

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Hampel, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle,
Supervisor St. Amour

ABSENT: Trustee Rissi

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the amended Monday, February 11, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 11, 2013 Work Session Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that our Resolution was given to Laketon Township for submission with the Scrap Tire Grant application for 2013. The WLFA annual report has been submitted and available for review. Attorney Even has suggested the civil infraction fee amounts for the Medical Marihuana Dispensary Ordinance. Clerk Rillema will amend the Fee, Permit and Escrow Schedule and prepare a Resolution for the Tuesday regular meeting. Supervisor St. Amour is awaiting a call from the Drain Commissioner to schedule a meeting to discuss the Partridge, Saxe and Mason Drain Districts. Lieutenant Shane Brown and Deputy Ashker of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department will be a Special Guest at our Tuesday regular meeting to review our PINS program for 2012. Supervisor St. Amour has received information for the Veterans Exemption 2012 PA 311. Building Official Siegel will be asked to review and make suggestions if needed for building fee amendments. Attorney Even wrote a letter in response to Mr. Jones stating that the Township Board considers his matter concluded. Zoning Administrator Sandel met with a property owner inquiring about hosting a music festival for a non-profit with camping, vendors, etc. It is located in the neighborhood-commercial zoning district. At this time, no ordinance prohibits this type of activity.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he had not been out for re-checks due to the snowfall/weather at 4965 Duck Lake Road, 2643 Duck Lake Road, 3980 McMillan Road and 3323 Worden Road. He did add 5700 Michillinda Road which was ticketed by Deputy Ashker for violation of the junk ordinance. He re-emphasized to the renter at 5096 Orshal Road to get rid of the junk and not place behind buildings or he will be re-ticketed.

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2. White Lake Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation - Attorney Even presented his amendments/additions to the articles for our review. A motion will be prepared for the Tuesday Regular meeting to accept those amendments and have Treasurer Beegle and Supervisor St. Amour present to the WLFA our request for amendments/additions.
3. Murray Road & Todd Road Projects - Supervisor St. Amour stated that the public hearing for the Special Assessment District for Murray Road was held on February 6, 2013. The overall response from residents/property owners along the Murray Road corridor is favorable. Attorney Even will work with the Clerk to prepare the petitions and letter to be mailed after the Tuesday regular meeting. A resolution will also be prepared by Attorney Even for adoption at the Tuesday regular meeting which will also be sent with the petitions and letter.
4. Todd and Riley Thompson Road Estimates - Supervisor St. Amour received an estimate for Todd Road at \$76,000.00 and Riley Thompson between Nestrom & Orshal of \$180,000.00. The township's 60% share would be \$153,600.00 total. This will be reviewed if the Murray Road SAD does not get executed.
5. WLAA Articles of Incorporation - Supervisor St. Amour met with the Chairman Studaven of the WLAA to discuss Fruitland's concern for lack of internal controls in the financials. Chairman Studaven left the meeting apprised of the content of the letter. At the WLAA meeting on the 30th of January, Supervisor St. Amour represented Fruitland, Trustee Bard, Clerk Rillema and Trustee Deur were also in attendance. The letter, untimeliness of audits, run times and additional areas of revenue were questioned by Supervisor St. Amour to the Director. The WLAA Board was agitated with Supervisor St. Amour and short with answers. They introduced their newly hired bookkeeper, Teresa VanderLeest and stated that they should be in compliance now with Mrs. VanderLeest employed. The Board requests that Attorney Even prepare a letter to be sent to the State Treasurer with our concerns and untimeliness of audits.
6. 2013-14 Budget Discussion - Supervisor St. Amour briefly went over Revenues & Expenditures in Fund 101 and the Additional Funds Budgets. Parks and Recreation Commission submitted their proposed budget with line items supporting the \$10,000.00 in Capital Improvements. Trustee Bard does not support the 2% wage increase for elected officials but would support it for the three employees only. Trustee Bard also asked if the Fire Barn on Duck Lake Road could be sold to the WLFA to eliminate us being a landlord. The Board at this time did not take action on this item. A public hearing is set for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 on the budget and has been noticed in the White Lake Beacon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Road Ends - The road end - beach dispute in Ganges Township has been settled. However, since it is a settlement, there is no binding legal effect on our McMillan Road End, according to Attorney Even.
2. Ecology Station Costs - Supervisor St. Amour reviewed the revenues and contracting expenditures for the Ecology Station through nine months 2012-13 against prior years. It appears that the revenues (increasing) and expenditures (decreasing) has narrowed the

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margin greatly. Supervisor St. Amour has requested quotes from Allied Waste, Chef Container and SWS for review at the March work session.

3. 2012 White River Lighthouse Annual Report - Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association has submitted its 2012 annual report on the White River Lighthouse. A copy was provided to all Board members and is available for the public's review in the Clerk's office.
- 3.5 MTA Conference - Trustee Hampel attended the 2013 MTA Conference and Expo in Detroit in January and reported her learnings, reactions, thoughts, ideas and inspirations to the Board. Next year's conference will be held in Traverse City at the Traverse Bay Grand Hotel and Conference Center.
7. Board Comments - Trustee Deur inquired if the Scenic Road End Dock was given to the township or owned by another party. Supervisor St. Amour stated that it was a gift and is owned by the township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, February 11, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at Noon.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland