

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – (3) three interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA – Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by striking under Committee/Board Updates the Planning Commission as no meeting was held this month and adding under New Business #3.5 Connect Michigan and #3.75 Adjacent Land Parcel Land Transfer.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended August 17, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Commissioner – Invited all to the Muskegon County Jail open house Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 11 AM – 2 PM. Commissioner Sabo also updated the board on the potential Quality of Life Millage proposals coming forth from local municipalities.
- 2) Greg Kruse, 5617 S. Shore Drive 1973 – Stated that he didn't see Deputy Ashker present so no one must have told Deputy Ashker he was here on his moped so it must be safe to be here to witness his local government closest to him in action.

MINUTES –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 13, 2015 Work Session Minutes and July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$32,025.29 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,236,233.13 for the period of July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$71,334.33, and Equipment Replacement Fund 145 in the amount of \$625.00 for the

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period of July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

SPECIAL GUEST – Eric VanDop – Brickley DeLong – 2014-15 Audit Presentation

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Audit as presented by Brickley DeLong and place on file.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour announced that the County of Muskegon has asked all city, village and township officials to insert a link on our websites regarding the Muskegon County Accommodations Tax Ordinance alerting our property owners, particularly the property owners who rent their homes as summer/seasonal cottages to make them aware of the ordinance. The board supported placing this link on our website. The 2015 Annual Labor Day Community Walk from Montague to Whitehall will take place on Monday, September 7, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Muskegon County Wastewater Management System (MCWMS) has launched a marketing campaign to attract new business opportunities to the area. To learn more about this campaign, visit www.muskegoncountywastewatertreatment.com. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Riley Thompson Road paving project will start August 24, 2015 and completion is expected on or before October 16, 2015. The Muskegon County Jail Open House for the public is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Supervisor St. Amour shared the YTD totals for the Sustainability Center. As of July 31, 2015 it appears that the fee increase is favorable as the spreadsheet for revenues/expenditures shows a profit of approximately \$2600.00.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Quality of Life Millage – Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Trustee Rissi stated that the committee met, held a township hall and put together a list of six items of which Supervisor St. Amour put forth in a letter to the County Administrator all but one. The campground, possible disc golf course and implementation of multi-use trail system at Duck Lake Road Park (behind fire barn) was not included. The items included in the letter are (1) Multi-use trail system that connects to Berry Junction Trail system and county-wide system, (2) Improvements at Nestrom Road Park for trails and beach area with a focus on enhancing accessibility for the disabled, (3) Strategy and implementation of cultural activities, festivals, events for year-round use at parks, including winter sports activities, that can be developed within our township, (4) Howmet Playhouse renovations and (5) Dredging of east end of Duck Lake. The board supported the letter but Trustee Rissi would like the campground proposal to stay active for a potential project in the future.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to suspend to allow Supervisor St. Amour to speak to a Deputy of the Muskegon Sheriff’s office at 6:30 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

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Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend and continue with the meeting at 6:33 PM.

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

Audience guest, Mr. Kruse was asked by Muskegon County Sheriff Deputy to speak outside.

- Duck Creek Watershed – Trustee Hampel stated that Michigan Adventure has filed for an exemption of their groundwater discharge permit application with the DEQ due additional wastewater discharge. The board okayed verbally to have Supervisor St. Amour send a letter on its behalf asking for the permit application to be denied and utilize the municipal system that is already established in the county infrastructure. Additional attractions have been added since their first discharge permit was approved. Trustee Rissi stated that Supervisor St. Amour and she have met with Steve Coverly of the Muskegon Conservation District regarding Michigan Adventure storm water runoff into Duck Creek and continued talks will occur regarding a potential solution.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to suspend to allow Supervisor St. Amour to speak to the Deputy of the Muskegon Sheriff's Department again at 6:42 PM.

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

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend at continue with the meeting at 6:44 PM.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Zellar Road – Quote/Cleanup White Lake Drive to Michillinda – Supervisor St. Amour stated he was awaiting quote clarification from MCRC Engineer Paul Bouman on the Zellar Road paving project. As for the request to clean up the ditches along Zellar Road from White Lake Drive to Michillinda from residents, Bob & Mary Hyatt, Supervisor St. Amour will notify them that the MCRC does not support that program anymore and that Fruitland Township would be happy to allow them to do so using cautionary methods (safety vests) and recognize them by both articles in the e-news and a Resolution at a board meeting.
2. Lamos Road End/Dock Road – Supervisor St. Amour has verbally spoken with the White Lake Fire Authority, but would like to send a letter stating that Fruitland Township has no local jurisdiction over the Dock Road parcel. The Lamos Road End ownership continues to be investigated by Attorney Even.
3. Partridge Drain & Mason Drain – Supervisor St. Amour stated that both he and Attorney Even attended the Day of Review on the Mason & Partridge drains on August 6, 2015. Attorney Even is to file a challenge for the percentage/funding methods used by Drain Commissioner Moore for the payment of assessment of drains.

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4. Chef Container/SWS – Attorney Even is drafting contracts for both SWS which is being sold to R&M and Chef Container to reflect recent changes in services and pricing.

5. Second Brining –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to contract with D&B Brine for a second brining if needed not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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**

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Pro Med Contract –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to ratify the Pro Med contract with clerical changes and amendments to paragraph 20 regarding conveyance of real property.

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

2. Hazardous Mitigation Plan –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, Resolution 2015-20 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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**

3. White River Lighthouse Basement Water Removal –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to contract with Scheid Plumbing, Heating & Cooling to install basement drains at the White River Light Station. The total amount of the project is \$2,934.00 with Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association and Fruitland Township splitting 50/50 at a cost each of \$1,467.00.

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**

- 3.5 Connect Michigan – Trustee Deur shared information about Connect Michigan which is a non-profit organization tasked with facilitating the expansion of broadband access, adoption and use throughout the state. Trustee Deur will be representing Fruitland Township on this program in hopes to improve broadband coverage in our area. A

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potential survey may be sent out with the winter 2015 tax bills once further discussion occurs.

- 3.75 Adjacent Parcel Transfer – A request received from Scott & Nancy Erdman to do an adjacent parcel land transfer to add a portion of the previous lot to the new lot involved in a Restrictive Covenant Agreement dated 11/20/2000 was approved as stated below:

Motion by Trustee Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Zoning Administrator's recommendation to do an adjacent land parcel land transfer per the drawing submitted to Zoning Administrator Jensen .

All minimum requirements have been met regarding parcel #s 61-06-105-300-0022-00 and 61-06-105-300-0029-10.

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

4. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission voted to accept Nestrom Park Pavilion reservations for each year not until April 1 of the current fiscal year. Past practice was to accept a reservation at any time but several individuals are attempting to make reservations a year in advance which is prior to Parks & Rec setting their budget. Any comments should be forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Commission to respond. Clerk Rillema emailed the agenda for the upcoming Muskegon County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association meeting to be held at Laketon Township on August 31, 2015 at 7:00 PM to all board members. She also stated that now that Zoning Administrator Sandel has retired, land division splits need to be addressed as to the process going forward as Zoning Administrator Sandel approved those under his employment. Current Zoning Administrator Jensen works with the Muskegon County GIS Administrator Thomas Van Bruggen for land division splits and has been satisfied. Clerk Rillema contacted the GIS Administrator Van Bruggen and received a quote of \$25.00 per application. GIS Administrator Van Bruggen did state that a fall discussion at the County level on pricing may result in an increase and will keep us informed. Trustee Deur inquired if any complaints have been received regarding amplified music at Michillinda Beach Lodge as a request is coming before the Planning Commission to approve a request to place a temporary event tent from June 1 – September 30, 2016 and June 1 – September 30, 2017 located where it was approved for 2015. No complaints have been received to the Treasurer's, Clerk's or Supervisor's knowledge.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:20 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

