

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016 MINUTES**

PRESENT - Trustee Bard, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel

ABSENT - Trustee Deur (excused), Trustee Rissi, Supervisor St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to elect Clerk Rillema to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor St. Amour,

Upon Voice Vote: **4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 19, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Herb Huch, 4272 Gibson Rd – Stated that he contacted a municipal attorney about the sale of the fire station #2 building and property and provided to each board member an opinion from 1956 of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Michigan stating that a sale of township real estate requires the vote of the electors of the township and that the board has no authority to make such sale.
- 2) Gee Achterhoff, 4830 Duck Lake Road – inquired if any dollar value has been determined if owned to the White Lake Ambulance Authority as she has seen nothing reported to date.
- 3) Mark McKenzie, 4735 Bard Road – inquired about the status of 4790 Bard Road of several ordinances being violated and a possible illegal connection to a power pole.
- 4) Greg Kruse, South Shore Drive, 1973 – Provided the board with another copy of his concerns of May 18, 2015 that the township has misappropriated thousands of dollars in its accounts.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 14, 2015 Work Session Minutes and December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: **4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of 144,725.23 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,220,786.41 for the period of December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$70,174.84 for the period of December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: **4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Clerk Rillema stated that the December 2015 Stats of the PINS program were available and will be placed on file. She also stated that the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers along with the Mason County Historical Society and White Pine Village are presenting the Winters Writers Series beginning January 21st. Additional information is available at www.splka.org.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle stated that they met on January 13. She gave Clerk Rillema the 2015 Annual Report to place on file. The WLFA board approved the expense of getting a survey completed of Fire Station #2. Election of Officers were held and Supervisor St. Amour was elected Chair and Treasurer Beegle was elected Vice Chair. The new medical response vehicle for station #2 has arrived.

OLD BUSINESS –

- 1) Zellar Road Project (Proposed Special Assessment –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **TABLED**, Resolution 2016-01, Zellar Road Improvements 2016 Special Assessment District until the February work session for more participation of the entire board.

Upon Voice Vote: **4 AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1) 2016-17 Budget Discussion – Clerk Rillema inquired with the present board members of their pleasure to discuss or postpone discussion of the proposed 2016-17 Budget because of the three other board member's absence. The board agreed to postpone discussion for more participation of the entire board.
- 2) 3rd Quarter 2015-16 Budget Amendments –

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Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to make the necessary 3rd Quarter 2015-16 Budget Amendments as presented.

Upon Voice Vote: **4AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

3) Group Pension Plan –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2016-02 Update Fruitland Township Group Pension Plan to remove Gregory Boughton's name and replace with Clerk Rillema's name as contact.

Upon Voice Vote: **4AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

4) 4445 Michillinda Road – Clerk Rillema explained that Assessor Bowen has recommended a committee be comprised to investigate the complaint received by Mr. Kruse regarding 4445 Michillinda Road that is now before the State Tribunal.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to appoint a committee comprised of Attorney Kevin Even, Assessor Sue Bowen and Zoning Administrator Val Jensen to investigate the tax complaint received from Mr. Kruse regarding 4445 Michillinda Road.

Upon Voice Vote: **4AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

5) Connect Michigan – Treasurer Beegle reported for Trustee Deur that several additional surveys may be forthcoming such as governmental, agricultural and tourism from the same group that the internet survey was provided.

6) Board Comments – Trustee Bard inquired on who to contact on the White Lake Fire Authority for copies of the bids and other maintenance information on Fire Station #2. Treasurer Beegle replied to her to contact Chief Holman. Clerk Rillema stated that ballot applications are available for absentee voting for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. Treasurer Beegle stated that the last day for tax collection at the township is February 16, 2016 at 4 PM.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:30 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **4AYES, 3 ABSENT – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland