

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel, Supervisor St. Amour

ABSENT – Trustee Rissi

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA – Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding NB #2.5 FOIA Appeals and #2.75 Resolution 2015-16.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended April 20, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1) Terry Sabo – County Commissioner – Explained that lots of changes in personnel have occurred at the County level. The Quality of Life Bond is soon to expire. A work session will be held after the next county commissioner meeting to discuss if the community feels a need to request this bond issue for additional projects. Sustainability is becoming more wide spread in the county and one area Commissioner Sabo would like to see addressed is the possibility of banning plastic bags from retailers. It is going to cost the county approximately \$25,000.00 to pick up the bags that have blown up against the fence at the waste site.

2) Lynn Knopf – Encouraged the Board to reconsider adding a bike lane on the Riley Thompson Road Project.

MINUTES –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 9, 2015 Work Session Minutes, March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$97,600.95 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,244,277.40 for the period of March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$267,664.36, Public Works Fund 130 in the amount of \$2,200.00 and Equipment Replacement Fund 145 in

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the amount of \$625.00 for the period of March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Five-Township Scrap Tire event is scheduled for May 30. Several events are happening at the White River Light Station this summer. For a list, contact Supervisor St. Amour or visit www.splka.org. Preliminary tree marking is occurring on the Anderson Woods project. Michigan’s Adventure has asked for a noise ordinance waiver for May 28th for an event. The Board authorized Supervisor St. Amour to inform them it is okay. The parking lot at the White River Light Station has flooded again. Scheid Plumbing got the drain unplugged but found that the water from the building and parking lot drains into a catch basin that has failed. The initial quote is approximately \$2,800.00. Supervisor St. Amour would like to request additional quotes.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$2,800.00 to rebuild the catch basin subject to receiving additional quotes at the WRLS.

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

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle reported that their audit was presented and is placed on file with the Clerk. Dock Road will be discussed at our next work session regarding the dry hydrant being moved. Treasurer Beegle reported that Muskegon County is #2 in the state for fatalities in fire deaths and Michigan is #2 in the US. A smoke alarm initiative is currently underway in our area. Those interested should contact the Fire Department. The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015.
- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour had a meeting with Pro-Med which is currently working on a proposal should coverage with the White Lake Ambulance Authority cease. Discussion on the proposed 2015-16 WLAA budget led to the following resolution and motion.

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RESOLUTION 2015 - 15
WHITE LAKE AMBULANCE AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Township of Fruitland is a member of the White Lake Ambulance Authority (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority bylaws require the submittal and approval of their annual budget by the individual members of the of the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Fruitland Township Board **REJECTED**, the White Lake Ambulance Authority budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 as submitted.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2015-15 White Lake Ambulance Authority 2015-16 Budget.

Upon a roll call vote, with all members present, the members voted as follows:

“**AYE**”: Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel, Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Bard
“**NAY**”: None

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“ABSENT”: Trustee Rissi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Resolution 2015-15 Ambulance Authority 2015-16 Budget was ADOPTED that Fruitland Township REJECTS the White Lake Ambulance Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 as submitted.

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Township of Fruitland

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to inform the WLAA that Fruitland Township feels that the budget should be balanced dealing with the operations of both the Revenue and Expenditure sides and not solicit additional funds by its member municipalities.

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

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur stated that the newly appointed member, Ina Rey seems enthusiastic and is pleased to have her aboard. The election of officers were elected and remain as David Roesler - Chairman, Tom Thompson – Vice-Chair and William Josephson – Secretary. At the last meeting, a site plan was reviewed and approved with some conditions for Michigan’s Adventure to construct a training center just north of the complex. Several of the subcommittees continue to meet with hopes to complete their assignments before Zoning Administrator Sandel retires in July. Consultant Tim Johnson has been working on draft language for a Special Land Use for Resorts in the Inland Lakes District.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Trustee Hampel stated that Commissioner Urban is in receipt of the Ball Field Agreement and Waivers for the White Lake Little League. Commissioner Knopf was in attendance and also asked to receive a copy of both via email from Clerk Rillema.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Community Flood Ordinance – Clerk Rillema stated that because it was a zoning ordinance, the Planning Commission needs to address it with a public hearing which they will be doing in May. Once they approve they will forward to us as a recommendation to adopt.
2. Riley Thompson Road Contract –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema and Supervisor St. Amour to sign the 2015-16 Riley Thompson Road Project totaling \$212,970.00 with a 60/40 split for Fruitland Township in the amount of \$127,782.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS -

1. FOIA – Freedom of Information Act –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the clerk to implement the FOIA amendments effective July 1, 2015.

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

2. Amend Holiday Resolution 2015-09(a) – Good Friday of 2016 was overlooked but falls in this fiscal year.

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Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2015-09(a) adding Good Friday, March 25, 2016.

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

2.5. FOIA Appeals –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to deny Mr. Kruse of his two FOIA appeals (emailed two times each) dated April 16, 2015 for certified copies of his original requests dated March 16, 2015 and March 30, 2015 as the FOIA Coordinator responded and mailed a Public Body Response on March 16, 2015 and March 31, 2015 to both requests.

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

2.75 MCRC Performance and Indemnification Resolution 2015-16 – Brine Opt-Out Program

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to approve Clerk Rillema to sign the permit application for dust control and adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution 2015-16 as part of the opt-out program required by the Muskegon County Road Commission to enable it to issue a permit for dust control to be completed by D&B Brine for summer 2015.

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

3. Board Comments – Trustee Bard would like to meet with Supervisor St. Amour regarding some ordinance enforcement issues in the township. Trustee Deur stated that the Land Conservancy of West Michigan will be updating information on Anderson Woods on their website: www.naturenearby.org. Clerk Rillema stated that other than her permanent absentee list, issuance of ballots for the upcoming election has been low.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:14 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland