

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – Seven (7) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, May 19, 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 was asked to amend the agenda to add Under Committee/Board Updates - Risk Reduction Grant and New Business Item #4 - Code of Ethics/Township Parks.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 19, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Patricia Groessl, 3105 Scenic Drive - Encouraged the board to not allow alcohol at Nestrom Road Park and McMillan Road End. She would like to see an environment drug free.
- 2) Kurt Madsen, 3033 Scenic Drive - Does not want alcohol allowed at McMillan Road End for public safety and nuisance reasons. Would like to see the road end closed.

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Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 14, 2014 Work Session Minutes, April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$11,968.16 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$969,135.74 for the period of April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$49,913.24 and Public Works Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$442.80 for the period of April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Five Township Tire Collection event is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Mullally Park. Drain Commissioner Moore has received back quotes for the Mason Drain repair ranging from \$13,000.00 - \$80,000.00. Drain Commissioner Moore is reviewing the three lower end quotes up to \$20,000.00. The White Lake Golf Course has requested that any repair work be delayed until the fall. The Township Board of Trustees agrees. Supervisor St. Amour will contact Drain Commissioner Moore to inform her of our approval for the work to be delayed.

SPECIAL GUEST - Tanya Cabala of the White Lake Public Advisory Council spoke to the Board on the delisting of White Lake by removing eight impairments. Several celebratory events will take place this summer in the White Lake Area. Visit www.restoringwhitelake.com for more information on the delisting and upcoming events by selecting the link - White Lake PAC.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Fire Authority - Treasurer Beegle reported that the authority has hired Shane Nesbit as a full time fireman and Jacob Grinwis as a probationary employee. The Authority is currently working on upgrading the Dock Road End to a private emergency launch ramp and has budgeted \$20,000.00 for the necessary work. No new information is available on the potential millage for the Authority.
- Duck Creek Watershed - Trustee Rissi reported that she was unable to attend the last meeting of the watershed but that members/volunteers completed the stream monitoring on May 10. No results were available yet.
- Wireless Committee - Trustee Deur stated that Verizon Wireless' attorney is waiting on speaking to our Attorney on specifics on the agreement.
- Planning Commission -

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for parcel number 61-06-113-200-0019-00, 5010 Whitehall Road, Michigan's Adventure, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, to amend the zoning district and zoning map from Neighborhood Commercial District to Amusement Park District.

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 carried 7-0**

- Risk Reduction Grant -

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADAPTED**, to direct Supervisor St. Amour to apply for the Risk Reduction Grant Program for the Citizens Planner Course (7 sessions) for fourteen persons @ \$275.00 for a total of \$3,850.00 which will be reimbursed to us by our insurance carrier.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** - **motion carried 7-0**

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported on many current ordinance enforcement issues which he continues to monitor some and several that have or will be receiving civil infraction violations written by Deputy Ashker.

2. Snow Day Policy -

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the updated Fruitland Township Snow Day Policy.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried 7-0

3. Brining -

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to contract with D & B Brine Inc., for gravel road brining which consists of 17 miles of road brining in the amount of \$6,630.00. I also authorize Supervisor St. Amour to sign the Muskegon County Road Commission Opt-Out Agreement.

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 carried 7-0

4. Code of Ethics/Township Parks - There was much discussion amongst the board regarding the allowance/non-allowance of alcohol on all township property owned by the township. The township has two properties that have ordinances that were amended last fall and now allow alcohol on the premises - Nestrom Road Park & McMillan Road End. Some concern by township residents nearby McMillan Road End have come forth requesting the ordinance be changed back to not allow alcohol. The following motion was brought forth and adopted for Article R21 - Nestrom Road Park Ordinance due to a request by the White Lake Little League which uses our Nestrom ball field to help enforce a Sport Parent Code Of Conduct signed by parents of athletes to demand a sports environment free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol in which they will refrain from their use at all sports events. The motion adopted will not allow for the pavilion to be rented with alcohol use at which times the White Lake Little League is using the ball field.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to amend Article R21 - Nestrom Road Park Ordinance to add language that reads, "No alcohol will be permitted in Nestrom Park on those days when the White Lake Little League has their games."

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Deur AYE, Trustee Rissi AYE, Clerk Rillema NAY, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Hampel AYE, Supervisor St. Amour AYE - motion carried 6-1

NEW BUSINESS -

1. State of Michigan Licensing & Regulatory Affairs/McMillan Road End Stairs - Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Even has written to the State of Michigan requesting an

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additional 30 days to respond to several items regarding the stairway construction at McMillan Road End. No response received as of today.

2. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals has received two public hearings and a third may be added for the June meeting. The 2013-14 audit has been scheduled with Brickley DeLong for June 16/17, 2014. Clerk Rillema has been working with IT Right and Comcast regarding our slow internet connection and updating to a wireless router so board members/commission members can access their packet information during a meeting. Trustee Deur suggested contacting MiSpot to inquire about internet connection. Clerk Rillema will do so. Trustee Deur stated that the White Lake Association would like to use the township hall meeting room for its annual meeting on July 29th at 6:00 PM. He will contact the office staff for availability.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the May 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland