

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – (5) five interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for those less fortunate.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 21, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Irene Pierson, 6100 Murray Road – Thanked the Board of Trustees for all our hard work.
- 2) County Commissioner Terry Sabo – Announced that he is entering his last year as our County Commissioner and will be seeking nomination for the 92nd State District seat which is being vacated by Rep. Marcia Hovey-Wright due to term limits.
- 3) Greg Kruse, South Shore Drive, 1973 – Questioned the Board of Trustees about a report he obtained from the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department regarding his alleged disturbance at last month's meeting and handed a copy to all board members.
- 4) Deputy Ashker, Muskegon County Sheriff's Department – Stated he was freed up in the area and decided to attend the public meeting.

MINUTES –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the November 9, 2015 Work Session Minutes and November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Trustee Rissi arrived at 5:05 PM.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$23,890.98 and Bank Balance and Certificate of

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Deposits of \$1,147,024.98 for the period of November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$43,770.97 and Fund 120 in the amount of \$157,782.00 for the period of November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that September, October and November’s PINS reports are available for review and will be placed on file with the Clerk. An upcoming meeting of the Joint Planning Commission will be occurring to discuss formally disbanding this group. The Consumer’s Energy Street Light Survey has yet to be received for review. Muskegon County will plan in early 2016, nine public meetings, one in each of the commission districts, to gather public comments and feedback from residents about the submitted projects in their districts for a potential Quality of Life Millage Proposal. Supervisor St. Amour has contacted the Muskegon County Road Commission and the Nestrom Road End (south of McMillan) has been opened up as of December 8, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to approve the consent agenda of approving Don Lundquist & Bob Pachman to the Board of Review with terms ending 12/31/2016, Dean Evans and Don Schmiede to the Construction Board of Appeals with terms ending 12/1/2016 and Tom Grein to the White Lake Community Library with a term ending 12/31/2019.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor St. Amour stated that one regular member and two alternates are needed to fill vacancies on the Board of Review and another member is needed on the Construction Board of Appeals. If anyone has interested candidates, please have them contact Supervisor St. Amour.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to approve the transmission of the Planning Commission Master Plan to surrounding municipalities for public comment.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Trustee Hampel inquired who looks at the plan in other jurisdictions. Trustee Deur responded that he has seen comments in the past from a Supervisor, Clerk or other members of Planning Commissions.

- Parks & Recreation Commission –

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Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Master Plan.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor St. Amour stated that he re-defined the proposed budget listing prepared by the Parks & Recreation but is waiting for final quotes from Chair Knopf on tennis court repairs and sand for the lower area at Nestrom Park. Continued talks of requested projects will take place when budget discussions start in January.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Mark Williamson to the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

- Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour updated the board on several ordinance enforcement items. He stated that a condemnation hearing for 4790 W. Bard was held on the 18th of December and the Hearing Officer Jensen ordered the outbuilding on the property to be demolished by January 18, 2016. The construction/encroachment of a patio deck in the right-of-way at 4437 South Shore Drive is being handled by the Muskegon County Road Commission but is being tracked by Zoning Administrator Jensen. The Road Commission has ordered that the patio/deck be removed in its entirety. The property at 3839 Lakewood Road has now gone into foreclosure. Supervisor St. Amour has contacted the bank to get cleanup initiated. Supervisor St. Amour has tasked Zoning Administrator Jensen with the review of portable tent/garage ordinance as 4530 Michillinda Road has placed two on the property along with storage of garbage. The property at 2223 Michillinda Road put up a fence that has been shortened to the correct height but not zoning was acquired.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Zellar Road Project (Proposed Special Assessment) – Supervisor St. Amour stated that discussion on the project will take place at the January work session.
2. Lamos Road End – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has asked Attorney Even to weigh in on whether or not a yearly agreement with the MCRC would protect the road end for public use without us owning it which will be discussed at the January work session.
3. R & M Contract – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even is drafting and is being postponed for discussion until the January work session.
4. Land Conservancy – Supervisor St. Amour stated his frustration with receiving no information from the Conservancy on the grant. Trustee Deur will contact April Schultz and report his findings to Supervisor St. Amour.

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5. Fire Station #2 Sale – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even cannot proceed with drafting a deed until a survey is completed. He has contacted WLFA Chief Holman to have a survey completed. More talks about the sale will take place at the January work session.
6. Mason & Partridge Drains – Supervisor St. Amour will be drafting a letter to Drain Commissioner Moore requesting answers to the questions that were asked of the projects at our November work session. He will share the letter with all board members when he is ready to send.
7. White Lake Senior Center –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to authorize a \$1,000.00 donation to the White Lake Senior Center.
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** – **motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Kerkstra Invoice –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to pay Kerkstra invoice in the amount of \$1,820.00 to pay for portable restroom services at the Sustainability Center from December 2013 until present, but were never invoiced.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** – **motion carried**

2. Frontier –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to change all phone services for local and long distance to Frontier which includes caller ID.
Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES** – **motion carried**

3. Recycling Consolidation Plan – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he attended another meeting to discuss the potential consolidation of transfer stations of both Fruitland & Dalton Townships by Muskegon County for a county owned and operated facility proposed to be located on Whitehall Road in Dalton Township. Continued talks are taking place and Supervisor St. Amour will keep the board abreast of findings.
4. Adoption of Building Codes –

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WHEREAS, the Township of Fruitland adopts the following Code Books and subsequent appendixes:

2012 Michigan Building Code
2015 Michigan Residential Code
2012 Michigan Plumbing Code
2012 Michigan Mechanical Code
2014 National Electrical Code
2009 Michigan Uniform Energy Code
2012 Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings
2012 International Fuel Gas Code
2012 International Fire Code, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Fruitland also adopts the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Fruitland will enforce these codes.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2015-24 Fruitland Township Adoption of State of Michigan Codes & Subsequent Appendixes and the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code.

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

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

“NAY”: None

“ABSENT”: None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Resolution 2015-24, Fruitland Township Adoption of State of Michigan Codes & Subsequent Appendixes & 2009 International Property Maintenance Code was **ADOPTED** at the December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland.

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

5. **WRLS Signage** – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has been working with a colleague of State Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright regarding the pricing of signage along the expressway for advertisement for the White River Light Station. He received pricing of \$1700.00 annual fee for the privilege and \$816.00 for a one time one color sign. He hasn't spoken to SPLKA regarding a 50/50 split but thought it might be favored. The board would like to postpone discussing tonight and review during the budget discussions as the price was higher than expected.

6. **Board Comments** – Trustee Bard received information from a resident that two properties were removed by the Drain Commissioner for the special assessment for the Mason Drain. Treasurer Beegle will look at her list as all properties included in the two drain districts were invoiced on their winter tax bill for their assessments. Trustee Deur explained that a public hearing will be held in February on the Master Plan. Trustee Rissi inquired if the cell tower was up and running. Supervisor St. Amour stated that continued adjustments are occurring and final permits are being sought. Treasurer Beegle stated that the Treasurer's office will be open until 5:00 PM on December 29, 2015 for tax collection. She also stated that several surveys are being returned and input by office staff.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:40 PM.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

