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

ALSO PRESENT – Twenty (20) interested parties.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 21, 2017 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Greg Kruse, 5617 S Shore Drive 1973 – questioned the building code used by Attorney Even to proceed with the demolition of the unsafe structure at 4790 W. Bard Road.

PUBLIC HEARING – Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017

Supervisor Jeske opened the public hearing at 5:04 PM. Treasurer Beegle gave opening remarks on the history of how this assessment district was initiated. A committee of several of the residents in the proposed assessment district and herself were appointed and met regularly. A petition was circulated to the 54 parcels and 30 signatures were returned in support of the assessment district which is 56%. Estimated cost for the project is \$173,756.00. MCRC and Fruitland Township will contribute 20% each (\$34,751.20 each) and special assessment district's contribution is 60% (\$104,253.60). She introduced Muskegon County Road Commission Director Ken Hulka who answered questions of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom Road – supports the special assessment.
- 2) David Race – inquired about the special assessment district.
- 3) Charlene Stine, 5250 Bittersweet Dr – supports the special assessment.
- 4) Robert Grove, 5375 W. McMillan Road – inquired how the 56% supportive petitions were received. Clerk Rillema stated by mail and in person.
- 5) Terry Spicklemire, 5362 S. Shore Drive – inquired if any state funding was available for local roads. MCRC Director Hulka stated no.
- 6) Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom Road – inquired how the district was decided – number of parcels, frontage, etc. Treasurer Beegle stated by number of parcels.
- 7) Robert Domiter, 2720 Nestrom Road – supports the special assessment.
- 8) David Taghon, 2570 Nestrom Road – supports the special assessment.
- 9) Sonny Wisnewski, 5323 Andrea – supports the special assessment

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- 10) Charmen Stine, 5250 Bittersweet Dr – inquired how soon the project would start. MCRC Director Hulka stated as early as May/June 2017.
- 11) Robert Grove, 5375 W. McMillan Road – inquired what the speed limit would be. MCRC Director Hulka stated it is currently 55 mph and that any proposed changes would need to be unanimously approved by several jurisdictions which is often a hard process.
- 12) Sandy Domiter, 2720 Nestrom Road – supports the special assessment.
- 13) Rob Johnson, 5340 Bittersweet – supports the special assessment.

Supervisor Jeske closed the public hearing at 5:27 PM and stated that because of the favorable outcome of the public hearing that the township board would ask Attorney Even to draft the final resolution for approval of this special assessment district in March.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- January 9, 2017 Work Session and January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 1 – January 31, 2017 Revenues - \$86,047.94, Fund 101 Expenditures - \$56,972.84, Fund 130 Expenditures - \$611.07 and Fund 145 Expenditures - \$298.00
- January 4th Quarter Budget Amendments
- Resolution 2017-03 – Adoption of Michigan Codes & Appendixes
- Resolution 2017-04– Elected Officials Salaries 2017-18 calendar year
- Resolution 2017-05 – Agreement for SOM Purchase of New Voting Equipment
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – Dave Stevens – term expiration March 2019
- Board of Review Appointment – Stan Burnell – term expiration January 1, 2019
- Water Policy Board & Wastewater Users Committee Appointments – Supervisor Jeske with Treasurer Beegle as alternate – term expiration – leisure of board
- Remove Ann Thomasma as signatory from township banking institutions and add Deputy Treasurer Mary Mansfield.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Trustee Bard did state that she was not in favor of Resolution 2017-04 – Elected Officials Salaries 2017-18 but voted in favor of the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor Jeske shared the January 2017 Statistics for the PINS program from Sheriff Poulin. There were 57 property checks, 131 calls

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for service, 27 traffic stops, 21 reports and 5 traffic crashes for the month. Treasurer Beegle reported that the tax season is coming to a close and delinquent tax bills have been sent out. Supervisor Jeske stated that she met earlier with Laketon and Dalton Townships to discuss the Northside Water Policy lawsuit against Muskegon Charter Township for their delinquent hydrant maintenance fees of approximately \$450,000.00. The County of Muskegon has suggested three different options to help solve the current situation. More discussions will be forthcoming. Supervisor Jeske also stated that Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mark Williamson submitted his resignation. She will be reaching out to him for continued conversation. Supervisor Jeske also stated that she contacted Press's about the quote from last year for demolition of the unsafe structure at 4790 W. Bard. They extended the quote and held the price of \$4,200.00 for an additional 60 days.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:42 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland