

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2013
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Hampel (arrived late)

ABSENT - Clerk Rillema (excused), Trustee Rissi

ALSO PRESENT – Eighteen (18) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Wednesday, February 6, 2013 Special Meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 6, 2013 Special Meeting - Public Hearing Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING –Murray Road Pavement Improvements 2013 Special Assessment District

Supervisor St. Amour made opening remarks about the township's asset management of roads and schedule of repair of such. It is a methodology used to repair roads when the government unit doesn't have enough funds to repair all roads. The Board of Trustees appointed a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) once Fruitland Township was aware of the lower funding available from the Muskegon County Road Commission for this proposed project. Although Murray Road does not meet the asset management plan, the township felt the safety of such was too important to overlook. Past participation has been 60% share Fruitland Township, 40% share MCRC. Members included on the committee are Charlie Deupree, Irene Pierson, Brian Lernowich and Ted Boers. Both Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Deur attended those meetings. Committee member Charlie Deupree stated that this committee was formed to explore the possible special assessment funding for the Murray Road proposed project. The CAC reported that it obtained email addresses for 155 of the 169 parcel owners along the Murray Road corridor and has been in contact with nearly all parcel owners. Three information pieces were emailed providing information on the project along with a "straw vote" taken online representing 95 or 56 percent supporting the special assessment. The CAC recommended to the Board to hold this public hearing which the Board of Trustees accepted. Supervisor St. Amour introduced MCRC Managing Director Ken Hulka who said that the MCRC is unable to pay the full 40% match because Murray Road does not meet the county's asset management plan. The past four years the township and county have partnered in paving 44 miles of roads using 60% of township funds. Those roads all met the asset management profile. The cost of this project is \$550,000.00 - 60% Fruitland Township (\$330,000.00), 20% MCRC (\$110,000.00) and 20% proposed Murray Road Pavements Improvements 2013 SAD (\$110,000.00). If tonight's outcome is favorable, the Board of Trustees will adopt a Resolution at its Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Regular meeting to send petitions to all parcel owners to execute such SAD.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN 5:12 PM

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Irene Pierson, 6100 Murray Rd - Supports Special Assessment District
Irene read an email from Meryl Hook, 5627 Murray Rd - Opposes Special Assessment District
- 2) Jim Duncan, 5800 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment District
- 3) Kyle Esch, 5727.5 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment District
- 4) Ed Dombrowski, 5812 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment District
- 5) Tim Keck, 6191 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 6) Ted Boers, 6198 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 7) Charlie Deupree, 6119 Murray Road/6142 Scenic Woods Circle - Supports Special Assessment District

Supervisor St. Amour stated that the following twenty-eight (28) emails were received prior to the meeting and one (1) after the close of business.

- 1) Tom & Betsy Grein, 5780 Oak Tree Lane - Oppose Special Assessment District
- 2) John Hunkeler, 6019 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 3) Whit & Cade Sibley, 5841 Murray Road - Support Special Assessment District
- 4) Dan & Ann Singelyn, 6180 Murray Road - Support Special Assessment District
- 5) James Kelley, 6198 Murray Road, Unit 103 - Supports Special Assessment District
- 6) Elliott Roosevelt Jr, 6161 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 7) Merle & Margot Pulver, 5963 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 8) Jerry & Sue Hyland, 5880 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 9) John Rowerdink, 6198 Murray Road, Unit 101 - Supports Special Assessment District
- 10) Merylee Mumaw, 6198 Murray Road, Unit 203 - Supports Special Assessment District
- 11) Brad Shafer, 6138 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment District
- 12) Marilyn & John Rintamaki, 6198 Murray Road, Unit 303 - Supports Special Assessment District
- 13) Elizabeth Gill, 5623 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 14) David Taylo, 6198 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 15) Ann Brown Hartman, 6123 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 16) David & Catherine Cummins, 6198 Murray Road, Unit 302 - Opposes Special Assessment District
- 17) Gerald Gill, 5624 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 18) Book Cottage, LLC, 6075 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 19) Karl Jacob III, 5645 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 20) Susan Spote, 7205 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment
- 21) Lois & Fred Daeschler, 7130 Starboard Lane - Supports Special Assessment w/stipulations
- 22) Joanne McShane/Will Nutting, 6164 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment w/stipulations
- 23) Marylind Andresen, 5662 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 24) Douglas McNeil, 5633 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 25) David Peterson, 6147 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 26) James Duncan, 5800 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 27) Ingrid Lindsfor, 5662 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 28) Lisa Peterson, 5662 Murray Road - Opposes Special Assessment
- 29) Scott St. Pierre, 5748 Murray Road - Supports Special Assessment

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:05 PM

BOARD COMMENTS – Trustee Bard stated that she wishes the County would be a 40% contributor but this project should be done for the safety of our residents. Trustee Deur inquired if this project could be done in two phases. The costs would be increased for equipment mobility if that were the case. Trustee Hampel inquired if the cost included speed bumps. It does not as it is illegal on a public road. No bike paths are quoted either as it is expensive.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:20 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland