

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2020 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Holman, Trustee Hampel, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor Jeske (in person), Trustee Bard, Trustee Cisneros, Treasurer Beegle – (phoned in)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Two (2) interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the March 30, 2020 Special Board meeting of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 30, 2020 Special meeting agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: **ZAYES – motion carried***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. 2020-2021 Appointments/Contracts
  - Assessor – SKB Consulting (\$29,435.00 yearly contract)
  - Auditor – Brickley DeLong PC (\$7150.00 yearly contract)
  - Township Attorney – Kevin Even, Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge (\$160.00/hour)
  - Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector Jim Callendar (\$45.00/inspection)
  - Electrical Inspector Jeff Johnson (\$45.00/inspection)
  - Building Official/Inspector Val Jensen (80% of building permit fee)
  - Zoning Administrator/Enforcer Val Jensen (\$24,000.00 annually)
2. Resolution 2020-06 – Depositories for Township Funds
3. Resolution 2020-07 – 2019/2020 Meeting Schedule
4. Resolution 2020-08 – Holiday Observances
5. Resolution 2020-09 – Citizen’s Advisory Committee
6. Final FY 2019/20 Budget Amendments

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman,  
**ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**,  
Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**,  
Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske - **motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Treasurer Appointment – Candidates Jessica Kidder and Deborah Pachman were both in attendance and were asked a few additional questions.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 10:22 AM.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**- **motion carried**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 10:45 AM.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske - **motion carried**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Deborah Pachman (Resolution 2020-11) as Treasurer of Fruitland Township.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Holman **NAY**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **NAY**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSTAIN**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** - **motion carried**

1. Lakewood Lots –

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor Jeske to sign Realtors Listing Agreement for approximately 11 ½ acres off Whitehall Road for a sell price of \$29,900.00.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**- **motion carried**

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to gift land adjacent to bike path (Lakewood Addition No. 13 Blocks 19, 20 & 21) to State of Michigan contingent upon development of a trail head for the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* 7 **AYES** - **motion carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution 2020-10 – General Appropriations Act – FY 2020-2021

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to approve Resolution 2020-10 General Appropriations Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**- **motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Applicant Jessica Kidder congratulated Deborah Pachman on her appointment. All board members thanked both for their time and patience during this process.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske asked the board what actions they would like to take with payment of staff through the COVID-19 stay home order now recommended through the end of April. The board supported payment of office staff with some office hours for maintaining phone messages, permitting and other business necessary to keep the township running. Supervisor Jeske also asked about re-opening the ecology station and it was supported to re-open with limited hours on Wednesday – April 8<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday hours will be 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Saturday hours – 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Attendant Sorenson is willing to work and will be taking safety measures by wearing a mask and gloves. Temporary signage will be posted to allow one car at dumpster/compactor area, one car at recyclable area and one car in leaf/branch drop off area. An E-news will be sent informing our residents. Treasurer Beegle stated that the WLFA board accepted the resignation of Chief Holman effective March 31, 2020. Trustee Bard asked what information regarding the resignation of the Chief is subject to FOIA. Treasurer Beegle stated that the separation agreement is available by FOIA from the WLFA. Trustee Hampel thanked the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer for their continued work during the COVID-19 pandemic and offered any assistance they may need.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the March 30, 2020 Special Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 11:17 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland