

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Binns, Trustee Bole, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Wilks, Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT – Three (3) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, April 18, 2011 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed those present, led the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Binns, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 18, 2011 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MINUTES –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 14, 2011 Work Session Minutes, March 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Wilks, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$93,334.60 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,128,416.98 for the period of March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 as reported by Melissa Wilks, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$94,886.54 and Fund 140 Disbursements in the amount of \$300.00 for the period of March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Laketon Township is hosting a free electronics recycling event at Mullally Park on June 4, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and is open to the public. An informational meeting to be held at Fruitland Township hall with guest speakers Jeff Auch-Muskegon Conservation District and Curtis Tally Jr-MSU Extension will be educating landowners on oil and gas leasing on April 28, 2011. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter from the Muskegon County Community Foundation that due to the market losses that were experienced in 2008, the Porter-Smith Life Ring Fund currently has no spendable income for 2011.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Trustee Bard stated that the next meeting scheduled is on April 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Wilks stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2011 and that the dry hydrants are scheduled to be installed May 1st and that review of the International Fire Code continues. The WLFA has stated that no sprinkler systems will be required in residential homes.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Trustee Binns reported that election of officers was conducted at the April 4, 2011 meeting. The slate of 2011 officers is Chair-Laura Shield, Vice Chair-Jeff Marcinkowski and Secretary-Mary Nagengast. Commissioners are getting quotes for the repair/maintenance of the Nestrom Park Tennis Courts. The Marcus Park agreements with Marcus Dunes and Winterwood Shores have been rejected and the Commission is back at the start.
- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reported that election of officers was conducted at the April 6, 2011 meeting. The slate of 2011 officers is Chair-Carol Kooistra, Vice Chair-Tom Thompson and Secretary-Brian Lernowich. Commissioner Nagengast volunteered to serve as the JPC alternate which will be discussed later in the agenda. Clerk Rillema stated that she reminded Recording Secretary Dion that the moratorium on the Medical Marijuana expires in July and should be placed on either the May or June agenda to extend the date.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Clerk Rillema stated there was no April meeting scheduled.
- Citizens Advisory Wireless Committee – Trustee Deur stated that a April 29, 2011 meeting is scheduled with a firm from the east side of the state with some interest in expanding its wireless broadband coverage on the west side of the state. Efforts to set up a meeting with a local representative of Frontier Communications continue.
- Citizens Advisory McMillan Road End Committee – Supervisor St. Amour stated that in a recent conversation with Jeff Auch of Muskegon Conservation District, no word from Alcoa has been received regarding the grant request.
- Citizens Advisory Scenic Drive Road End Dock Committee – Clerk Rillema stated that the Scenic Drive Road End Dock was placed last week with some minor repair work and replacement of decking. It has been receiving heavy use in the last week.
- White Lake Public Advisory Committee –Trustee Deur reported that discussion of an Earth Day cleanup in local parks was discussed and the committee is applying for new grant monies.
- Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the bid for the construction was awarded to Hallack Contracting just under \$700,000.00. The work is scheduled to begin May 27, 2011 with completion by July 29, 2011. Supervisor St. Amour

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has a meeting scheduled with Dalton Township Supervisor Hall on April 19, 2011 to discuss the distribution of monies to maximize the MDOT and DNRE monies to their fullest with hopes to request that some of the Fred Meijer funds be used towards Phase II of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail.

- White River Light Station – Curator McDonnell reported that spring yard work and painting of the metal spiral staircase has been her priority. Curator McDonnell reported that she has six school groups scheduled for tours and has contacted the scheduled wedding contacts for 2011. In a recent wind storm, a tree damaged sections of the white fencing and power was disconnected to the WRLS. A temporary pole has been installed. Curator Mc Donnell solicited quotes for the chimney cap repair work and the following motion was presented.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to award the repair work for the chimney cap at the White River Light Station to vendor at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bole **AYE**, Treasurer Wilks **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

OLD BUSINESS –

1. 5623 Murray Road – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Eklund informed him that no appeal to the State Of Michigan Court of Appeals ruling was received.
2. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Stoffan filed a motion and a letter was sent requesting completion of siding to the owner of 1490 W. Duck Lake Road. Supervisor St. Amour sent a registered letter to the property owner of 3350 Bard Road with a May 1, 2011 date to have the boat removed from the property. An April 25, 2011 condemnation hearing has been scheduled for the property of 4540 Weber Road.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. WRLS – Sable Point Lighthouse Keeper’s Association – Supervisor St. Amour received a proposal from SPLKA for a transitional year of operation plan for the operation of the gift shop at the WRLS. A poll vote of the Board of Trustees (6-AYE, 1 NAY) directed Supervisor St. Amour although they agreed in principle, authorized the Supervisor to enter into an agreement if the following conditions were met: (1) SPLKA’s liability insurance would be in affect. (2) When performing SPLKA work, the curator would be considered a SPLKA volunteer when performing gift shop functions, covering her for liability and other volunteer related coverage not including salary, health insurance, life insurance or pension. (3) SPLKA would insure gift shop merchandise and/or hold Fruitland Township harmless for any loss of merchandise/monies from gift shop sales for any reason.
2. Reduced Dump Day –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize reduced dump days from June 1, 2011 – June 29, 2011 for one trip only with maximum cost of \$5.00. A coupon will be mailed to Fruitland Township

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residents/property owners only and must be presented to the Ecology Station attendant at time of use.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Wilks **AYE**, Trustee Bole **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

3. Pier/Beach Request – The Board of Trustees directed Supervisor St. Amour to respond back to Ms. Rowerdink that Ordinance R 48 is in place for dogs to be on a leash and not running at large upon any property not owned and occupied by the owner/custodian of such dog(s). The Board is not interested in acquiring the dog waste stations at this time and recreational fires are allowed and enforced by the White Lake Fire Authority. To not encourage beach fires, the board will not be purchasing fire pits for the beach area near the channel.
4. Forestry Income –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to instruct the forester that the method of payment for the removal of trees from the 40 acres at the corner of Blank Road and Lakewood Road would be to pay Fruitland Township \$55.00 per ton for all the trees as they are cut and removed which is scheduled for the fall/winter of 2011-2012.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bole **NAY**, Treasurer Wilks **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

5. Maintenance/Grounds – Additional Staff –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to advertise the position of a seasonal employee with the ability to pay up to \$10.00 an hour wage and require a background check and physical.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bole **NAY**, Treasurer Wilks **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Binns **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

6. Muskegon Conservation District – Land Proposal – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received another email asking if the township would be opposed to the District holding such lakeshore properties for the public. The Board of Trustees didn't see any reason but Supervisor St. Amour will ask Attorney Eklund to review issues such as keyholing.
7. Alternate JPC Representative from Planning Commission –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Steve Nagengast as the alternate JPC representative from the Planning Commission with a term ending at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

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8. Board Comments – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would like to utilize an electronic packet for the May work session to try to avoid the excess paper and costs with delivering/mailing/picking up of such packets. A hard copy will be available if necessary. Discussion regarding such procedure will be discussed at the May work session for future utilization.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Wilks, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the April 18, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 8:12 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland