

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – (7) seven interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to amend the October 17, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda to add New Business #3 – Temporary Help.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 12, 2016 Work Session Minutes and September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$45,598.45 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,459,579.22 for the period of September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$51,177.76 and Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$450.00, and Fund 145 Disbursements of \$625.00 for the period of September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Clerk Rillema stated that she received notification from Drain Commissioner Moore regarding a Day of Review for apportionments for

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the Mason Drain to be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. She will speak to Attorney Even if the township needs to attend. A thank you was received from the Ragnar Run Race for allowing them to run through the township at the end of September. The White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Annual Dinner at Buzz's Lakeside Inn on Monday, October 24, 2016. If anyone is interested in attending, please make your own RSVP. The Muskegon County Road Commission annual Roadkill Dinner will be held on October 26th. Please RSVP to Clerk Rillema by Monday, October 24. A flyer was received for a Muskegon County Outreach meeting regarding a non-motorized plan and new bike maps on November 2, 2016 at the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission. All are encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur stated that at the last planning commission meeting, discussion continued on amending Article III - Fences, Hedges, Berms and Screens ordinance. It was consensus to send the amendments back to their subcommittee for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema stated that the Varney's who purchased the property were in the audience.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from Roberts Rules of Order to allow the Varney's to speak to the board freely at 5:14 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

Randy and Janet Varney stated that they purchased the property but do not legally own it until December 2017. Current condition of the property is poor but they approached the neighboring property owners and explained their situation. On October 12, 2016 they had four of the neighboring properties sign a statement allowing the Varney's to clean up the property at 4790 W. Bard Road once they received a deed after December 16, 2017. Board members asked questions of the Varneys and were pleased with their purchase.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from open floor comments at 5:27 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

2. Inlet Place –

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to contract with MCU Construction to repair the sidewalk near Hollister's Resort known as Inlet Place in the amount of \$1,275.00

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Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** – **motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 2nd Quarter 2016-17 Budget Amendments –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to make the 2nd Quarter 2016-17 Budget Amendments as presented.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT** – **motion carried**

2. Sustainability Center Wood Pile –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to contract with White Lake Excavating to have the wood pile at the Sustainability Center chipped at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** – **motion carried**

3. White Lake Senior Center Contribution - The board tasked Clerk Rillema and Treasurer Beegle to seek information out regarding the recently passed ballot language for the senior millage regarding funds going towards the Senior Center before any contribution is made.

3.5 Temporary Position – Clerk Rillema stated that staff member Sally Dion will be going off for medical leave starting November 10, 2016. The board discussed filling her vacancy with a part-time employee at an hourly wage not to exceed \$13.00 an hour with no benefits.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema and Treasurer Beegle to hire a part-time employee at an hourly wage not to exceed \$13.00 an hour with no benefits.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **NAY**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** – **motion carried**

BOARD COMMENTS – Trustee Deur stated that at the last Parks Authority Steering Committee the proposed Resolution of Intent regarding Recreational Authorities was to be presented to each municipality for adoption. He will get with Attorney Even and it will be discussed at the November work session.

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Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:55 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland