

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014
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 18, 2014 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, audience member Greg Means lead the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 18, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 14, 2014 Work Session Minutes and July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$34,814.22 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$933,162.95 for the period of July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$83,504.84 and Public Works Fund 130 Disbursements in the amount of \$590.40 for the period of July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

SPECIAL GUEST – Eric VanDop of Brickley DeLong presented to the Board of Trustees the audit report for fiscal year end 2013-14.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Audit as presented by Brickley DeLong and place on file.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a thank you was received from the Sports-n-Shorts program which he forwarded to the Parks & Recreation

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Commission. The Citizen Planner Grant application was approved and Trustee Deur and Clerk Rillema are working together to get all registrants registered for the 7-week course. Goods news was received for the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail for future maintenance funding. Supervisor St. Amour will keep the board abreast of funding dollar amounts and stated that an effort to create a “Friends” group is underway. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter from the State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Construction Codes stating that the McMillan Road End Stairway Project is in compliance to the code and the BCC Complaint No. LG 14-0565 is now closed. Supervisor St. Amour met with representatives of Consumers Energy whom will be surveying our street lights for change over from mercury to sodium. An adjustment to our invoicing may be forthcoming.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- Planning Commission -

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for a Special Land Use Permit according to Article XIV SPECIAL LAND USES, Section 14.04 EE. Towers in excess of fifty (50) feet in height for Commercial Wireless Telecommunication Services, for the proposed construction of a 195’ monopole cell tower on vacant parcel number 61-06-118-400-0001-00, owned by Fruitland Township, located on Nestrom Road in the Low Density Residential Zoning District according to site plan, JOB No. 04093-2108 submitted with application and request Verizon to perform a recordable land survey and that the survey should be approved by Zoning Administrator Sandel prior to recording at the Muskegon County Register of Deeds.

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 7-0**

- Parks & Recreation Commission – Trustee Hampel reported that the Commission is pleased with the maintenance upkeep at the parks. The new playground equipment has been installed both at Marcus Park and Nestrom Park. Final touches on the master plan are being completed and should be ready soon for a public hearing. Clerk Rillema tasked Trustee Hampel to follow up on the Nestrom Ball Park agreement signing by the White Lake Little League that has not been received in the office.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Buzz's Lakeside Inn - Supervisor St. Amour reported that several activities are being monitored at the Inn.
2. Cemetery Ordinance -

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept Ordinance No. 100-131, Article R7 Cemetery Ordinance Amendments and request the Clerk to publish them in the White Lake Beacon.

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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 7-0**

3. Right of Way Encroachment – Supervisor St. Amour stated that four bollards at Nestrom Road End were removed and is being investigated by the Muskegon County Sheriff’s Department. The MCRC has replaced the bollards at this time. The donation box at Scenic Drive Road End was installed last week by the White Lake Association for repairs. This donation box was added to our agreement with the MCRC in the spring of 2014. Trustee Deur who serves on that committee stated that \$2.10 has been received so far.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. White Lake Fire Authority Station #2 Sale – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the WLFA will be requesting a February election for a millage. If the election is favorable, they would like to purchase Station #2 on Duck Lake Road. Zoning Administrator Sandel, Supervisor St. Amour, Attorney Even, WLFA Chief Holman and a Parks & Recreation Commissioner will be meeting at the property to review the building and approximate acreage of land purchase that would be acquired through the purchase.

2. Regional Water System Contract –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema to sign the amended and restated Muskegon County Regional Water System Management Contract and make it retroactive to April 7, 2009.

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 7-0**

3. White Lake Community Library Representative –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Tom Grein as our White Lake Community Library Representative starting August 27, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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

4. White River Light Station Tree Quote –

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to contract with Arbor Care Enterprises for tree trimming and removal at White River Light Station in the amount of \$2,290.00.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **NAY**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE** - **motion carried 6-1**

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5. Security Camera Grant – Supervisor St. Amour reported that neighboring Laketon Township recently received a grant to install security cameras on some of their properties. He called our insurance agency to see if any grant monies were available for this type of installation. Anywhere from 50% to 100% reimbursement is available. The board talked but did not feel that the need for security cameras was necessary at this time on any other properties. Two cameras are installed currently at the township hall.

6. Board Comments – Trustee Bard inquired if there were any ordinances in regards to adding beach sand to existing beach area and maintenance thereof on inland lakes. Supervisor St. Amour stated that would fall into the DEQ’s jurisdiction not the township. Clerk Rillema stated that she received communication from the Montague-Whitehall Rotary Club thanking for our contribution to the 2014 4th of July Fireworks. She also received communication from the State of Michigan Elections Division that our current software program that replicates is being eliminated and needs to be updated to the QVF Lite. It requires a Windows 7 workstation with internet access that requires no replication because it will be directly connected to the State of Michigan Server. When IT Right is in the office this Thursday, she will have them investigate this conversion. At this time, no costs are involved. Treasurer Beegle asked for the board’s authorization for her to grant up to five days of merit for Deputy Treasurer Thomasma due to Treasurer Beegle’s absence during her maternity leave for extra work load which Ms. Thomasma will be responsible for. Treasurer Beegle also reported that she has received only 21% of summer tax collection as of today’s date.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to award up to five days of merit to Deputy Treasurer Thomasma for additional work load while Treasurer Beegle is off on maternity leave.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:05 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland