

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

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi, Treasurer Beegle, Supervisor St. Amour

ABSENT: Clerk Rillema (excused), Trustee Hampel

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (3) interested parties.

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

AGENDA: Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding after public comment, special guests, Matt (Chef Container) and Brenda (Allied Waste) to present their quotes for sanitation service at the ecology station.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the amended March 11, 2013 Work Session Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 2 ABSENT - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- (1) Charlie Deupree, 6119 Murray Road - Announced that Sylvan Beach Association (SBA) held their board meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2013 and signed the Murray Road Pavement Improvements 2013 SAD petition for the 63 parcels.

Supervisor St. Amour and Mr. Deupree stated that with the 63 votes from the SBA petition and the non-SBA petitions favor the percentage to move forward with the SAD. A motion authorizing Supervisor St. Amour to sign the Special Assessment Roll will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting. Supervisor St. Amour will be in contact with the MCRC to finalize contract language which will be discussed at our 2013-14 Budget Adoption meeting. He thanked the CAC for all of its hard work.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Matt from Chef Container and Brenda from Allied Waste presented their quotes which are about \$1700.00 apart for all sanitation/recycling services and answered questions of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated Muskegon County Drain Commissioner received a letter from the EPA releasing the BUI (Beneficial Use Impairment) for drinking water in the Muskegon Lake Area of Concern. This step is a positive step in delisting Muskegon Lake which has been actively sought by the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partners. A webcam fundraised by the White Lake Association to be donated to the Township for the WRLS tower is being coordinated with SPLKA Executive Director Cindy Beth Davis-Dykema on timing of placement associated with the painting of the WRLS this summer. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the MCRC and Muskegon County Drain Commissioner have been communicating about the Partridge Drain at Lamos Road End. Information of Free Dump Day through

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Muskegon County was received. Trustee Rissi said the Duck Lake Riparian Owners Association has offered up to \$500.00 towards free dump day. Past history of free dump day/\$5.00 discount dump day was discussed. More discussion at a later date. A motion to renew committee members for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting. The office will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2013 for Good Friday. The 2013-14 Budget Adoption meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he visited 3980 McMillan and the owner has a lot more cleanup to go. Zoning Administrator Sandel is reviewing the tree cutting at 3068 Scenic Drive. 3323 Worden Road is cleaned up in the front but Supervisor St. Amour needs to re-check back yard. Bolema Lumber was contacted about 5096 Orshal Road. If the cleanup is not done soon a second ticket will be issued.
2. WLAA - Supervisor St. Amour stated that he attended the re-scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 along with Attorney Even. Supervisor St. Amour presented information on MCLA 124.603 in adoption of amendments to their Articles of Incorporation and history of untimely audits. Attorney Even recommends waiting a meeting or two to allow the WLAA board to digest the information given to them.
3. Ecology Station - Supervisor St. Amour reviewed his talks with Allied Waste and Chef Container for sanitation services at the Ecology Station. Difference in pull charges of \$10.00 (Chef Container - \$130.00 per pull, Allied Waste - \$120.00 per pull) and Fuel Surcharge of 2% (Chef Container - 7%, Allied Waste - 5%) make up the difference. Chef Container is currently at \$135.00 per pull, 7% Fuel Surcharge and Allied Waste is \$150.00 per pull and 18% Fuel Surcharge. A cost savings will be recognized with either Allied Waste or Chef Container. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to accept either Allied Waste or Chef Container as our sanitation vendor.
4. 2013-14 Budget Discussion - Supervisor St. Amour stated that no public comment was received at the February 19, 2013 Budget Public Hearing and none by either in person/phone/email. As requested by Trustee Deur, an ordinance enforcer line item has been added under Dept. 310 in the amount of \$3000.00 which is offset in Revenues under the Harvest Tree Receipts Revenue. Fund 812 Special Assessment would be zeroed and moved to Fund 145 Equipment Replacement Fund. Community Education sent a letter to inform the Township of an increase to the Sports N' Shorts program of \$900.00. The meeting to adopt the proposed budgets is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he sent the PINS Report prepared by Lt. Shane Brown electronically to all board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 4th Quarter 2012-13 Budget Amendments - Clerk Rillema prepared the budget amendment listing for February 15 - March 8, 2013. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to accept those amendments.

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2. Board Comments - Attorney Even stated that insurance money has been received from the Michillinda Beach Lodge fire. The Zoning Administrator is receiving heavy phone conversation and inquiries of interested parties on zoning for this area. Trustee Deur stated that several planning commissioners attended a free seminar in Ottawa County and a question arose on sub-committees and are meetings held being subject to OMA. Attorney Even will look at the language. Trustee Rissi stated that she was elected as Secretary on the Duck Creek Watershed and they meet on Tuesday, March 12. She will also be out of town until the 29th of March and will be absent from the March 18th and March 28th meetings. Treasurer Beegle stated that 97% of winter tax was collected and the tax roll is closed and sent off to the County. Several personal property tax collections are still outstanding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, March 11, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:20 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland