

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008
MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Robert Eklund and 6 interested parties.

NOT PRESENT: Clerk Janell Beard and Trustee Norma Binns.

BUSINESS:

1. Truck Bid Opening

Three (3) bids were received; Trustee Bole opened.

Meyers (Chevy)	\$40,675
Rypma (GMC)	\$36,589
Lakeshore (Dodge)	\$44,521

Treasurer Boyer will have staff do a spreadsheet using these bids for Trustee Bole to review and he will report back.

(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

2. Ordinance Enforcer: Monthly Report / Job Description

Monthly Report: Eleven (11) new cases and five (5) cases closed.

Job Description: Supervisor Boughton handed out a draft for review.

(Place on October Meeting Agenda)

3. Alan McCabe

Questions if the Building Department is self supportive and expresses in his opinion the building permit fees are too high.

Trustee Eley advises the issue of the Building Department was recently reviewed and some changes have been made that should have it running self supportive or real close to it. She will look into this and report at the October meeting. She also advised that the issue of building permit fees was also reviewed and she can provide data indicating we are in line if not lower than most.

(Place on October Meeting Agenda)

4. Road Policy

Supervisor Boughton would like to see the Road Subcommittee and the Citizen Road Subcommittee reports put into one document.

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Bard, ADOPTED, to direct Supervisor Boughton to schedule a meeting with the Citizen Road Subcommittee members, Sam St Amour and himself to discuss combining the language from the two reports.

5 AYES 2 ABSENT

5. Kathy Duncan property request

According to Assessor Sue Bowen, 1.02 acres of parcel 61-06-131-400-0026-20 with the restriction of no building would be valued between \$8,500 and \$10,000. Treasurer Boyer believes this should be put up for public bid. Supervisor Boughton and Attorney Eklund will write up to be put out for public bid.

(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

6. Policies and Procedures Manual

Draft handed out, will take under advisement and review.

(Place on October Meeting Agenda)

7. McMillan Road End Committee

According to Nancy Johnson the committee has met and they are looking for funding. They would like to speak with Clifford Bloom, get woodchips for the path and tree trimming done. She also stated that at the August 7, 2008 meeting some rough changes were made to the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Bard, ADOPTED, to allocate \$500.00 to the McMillan Road End Committee to come from the Township Board legal fees line item for consultation with Attorney Clifford Bloom, and to approve tree trimming to come from the Township Property line item and to direct Supervisor Boughton to check on getting wood chips free.

5 AYES 2 ABSENT

8. Rental Ordinance

Supervisor Boughton states we have a large number of rental houses, some duplexes and apartment buildings in the township. Citizen Steve Nagengast has done research on rental ordinances other areas have and has sent that information to Supervisor Boughton. Consensus was to refer the information to Zoning Administrator Sandel and Zoning Coordinator Garvey to review and make recommendation.

(Put on October Meeting Agenda)

9. Engineering Study – Whitehall Road Sewer

Two property owners with parcels on the corners of Whitehall Road/White Lake Drive have contacted the Muskegon County Department of Public Works regarding the possibility of connecting to the Whitehall Road Sewer for proposed businesses. Supervisor Boughton met with Dave Kendrick and John Warner from the County and it was decided that the first step would be to have an engineering study done.

(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

10. Truck Route Ordinance

Refer to Roads Committee

11. Parks and Recreation Plan

Supervisor Boughton advises the Parks and Recreation Commission will be voting on the plan at the Thursday September 11, 2008 meeting.

(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

12. Meinert Park Expansion Resolution

(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)

13. Community Building Rental Agreement with A.A. group.

Consensus was to not enter into the rental agreement as presented by the A.A. group.

14. Road Requests: Creekside Drive / Murray Hairpin Curve – residents on the unimproved section of Creekside Drive have approached the township and Muskegon County Road Commission to be included in the county road system. Zoning Administrator Sandel to review and meet with residents to explore options. Correspondence received regarding safety of the hairpin curve on Murray Road.

**Motion by Trustee Bard, second from Trustee Eley,
ADOPTED, to direct Supervisor Boughton to write
a letter to the Muskegon County Road Commission
regarding the hairpin curve on Murray Road.**

5 AYES 2 ABSENT

15. P.I.N.S. Report – October Meeting

According to Supervisor Boughton Whitehall Township would like to attend this meeting seeing we share the same P.I.N.S. officer. He will extend invitation to them.

(Place on October Meeting Agenda)

16. Audit Report – October Meeting

(Place on October Meeting Agenda)

17. Fisheries Trust – October Meeting Presentation

Supervisor Boughton has been invited to make a presentation at the October meeting of the Fisheries Trust in Traverse City, Michigan.

18. Reports:

- Northside Water – Supervisor Boughton advises of Request For Consideration from the Muskegon County Regional Water System Policy Board requesting approval to amend “Appendix B, Rates and Charges” so that there is one set of rates and fees system-wide and further approve that the sum of \$0.05 per unit of water sold in each township be placed in a local water fund for each township on deposit with Muskegon County.
(Place on Monday September 15, 2008 Meeting Agenda)
- Fire – Supervisor Boughton advises contracts for fulltime employees are being worked on and project committee is reviewing equipment that needs to be replaced.
- District Library – Supervisor Boughton has been attending meetings.
- Ambulance – No report.
- Berry Junction Rail Trail – Much progress has been made to this point. 80% of the commission will not be in office after November so it is essential that newly elected officials be appointed.

Supervisor Boughton explains how important it will be to appoint replacements for the many committees he has been serving on for the past several years.

19. Adjournment –

Supervisor Boughton cited the accomplishment of the Wednesday, September 10, 2008 agenda and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Deputy Clerk
Township of Fruitland