

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2017 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – Ten (10) interested parties

ABSENT – Trustee Cisneros

AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to amend the March 20, 2017 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda by removing New Business (G) Pro Med Contract.
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT**– motion carried*

MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRESENTATION – Muskegon County Prosecutor D.J. Hilson and Andy Fias of WEMET presented to the Board of Trustees the updated legislation that changes the way Michigan will control Medical Marijuana under Public Act 281. The law became effective December 20, 2016, however, applications to become a licensee cannot be made for 360 days which will be December 15, 2017. This new legislation gives a lot of power to the local jurisdictions. The new laws create a regulation system and tax plan that provides pros and cons of its enactment. At this time, the township does not need to take any action on this updated legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGET -

Supervisor Jeske opened the public hearing at 5:47 PM. Supervisor Jeske stated that the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget was balanced. The proposed Revenues of \$964,778.00 does not include an allocated revenue for potential forestry proceeds which we are awaiting an update from Forester Dennis Worst. The appropriation highlights include a 1.5% wage increase for elected officials and staff. Capital Improvements include the following:

- Township Hall – landscaping and painting of hallway
- Ecology Station – redesign entry/exit
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Nestrom Park – repaint Pickle Ball Court, Pavilion Improvements including door replacement, Tree trimming, and develop a Disc Golf Course. The Sports N Shorts Program was eliminated due to its declining township children attendance and Repairs and Maintenance was increased to \$3000.00

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- Partnership In Neighborhood Safety Program was increased due to a new car lease for our patrol officer

The additional Funds revenue/appropriation changes are as follows:

- Fund 120 (Road Fund) – Revenue increased by transfer from Fund 101 and 2016/2017 Fiscal Year roll over; Appropriations include the Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017 Paving Project, Worden and Riley Thompson Road Projects
- Fund 130 (Public Works Fund) – no change
- Fund 140 (Metro Authority Fund) – no change
- Fund 145 (Equipment Replacement Fund) – Revenue increased by transfer from Fund 101; Appropriations include purchase of two computers, two election lap tops and equipment and copy machine
- Fund 170 (WRLS Preservation & Maintenance Fund) – no change
- Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement Fund) – no change
- Fund 990 (Special Contingency Fund) – Revenue increased by transfer from Fund 101

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Supervisor Jeske closed the public hearing at 5:59PM and stated that the budget adoption special meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM here at township hall. Trustee Bard stated that she did not agree with the Parks & Recreation Commission's proposed budget or the wage increase.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- February 13, 2017 Work Session and February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 1 – February 28, 2017 Revenues - \$149,838.17, Fund 101 Expenditures - \$43,870.75
- January 4th Quarter Budget Amendments
- Resolution 2017-06 – Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017
- Planning Commission Appointments expiring March 2020 – Dave Roesler & Leslie Sprott
- Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment expiring March 2020 – John Warner
- Construction Board of Appeals Appointments expiring December 2017 – Dean Evans & Don Schmiege
- Board of Review Appointments expiring January 1, 2019 – Robert Pachman & Kimon Kotos

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

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

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Public Hearing for Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017 – 4/17/17

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to set April 17, 2017 as the public hearing date for the Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017.

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

Treasurer Beegle stated that the percent rate of 2% for the three year assessment was taken from the US Treasury Rate.

2. MCRC Contract for Worden & Riley Thompson Local Road Projects – FY 2017/2018 –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the contract with MCRC for the Worden and Riley Thompson Road Projects to be completed in FY 2017/2018.

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

3. MCRC Contract for Nestrom Road Project – FY 2017/2018 –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve the contract with MCRC for the Nestrom Road Special Assessment District 2017 paving project to be completed in FY 2017/2018 but make note that the Public Hearing for Objections on the project isn't scheduled until April 17, 2017 and may need to be withdrawn.

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

4. 2017 Road Brining –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote from D&B Brine in the amount of \$420.00 per mile and to opt out of the MCRC 2017 Brine Program.

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

5. Batka's Cleaning Service for Township Hall –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the weekly cleaning quote from Batka's Cleaning Service in the amount of \$70.00 per week.

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

Trustee Bard inquired if Supervisor Jeske was able to retrieve any references. Supervisor Jeske received positive references from the City of Norton Shores Police Department and GMI Composite.

6. Partnership in Neighborhood Safety (PINS) Agreement –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve the agreement for the Partnership in Neighborhood Safety Program (PINS) commencing April 1, 2017 in the amount of \$64,511.37.

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

7. Charter Communications Franchise Agreement –

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement as submitted.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor Jeske shared the February 2017 Statistics for the PINS program from Sheriff Poulin. There were 73 property checks, 109 calls for service, 26 traffic stops, 23 reports and 1 traffic crash for the month. Supervisor Jeske also stated that the tree removal at the WRLS is almost complete and a request from Curator Varnum to have our Maintenance staff assist with some brush removal would be scheduled. Treasurer Beegle

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stated that with the new computer installed at the front counter, the other receipt printer is now out of date and needs to be replaced prior to the summer tax season. Treasurer Beegle also reported that at the last White Lake Fire Authority meeting, they were presented their Audit for Financial Year ending December 31, 2016 and received a favorable audit with the same significant deficiency the township receives for not having a CPA on staff – *The internal controls surrounding the preparation of the formal year-end financial statements should be improved.* Clerk Rillema reported that the Duck Creek Watershed Assembly (DCWA) received a \$15,000.00 grant from Freshwater Future. The DCWA will work in conjunction with the GVSU's Annis Water Resources Institute and WMEAC. Clerk Rillema also encouraged audience members to participate in the Duck Creek Natural Area survey available on survey monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P28QXKJ> or complete a hard copy at the township hall.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:21 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland