

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016 MINUTES**

PRESENT - Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel, Deputy Supervisor Shaw (non-voting)

ALSO PRESENT – (9) nine interested parties.

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

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

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

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 15, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Chris Campeau, 4753 Bard Road – Inquired on the status of 4790 Bard Road and encouraged the township to enforce its ordinances.
- 2) Mack McKenzie, 4735 Bard Road – Inquired on the status of 4790 Bard Road and accused Mr. White of stealing his wheelbarrow.
- 3) Greg Kruse, 5617 S. Shore Drive – Accused the township of not following state laws on the process taken with 4790 Bard Road.
- 4) Terry Sabo, County Commissioner, Candidate for 92nd State Representative – Stated that due to recent allegations regarding the County's financial condition wanted to clarify that the new jail & juvenile center's payments are being followed through an established payment plan and that the County continues to search for savings to help their financial woes.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 11, 2016 Work Session Minutes and July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

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Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$33,814.27 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,419,848.07 for the period of July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$65,226.35, Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$519.42, Fund 140 Disbursements of \$832.81 and Fund 180 Disbursements in the amount of \$2,250.00 for the period of July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

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

SPECIAL GUEST – Eric VanDop – Brickley DeLong – 2015-16 Audit Presentation

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to accept the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Audit as presented by Brickley DeLong and place on file.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Clerk Rillema stated that Brad Johnson has been contracted to remove 13 dead trees on the White River Light Station property of which all labor to cut and remove the trees will be provided as a \$1,500.00 donation to the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission – Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission continues working on language amendments to the fence ordinance which needs to be reviewed by Attorney Even and Zoning Administrator Jensen.
- Muskegon County Recreational Committee – Trustee Deur stated that the first organization meeting of the MCRP was held on August 3rd. Twenty two of twenty seven municipalities are in support of the partnership organization which could support trail system development. A grant known as TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) could be sought which is due by March 2017. Conversation among the group of setting up a 501(c) 3 and/or acting under Act 321 was discussed but it is unclear at this time how the organization will proceed as school districts can be part of the authority too.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema stated that the auction of the property at 4790 Bard Road was to occur on July 22, 2016 did not happen due to M&W, Inc. not posting the Notice of Adjourned/Revised Sale of Real Estate by Seizure Order in at least two - three

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conspicuous places in the township. New paperwork has been filed; postings have occurred and the auction has been rescheduled for September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Muskegon County Court House – east side. The board discussed at the work session and would like to continue with the process of the auction with our demolition/property clean up lien attached versus proceeding with the building demolition and property cleanup on or own.

2. Muskegon County Solid Waste Update – Deputy Supervisor Shaw stated that the Muskegon County Board of Public Works has awarded the recycle study to Gershman, Brickner & Bratton to start reviewing the potential for a county recycle facility. The firm may be requesting recycle/waste tonnage information from Fruitland Township at some point.

BOARD COMMENTS – Trustee Cisneros volunteered at the Sustainability Center on Saturday, August 13th and reported several suggestions for improvement at the facility. No gloves, running water, poor visibility from the building, lack of refrigeration for employee’s meals and heat source for winter were questions raised by Trustee Cisneros. More discussion will take place at the September work session. Clerk Rillema stated that should a second brining be needed, she would contact the board of trustees. Treasurer Beegle stated that Sustainability Center employee John Sorenson needed clarification on how the township wanted to handle dead animals being brought to the sustainability center. Treasurer Beegle called the Muskegon County Solid Waste and they stated we should not allow the disposing of such but that they have an area at the county landfill for such to decompose. More discussion will take place at the September work session. Treasurer Beegle also invited the Board of Trustees to attend the Safety Presentation by Undersheriff Dan Stout of the Muskegon County Sheriff’s Department on September 1, 2016 at the township hall. Trustee Hampel stated that the quarterly Muskegon County Chapter of the MTA meeting will be held here at the township hall at 7PM on August 29, 2016. All board of trustees are encouraged to attend.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:41 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland