

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (8) eight interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

**AGENDA** –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 19, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. Jack VanAndel, 4769 Bard – Spoke about his neighbor that is living on his property in a vehicle since April. The property does not have a house on it and inquired about what the township is going to do about it. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would be addressing this along with several other violations later in the meeting.

**MINUTES** –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 14, 2015 Work Session Minutes and September 21, 2015 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 \$55,523.33 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,267,356.90 for the period of September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$72,828.25 and Fund 170 in the amount of \$2,934.00 for the period of September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour asked the Board of Trustees who was attending the MCRC Roadkill Banquet which is being held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. Clerk Rillema will correspond with the MCRC our RSVP count. If you are interested in attending the Annual White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Monday,

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October 26, 2015, please RSVP direct to them. Volunteers Noel & Amy Harrington of the White River Light Station Friends group are interested in sprucing up the grounds around the Museum. They will keep Supervisor St. Amour abreast of activities and plans going forward. The [WATCHMUSKEGON](#) image improvement plan for Muskegon County is well underway. Information regarding areas that community members can participate is available in the Clerk's office. Supervisor St. Amour updated the Board of Trustees on the Michigan's Adventure (Cedar Fair) wastewater talks between Dalton Township and Michigan's Adventure (Cedar Fair). A proposal is under consideration at this time. Supervisor St. Amour polled the Trustees regarding closing the Sustainability Center again this winter (December, January, February) on Wednesdays. The Board supports the closing on Wednesdays for those three months. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he spoke to Consumers Energy regarding the request for a street light at the corner of Hyde Park & Tyler Roads due to a Reeths Puffer bus stop that is dark in the mornings. An engineer would need to evaluate placement of the streetlight. Being that it is a divided road with Dalton Township, the board tasked Supervisor St. Amour to have the engineer investigate which township it would be placed. The health, safety and welfare of the community is a factor in the potential placement of this streetlight. Supervisor St. Amour shared a background and FAQ sheet regarding the Reeths Puffer School 2015-16 Debt Millage increase which is an election proposal on this November's ballot. There will be a forum on single-use plastic bags whether they should be banned at the White Lake Community Library on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend. Supervisor St. Amour stated that there are approximately five ordinance violation properties in the township that require assistance from Attorney Even as they have been problematic for some time now. He will be meeting with Attorney Even to start the process of court hearings.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –**

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reminded the Board of Trustees that the draft Master Plan along with a Planning Commissioner partner was assigned to review the plan. The Lakeside Inn sub-committee has been working on special land use language with Planner Tim Johnson and Attorney Even. It is nearing finalization for the Planning Commissioner to review.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

1. Zellar Road Project (Proposed Special Assessment) – Supervisor St. Amour has drafted a letter to the residents affected by the proposed special assessment but would like the Board of Trustees to review via email before it is mailed. He will email within the next day or two with hopes to have it mailed by the end of the week. Supervisor St. Amour will secure a meeting date with the MCRC for the information meeting and encouraged the Board of Trustees to attend as well.
2. Lamos Road End – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even has advised the Board that MCRC owns the west 33 feet. Because of the concern that it could become not open to the public and the unknown parameters of the Partridge Drain proposed assessment. Clerk Rillema inquired if a road agreement similar to what is utilized each

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year for Scenic Drive and Nestrom Road would suffice. Attorney Even will be consulted and discussion at the November work session will occur.

3. R & M Contract – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even is in the process of drafting such document. It will be reviewed at the November work session.
4. Muskegon Township Litigation (Water Policy) – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even advised him not to sign anything but attend the scheduled mediation on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor St. Amour asked if anyone else was available to attend but no one was.
5. No Wake Buoy Liability – Supervisor St. Amour got a response from our insurance carrier stating that we have minimal exposure and are covered for placing the buoys on White Lake. Clerk Rillema asked if the White Lake Association (WLA) needed a letter from us stating this information, but Trustee Deur who serves on the WLA Board stated that they are awaiting responses from the other municipalities and would encourage the WLA board to write a letter to all four municipalities outlining the responsibilities.

### **NEW BUSINESS -**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015-16 Budget Amendments –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2015-16 Budget Amendments as presented.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

2. Fire Station #2 Potential Sale – Supervisor St. Amour received a request from the White Lake Fire Authority to purchase Station #2 on Duck Lake Road along with acreage to the west. Supervisor St. Amour pulled his prior paperwork and the acreage was thought originally to be around 8 acres but it is 2 acres. Assessor Bowen provided paperwork showing the assessed value of the building and 2 acres to be around \$87,000.00. Conversation amongst the Board of Trustees tasked Supervisor St. Amour to gain quotes for removing trees on the east side of the maintenance building, a new drive/parking lot and access to the back property to have as a starting price for the potential sale. A new drive and access would be necessary as it is currently on the west side of the Fire Station. Clerk Rillema inquired if any monies could be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Commission as they will be losing Duck Lake Road Park. More discussion will take place at the November work session.

3. Loeks Boundary Adjustment –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept Zoning Administrator Jensen's recommendation for the boundary adjustment for parcel numbers 61-06-142-000-0015-10 & 61-06-142-000-0015-20.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

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4. Amend Policies & Procedures –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to amend the Policies and Procedures by adding the Assessing Department policy (Exhibit G) for public inspection and/or copying of Assessing Department records upon review of Attorney Even.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

5. 5-Township 2015-16 Scrap Tire Clean-Up Grant –

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION 2015-22**  
**5-TOWNSHIP 2015-16 SCRAP TIRE CLEAN-UP GRANT PROPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, scrap tires have a blighting influence and pose a public health hazard from mosquito-transmitted diseases, and;  
**WHEREAS**, blight negatively affects property values and the aesthetic quality of our recreation areas, and;  
**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has a Scrap Tire Clean-up Grant Program to address the proper disposal and reuse of scrap tires, and;  
**WHEREAS**, Fruitland Township desires to cooperate with neighboring communities to access resources provided by the state in the most efficient manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fruitland Township Board supports a grant submittal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Scrap Tire Clean-up Grant on behalf of Laketon, Muskegon, Dalton, Blue Lake and Fruitland Townships, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is understood that Laketon Township commits to apply for the grant on behalf of Laketon, Dalton, Muskegon, Blue Lake and Fruitland Townships and administer the grant for all five communities.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2015-22 to apply for the 5-Township 2015-16 Scrap Tire Clean-Up Grant.

Upon a roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

**"NAY"**: None

**"ABSENT"**: None

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Resolution 2015-22, 5-Township 2015-16 Scrap Tire Clean-up Grant Program was **ADOPTED** at the October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland.

Karolyn Rillema  
Township Clerk

6. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that he furnished Treasurer Beegle with the Connect Michigan information to be sent with the December tax bill which would poll residents on broadband coverage. He tasked the Supervisor and Clerk to review as a few minor corrections are necessary before printing. Clerk Rillema reminded the Board of Trustees and audience members of the upcoming November 3 election.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:47 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

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Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland

