

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

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

ALSO PRESENT – (12) twelve interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

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

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

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to amend the July 18, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda by adding New Business #2.5 Deputy Supervisor Appointment.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Don Jorgenson, 4824 Bard Road – inquired about the status of 4790 W. Bard. Clerk Rillema stated she would provide an update during board comments.
2. Greg Kruse, South Shore Drive 1974 – read a complaint to the Board of Trustees accusing Trustee Cisneros of calling him an inappropriate name.
3. Rich Houteman, 5640 Oak Tree Lane – introduced himself as the Consumer's Lakeshore Representative for our area and requested that if anyone had questions or concerns to contact him.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 13, 2016 Work Session Minutes and June 20, 2016 Regular 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 \$89,487.88 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,411,206.71 for the period of June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$64,014.22 and Fund 140 Disbursements of \$7,200.00 for the period of

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June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Clerk Rillema stated that the Muskegon County Road Commission has mailed out postcards to those residents wishing to be part of the 2016 Brush Control Program. Applications are available at www.muskegoncountyroads.org or at the township office. Applications will be accepted until Friday, July 22, 2016. The five township tire grant was successful. Of the 2,865 tires collected, 359 were from Fruitland Township residents. Clerk Rillema thanked those who volunteered at the event. Clerk Rillema stated that she received a phone call from David Kison requesting to see if McMillan Road End could be added for geocaching. The board discussed but did not support additional traffic at that site. Clerk Rillema will inform Mr. Kison of the board's decision.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Request – Trustee Hampel stated she had no new information to report at this time.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle reported that the authority board met on July 13th. The authority is looking into additional fees that they might be able to collect in the area. Several authority members stated their disappointment in Fruitland Township's desire to sell Fire Station #2 for what they felt was an excessive price when the City of Whitehall offered 4.15 acres of prime real estate in the City for \$1.00. The authority board decided to withdraw any further discussion of the purchase of Station #2 at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. L-4029 Request for Signature –

Motion by Trustee Cisneros, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Trustee Deur to sign the L-4029 for Fruitland Township in the place of Supervisor St. Amour due to his absence.

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

2. 1st Quarter Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema stated that a request from the Parks & Recreation commission to reallocate some funds from account #101-691-977.000 to account #101-691-930.000 was approved at their meeting on the 11th of July. Several small items are still needed to purchase such as handicap signage, cigarette butt pails with chain and outdoor trash lids with bungee cords to secure the lids. The amount to be reallocated is \$500.00.

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Motion by Trustee Cisneros, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to process the proposed 1st Quarter Budget Amendments as presented.

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

- 2.5 Deputy Supervisor Appointment – Clerk Rillema stated that Supervisor St. Amour sent all Board of Trustees an email appointing R. Sidney Shaw to serve as Deputy Supervisor due to his absence to offer staff assistance for resident telephone/email/office inquiries, attend all meetings that he chaired or was a member of on behalf of Fruitland Township and report all information to the Board of Trustees for review. He also requests that the Clerk continue to chair the work session and regular meetings of the Township until further notice. He asked that Mr. Shaw work approximately 15 hours a week. The board discussed rate of pay and also that Mr. Shaw is unable to vote on the township board or chair any of its meetings or other meetings that Mr. Shaw would attend. Trustee Bard asked to table the rate of pay until the August work session. Trustee Deur stated that if a rate of pay could be agreed that a motion should be sought tonight.

Motion by Trustee Cisneros, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to set an hourly rate of \$16.00 for up to 15 hours a week for Deputy Supervisor Sidney Shaw during the absence of Supervisor St. Amour.

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 Deur stated that he was disappointed that Supervisor St. Amour would appoint a person that may file for candidacy in the November Election as an independent which could potentially put the candidates from the August election behind. Trustee Bard agreed.

BOARD COMMENTS –

1. Treasurer Beegle stated that the two computers upfront at the receptionist counter are in need of replacement. One is completely not working at this time. With the upcoming tax season upon us, she encouraged the board to approve the purchase of at least one for now.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the purchase of a computer replacement to not exceed \$650.00 from IT Right.

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 – motion carried**

Clerk Rillema answered the public comment question of the status of 4790 Bard Road by stating that the property was to be auctioned off Friday, July 22, 2016 on the steps of the

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Muskegon County Court House and the township attached a lien for demolition and cleanup of the property. It is unknown what steps will need to be taken if any should Mr. White not vacate the property.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:32 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland