

**Fruitland Township Board
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 16, 2008**

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 arrived later in the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Sally Garvey, Township Attorney Robert Eklund, Township Ordinance Enforcer Don Carrier and 5 interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Boughton called the Wednesday, April 16, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fruitland Township Board to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Board Meeting is Tuesday April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Ordinance Violation Reports

Don Carrier, Ordinance Enforcer, reported fifteen cases with ten cases being closed last month.

3. Lakewood Lots – Potential Sale Leonard Zaug, Potential Purchase Gale Jeffries

Put Potential Sale

Place as item on the Tuesday April 22, 2008 meeting agenda.

Potential Purchase Gale Jeffries – Supervisor Boughton to respond via letter that consensus of the board was to pay only \$150.00 per lot.

4. Computer Purchase Update

This year we will be replacing three (3) computers, two (2) with monitors and one (1) without. Treasurer Boyer has a quote for 2,343.24 from a government program. Treasurer Boyer is also requesting an additional \$1,500.00 maximum for the purchase of a new printer for her office. This is really needed to print tax bills. The one from her office still works and will be given to Supervisor Boughton. Some trustees want to know why we are replacing computers that are still working. Treasurer Boyer explains that it was consensus in the past that we need to be proactive in maintaining equipment and monies have been allotted in an equipment fund for this purpose. At that time it was decided that we would retire and replace three (3) computers each year.

**Motion by Trustee Eley and second from Norma Binns,
ADOPTED, to purchase two (2) new computers and one
(1) printer using equipment fund monies.**

6 AYES 1 ABSENT

5. Ron Weihl, Chris Briggs, Ty Reminga – Simonelli Road 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Ron Weihl and Mr. Chris Briggs were here to discuss the unimproved section of Simonelli on which they own vacant parcels. They believe it is unacceptable to have been waiting twenty three (23) months and are still waiting for the township to take care of this issue. Mr. Weihl requested this issue be on every month's agenda until resolved.

Motion by Treasurer Boyer, second from Trustee Eley, ADOPTED, to direct Supervisor Boughton to contact the Muskegon County Road Commission to schedule a meeting for Ken Hulka, the Township Board and property owners regarding this issue.

7 AYES

6. Mason Drain 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Todd Groessl from Lakeside Inn was here to discuss this issue. His parent's home located at 5710 Scenic Drive was destroyed by fire and because it is a legal non-conforming structure it must be rebuilt in the same footprint. The drain cuts across the property and is very close to where this home was and must be relocated. Because of tree roots and clay tiles collapsing in the drain it is causing flooding of the yard and backing up the septic system. Mr. Groessl believes this would be the best time to either replace the drain or at the very least open it up so it drains properly. He would like from the step down to be redirected which would involve giving easement to have it go along the property line where no one can build anyhow. The Drain Commission does not want to fix this. According to Supervisor Boughton a Resolution can be done by the Township Board to request the Drain Commissioner do something about this issue, however with the Resolution the State could become involved which could take one (1) to two (2) years for anything to be resolved. Currently there is \$2,000.00 in the Drain Fund.

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Clerk Beard, ADOPTED, to hold off on doing a Resolution until Supervisor Boughton, Mr. Todd Groessl and Drain Commissioner Hulka can meet at the site and bring a recommendation back to the board.

7 AYES

7. Bill Review – Accounts Payable Denial Form

Supervisor Boughton asks if everyone is okay using this form. All trustees did not answer.

8. Maciejewski v. MCRC settlement

Attorney Eklund stated he has the legal description and will have it at the Tuesday, April 22, 2008 meeting.

Place as item on the Tuesday April 22, 2008 meeting agenda.

9. Planning Commission

a. Survey Results

A sub-committee will be reviewing comments from the Medium Density Residential (MDR) surveys before a public hearing is set. If amended a six (6) month time to be effective will be set.

b. Brian Grover Resignation

Place as item on the Tuesday April 22, 2008 meeting agenda.

c. Status Report for current committee work

Proposed Wind Energy language is being reviewed by a professional.

Duck Lake State Park Zoning is being worked on by sub-committee.

NC v. Residential Survey results for parcels on Whitehall Road will be available at the May meeting.

10. Letter from Sue Bowen

Being aware that the board would like every department to take a 10% decrease Assessor Sue Bowen feels that her department should be no different and has offered to change the fee amount per parcel for the next year of her contract from \$11.00 a parcel to \$10.00 a parcel (effective with the May 2008 payment).

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Bard, *ADOPTED*, to accept Assessor Sue Bowens request made in the spirit for cooperation, a decrease from \$11.00 to \$10.00 per parcel effective May 2008 to go until the end of her contract.

7 AYES

11. Senior Center Request

Place as item on the Tuesday April 22, 2008 meeting agenda.

12. M.C.R.C. request to place porta-jon, trash barrel

Place as item on the Tuesday April 22, 2008 meeting agenda.

13. Berry Junction Rail Trail / Roadside Park – Recreation Plan

Still attending meetings, have subcommittee look at getting the Recreation Plan adopted.

14. For May Meeting:

- i. Policies and Procedures Manual**
- ii. Fire Code Adoption**

15. Announcements:

- i. Free Day – May 29 and 31**
- ii. Memorial Day Program – Monday May 26, 2008**
- iii. Spring Newsletter**

16. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Wednesday, April 16, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fruitland Township Board at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey
Recording Secretary