

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
JULY 9, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Bole, Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Binns

ABSENT – Clerk Rillema

ALSO PRESENT – Attorney Even and Zero (0) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, July 9, 2012 Work Session to order at 10:00 AM.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 9, 2012 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the cement pad request for the Ecology Station recycle area will be placed on hold as the ground where the containers are now placed is holding up well. A letter was received from Mr. McCabe for your review. A bid was received for logging of pine of Michillinda in the amount of \$19650.00. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting to contract with Biewer Sawmill. Sally Schwartz is being nominated as our replacement representative on the White Lake Community Library board and a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting. Nestrom Road end has been receiving activity again from eastern neighbor, Mr. Ward. Deputy Ashker has been informed. After a conversation with the MCRC, they recommend placing signage at the road end stating public access ends here on both boundaries and also recommends their mowing down the overgrowth to allow better access for the public. A thank you was received from MiCorps for the use of the township hall for their training. Supervisor St. Amour continues to get emails/telephone calls regarding McMillan Road end use. All signage has been placed at the road end and Muskegon Conservation District continues to oversee the restoration process. The dune has healed very well and the signage is hidden in some areas due to growth of vegetation. A positive thank you from a resident on Dame Road for the road repairs was received but inquired about her street signs being replaced. Our maintenance supervisor, Dan, has put up the signage since receiving her thank you. Today at 3:00 PM, Attorney Even will be representing us in Judge Grave's courtroom on the Marcus Park Lawsuit. Supervisor St. Amour tasked Attorney Even to review the liquor license renewal/application process with the State of Michigan.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported various ordinance enforcement cases in the township.

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2. Civil Infractions – Attorney Even reviewed the proposed civil infractions to be published and fee schedule that should be adopted by resolution. A resolution will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
3. Health Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour reported that we are self-insured in our health insurance coverage at this time. Several quotes for health insurance coverage were reviewed and a recommendation will be made at the Monday Regular Meeting for which plan to go with for coverage that will be a group plan but allows for only one employee to participate.
4. Policies & Procedures, Employee Handbook – Attorney Even continues his review and provided clarification on the bid process in the policies and procedures. Discussion will take place at the August work session.
5. SAXE Drain Status – Supervisor St. Amour stated that no new information has been received by the Drain Commissioner at this time. The dry weather has been to our advantage this summer.
6. SPLKA Update – Supervisor St. Amour shared the Resolution prepared by SPLKA that will allow Director Cindy Beth Davis to work on grants for WRLS which needs to be adopted by the SPLKA board yet. SPLKA is looking for our cooperation on allowing the position of curator to live off grounds and continue to oversee the operations of the museum and allow the renting of the living quarters of the WRLS to renters as a potential offset to their curator salary. This still needs to be discussed among the SPLKA board. This month, SPLKA is celebrating Christmas in July and the WRLS is decorated for this event. SPLKA would like to place a gate into the side/back yard at their expense off the northwest corner of the WRLS for use of the grassy area. The board is okay with the gate being installed.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Muskegon County GIS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the invoice for our basic service was received in the amount of \$4,033.94. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
2. Trustee Priority Listing of Projects for Parks & Recreation Commission – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he had conversations with Chair Shields and the Parks Commission would entertain a listing of proposed projects that the Board of Trustees would be willing to fund for the future. Supervisor St. Amour tasked the BOT to forward their list to him so he could compile for the August work session.
3. Fireworks – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received multiple calls on complaints for fireworks before and after the 4th of July. As Attorney Even and Supervisor St. Amour explained, our noise ordinance goes into effect after 11:00 AM and Supervisor St. Amour stated that he encourages residents to call 911 after that time if the noise continues. At this time, the BOT is not interested in an ordinance regulating fireworks.
4. Sign Ordinance Review – Attorney Even will be reviewing our sign ordinance along with suggestions from the Planning Commission which has had an ad hock committee reviewing

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also in regards to digital signs. Supervisor St. Amour called Chair Roesler to let him know that legal counsel is reviewing so they may want to put a hold on their review until further notice.

5. 1st Qtr 2012-13 Fiscal year Budget Amendments – Supervisor St. Amour reviewed the amendments and stated a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to adopt such amendments prepared by Clerk Rillema. Trustee Deur inquired about the write off of old checks. Clerk Rillema will respond to such at the Monday Regular Meeting
6. Board Comments – Trustee Deur inquired about the process for liquor license renewal/application process which Attorney Even will review and report back.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the July 9, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:15 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland