

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2012  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Binns

**ALSO PRESENT** – Five (5) interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for the Even Family.

**AGENDA** – Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the November 19, 2012 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- 1) Terry Sabo - Current Muskegon County Road Commissioner soon to resign due to recently elected as Muskegon County Commissioner District #8 as of January, 2013. Thank Fruitland Township for its partnership with the MCRC and looks forward to representing us as our County Commissioner.
- 2) Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road - Excited about being elected a Trustee for the Township and invited all to her home for a celebration gathering on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

**MINUTES** –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 9, 2012 Work Session Minutes and October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS** –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$1,215,355.27 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,158,447.15 for the period of October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$58,981.22 and Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$450.00 for the period of October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT** – motion carried*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour thanked Trustee Binns and Trustee Boles for their 8 years of service to Fruitland Township as Trustees of the Board. Supervisor St. Amour thanked County Commissioner elect Terry Sabo, Trustee elect Terrie Hampel, Trustee Elect Val Rissi and White Lake Beacon Reporter Greg Means for being in attendance. Numerous Homebuyers' Education classes sponsored by Muskegon-Oceana Counties are being held in November and December. Anyone interested in attending may contact Supervisor St. Amour for additional information. SPLKA has agreed to retain Leslie Griswold as the curator for season 2013. Supervisor St. Amour ordered seven updated Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions books for the Board of Trustees. Supervisor St. Amour will contact Laketon Township Supervisor Arter with our agreement of partnering in the Tri-Township Tire Grant for 2013. Supervisor St. Amour also noted that communication was received from Mr. McCabe for all to review.

**COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –**

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Trustee Bard reported that the last meeting was held on September 24, 2012. September and October saw 18 of 232 calls in Fruitland Township. Quotes to repair the damage caused by break-in are just over \$22,000.00 which will be covered by MML insurance with a \$250.00 deductible. The Kroll court case is headed back to court for hearing. Donations from Accurate Excavating for 18 loads of dirt for loading dock area and Greenscapes Lawn Service for snowplowing this winter and spring landscaping services are much appreciated. The part-time bookkeeper relieved herself of duties and Director Dresen is trying to find a replacement.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle reported that the November 8, 2012 meeting was cancelled. The amended Articles of Incorporation will be reviewed at our December work session.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission agreed to re-finish the picnic tables and the following motion for budget amendments and re-allocation of funds will cover the cost.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission to make the following budget amendments and re-allocation of funds within Fund 691 and Fund 101 Revenues: Increase #101-000-667.000 for additional funds received, re-allocate \$750.00 from #101-691-801.002 to #101-691-930.000 for picnic table re-finishing, and re-allocate \$664.76 from #101-691-801.002 to #101-691-707.000 for additional seasonal help due to lack of KPEC and Muskegon County Jail Inmate labor available.

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

Supervisor St. Amour stated that the five member Commission is short two members because only three ran in November's General Election. The Board of Trustees has 45 days to appoint

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two new members. He has received several interested residents which will be invited to our December work session for an "interview". Anyone interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission should contact Supervisor St. Amour for more information. Those residents appointed will be up for re-election in November 2014.

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reported that a public hearing was heard at the November 7, 2012 meeting for an accessory building addition at the Seaway Gun Club. The Planning Commission approved the accessory building. He also noted that language change recommendation to Outdoor Storage Ordinance, Section 3.29(c) was also ratified by the Planning Commission at its meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Clerk Rillema reported that there was no November meeting.
- Citizens Advisory Wireless Committee – Trustee Deur had no report.
- White Lake Public Advisory Committee – Trustee Deur reported that once White Lake becomes delisted, the committee will no longer exist. Conversation with the White Lake Association and White River Watershed will most likely occur for future partnership.
- White Lake Community Library -

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to re-appoint Ruth Duncan to continue serving as our Representative on the White Lake Community Library Board for another term beginning January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would like the Duck Creek Watershed Committee Report next month as Trustee Rissi will be representing that committee on our behalf.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported various ordinance enforcement cases in the township. Continued monitoring of 4965 Duck Lake Road, Re-check on 2643 Duck Lake Road scheduled for January 1, 2013 and 3980 McMillan Road, 3517 N. Green Creek Road and 3323 Worden Road are all scheduled for re-checks on December 1, 2012.
2. Murray Road and Todd Road Projects – Supervisor St. Amour stated that since the work session, MCRC will contribute 20% (\$110,000.00) of the \$550,000.00 quote for Murray Road proposed project. The Township Board would continue to support 60% (\$330,000.00) with the remaining 20% (\$110,000.00) funding to be decided. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the next step moving forward is to meet with MCRC Managing Director Ken Hulka and Attorney Eklund for information on special assessment. A potential Citizen's Advisory Committee could also be established with residents along Murray Road to gain support/feedback for the 20% of monies still necessary for

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**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Ordinance Review – (Civil Infractions, Noise and Sign) - Supervisor St. Amour stated that all will be reviewed at the December work session.
2. MCRC Invoice Approval –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to move to authorize the Clerk to make payment to Muskegon County Road Commission for 2012 Road projects totaling \$441,106.68.

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

3. Board Comments - Supervisor St. Amour thanked the MCRC for its partnering and contribution of 40% towards our recent year's road projects. Treasurer Beegle stated that the DNR has a small section adjoining the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail next to our Lakewood Lots it is willing to sell or trade. The Board at this time is not interested in gaining any additional land. Treasurer Beegle will write a letter informing the DNR of our non-interest.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:37 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland