

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Beegle (excused)

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, 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.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended November 17, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1) Terry Sabo, County Commissioner – Stated that he enjoyed the last two years and looks forward to the next two years working with the municipalities he represents.

2) David Heylmun, 7475 Anthony Street – Stated that he is the gentlemen on the agenda for the incoming building. He recently worked with the City of Norton Shores on another building move and received high praise from City of Norton Shores Drain Superintendent Sladick for his cooperation.

3) Rachael Novak, Council for Mr. Heylmun - stated that Mr. Heylmun has complied with all documentation necessary for the incoming building to be moved and is available for any questions if needed.

**MINUTES** – Trustee Bard stated that on Resolution 2014-15 she voted AYE, not NAY in the October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 14, 2014 Work Session Minutes and amend the October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS** –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$94,901.12 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$980,357.61 for the period of October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 as

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reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$60,612.48, Public Works Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,128.95 and Equipment Replacement Fund 145 Disbursements in the amount of \$975.00 for the period of October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour stated that if anyone is interested in attending the MTA Annual Conference to coordinate with Clerk Rillema. He stated that the Northside Water Board is refinancing their bonds. A pamphlet from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission showing the Great Lakes Restoration Projects is available if anyone is interested in reviewing. Supervisor St. Amour has received the latest PINS report if anyone is interested in reviewing. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he will ask staff and other elected officials to continue monitoring websites that conduct business with Fruitland Township.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –**

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour reported that a special meeting of the WLAA was held last Thursday. At that meeting, it was voted to conduct a forensic audit and informed that Director Dresen put herself on workman’s comp for stress. The financial condition of the authority appears to be much worse than reported. The Whitehall Police Department/Michigan State Police are conducting an investigation. As of this morning, the WLAA Attorney is preparing a document regarding employment of the Director which Supervisor St. Amour would like this board to look at before a vote is taken by members of the authority. It may call for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees. The next meeting of the authority is November 19, 2014 at 7PM.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Supervisor St. Amour reported that there is a vacancy on the Commission due to Commissioner Josephson not on the November General Ballot. If anyone knows someone interested in filling this vacancy please let Supervisor St. Amour know.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

1. White Lake Channel Sign –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to make payment to Harborfront Interiors in the amount of \$175.00 for Fruitland Township’s contribution for the replacement sign for the White Lake Association boat speed limit sign to be placed on the White Lake Channel.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS -**

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1. Incoming Building – 3103 White Lake Drive - 06-103-200-0003-01 –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the incoming building to be located at 3103 White Lake Drive, parcel #06-103-200-0003-01 and ask Mr. Heylmun to comply with all Michigan Residential Code and Michigan Uniform Energy Codes as stated in a letter from Building Official Siegel dated November 10, 2014.

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

2. Michillinda Beach Lodge –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to move that the claim of appeal submitted by David A. Twardock to the Fruitland Township Board regarding the Fruitland Township Planning Commission's approval on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 of the site plan submitted by Parklands Acquisitions Three, LLC dated July 22, 2014, be referred to the Fruitland Township Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration as required by the Fruitland Township Zoning Ordinance.

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

Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 3, 2014 to discuss striking out the language that a site plan appeal go before the Board of Trustees.

3. Board Sub-Committees – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has tasked Trustee Deur and Clerk Rillema to review the fee, permit and escrow schedules. Trustee Hampel and Trustee Bard were tasked to review cemetery signage and Trustee Rissi and Supervisor St. Amour will review ecology station fees. We have received a \$3.00/ton increase in tipping fees from the County and an increase in recycling may be forthcoming from Chef Container, LLC.

3.5 FOIA Appeal –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to deny Mr. Kruse of his FOIA appeal request dated November 13, 2014 as the Public Body Response document was certified and sent to him dated October 30, 2014 by Clerk Rillema, FOIA Coordinator.

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

4. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that the Wireless Tower Ordinance was also scheduled for public hearing in December for the Planning Commission. He asked Clerk Rillema if she knew if Attorney Even weighed in on questions from the Commission. Clerk Rillema will check with Recording Secretary Dion and report back to Trustee Deur. Trustee Bard commended Supervisor St. Amour for his persistence on the White Lake Ambulance Authority. Continued conversation regarding financial status, employment and plans going

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forward was discussed amongst board members. It was decided to inform WLAA's attorney that the FOIA request that was submitted be put on hold as the forensic audit should suffice. Trustee Hampel stated that the Duck Creek Watershed Assembly did creek sampling in October. She forwarded the Michigan Invasive Species programs grant information from Senator Hansen's office in which they are already applying for with other groups for the prevention/education piece. Duck Creek Watershed Assembly member Rob Zoellmer participated in the annual beach cleanup with 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders and reported 70% less cigarette butts collected. The Assembly has also had car magnets signs made for their volunteers to put on their vehicles when out sampling to inform the public. Trustee Deur stated that he will forward to Trustee Hampel information recommending not combining the Township Master Plan with the Parks & Recreation Commission's and suggested she attend a planning commission meeting. Clerk Rillema asked Trustee Hampel if she had the Parks & Recreation Commission 2015-16 Proposed Budget figures as emails have been sent to internal staff asking if it was submitted. Trustee Hampel will get with Chair Josephson and forward those to Supervisor St. Amour.

### **ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:10 PM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland