

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016 MINUTES**

PRESENT - Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel

ALSO PRESENT – (11) eleven interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Cisneros, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

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

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 18, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Terry Sabo, County Commissioner – Stated that he will be seeking the nomination for the 92nd State Representative seat. He also delivered the 2016 Muskegon County Directories for the township. Clerk Rillema inquired about a potential senior millage in which Commissioner Sabo responded that language will be placed on the August ballot.
- 2) Tom Lindrup, PO BOX 5021 – Informed the Board of Trustees that the Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail are discussing with the property owner at the corner of Blank Road and White Lake Drive to have it donated to the township to create a trailhead parking lot for approximately 25 cars to support the use of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail. He provided the members of the board with a handout.
- 3) Dennis Luce, 4990 Carr Rd – Introduced himself as a candidate running for Muskegon County Sheriff and spoke briefly of his platform.
- 4) Cheryl VanAndel, 4769 W. Bard Road – Concerned about the happenings at 4790 Bard Rd and encouraged the board to take action.
- 5) Chris Campeau, 4753 W. Bard Road – Concerned about the happenings at 4790 Bard Rd and encouraged the board to take action. A varmint problem is occurring in his neighborhood.
- 6) Greg Kruse, 5671 S. Shore Drive – Read from a police report dated November 20, 2013 for a dispatch from Fruitland Township from a phone call from Supervisor St. Amour regarding Mr. Kruse. Stated that it was a false report.

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- 7) Chris Sorauf, 5264 W. Lakewood – Concerned about the assessment calculation for the proposed Zellar Road 2016 Special Assessment District. Would like the board to reconsider how it will be calculated.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 14, 2016 Work Session Minutes, March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 30, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$94,731.37 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,423,446.19 for the period of March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$237,795.42 for the period of March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried***

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Clerk Rillema stated that Muskegon County will be hosting a recycling event again on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9AM to 1 PM. It will be placed in e-news. She also announced that on September 30, 2016 – October 1, 2016 the Ragnar Relay Michigan long distance running relay race will start in Muskegon and end in Traverse City. Scenic Drive/South Shore Drive will be the route in Fruitland Township heading north. Duck Lake State Park will be exchange #4 in our area for the runners. Matt Varnum, Curator of the White River Light Station provided a listing of happenings for the WRLS for 2016. This will also be placed in an upcoming e-news. Brickley DeLong will be performing our 2015-16 audit in-house on June 15th and 16th. The MCRC has sent postcards to residents in Fruitland Township regarding upcoming berming in our area. Clerk Rillema reported to the residents who spoke during public comment regarding 4790 Bard Road that the township is moving forward with the recommendation of demolition of the structure and cleanup of the surrounding area. Quotes are currently being sought so court action can occur. She stated that she has not received dates yet from April Scholtz of the West Michigan Land Conservancy for a tour date of the Duck Lake Road property. She will send an email reminding her to provide some possible dates for consideration. No information has been received for a representative to the Muskegon County Recreational Authority in which Trustee Deur has volunteered to do so on behalf of Fruitland Township.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur stated that the language for the Special Land Use for Historic Resorts is not ready for recommendation of the board to approve as additional language amendments are necessary.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Zellar Road SAD –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2016-13 Zellar Road Improvements 2016 Special Assessment District.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Brining –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to approve the contract with D&B Brining for approximately 16 miles of brining in Fruitland Township at a rate of \$420 per mile for a total payment of \$6,720.00 and opt-out of brining with the Muskegon County Road Commission.

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

2. Discount Dump Days –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Discount Dump Days from Wednesday, June 1 2016 – Saturday June 26, 2016 for one trip with a cost of \$5.00. Residents/property owners may pay for and pick up their coupon at the township office and must present the coupon to the Ecology Station Attendant at the time of use.

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

3. Ordinance Enforcement –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to hire John Holtz – Deputy of Muskegon County, to serve as our Ordinance Enforcer for Fruitland Township at a salary not to exceed \$5000.00 for a 90 day probationary period.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

Trustee Bard suggested that we use our current PINS officer for six month which the board of trustees did not favor.

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4. Road Projects –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize a contract with the Muskegon County Road Commission for the presented road projects with a 60/40 split.

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

2016 Road Projects:

Lamos Road from South Shore to Michillinda Road $\frac{3}{4}$ mile chip seal - \$11,700.00

Lorenson Road from Duck Lake Road to River Road – 2.5 miles chip seal - \$39,000.00

Orshal Road from Michillinda Road to River Road – 4 miles chip seal - \$62,400.00

Green Creek Road from McMillan Road to River Road – 1 mile chip seal - \$15,600.00

Weber Road from Lakewood Road to River Road – 1 mile chip seal - \$15,600.00

Wabaningo Entrance at Nestrom Road – paving - \$4,900.00

Fruitland Township Hall Parking Lot – paving - \$11,000.00

5. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Tuesday, April 19th at 4:00 PM is the deadline for any candidate running partisan for a local office for the August Primary. Trustee Bard asked if the Fire Station #2 could be added to the agenda for the May work session. Trustee Deur stated that the Verizon Tower is operational and although coverage is improved, many residents continue to inquire about additional carriers. He encourages those residents to call their carrier and request to piggy back on the cell tower for additional coverage. Treasurer Beegle stated that the White Lake Fire Authority will be meeting again May 11th.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:55 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland