

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
MAY 13, 2013
MINUTES**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, May 13, 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 moving New Business item #6 - Noel Request for Monument Variance and White Lake Library Representatives Sally Schwartz and Ruth Duncan after public comment.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 13, 2013 Work Session Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

1. Noel Request for Monument Variance - Leonard & Pearl Noel requested the Board to consider allowing a purchased grave marker foundation/markers to be moved from a Freesoil area cemetery to Fruitland Township Cemetery which is wider than the allowed width in the Cemetery Ordinance. The width allowed in the ordinance is 14 inches and the purchased foundation is 26 inches.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to grant a variance from the Cemetery ordinance R7, Section 7.05 Markers or Memorials, to allow the purchased oversized foundation be placed for Leonard and Pearl Noel in Fruitland Township Cemetery, Block 4, Lot 116, grave sites 7 & 8.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Deur AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Rissi AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor St. Amour AYE - **motion carried**

2. Sally Schwartz and Ruth Duncan, White Lake Community Library - presented the Board of Trustees with the 2012 Annual Report and 2012 Fiscal Year End Audit to be placed on file at the township. Both gave a brief review of the service and financial issues facing the Library going forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that Discount Dump Days are scheduled for the month of June. Residents may pay and pick up their coupon in the township office. The Scrap Tire Grant Collection Day is June 8 and Mullally Field in Laketon Township. The Parks and Recreation Commission is sprucing up the township hall grounds with volunteer help. Mark Bletsch has agreed to work as our seasonal help again this summer and started last week with Maintenance employee Dan. Resident Dave

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Ridders has coordinated the launch of the Webcam at the White River Light Station. The live feed for the camera can be found at the White Lake Association website: <http://whitelakeassociation.org>. Bike to work week kicked off today and our very own Treasurer Beegle biked into work. More information can be found at http://rideonmuskegon.com/sign_up.html. Supervisor St. Amour and Zoning Administrator Don Sandel have been receiving numerous phone calls on the future of Michillinda. Demolition permits are being sought to demolish the remains of the burned lodge so it may be sold "as is". Supervisor St. Amour has heard that Lakeside Inn will be open for dinner and some lodging for season 2013. Brickley DeLong is scheduled for our in-house Fiscal Year 2012-13 audit on June 10-11. Supervisor St. Amour received a phone call from someone requesting the township to consider "no-smoking" on Fruitland Property. The Board discussed but has agreed to do nothing at this time as enforcing such ordinance would be impossible. Supervisor St. Amour also received information that an easement (inlet place) near Dock Road, in the A.J. Flitcrafts Sylvan Beach Subdivision was hard to access due to cars parking on it. Supervisor St. Amour will investigate and report back his findings. At this time, the Board also decided to hold on on its own Electronics Recycling event as the County of Muskegon and Laketon Township are hosting in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would like Mark Bletsch to work with him to follow up on active ordinance enforcement cases in the township. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting to appoint Mark Bletsch as an ordinance enforcer and an amendment to Resolution 2012-16
2. WLAA -
Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 10:38 AM upon advice of Attorney Even.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 11:10 AM.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

3. Donation of Property - Supervisor St. Amour stated that he spoke to Father Francis Partridge about the property located at the corner of Lamos and Michillinda Roads. Father Partridge would like to donate to the township but would like to have it remain as township property and not be resold. The Board of Trustees discussed and were tasked to look at the property and forward to Supervisor St. Amour their thoughts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Building Rental - Supervisor St. Amour received a request from the WLAA group to enter into a long term rental for use of the Community Building. Supervisor St. Amour tasked the Board of Trustees to email him any language/comments for an agreement.
2. Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail Update - Supervisor St. Amour stated that efforts by the Committee to secure funding for the extension of the trail continue.

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3. Lawn Mower Purchase - Supervisor St. Amour tasked Maintenance Supervisor Andrews to research a new 60" zero turn lawn mower. He received three quotes (two from White Lake Nursery (\$9,700.00/\$8,400.00) and one from New Era Tractor (\$7,525.00). A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting.
4. City of Muskegon/County Wastewater Settlement - Supervisor St. Amour stated that County of Muskegon and City of Muskegon have agreed upon a settlement of \$400,000.00 with no more litigation and signing of Master Contract for the wastewater negotiations.
5. Saxe Drain - Supervisor St. Amour stated that a meeting will be scheduled mid-June with the MCRC and Muskegon County Drain Commissioner Fisher to discuss the SAXE, Partridge and Mason Drains.
6. Board Comments - Clerk Rillema stated that two budget amendments are necessary in Fund 130 to increase both the Revenue and Expenditure for wastewater usage by the White Lake Assisted Living Center. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular Meeting. Clerk Rillema and Supervisor St. Amour also attended the Muskegon County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association quarterly meeting at Whitehall Township on April 29, 2013. Deputy Todd Dunham of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Marine Division was the guest speaker and spoke on boat and water safety. Trustee Deur reported that Mlive had an article that stated that the MDEQ denied the Bro G Land Company request for a driveway permit through the White River Barrier Dunes Sanctuary for the fourth time. Trustee Deur, Supervisor St. Amour and Treasurer Beegle met with Health Insurance Agent, Jennifer McDonnell to discuss the options for insurance coverage according to the Affordable Health Care Reform Act. No changes are necessary at this time, but a slight rate increase is expected for our group plan of one. Agent McDonnell would like to meet again early fall to discuss our options. Trustee Deur stated that both Supervisor St. Amour and he discussed the potential of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Land Conservancy Group with Erin Kuhn of the JPC to possibly apply for grants with no or little cost to upgrade our trail system. The Board of Trustees supports his efforts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, May 13, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:53 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland