

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2018 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** - Trustee Holman, Trustee Bard, Trustee Cisneros, Supervisor Jeske, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel

**ALSO PRESENT** – (6) six interested parties

**AGENDA** – Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED*** to amend the August 20, 2018 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda by moving Consent Agenda Item – Ratify Conservation District Agreement for Oriental Bittersweet Removal at McMillan Road End to #3 Unfinished Business for further information.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- 1) Carl Reid – 6814 Murray Road – Provided the Board with a brief history of a zoning compliance applied for by 5812 Murray Road which had expired and been applied for again this spring for a fence which he states is not compliant. He has written a letter to Zoning Administrator Jensen over eight weeks ago. Conversations with both Zoning Administrator Jensen and Supervisor Jeske have taken place. He received a letter last week from Supervisor Jeske saying it was a civil matter. He wants code violations enforced.
- 2) Lin Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – stated that the treatment proposed being used at McMillan Road End is unsafe.
- 3) Tom Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – stated that the treatment proposed being used at McMillan Road End is unsafe. Suggests a group of volunteers remove plants and place black plastic over stump with zip ties. He provided the board with a handout regarding Invasive Species and also a list of volunteers.
- 4) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – inquired about receiving an update of observation deck at the WRLS.

**CONSENT AGENDA** –

- July 9, 2018 Work Session and July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 1 – July 31, 2018 Revenues - \$43,448.65, General Fund 101 Expenditures - \$78,243.85, Public Works Fund 130 - \$733.30
- Ratify approval to purchase a new motor for the ExMark Mower from J&J Farms - \$2,219.82

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

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

#### **AUDIT PRESENTATION – FY 2017/2018**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the 2017-18 audit and place on file.

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- 1) Life Ring Guard Station Repair –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, accept the quote from Versatile Fabrication for the repair of the Life Ring Guard Stations on the pier at a cost not to exceed \$1,750.00.

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

- 2) Auditing Services for years ending 2019/2020/2021

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote from Brickley DeLong for Audit Services for fiscal years ending 2019 - \$6,6,10.00, 2020 - \$6,810.00 and 2021 - \$7,010.00 with optional renewals for 2022 - \$7,225.00 and 2023 - \$7,440.00.

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

- 3) Ratify Conservation District Agreement for Oriental Bittersweet Removal at McMillan Road End - \$400.00 –

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Bard, **FAILED**, to rescind the agreement approved at the August 13<sup>th</sup> work session

to have the Muskegon Conservation District treat the Oriental Bittersweet at McMillan Road End.

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

Discussion regarding volunteer help received by public comments received and Trustee Hampel raised caution by the board because of the location being a critical dune, volunteers are not experts for treating Oriental Bittersweet, hillside/dune is steep for safety/liability issues and prior volunteer action for removal was not successful several years ago caused motion to fail.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – commented on earlier liability concern for McMillan Road End volunteers and wondered why it was different for volunteers when constructing the Disc Golf Course.
- 2) Lin Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road - Restated that the treatment proposed for McMillan Road End is unsafe for the environment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor Jeske stated that she contacted the Curator at the WRLS after our work session regarding the observation deck. SPLKA Maintenance Supervisor Jim came to the township hall within a few hours to apologize and took appropriate paperwork. SPLKA Director Peter Manting was contacted by several residents about their displeasure so appropriate measures were taken to remove the observation deck and replacement of the fence and new lilac bushes will be planted. No further action will be taken by SPLKA for the observation deck. Supervisor Jeske has met with Republic Services a couple of times now regarding upcoming increases in our recycle hauling fees. Clerk Rillema stated that there was an article this last week regarding Recycling Increases for Muskegon County Residents. Tough discussions will be forthcoming regarding continuance of accepting recycling at the transfer station. Supervisor Jeske attended the MCRC meeting this last Wednesday with WLA Member Dave Ridders regarding a proposed life jacket station sponsored by Sea Tow Foundation at the Scenic Drive Road End on behalf of the White Lake Association. The MCRC approved the station to be placed at the Scenic Drive Road End near the donation box. Supervisor Jeske received a request from the Friends of Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail to place a bench near the White Lake Drive/Blank Road trail area at their costs. The board was okay with that placement. Supervisor Jeske stated that she is still looking for another representative to serve on the White Lake Community Library Board. Clerk Rillema received the PINS Stats for June and will place on file. There were 10 property checks, 48 calls for service, 18 traffic stops, 10 reports and 0 traffic crashes. Trustee Cisneros inquired about the

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box car home being constructed on Scenic Dr. that there is now a for sale sign out front. Trustee Hampel stated that we failed our citizens by not allowing them to volunteer removal of the Oriental Bittersweet on McMillan Road End.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:50 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland