

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2015  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Hampel, Treasurer Beegle, Supervisor St. Amour

**ALSO PRESENT** – Three (3) interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, WRLS Curator Griswold led us with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

**AGENDA** – Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding under New Business 3.5 FOIA Appeal/Complaint from Mr. Kruse.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended January 20, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

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

**SPECIAL GUEST** – White River Light Station Curator Griswold announced that she resigned from her position to take on other employment effective Friday, January 23. Curator Griswold presented the Board of Trustees with an overview of the activities and monies received for season 2014. The 2014 report will be placed on file in the Clerk's office. The Board of Trustees thanked Leslie for all her efforts and wished her much success in her future.

**MINUTES** –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 8, 2014 Work Session Minutes and December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS** –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$133,541.67 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,038,388.26 for the period of December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$47,942.22 for the period of December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour stated that representatives of the Muskegon County Road Commission will be here tonight after our meeting to speak on the upcoming millage ballot proposal for members of the community. Parks and Recreation Commission elected Laura Shields to serve out as Chairman for the remainder of 2014-15 fiscal year. Clerk Rillema stated that she received a letter at her home from Zoning Administrator Sandel announcing his retirement as of July 31, 2015.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –**

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour that the next meeting of the authority is January 28, 2015 at 7 PM. Pro-Med continues with invoicing and some administrative work and the Finance Committee continues to meet to review financials.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle stated that they met on January 14. The authority is changing its meeting night to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. They meet again on March 11, 2015. The 2014 Annual Report is available and will be placed on file in the Clerk's office. The 2014 Audit is being conducted currently and the upcoming millage in February includes a proposal for funds for the WLFA.
- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission did receive the request from Supervisor St. Amour to revisit the Michillinda Lodge site plan following the ZBA decision, and after lengthy discussion consensus was in their opinion there is no need for a Public Hearing, however, using the same standards that were used for the Site Plan Review they found that the addition of kitchens with the conditions placed by the Zoning Board of Appeals would have no adverse impact and found it does not alter the site plan already approved. They would like to have the added conditions put on the site plan by Zoning Administrator Sandel.
- Parks & Recreation Commission –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Robert Zoellmer as the candidate for the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill Mary Josephson's vacancy. Term Ending November 2016.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour updated the Board of Trustees of various ordinance enforcements he has been tracking in the township. Several addresses had junk cars removed. Nestrom Road had a report of someone shooting propane cans which was turned over to the Fire Chief to investigate. 3839 Lakewood Rd and 3980 McMillan Road continue to be monitored for junk. 3323 Worden will need to be re-checked and a complaint of excessive garbage was reported on Blank Road.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

#### 1. Board Sub Committees –

- Fee, Permit, Escrow Schedules - Clerk Rillema and Trustee Deur have a proposed amended fee schedule to present at the February work session.

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- Ecology Station Fees – Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Rissi will have proposed rate increases to present at the February work session too.
2. Saxe/Mason Drain Update – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Drain Commissioner Moore has scheduled a Board of Determination on February 10, 2015 at 6:30 PM and an informational meeting update for Mason Drain on January 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Both will be held at the township hall.

### **NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Discount Dump Day –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Discount Dump Days from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 – Saturday, June 27, 2015 for one trip with a cost of \$5.00. Residents/property owners may pay for and pick up their coupon at the township office and must present the coupon to the Ecology Station Attendant at the time of use.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014-15 Budget Amendments –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014-15 Budget Amendments as presented.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

3. 2015-16 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget – Supervisor St. Amour reviewed both the Revenues and Appropriations proposed for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget. He is recommending a 1.75% merit increase for staff and 1.75% for elected officials. He is also proposing increasing meeting pay from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and raised the health insurance fringe. Trustee Deur stated that the health insurance fringe benefit is an ordinance. Supervisor St. Amour will investigate and report at the February work session. The public hearing for the proposed 2015-16 Budget will be held at the February 17, 2015 meeting. The sale of the Fire Barn to the White Lake Fire Authority should the millage pass in February has not been accounted for in the budget. With the budget balanced, \$100,000.00 could be put into Fund 120 – Roads and approximately \$86,000.00 into Fund 990. Proposed Revenues and Appropriations are approximately \$890,000.00. A Road project of Riley-Thompson Road between Orshal and Nestrom will be quoted for a potential project in 2015.

- 3.5 FOIA Appeals/Complaint –

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to deny Mr. Kruse's appeal dated January 16, 2015 as the FOIA Coordinator's

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Public Body Response dated June 30, 2014 for his FOIA Request dated June 26, 2014 states that the information requested did not exist as of June 30, 2014.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES*

Mr. Kruse also sent a complaint letter to the Board of Trustees regarding 6171 W. Duck Lake Road that zoning compliance application and zoning compliance permit were non-existent within our office. Per Mr. Kruse's FOIA appeal listed above as of June 30, 2014 the forms were not existent, but as of July 7, 2014, all forms were received by applicant and approved by Zoning Administrator Sandel.

4. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that he would be contacting Verizon on the tower. Clerk Rillema stated that ballots are being issued for the upcoming election in February. Treasurer Beegle stated that winter tax payments continue to be collected. Trustee Hampel thanked the Board for carrying on in her absence.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:00 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland