

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008
MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Robert Eklund and 5 interested parties.

NOT PRESENT: Clerk Janell Beard.

BUSINESS:

1. Nord Road Snowplowing

Supervisor Boughton advised that he received a quote from the township insurance carrier of \$233.00/year for an insurance rider if the plowing is to be done by the township maintenance department. He also received proposals and proof of insurance from two (2) other people for snowplowing. They were from Mike Thomas, who quoted he would plow when between 3"- 6" or requested by the township for \$38.00 per plow or a seasonal bid of \$660.00 (33.00/time for maximum of 20 plows) and Quality Landscape quoted \$125.00 per plow. After lengthy discussion consensus was to have the maintenance department plow the road and call Mike Thomas if needed.

Place as item on the Monday November 17, 2008 meeting agenda.

2. Condemnation Report

3767 Scenic Drive - owner has agreed to practice burn by the White Lake Fire Authority.

2070 W. Bard Road - has been demolished and cleaned up.

1562 W. Duck Lake Road - Supervisor Boughton advised that the building was posted, a certified letter was sent which was returned to us, the hearing was held and decision made by the Hearing Officer that the building needed to be brought up to code. Until someone called yesterday and said there were people staying in this house nothing was heard. Supervisor Boughton went to the house and found someone there working and explained that the last chance to stop this condemnation process was to appeal to the township board because the Hearing Officer had made his decision. Owner John Norman was present and was advised of the need to make an appeal to the township board at the Monday, November 17, 2008 meeting to request an appointment to see the Condemnation Hearing Officer.

Place as item on the Monday November 17, 2008 meeting agenda.

Treasurer Boyer asks if we should only acknowledge dangerous building complaints if in writing? After lengthy discussion it was decided that a complaint form should be created and placed on the website with signature being optional.

3. McMillan Road End Committee

- **Request from committee** – Email from Nancy Johnson

- 1) That final draft of Ordinance R61 be passed immediately
- 2) That \$2,000.00 DEQ application fee be approved
- 3) Provides list of what is left to be done

Motion by Trustee Bard, second from Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to approve allocation of \$2,000.00 for DEQ application fee to come from the General Body.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

Trustee Bard recommends that Ordinance R61 be held for the incoming board giving all board members time to review the final draft. Consensus was to put on the Monday agenda to receive the final draft of Ordinance R61 and act on at a future meeting with public hearing being optional.

Place as item on the Monday November 17, 2008 meeting agenda.

- **VandeVusse replaces Binns**

Mr. VandeVusse sent Supervisor Boughton a note confirming he is willing to serve on the committee replacing Trustee Binns.

Motion by Treasurer Boyer, second from Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to replace Trustee Binns with Alan VandeVusse on the McMillan Road End Committee.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

- **Bard to co-chair with Johnson**

Supervisor Boughton states according to Nancy Johnson a co-chair is not necessary at this time. Treasurer Boyer states she believes a person from the township board is needed on the committee as a liaison. Trustee Bard states she plans on attending the meetings but not in the co-chair capacity. Consensus was to defer this to the incoming board.

4. Planning Commission

- **Workshop Request – Renewable Energy**

Motion by Treasurer Boyer, second from Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve Planning Commissioners Deur and Lernowich to attend a workshop on December 8, 2008 in Ludington, Michigan for cost of \$55.00 per person.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

- **Appointment – Matt Cross until March 2009**

Matt Cross was appointed to the Planning Commission to serve through the November 2008 meeting. He has agreed to complete previous Planning Commissioner Bryan Grover's term which ends March 2009.

Place as item on the Monday November 17, 2008 meeting agenda.

5. Sewer Proposals

According to Supervisor Boughton we received proposals from all but one from which we requested, John Warner from Muskegon County Public Works will review and make recommendation.

6. Lighthouse Weddings Lease Agreement

Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Eley, **ADOPTED**, to amend the lease agreement as follows:

6. Should inclement weather prevent the event which is the subject of this agreement from taking place on the day scheduled, Fruitland Township will ~~try~~ attempt to offer an alternate date to User, ~~or 2.) remit to User, less any incurred costs, amount received to date.~~

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

7. Roads Committee – Sam St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Bole, second from Trustee Eley, **ADOPTED**, to have one (1) Township Board member and (4) others to work with the road policy.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

8. Ordinance Enforcer Committee – Sam St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Bard, second from Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to request incoming Supervisor Sam St. Amour, to solicit members to serve on an enforcement advisory committee.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

9. Election Report

Motion by Supervisor Boughton, second from Trustee Eley, **ADOPTED**, to approve five (5) comp days for Sally, three (3) for Becky and one (1) for Ericka to be taken before the end of March 2009 with letter written to each thanking them for their hard work on the election held November 4, 2008 and going above and beyond the call of duty.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

10. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Eley, second from Trustee Binns, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the November 12, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fruitland Township Board at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Deputy Clerk
Township of Fruitland