

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 16, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Gregory R Boughton, Treasurer Debbie Boyer, Trustee Mary Eley, Trustee Norma Binns, Trustee Mary Ann Bard, and Trustee Gary Bole.

**ABSENT:** Clerk Janell Beard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Township Ordinance Enforcer Don Carrier and 3 interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Boughton called the January 16 regular meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**1. POVERTY GUIDELINES**

Assessor Sue Bowen explained her recommended asset requirements that must be used in conjunction with the income requirements: 1) liquid assets (cash, savings and checking accounts, savings bonds or negotiable stocks and bonds, etc.) cannot be greater than \$5,000. 2) material assets shall not exceed: One (1) transportation type motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle) for each income provider within the household and Zero (0) recreational type vehicles with purchase payments being made. ~~3) Under no circumstances shall a hardship exemption be granted to any applicant who owns any interest in marketable real estate in addition to their principle residence.~~

Trustees asked Assessor Bowen what the Federal asset requirements are. She explained there are none so each municipality must adopt their own. Consensus was to adopt with resolution both 2008 federal guidelines for income and the recommended asset requirements as written above at the Monday January 21, 2008 meeting.

**2. KRUSE LOT SPLIT – DON SANDEL**

Zoning Administrator Sandel presented a tentative parcel map showing both how the property exists now and how it will be when divided into two (2) conforming parcels.

Consensus was to put on Monday January 21, 2008 meeting agenda.

**3. NESTROM ROAD PROPERTY – DON SANDEL**

Zoning Administrator Sandel presented a survey of the Fruitland Township owned parcel 61-06-131-400-0026-20 which is currently divided by Nestrom Road showing how it could be divided into two (2) conforming lots. Several Trustees commented that they thought this was going to be kept as green space. If this parcel was to be divided they believe for safety reasons that the proposed parcel B should not be built on. The question was asked if divided, could parcel B be offered only to a neighboring property or a land conservancy. Treasurer Boyer answered that no it can not be, if sold it has to be put out for bid to everyone. Zoning Administrator Sandel suggests putting a deed restriction on the parcel they do not want to be built on.

Supervisor Boughton and Zoning Administrator Sandel will work on resolution and report back.

**4. BUDGET**

Supervisor Boughton starts the discussion by reading the Mission Statement of Fruitland Township. Then he covered the following:

- Budgeting Timetable
- Township Obligations
- Township Commitments
- Township Budget Input
- Township Goals

- Department Revenues & Expenditures

Supervisor Boughton will take comments made during discussion under advisement.

**5. ORDINANCE VIOLATION REPORT:**

Don Carrier, Ordinance Enforcer reported eleven (11) new cases and seven (7) cases closed.

- a. 5674 Whitehall Road, Ordinance Enforcer Carrier reported that the cars are cleaned up. He advised the owner that there could be two or three licensed/insured customer cars left outside overnight if necessary.
- b. 6239 Durham Road, Ordinance Enforcer Carrier reported that he has spoke with the homeowner and has given him two (2) weeks to clean up the yard including vehicles in the backyard.

**6. MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

- Brine Request – Consensus is to request no brining of Private Streets, specify what we want to be full brined and sport brined. Put on Monday January 21, 2008 agenda.
- Ordinance for parking at Duck Lake Channel – Proposed language has been provided.
- Simonelli North of Duck Lake Road – Attorney Eklund has responded.
- Nestrom North of River Licensed Closure – Zoning Administrator Sandel is working on this, the property owners need to request this from the Muskegon County Road Commission with specific language.

**7. LAKEWOOD LOTS**

- Carol Costello – donating property
- Don Scurio – waiting to see if the property is buildable – Zoning Administrator Sandel to respond
- Versey Beacham – wants to sell property to the township for \$700.00-\$900.00 (6) lots
- Lenoard Zaug – want to buy property from the township

**8. ED PULASKI – MILEAGE REQUEST**

Supervisor Boughton states the current policy states employees are reimbursed and Ed is an employee – Trustee Eley and Trustee Bard signed for payment.

**9. TRUSTEE BILL REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Trustees all ok with dates except January needs to be changed to February. If a trustee can not make it they will make arrangement with one of the others.

**10. POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Treasurer Boyer and Trustee Binns met; however, more time is necessary to work on, they will meet again this month. The existing manual is very generic, updated needs to be more specific.

**11. AUDITOR**

Two bids (2) have been received. Put on Monday January 21, 2008 meeting agenda.

**12. FURNACE – COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Three (3) estimates received. Recording Secretary Garvey will review and make recommendation for Monday nights meeting.

**13. RECREATION PLAN**

Supervisor Boughton states the plan needs to be passed even though it's not perfect or no grant monies will be allowed. Trustees Eley, Bard and Bole said they will all vote no on it. Consensus was to send back to the Parks & Recreation for further study, rewrite and send back.

**14. NORTHSIDE WATER**

Supervisor Boughton said they are working with Eastside Water to merge the two (2) systems. John Warner from Muskegon County Public Works will attend the February meeting.

**15. ROAD COMMISSION – BERRY JUNCTION**

Hold off until the February meeting.

**16. PARK RULES**

Sent to Attorney Eklund.

**17. MTA CONVENTION**

Supervisor Boughton left handouts on the dais. Copies can be made for whomever wants them.

**18. BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

- River Road Clarification – Waiting for a letter from Mr. Lehman.
- 2070 W. Bard Road – Demolition Hearing held, no one showed, MTA suggests doing a title search.

**19. PLANNING COMMISSION**

Trustee Eley will email survey letters to board members and make a motion that trustees will abide by survey results. Chairman Eley handed out copies of the Fruitland Township Planning Commission 2008-09 Project Priorities.

**20. CORRESPONDENCE – GREAT LAKES FISHERIES TRUST**

Put on Monday January 21, 2008 meeting agenda.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Trustee Bard,  
 ADOPTED, to adjourn the Wednesday, January 16, 2008  
 regular meeting of the Fruitland Township Board at 5:50 p.m.  
 6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey  
Township Deputy Clerk  
Fruitland Township