

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

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

ABSENT - Clerk Rillema (excused), Trustee Hampel

ALSO PRESENT – Four (4) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, led the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 17, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- (1) Greg Kruse, 5617 South Shore Drive - Has contacted the State Police regarding an occupancy permit signed with Building Inspector Siegel's name by Sally Dion which he is demanding an investigation and his citation he received contains material false statements which he has legal actions with the township.
- (2) Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Commissioner - Furnished the board with new Muskegon County Directory's. Jail update - main parking lot at the county building is completely removed and parking has been moved across to Pine Street and after April 17th the entrance will be on the Terrace Street side temporarily.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 10, 2014 Work Session Minutes and February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$176,332.71 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,330,840.54 for the period of February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$39,091.13 for the period of February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that on April 15, 2014 Marcia Hovey-Wright will be hosting a coffee hour at 11:00 AM here at the township hall. The Marcus Park court case has been upheld in the Court of Appeals. Logging on Simonelli Road has been completed and we may have one additional logging site which is being investigated by our logger at this time. The five township tire grant has been approved and tentatively set for May 31, 2014. It looks like we may have some jail help available for that time to help unload/load tires. The Board of Trustees received a letter from resident Mr. Kruse in your packet. The White Lake Chamber of Commerce is setting up a meeting with northern municipality supervisors/mayors/city managers to formalize the meeting which Supervisor St. Amour attends currently with local leaders. Supervisor St. Amour received a request to join the White Lake Association in the amount of \$30.00.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour reported that the mediation charges were discussed but did not appear to adhere with the judge's order as Attorney Even thought. WLAA Attorney Hughes was present and took the information under advisement, but a week later received a billing. More to come at the March meeting.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle stated they met on March 13th. The financial audit was presented in which they received three write-ups. The needs assessment committee spoke about the need for equipment/buildings and a potential millage.
- Duck Lake Watershed - Trustee Rissi stated they met on March 13th. She reported that the spring monitoring of Duck Creek will be occurring May 10 and anyone interested in volunteering is welcome. A water gauge may be placed somewhere in the creek to see what the volume of flow is and may help determine why the east end is filling in. Cray fish appear to be rising and traps will be placed. Retired teacher Rob Zoellmer will be coordinating with the Whitehall Middle School for cleanup of Duck Lake trails/beach sweep (both Duck Lake/Lake Michigan). Efforts will be coordinated to let them drop the garbage off at the Ecology Station if they would like. The watershed is trying to get website up and going but their budget is limited. The next meeting is May 13, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he has not been able to do any rechecks due to the amount of snowfall. As weather permits, he will continue his checks.
2. Community Building Rental Agreement - Supervisor St. Amour stated that he met with members of the White Lake Area Group and has passed their comments on to Attorney Even. He is incorporating those changes as necessary.
3. 2014-15 Budget Discussion - Supervisor St. Amour stated that the 2014-15 budget adoption meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28 @ 10:00 AM. Both Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Bard investigated one vendor for garbage service. City of North Muskegon had taken a survey with their residents for one vendor curb side service but was turned down. They have 3-4 vendors at this time. They have a rubble millage of 1.3 a year for yard waste/brush/leaves collection. City of Whitehall City Manager recalled little information of such service. At this time, Supervisor St. Amour will be advertising for a transfer station attendant.

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NEW BUSINESS –

1. 4th Quarter Budget Amendments –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the 4th Quarter Budget Amendments for and authorize the Clerk to make such amendments.

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

2. 2013 Hydrant Fee -

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to pay Muskegon County for Fruitland Township Hydrant Rent in the amount of \$2,200.00.

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

3. 2014-15 Trustee Salary -

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04(a)
ESTABLISH TRUSTEE SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 / 2015**

WHEREAS, The Township of Fruitland, County of Muskegon, is a general law township established in 1869; and

WHEREAS, The electorate of the Township of Fruitland, County of Muskegon, elected four Trustees at a General Election, held November 6, 2012, in accordance with the Election Law of the State of Michigan, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities established by Statutes of the State of Michigan and the Township of Fruitland ; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Fruitland does not hold an Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Fruitland has not adopted an Ordinance to Establish a Salary Compensation Committee;

THEREFORE, LET IT NOW BE RESOLVED, that this resolution identifies the authority of the members of the Fruitland Township Board to determine the salaries of the elected officials, in compliance with MCLA 41.95 (3), and

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2014-04(a) to approve Trustee Salary for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. Upon a roll call vote, with all members present, the members voted as follows:

“**AYE**”: Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi, Treasurer Beegle, Supervisor St. Amour

“**NAY**”: None

“**ABSENT**”: Clerk Rillema, Trustee Hampel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as of April 1, 2014, the salary of each of the Trustees for the Township of Fruitland shall be established at a proper level of \$3,825.78 for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

4. Pavilion Rental Agreement –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the License Agreement for use of Fruitland Township Property.

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

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Treasurer Beegle also stated that the Waiver for use of the baseball diamond is currently being updated by Attorney Even which was approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission and will be forthcoming at the April work session.

5. Discount Dump Day – Supervisor St. Amour reported that we are not able to use the free tipping from the Muskegon County Solid Waste because we charge \$5.00. The board would like to continue with the \$5.00 one trip during the month of June 2014. Information will be prepared and shared at the April work session.
6. Board Comments – Treasurer Beegle reported that employee Anne Thomsma will be attending a website class tomorrow. An IT Right representative was in to replace an APS backup box and looked over our current firewall/internet and stated that our equipment is old and not supported and should be replaced. More to come on that. Trustee Rissi inquired about the Verizon tower but no update was available at this time. Trustee Deur will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:42 PM.
*Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland