

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
JUNE 11, 2012
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and zero (0) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, June 11, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the June 11, 2012 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION: Supervisor St. Amour announced that Novotny tested frequency for the life ring alarm system and work is currently occurring on the installation. SPLKA has requested permission to place a defibulator at the WRLS at their expense. The Board of Trustees supported this endeavor. Assessor Sue Bowen has been reporting to Supervisor St. Amour on her field work progress on a regular basis. A letter was received from the White Lake Yacht Club regarding an upcoming regatta in August in which they will be using the launch ramp at Scenic Drive. Attorney Even stated that the Marcus Park court date has been postponed until sometime in August. SPLKA received a request from a group of Pentwater Boy Scouts to camp on the WRLS grounds the weekend of June 22-24. The Board of Trustees supported this request with the understanding that they would be performing some grounds keeping projects. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the tri-township tire day grant was very successful and thanks Trustee Bard for her volunteerism.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement –Supervisor St. Amour highlighted the many ordinance infractions occurring in the township. Deputy Ashker continues to be involved in many of the properties.
2. Civil Infractions (Fee Schedule) – Attorney Even stated that the schedule is ready for adoption subject to any technical amendments (spelling).
3. Health Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour stated that our renewal date has past. The letter requesting an extension was denied. We currently have no health insurance coverage for our maintenance employee which means we are self funded at this point. Employee Andrews underwent a procedure on the 1st of June which will need to be funded by the Township due

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to our extension being denied. Supervisor St. Amour is disappointed in our agent for the lack of follow up and is seeking quotes for health insurance coverage.

4. Policies & Procedures, Employee Handbook – Attorney Even is reviewing the policies and procedures and employee handbook and will be making recommendations at the July work session.
5. WRLS – Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program Grant – Clerk Rillema has been in contact with the State of Michigan regarding the grant that was applied for in November 2011 by past employee Curator McDonnell. Several items are required by both Fruitland Township and SPLKA in a resolution which will be presented at the Monday Regular Meeting. Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request to place a webcam on the tower came from resident David Ridders. Clerk Rillema will check with the state regarding our historical easement with the State on possible placement.
6. SAXE Drain Status – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Drain Commissioner said the Muskegon County Road Commission will not be participating and he will be reviewing and making a recommendation in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fruitland Township Well Repairs – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the well on the township hall grounds required repair. Meyer Well Drilling performed the repairs in the amount of \$2743.31 and a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting for approval.
2. MTA Annual Dues – Clerk Rillema stated that the invoice for 2012-13 Dues was received in the amount of \$4232.13 and a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting for approval.
3. Foreclosed Parcels in Township for Sale – Treasurer Beegle received properties in foreclosure in Fruitland Township. Trustee Bole tasked Treasurer Beegle to research if any were adjacent to current properties owned by Fruitland Township.
4. Ecology Station – Recycle Station Pad Request – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request to place crushed concrete in the area where the recycle bins are placed was received by our recycler because the soft sand makes it difficult to load/unload. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received a quote in the amount of \$400.00 a load was received. The recycler has relocated the bins at this time until further notice.
5. Parks & Recreation – Duck Lake Road Park Funds Request – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request from the Parks & Recreation Commission for approximately \$2500.00 for topsoil at the Duck Lake Road Park was received. Donated grass seed would then be planted. The Board of Trustees did not support the request at this time.
6. BS&A.Net Software – Treasurer Beegle reported that the County of Muskegon will be switching to the new software in August for both the tax and assessing. BS&A reports that no new updates to buy existing software will be written to adapt to the BS&A.net software

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which could cause difficulty in the two systems reading each other. Several townships/cities have already purchased the BS&S.net software and are happy with the performance. The cost for the software is over \$20,000.00 and Clerk Rillema inquired if the software could be purchased in segments. Clerk Rillema and Treasurer Beegle will speak to BS&A and IT Right to gain further knowledge before the Monday Regular meeting.

7. Planning Commission Recommendation (Medical Marihuana Moratorium Extension) – Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission adopted a motion to extend the moratorium until January 31, 2013 and recommends that the Township Board also adopt. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
11. Board Comments – Treasurer Beegle stated that all personal property taxes are collected and the Muskegon County Treasurer’s office will be taking over dog license issuance as of October 1, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, June 11, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:46 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland