

**Fruitland Township Board
Regular Meeting
Minutes
May 14, 2008**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Sally Garvey, Township Attorney Robert Eklund, Township Ordinance Enforcer Don Carrier and 1 interested party.

NOT PRESENT: Clerk Janell Beard and Trustee Mary Eley

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Boughton called the Wednesday, May 14, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fruitland Township Board to order at 4:00 p.m.

Ordinance Violation Reports – Don Carrier, Ordinance Enforcer, reported fourteen cases with nine cases being closed last month. He reported that Channel View and Orchard View are private streets; he has been treating them as public streets for years. Trustee Bard stated that the residence on Bell is starting to look bad again. Don said that he is working with the resident to get this cleaned up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Roads Committee** – (Trustee Eley, Supervisor Boughton and Trustee Bard) will report in June.
- **Simonelli between Bard & McMillan** – roads committee will address at the June meeting.
- **Township Insurance** – will get proposals from carriers in June. Treasurer Boyer and Supervisor Boughton checked into the insurance rate increase and they have been informed of a survey that had been sent and not returned so all rates automatically increased by 10%. Treasurer Boyer has now filled out and returned the survey and rates will be adjusted.
- **Planning Commissioner** – no action for May 19 meeting, applications are being reviewed.
- **Newsletter** – ready to be mailed.
- **Free Day** – Thursday May 29 and Saturday May 31.
- **Memorial Day** – 9:00 a.m. Monday May 26 at the Fruitland Township Cemetery.
- **Yard Sale** – Saturday May 24 at Fruitland Township Hall, surplus items from storage building and basement, hosta plants, etc.

ACTION

- 1) **Fire Code** – The question has come up in regards to private street cul-de-sac requirements because the Fruitland Township Design and Construction Standards require a dimension that is less than the 2003 International Fire Code. According to Appendix D Fire Apparatus Access Road of the 2003 International Fire Code states “The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.” To determine what we must follow or if we want to amend something we need to find out when the 2003 International Fire Code was adopted were the appendices also?

**Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Bard,
ADOPTED, to direct Supervisor Boughton to research
when the 2003 International Fire Code was adopted and
what was adopted.**

5 AYES, 2 ABSENT

- 2) **Township Insurance** – Bruce Potter and Kim Slager from Selective Insurance Company, who partner with Shoreline Insurance, gave brief overview of proposal.
- 3) **Policies and Procedures Manual** – Treasurer Boyer and Trustee Binns hope to have the proposed language this month.
- 4) **Parks & Recreation Plan** – According to the liaison Trustee Binns the Parks & Recreation Board want either an approval/denial as they are not willing to amend. A professional planner was hired to write and the original changes requested were made.
- 5) **Mason Drain** – A decision needs to be made soon because the Groessl's are starting to rebuild. We have a quote from Osborne's for both repair (8,500.00) or reroute (\$11,500). The White Lake Golf Course is willing to pay \$3,200.00) of the cost. The Township said they will pay \$4,000.00 (based on the \$11,500.00 proposal). Some trustee's feel the quote should be divided by three (3), the White Lake Golf Course, the Township and the Groessl's. The question was asked if the Groessl's ever filed an insurance claim for flooding due to the drain.
(Place on Monday May 19, 2008 Meeting Agenda)
- 6) **Health Insurance** – Rates are increasing, deductible needs to be changed from to lower it. This will have a great impact on single employees with only one (1) insurance carrier. A committee of Jan Deur, Carol Kooistra, Supervisor Boughton and Treasurer Boyer made recommendation which was presented by Jan Deur.

Motion by Trustee Binns, second from Treasurer Boyer, ADOPTED, to recommend the ASR EPO 100 plan effective June 1, 2008 and to off set the \$250 additional deductible to the participant, Fruitland Township will pay \$35.72 per month through Accounts Payable for the Health Deductible Reimbursement Costs for 7 months (until December 31, 2008) with no budget amendment needed and to continue reviewing H.S.A.'s for a start date of January 1, 2009.

5 AYES, 2 ABSENT

- 7) **Computer Replacement** – Treasurer Boyer explained, as she did at the April meeting, that the will of the board was to be proactive in maintaining equipment and monies have been allotted in an equipment fund for this purpose per an equipment replacement schedule. At that time it was decided that we would retire and replace three (3) computers each year.
- 8) **Scenic Drive Parking** – Attorney Eklund provided language today that includes a minor change that has been made as requested by the Muskegon County Road Commission.

Motion by Treasurer Boyer, second from Trustee Bard, ADOPTED, to repeal all ordinances which are inconsistent with this ordinance and adopt the language as provided by Attorney Eklund.

5 AYES, 2 ABSENT

- 9) **ZBA Alternate** – Kathy Nearanz replaces Dewey
(Place on Monday May 19, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

10) Conference Attendance – Debbie/Sally

(Place on Monday May 19, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

11) Building Code –

(Place on June Agenda)

12) Resolutions – Taxi Services, Joint Planning Commission

(Place on Monday May 19, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

13) Vihtelic FOIA Request - Taken care of.

14. MCRC – Porta Jon, Trash Barrel, Dock – Scenic Drive and Nord Road

(Place on Monday May 19, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

15. Adjournment

Supervisor Boughton declared the achievement of the Wednesday, May 14, 2008 agenda, and called the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary