

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – Four (4) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, led the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

AGENDA – Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding New Business Item #4.5 - MCRC Road End Agreements.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended April 21, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- (1) Greg Kruse, 5617 South Shore Drive - 1973 - provided the Board of Trustees a copy of two photographs and stated that Supervisor St. Amour drove by his house slowly.
- (2) Terry Sabo, County Commissioner - stated that the Veterans Memorial Park received another grant for \$2 million dollars and that now that the new jail is under construction to give ourselves a little more time to park and enter from the Terrace Street side.

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Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 10, 2014 Work Session Minutes, March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 28, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried**

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$159,127.48 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,001,750.91 for the period of March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$129,362.89, Public Roads Fund 120 Disbursements in the amount of \$436,568.10 and Public Works Fund 130 in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the period of March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the engineering bids for the Mason Drain are due to the County Drain Commissioner May 2. The five township tire grant collection day will be Saturday, May 31. Supervisor St. Amour is checking to see how many volunteers are needed from Fruitland Township to work the event. Zellar Road between Lakewood Road & White Lake Drive will be closed for two days for culvert repair work this week. The White Lake Community Fund Advisory Committee will be presenting our grant award from the Porter-Smith Life Ring Fund in the amount of \$380.00 in the near future.

SPECIAL GUEST - Supervisor St. Amour introduced Raymond Stark as the Ecology Station Attendant candidate to hire.

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to suspend for open floor comments to speak with Mr. Stark at 5:10 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from open floor comments at 5:13 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission -

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to support the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the zoning district and zoning map pursuant to receipt of plan to be dated and used for bench mark showing existing improvements at the time of the zoning change for parcel 61-06-012-300-0032-00, 6748 South Shore Drive, White Lake Yacht Club, from Inland Lakes District to Waterfront Marine District.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Deur **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE** (Both Trustee Deur & Clerk Rillema are members of such organization and abstained from the vote.)

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to deny the WLAA 2014-15 proposed budget due to several budgeted appropriations needing clarifications per a list prepared for Supervisor St. Amour for the next White Lake Ambulance Authority meeting.

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

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour that Fruitland Township is willing to pay 1/7th of the mediation charge if all municipalities agree to do the same.

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

- Parks & Recreation Commission -

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Athletic Field License and Athlete Waiver for use of the Nestrom Road Ball Field and request the Parks & Recreation to send to the Whitehall Little League for completion each year.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

- Wireless Committee - Trustee Deur stated that Verizon Wireless is in the early stages of a potential wireless tower on township property at Wabaningo & Nestrom Roads. Attorney Even reviewed a proposed agreement from Verizon Wireless and feels that the "general opinion" of saying yes is okay at this time. The agreement should be negotiated for the lease amount.
- Zoning Board of Appeals - Clerk Rillema stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance for applicant Brad VanBergen, Winberg Construction, on behalf of Jack/Brenda Groessl, homeowners, for the construction of an accessory building in the Inland Lakes District, Article VIIIa, Inland Lakes District, Section 8.02a Site Development Standards (1) Rear Yard Setback - 5 AYES, and Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.31 Average Setback Lines, (D) Rear (Shoreline View Protection) and Section 3.08 Accessory Buildings and Uses (G) (2) Maximum Accessory Building Footprint Size with the building not to exceed 861.2 square feet - 4 AYES, 1 NAY.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported.
2. Community Building Rental Agreement -

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to sign the License Agreement for use of the Community Building with the White Lake Group of Alcoholics Anonymous and request Treasurer Beegle to set up Fund 180 Community Building Capital Improvement Fund.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

3. Discount Dump Day –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Discount Dump Days from Wednesday, June 4, 2014 - Saturday, June 28, 2014 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.

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

NEW BUSINESS -

1. White Lake Association Membership –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to make payment in the amount of \$30.00 for 2014 membership dues to the White Lake Association.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Deur **ABSTAIN** (Both Trustee Deur & Clerk Rillema are members of such organization and abstained from voting.)

2. State of Michigan Licensing & Regulatory Affairs/McMillan Road End Stairs -

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to negotiate with the Muskegon Conservation District up to \$1000.00 to bring the steps up to code at the McMillan Road End.

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

3. Brine - Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received information from the MCRC on our 2014 brining costs which are 65% higher than past years. He will consult with the MCRC to get rationale and talk with other municipalities regarding their proposals and inquire about other brine vendors.

4. Citizen Planner Training - Insurance Grant - Supervisor St. Amour stated that our Insurance agency - Berends, Hendricks, Stuit Insurance Agency, Inc., offers a grant to cover individuals that attend the Citizen's Planner Training through MSU Extension available in the amount of up to \$5,000.00. He is awaiting response from members who want to attend from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission. If any Board of Trustees are interested, please let Supervisor St. Amour know as soon as possible. The grant application deadline is the end of May.

5. MCRC Road End Agreements (Scenic Drive and Nestrom Road) -

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to allow the Supervisor to sign the road end agreements for both Scenic Drive Road end to place a portable restroom, garbage receptacle, seasonal dock and donation box and Nestrom Road end to place a garbage receptacle and mow grass.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES**

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6. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that property owners of 1562 Duck Lake Road has spoken with Zoning Administrator Sandel regarding the demolition of the accessory building on parcel #1 which has a restrictive covenant mandated by the Board of Trustees in 2010 which would go away once the accessory building is demolished and would like to rebuild on parcel #2. Zoning Administrator Sandel is working with the owner to make sure zoning and building ordinances are adhered to. Trustee Hampel inquired about additional parking near Marcus Park and possible sand removal. Supervisor St. Amour will speak to her after the meeting. Trustee Deur inquired about the additional docks for LSI (Lakeside Inn) that were approved by the DEQ and if they affected any zoning/regulatory ordinances. He will check with Zoning Administrator Sandel.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:03 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland