

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2008
MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Robert Eklund and **10** interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER -

Supervisor Gregory R. Boughton called the Monday, January 21, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fruitland Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.; welcomed guests and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Denise Irey, 2290 Nestrom Road, Muskegon, MI 49445 reiterated her concerns regarding the winter maintenance of Nestrom Road at the intersection of Scenic Drive that snow plowing was not being performed as she thought had been put in a deed, and presented letter addressed to her husband, Mr. Thomas Irey,, dated January 15, 2008, from Muskegon County Road Commission Engineer Paul Bouman which stated Mr. Scott acknowledged that the Road Commission would not be providing regular maintenance services. Mrs. Irey cited her belief that the responsibility of road maintenance was Mr. Scott's as part of an agreement to secure a driveway permit for the home he constructed. Mr. Bouman letter states "[as was the situation prior to the construction of Mr. Scott's home, you take care of this work as you see fit;]" "If ultimately you determine that your interest would be best served by the Road Commission taking over snowplowing and other maintenance activities, you will need to petition the township for a project that will further upgrade the roadway." Mrs. Irey cited her frustrations and requested where she could obtain answers as none had yet been received from the Fruitland Township Board or the Muskegon County Road Commission.

Supervisor Boughton stated he would review the Muskegon County Road Commission documents and get a copy of the letter referenced by Mrs. Irey. Mrs. Irey supplied a copy of the letter to Supervisor Boughton.

MINUTES -

Motion by Treasurer Boyer, second from Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 12, 2007 and December 17, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Upon Voice Vote: **7** AYES.

RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept report of receipts in the amount of \$212,152.82 for Fund 101, for a General Fund Balance (Funds 101, 120, 130, 140, 145, 470 and 812), for a Total Balance of \$641,886.90 (liquid balance), and Total Bank Balances and Certificate of Deposits in the amount of \$1,199,447.53 as of January 18, 2008, as reported by Debbie Boyer, Fruitland Township Treasurer CPFA; and approve Total General Fund Disbursements in the amount of 21,694.02 for the period of

December 18, 2007 through January 21, 2008 as reported by Janell Beard, Fruitland Township Clerk CMC.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust- Julie Metty Bennett verification that project # 203.380, *White Lake Pier, Fruitland Township, Lake Michigan Dune Erosion Project*, funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust is complete and all grant funds (\$11,965.32) have been expended.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Item Number: 01-08-01
Poverty/Asset Guidelines

Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Trustee Eley, **ADOPTED**, to enact the 2008 Federal Income Guidelines and the Fruitland Township Asset requirements.

Upon Voice Vote:

6 AYES (*Bard, Binns, Eley, Boyer, Beard, Boughton*)

1 NAY (*Bole*)

2. Item Number: 01-08-02
Gregory Kruse Lot Split

Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to concur with Zoning Administrator recommendation to grant a platted lot split for two lots as applied for by Gregory A Kruse for parcel 61 06 165 000 0002 00 (5617 South Shore Drive, Whitehall, MI 49461, Kruse owner) and parcel 61 06 165 000 0005 00 (5671 South Shore Drive, Whitehall, MI 49461, Daniel Girvan, owner) to change back lot line to 90 ft, and the additional footage to create a 30,000 sq ft parcel in a Medium High Density (MHDR) Residential Zoning District.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES.

3. Item Number: 01-08-03
2008 Road Brine

Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to direct Supervisor Boughton notify the Muskegon County Road Commission of the approval for Fruitland Township's participation in the 2008 Brine Program; Brining shall be full road brining, with the exception of spot brining for particular roads for one application. Fruitland Township shall share the cost on a 50/50 basis with the Muskegon County Road Commission.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES.

Treasurer Boyer request an amount as soon as possible to facilitate the 2008 / 2009 Budgeting process.

Trustee Bole requested last letter in, in order to achieve last application for bringing to take advantage of spring rains, and to encourage one application for the year.

4. Item Number: 01-08-04
Auditor Selection

Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Treasurer Boyer, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn Auditor Selection to the next meeting to address questions of:

- a. the number of hours the township audit has incurred for prior and projected audits; and
- b. if mileage is included or additional in the proposals received from the auditors; and
- c. if the responding auditors were able to import files, and familiar with the BS & A General Fund Accounting Software.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES.**

5. Item Number 01-08-05
Community Building Furnace

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to contract with Carmichael Heating to install a 93% AFUE, 80,000 BTU, Bryant furnace at the Fruitland Township Community Building 6227 South Shore Drive, Whitehall, MI 49461 for the amount of 2,585.00 and 10 year service warranty for 249.00.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES.**

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Binns, **FAILED**, to accept recommendation of the committee to contract with Scheid Plumbing, Heating and Cooling to install an Amana 95 % percent AFUE, 90,000 BTU up flow furnace for the Community Building.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Bard, NAY Trustee Bole, NAY, Trustee Binns, NAY
Supervisor Boughton, AYE, Trustee Eley, NAY Treasurer Boyer, NAY, Clerk Beard, NAY

Trustee Eley and Trustee Bard cited workmanship concerns with Scheid Plumbing, Heating and Cooling.

6. Item Number 01-08-06
Library Board Appointment

Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to accept recommendation of Supervisor Boughton to reappoint Dr. Michael Boyzm to a four year term on the Whitehall District Library from January 01, 2008 through December 31, 2011.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES.**

7. Item Number 01-08-07
Planning Commission

Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Trustee Eley, **ADOPTED**, that the Fruitland Township Board endorse the letter to be sent to Medium Density Residential parcel owners and that the results be place in a secured container and tabulated at an announced time by the Supervisor, Planning Commission Chair, and Planning Commission Recording Secretary.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES.**

8. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Bard, second from Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, January 21, 2008 regular meeting of the Fruitland Township Board t 7:53 p.m.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Beard, Certified Municipal Clerk
Township of Fruitland

