

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2020 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Bard, Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Jeske, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Holman, Trustee Hampel

**ALSO PRESENT** – (4) four interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Jeske called the August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting to order at 5:01 PM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to amend the August 17, 2020 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda by removing Acceptance of Resignation – Clerk Rillema from Consent Agenda and adding under New Business (a) AVCB Tabulator Purchase Consideration.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – inquired how the dam at Duck Lake Channel would be able to be inspected as it is underwater. Supervisor Jeske replied by a scuba diver.
- 2) Jason Kolkema, 6439 S. Walker Road – candidate running for 60<sup>th</sup> District Judge introduced himself and gave brief history of his criminal & civil experience

**AUDIT PRESENTATION** – Eric VanDop, Brickley DeLong – FY 2019/2020 Audit Presentation

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as presented and place it on file.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **ZAYES** – **motion carried**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor Jeske read excerpts from Michigan Election Law – Act 116 of 1954, 168.370a - Filling of a Vacancy in township office; term of appointee; term of elected successor and 168.370 – Elective or appointive township office; appointment to fill vacancy; temporary appointment; effect of resignation; special election; vacancy in office of township constable. Conference calls with both the County and State and MTA's legal counsel resulted in reasoning for not accepting Clerk Rillema's resignation effective August 31 until an appointment to her position is found. This is necessary for retaining financial

capability of conducting payroll, accounts payable, check signing and retaining Sally Dion as Deputy Clerk to perform election related responsibilities. Clerk Rillema will continue those above-mentioned duties most likely after hours/weekend after the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and is willing to help her appointee get started.

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

- July 13, 2020 Work Session & July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 1 – 31, 2020 Revenues - \$47,976.84, General Fund 101 Expenditures - \$93,300.59, and Public Works Fund 130 - \$286.76
- ~~Acceptance of Resignation – Clerk Carolyn Rillema~~
- Ratification of expenditure to Carmichael Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$1,295.00 for township hall hot water heater replacement

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. Resolution of Nestrom Road Park Encroachment –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**,

Resolution 2020-17 – Agreement to Remove Encroachment.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. AVCB Tabulator Purchase Consideration – Clerk Rillema requested that the board consider purchasing another tabulator due to the high volume of absentee ballots now being requested. Over 1,500 ballots were requested for the August Primary of which 1,290 were processed. Another tabulator would help the efficiency of processing the ballots by election workers. Clerk Rillema received information that grant money may still be available for a 50% match which would cost the township approximately \$2,800.00. She has reached out to the State to inquire about available grant monies and the application process.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Clerk Rillema to purchase an additional Tabulator from Hart Interactive at a cost of \$5,600.00 if grant monies are not available at 50%.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Clerk Rillema shared the June and July PINS Reports and will place on file. She also received communication from Rich Houtteman of Consumer’s Energy with a request from United Way for a program called “Day of Caring” scheduled for 9/11 to request municipalities allow permission for their volunteers to cleanup in our cemetery around Veterans’ gravesites. Clerk Rillema explained to Mr. Houtteman that our maintenance crew performs maintenance all spring/summer/fall but would reach out to the board. Consensus of the board was to say thank you/no thank you. Supervisor Jeske stated that the use of White Lake Drive Road End & Scenic Road End for the music video has again been cancelled. She stated that an E-news will be sent out announcing Clerk Rillema’s resignation and that resumes/applications will be accepted until September 2. She would like to tentatively schedule a special meeting for September 4 for interviewing candidates. Supervisor Jeske reached out to Double L Enterprises for an update on the parking lot/driveway creation for the Maintenance Building/Duck Lake Natural Area. They are in hopes to start the project in September. She also received the road report from MCRC – Orshal Road will have ditch cleanup and Scenic Drive was fog sealed and bank restoration is occurring at Duck Lake Channel. Trustee Cisneros inquired about garbage cans at Marcus Park disappearing. Supervisor Jeske stated that Maintenance staff have been moving them around due to household garbage being dropped off in many of our cans around the township. He also inquired about the status of the Cemetery on Scenic. Supervisor Jeske stated that the board at the August work session determined that it be placed in next year’s budget by incoming Board of Trustees. Trustee Holman and Trustee Bard thanked Clerk Rillema and wished her success in her future endeavors.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:41 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **ZAYES** – **motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland