monies are due. The Duck Lake Riparian Owners Association has filed an appeal regarding the judgment on Marcus Park. Fruitland Township will host another political forum on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:00 PM. All community members are invited to attend. The Scenic Drive Road End dock has another broken leg. The Steelheaders Fishing Association will be pulling the dock out and contacting the vendor to discuss how to make the dock legs stronger.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Trustee Bard reported there was no October meeting.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle reported that there was no October meeting but Fire Prevention Week was last week and Fire Station #1 hosted a parade and open house.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Supervisor St. Amour stated no report.
- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reported that there was no October meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Clerk Rillema reported that there was no October meeting.
- Citizens Advisory Wireless Committee – Trustee Deur stated no report.
- McMillan Road End Update – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he had a conversation with Deputy Ashker about the 911 calls this summer to the road end. Deputy Ashker stated that it is Standard Operating Procedure to ask the complainees what they would like to happen when it involves residential trespassing. Supervisor St. Amour will be communicating this response to those residents he received questioning this procedure by authorities.
- White Lake Public Advisory Committee – Trustee Deur reported that a celebration and tour of the White Lake Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project will take place on October 20, 2012 from 2-3PM at the Ellenwood Landing Marina Clubhouse in Montague. All are invited.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported various ordinance enforcement cases in the township. Monitoring of 4965 Duck Lake Road, 2643 Duck Lake Road, 3980 McMillan Road, 3517 N. Green Creek Road and 3323 Worden Road continue.
2. Policies & Procedures, Employee Handbook –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to move to accept the amendments to the Fruitland Township Policies and Procedures and the Fruitland Township Employee Handbook as written with the following exceptions: Policies and Procedures – Page 8, 3.4 Employee Safety be renumbered to 3.4(a) *Employee Safety* and replace 3.4(b) *Policy Regarding Sexual Harassment* with the language inserted into the Employee Manual written by Attorney Even. On page 13, 4.3(a) *Authorization to Receive Cash* remove the word “Curator” and 4.3(c) *Receipts* remove the words “and Museum”.

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

3. Murray Road and Todd Road Projects – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Murray Road does not meet the asset management plan of the MCRC. Supervisor St. Amour is still awaiting final quotes for Murray Road. No new information has been received on Todd Road.
4. Mason Drain and Partridge Drain – Supervisor St. Amour stated that no information has been received regarding the study of these drains from the Muskegon County Drain Commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 2nd Quarter 2012 – 2013 Budget Amendments –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to move to authorize the Clerk to make the 2nd Quarter 2012-2013 Budget Amendments as written.

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

2. Accounts Payable –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to move to authorize the Clerk to pay the 3rd Quarter PINS Agreement which covers October, November and December 2012 in the amount of \$10,065.50 and H.J. Umbaugh and Associates for preparation and dissemination of our Annual Continuing Disclosure Report and Audit to EMMA and the State Repository in the amount of \$450.00.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bole **NAY**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor ST. Amour **AYE**.

3. McMillan Road End – reported under Committee/Board Updates.
4. Life Ring Removal –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to remove the last 4 life rings on the pier and publish it in the White Lake Beacon with White River Township.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Bole **AYE**, Supervisor ST. Amour **AYE**.

5. Local Government Approval for Liquor License – Michigan’s Adventure Tavern License Request -

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to sign Resolution 2012-20, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs request for Local Government Approval from applicant

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Michigan's Adventure, Inc., 4750 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, Michigan for a Tavern license.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

6. Mediation Charge -

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to pay Even and Franks for Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge Mediation charge regarding Marcus Park Lawsuit in the amount of \$715.64.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bole **NAY**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor ST. Amour **AYE**.

7. Board Comments - Treasurer Beegle reported that she received notification from Official Payments that our credit card cancellation request was received and no longer in service for tax payments. Treasurer Beegle also reported that Deputy Treasurer Mansfield and she attended training by the Muskegon County Treasurer's office regarding their newly purchased BS&A Software program for issuing dog licenses in Muskegon County. Clerk Rillema stated that she has been busy issuing Absentee Voter Applications and Ballots for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:58 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland