

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MINUTES**

PRESENT - Trustee Holman, Trustee Bard, Trustee Cisneros, Supervisor Jeske, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel

ABSENT – Clerk Rillema

ALSO PRESENT – (3) three interested parties.

AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to amend the November 18, 2019 agenda to add under New Business a budget amendment request of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- October 15, 2019 Work Session and October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 1 – 31, 2019 Revenues - \$113,422.50, General Fund 101 Expenditures - \$54,693.44, Fund 130 - \$788.69 and Fund 145 - \$1,212.00
- Renewal of terms: Construction Board of Appeals (expiring December 31, 2020) – Don Schmiede, Steve Seeger, Dean Evans / White Lake Community Library (expiring December 2023) – Lynette Johnson

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

1. Lakewood Addition Proposal:

- Section 4 – Combine lots 70-72 with lots 61-64, obtain new legal description and offer for sale
- Section 8 – Contact individual owners, make an offer to purchase, combine & offer for sale
- Section 13
 1. Combine northern three blocks & obtain new legal description and offer at no cost to Friends of Berry Junction Rail Trail to be used as a trailhead.
 2. Block 14 & 15 be combined, obtain new legal description and offer for sale

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3. Section 13, (E side of Whitehall Rd) Lots 1 – 12, combine, survey, obtain new legal description and offer for sale.

Treasurer Beegle provided approximate acreage of the proposed lot combinations as: Section 4 – 17 acres, Section 8 – less than 25 acres and Section 14 – 24 acres that would be put back on the tax roll if approved.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by, Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Township Attorney to proceed with actions on the Lakewood lots as described on the November 18, 2019 agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Amendment Request – Supervisor Jeske shared with the board members that she met with Chairwoman Svensson. The Commission is currently working on their 2020/21 budget and park plan. The Commission at its' last meeting is requesting the boards' approval of a budget amendment for an additional \$850.00 to cover tree trimming at Nestrom Road Park within account number 101-691-930.000.

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to approve a budget amendment within account number 101-691-930.000 requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission for an additional \$850.00 for tree trimming at Nestrom Park.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor Jeske re-contacted Burnips Equipment on the tractor lease. They will be picking up the tractor near the end of December. She reached out to Pell's Equipment regarding a municipal lease but their pricing was higher. A tractor will need to be rented on as need basis in the future. Supervisor Jeske attended the Muskegon County Commissioner's meeting in which an agenda item to allocate 25% of the annual Senior Millage funds to the local municipalities to coordinate and provide services, programs and/or activities for seniors in their jurisdictions was going to be voted on. She spoke during public comment to ask them to table or deny until we could speak with our commissioner as we are a small staff and lack building sites to host such events. It was approved to give each municipality a base funding of \$3,500.00 and additional funding based on the population of seniors in its jurisdiction. She will bring forth any additional information received for further discussion. Supervisor Jeske also met with Laketon Township Supervisor Kim Arter and Building Official Hall in regards to his contract with Fruitland Township. Building Official Hall is spending more time than allocated in the contract and is now deferring inspections until the

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next week when he reaches his maximum time allowed which will not work as we are his busiest municipality. A 60-day notice to dissolve the contract is needed so Supervisor Jeske is reaching out to find other replacement services and will bring information received to the December work session. Trustee Bard inquired about the status of 1832 W. River Road and 3980 W. McMillan Road. Supervisor Jeske stated that a ticket was going to be issued to 1832 W. River Road by our newly appointed Ordinance Enforcer with counsel from Attorney Even and that she attended a court hearing on 3980 W. McMillan in which Attorney Berry had conversation with Mr. Howe and an agreement was solidified to extend an additional 30 days for cleanup. If after the additional 30 days the property was not cleaned up, the township would hire a vendor to clean it up and ask the courts for reimbursement. Treasurer Beegle shared with the board the savings of approximate \$40,000.00 for the road improvement projects this year with the MCRC. She also shared that the White Lake Fire Authority received a \$5,000.00 grant to offset the potential purchase of a Mechanical Assist Suppression Device which costs nearly \$15,000.00. They have been trialing this device and has used it heavily. A decision to purchase will need to be decided. Trustee Hampel thanked Supervisor Jeske for placing the Fruitland Trails FUNdraiser in the E-news and is in hopes of 100 persons attending the event.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:20 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland