

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 21, 2012  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT** – Treasurer Beegle

**ALSO PRESENT** – Four (4) interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, May 21, 2012 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 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 6.5 – Seasonal Help.

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 21, 2012 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. Greg Kruse, 5617 South Shore Drive – Submitted a four page document requesting investigation of allegations of misconduct by Attorney Robert Eklund.

**MINUTES** - Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 9, 2012 Work Session Minutes and April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS** –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$15,846.76 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,199,168.54 for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$50,879.50 and Fund 145 Disbursements in the amount of \$804.43 for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour announced that bricks are available for purchase in memory of Fred Meijer. Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church is hosting the Blueberry Festival again this year. The tri-township tire grant collection date is June 9, 2012 held

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at Mullally Park in Laketon Township. Several culverts have been replaced in the township. The West Michigan Bicycle Club is hosting the time trials again in the township on June 16, 2012. Dalton Township will continue to mow/sweep the Fred Meijer Bike Trail and submit expenses against the grant. Several signs along the trail are missing and will be replaced. The Swan Cull on White Lake began the weekend of May 19. Supervisor St. Amour has requested White Lake Excavating to evaluate our burn pile and the ecology station and recommend when it should be burned. The Scenic Drive Preservation Group reported that an invasive plant species known as Mustard Garlic has been reported in Fruitland and Laketon Townships.

### COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Trustee Bard reported that no meeting was held last month.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Supervisor St. Amour reported that restructuring of personnel was occurring, conversations of updating the Articles of Incorporation were taking place and the Aerial Ladder Truck was appraised for possible trade in.
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Supervisor St. Amour reported that Attorney Even is in the process of submitting our brief for the court case scheduled for June 18, 2012.
- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reported that two public hearing were held for blueberry farming.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Special Land Use Permit which was requested by Bruce A. VanderBie for blueberry farming on a vacant Bard Road parcel. The parcel #61-06-127-100-0001-15 and is located in a Rural Residential (RR) district.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT***

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Special Land Use Permit which was requested by Frank Coles for blueberry farming on a vacant McMillan Road parcel. The parcel #61-06-128-400-0002-00 and is located in a Rural Residential (RR) district.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT***

- Zoning Board of Appeals – Clerk Rillema reported that no meeting was held this month.
- Citizens Advisory Wireless Committee – Trustee Deur had no report.
- McMillan Road End Update – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the stairway and fencing is completed. Signage has been received and will be scheduled to be installed with our maintenance supervisor.
- White Lake Public Advisory Committee – Trustee Deur reported that there was no May meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012.

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**OLD BUSINESS –**

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported that details of the properties were provided at the May work session.
2. Civil Infractions – Supervisor St. Amour reported that review of the proposed civil infractions will occur at the June work session.
3. Life Ring Options –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to contract with Novotny Electronics to install Life Ring Monitoring Alarms for Fruitland Township’s side of the White Lake Channel in the amount not to exceed \$4,625.00.

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

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Health Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour reported that a letter was received from our health insurance carrier (NIPPON) that our coverage would be cancelled as of May 31, 2012 due to only having one employee on our group plan. After conversation with our agent, Jay Keessen, Supervisor St. Amour wrote a letter requesting a 90 day extension.

2. 4206 Duck Lake Road –

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Clerk to pay Meyer Well Drilling, Inc., for repair of the well at 4206 Duck Lake Road in the amount of \$620.20.

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

3. Policies & Procedures, Employee Handbook – Supervisor St. Amour requested that any additions and/or deletions to the policies and procedures and employee handbook be forwarded to Clerk Rillema prior to our June work session at which discussion will take place. Trustee Deur inquired if Attorney Even would be reviewing and Supervisor St. Amour answered “yes”.
4. WRLS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Clerk and he toured the White River Light Station. Several building repairs were undertaken by SPLKA volunteers that may need to be removed (wall constructed between bedroom and living room, bathroom wall hung sink removed and replaced with built in sink/cabinetry, kitchen island and built in hutch/desk in bedroom). Continued talks with SPLKA to enhance communication continues.
5. Water Policy Board –

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FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-15  
AMENDING APPENDIX B TO  
THE FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP WATER ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS,** Fruitland Township has adopted an Appendix B to its Water Ordinance, which Appendix A establishes the Rates and Charges for the water system within Fruitland Township, and;

**WHEREAS,** the Township shall adopt amendments to Appendix B in Ordinance 115 in which the Clerk will publish in the White Lake Beacon, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Fruitland Township adopts the amendments to Appendix B, to be effective June 26, 2012, to its Water Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Binns, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2012-15 to adopt amending Appendix B to the Water Ordinance of Fruitland Township.

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

**“AYE”:** Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Binns, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Bole, Supervisor St. Amour

**“NAY”:** None

**“ABSENT”:** Treasurer Beegle

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** Resolution 2012-15 was adopted by the Board of Fruitland Township, at a regular meeting held Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

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Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland

6. Waste Water Policy Board –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter appointing himself and Building Official Siegel (alternate) to represent Fruitland Township on the Waste Water Management System.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT***

6.5 Seasonal Help –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Supervisor to hire additional seasonal help due to lack of KPEC/jail help available this summer.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYE, 1 ABSENT***

7. Board Comments – There was no board comment.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the May 21, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:50 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland