

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Bole, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

ABSENT: Trustee Binns, Treasurer Beegle

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and two (2) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, November 13, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA: Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the November 13, 2012 Work Session Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 2 ABSENT - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour thanked Trustees Binns and Trustee Bole for their 8 years of service to Fruitland Township. Supervisor St. Amour received information from the MCRC regarding mailbox replacement procedure. Cedar Creek Township Supervisor Jim Muston's retirement party of 44 years of service is tomorrow, November 14, 2012 at the Cedar Creek Township. Numerous Homebuyers' Education classes sponsored by Muskegon-Oceana Counties are being held throughout the months of November and December. Anyone interested in attending, may contact Supervisor St. Amour for more information. SPLKA will be retaining Leslie Griswold as the curator at the WRLS for season 2013. White Lake Community Library Representative Ruth Duncan is up for reappointment. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular Meeting for approval. Logging in the township off Michillinda Road is now complete. Supervisor St. Amour will be ordering new Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions booklets from the MTA. Continued training for the purchased BS&A.net software for the building department will take place this Thursday & Friday, November 15 & 16. The office will be closed for the in-house training. Clerk Rillema will post such closing today. Bond renewals for all public officials expire on November 20, 2012. Clerk Rillema will update the listing and forward to our insurance carrier for renewals. Supervisor St. Amour stated that flooding was occurring in the basement of the WRLS. It appears that a drain needed to be unplugged and the parking lot drain may also need to be done. The invoice for 2012 road projects was received from the MCRC for approximately \$4500.00 less than expected. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting. Laketon Township Supervisor Arter inquired if Fruitland Township is interested in partnering again in the Tri-Township Tire Grant. The Board was agreeable and Supervisor St. Amour will notify Laketon Township Supervisor Arter of our interest.

SPECIAL GUEST: Dean Evans of Morden Construction was not present.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reviewed the following ordinance enforcement cases active in the township.
 - 4965 Duck Lake Road – continued cleanup and monitoring
 - 2643 Duck Lake Road – continued cleanup with a January 1, 2013 re-check
 - 3980 McMillan Road – continued cleanup with a December 1, 2012 re-check
 - 3517 N. Green Creek Road – continued cleanup with a December 1, 2012 re-check
 - 3323 Worden Street - continued cleanup with a December 1, 2012 re-check
2. Civil Infractions – Supervisor St. Amour stated the three office officials, staff and Attorney Even need to schedule a meeting to finalize procedures for handling civil infractions.
3. WLFA Articles of Incorporation – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Articles of Incorporation have been reviewed by Attorney Even and will be discussed at the December work session.
4. Lamos Road End – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has contracted with Vance Brown to place 4 posts and signage on boundaries at Lamos Road End. The Board of Trustees requested an additional post 1/2 way down on easterly border to prevent the public from trespassing over on easterly resident's landscaped yard. Supervisor St. Amour will contact Mr. Brown with updated request.
5. Murray Road & Todd Road Projects – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received new estimates on Murray Road from the Muskegon County Road Commission. The total project cost for Murray Road is \$550,000.00. Conversation amongst the Board was to task Supervisor St. Amour to discuss with the MCRC if there are any possible stages of improvement to road areas, see if double prime & seal would be applicable and possibly set up a Citizen's Advisory Committee to work with the residents along Murray Road regarding a special assessment to reach a successful solution for road improvement. The township has in the last few years contributed 60% and MCRC 40% of road improvement costs, but this project is not a contributable road project for MCRC so at this time 40% of road improvement costs need to be paid by some other method of funding. Trustee-elect Val Rissi was in attendance and stated that she has a daughter in the Grant writing field. She will ask her daughter to research any grants for funding of the road improvement of Murray Road and report at the December work session.
6. Mason Drain & Partridge Drain - Supervisor St. Amour stated that no further updates from Muskegon County Drain Commissioner Fisher have been received at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scenic Drive Dock - Trustee Bard inquired if the Steel headers Association could take over the agreement with the MCRC for placement of the seasonal dock. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the MCRC would only make an agreement with another jurisdiction not individual parties. Supervisor St. Amour also stated that the dock has been removed for the winter and placed at the Ecology Station so the manufacturer can review and make necessary repairs not at the township's expense.

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2. White Lake Assisted Living Sewer Charge - Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Township will be invoiced from Muskegon County for meter readings to the newly opened White Lake Assisted Living Center (WLALC). The Township will invoice the WLALC for those charges along with a \$50.00 quarterly fee going forward.
3. Duck Lake Fire Station - Trustee Bard withdrew this topic until 2013-14 budget discussion.
4. White Lake Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation - Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even will review and make recommendations at the December work session.
5. Picnic Tables - Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission adopted a motion to authorize budget amendments and reallocation of funds to cover the costs associated with re-finishing the picnic tables. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
6. Noise Ordinance Review - Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even will be reviewing and making recommendations at the December work session. Supervisor St. Amour stated that a Citizen Advisory Committees could also be set up to review if necessary.
7. Board Comments - Trustee Deur inquired about the Swearing-In Ceremony. Supervisor St. Amour stated that at Noon on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 Clerk Rillema would be swearing in those that could attend. If an additional date and time are necessary, please schedule with the Clerk to arrange. Trustee Deur also stated that the Medical Marihuana Moratorium will expire on January 31, 2013, and the Planning Commission has no intention to extend. They are working on a draft ordinance and hope to have it ready for review. However, depending on whether it is a regulatory or a zoning ordinance, it might have to be done by the Board instead of being recommended by the Planning Commission. Trustee-elect Terrie Hampel was in attendance and stated her excitement coming on board and appreciated the invite to today's work session. Clerk Rillema stated that she survived the General Election but that results have not been certified by the Muskegon County Canvassers for the County yet due to multiple jurisdictions having to re-run their ballots because of difficulty election night. Certification of the election should be completed by the Canvassers by the end of this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur , ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, November 13, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:15 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES 2 ABSENT - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland