

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Hampel, Supervisor St. Amour, Treasurer Beegle (arrived at 5:08 PM)

ABSENT: Trustee Rissi

ALSO PRESENT – (5) five interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM, the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 15, 2014 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MINUTES –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 11, 2014 Work Session Minutes and August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$35,883.95 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$895,869.09 for the period of August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$200,060.54 and Metro Authority Fund 140 Disbursements in the amount of \$6,240.00 for the period of August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Trustee Deur reported that the Planning Commission approved a site plan modification for Marcus Dunes Condominiums to assign individual portions of the 550 foot strip along Duck Lake to each parcel on the site plan. The Commission approved with three stipulations (1) the gravel base and drainage for the road extension be completed with one year, (2) asphalt within two years and (3) the final survey be reviewed by Zoning Administrator Sandel before it is recorded. Supervisor St. Amour stated that Notice of Section 106 Filing for the Verizon Wireless 195 foot tall monopole telecommunications tower was received from the Federal Communications Commission. A thank you was received for having the McMillan Road

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End Stairway opened up so quickly after repairs were completed. Supervisor St. Amour received the latest PINS report from Muskegon County Sheriff's Department. If you are interested in reviewing, please contact him. Supervisor St. Amour reported that as of August, the Ecology Station appears to be running at a \$3,000.00 deficit. The tree trimming approved at the WRLS will start on Tuesday, September 16, but the Oak trees will be postponed until October.

Treasurer Beegle arrived at 5:08 PM due to last day of tax collection without penalty. Office was open until 5:00 PM.

COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES –

- White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he has received several anonymous calls regarding payroll not being available for the staff of the WLAA for several weeks in a row. Direct Deposit was halted and then re-started for a different payday. He has alerted those callers to call the Department of Labor as his voice falls on deaf ears. Trustee Deur inquired if any other invoices were not being paid on a timely manner. Supervisor St. Amour reported that each month varies but appears that the payments are light. It was reported that a buyer for the Krause building acquired by the WLAA a few years ago offered \$75,000.00 to purchase. As a board member, Supervisor St. Amour does not know any specifics as it has not been discussed with the whole board.
- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle reported that the WLFA held its public hearing for the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget on September 10, 2014. The next regular meeting of the WLAA is Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Adoption of the budget should take place. Dave Sipka (retired Superintendent of the MAISD) has offered his expertise to help members of the millage committee be as successful in the upcoming millage in February 2015. The WLFA has ordered a new Command vehicle which should be arriving late October. The sale of Station #2 will only happen if the millage passes in February 2015 and if Parks & Recreation and the Board of Trustees approve. The WLFA will have survey completed for Station #2 property of interest for purchase along with Dock Road End for an emergency launch ramp.
- Duck Creek Watershed – Trustee Hampel reported that the watershed has been busy with habitat samplings, a fall stream monitoring has been scheduled for October 11 and a Duck Lake sampling is also scheduled. They are interested in having the township put a link on the website to their organization. Trustee Hampel stated that the watershed approved lowering their in-kind hours of service for a grant proposal to the West Michigan Land Conservancy. She did not know which grant, but Trustee Deur will investigate with the Land Conservancy to make sure it doesn't affect the trail grant application. He will report to Supervisor St. Amour his findings. The watershed is always looking for volunteers and additional members if anyone is interested in participating in this watershed.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Buzz's Lakeside Inn - Supervisor St. Amour reported that the final inspection was disapproved by Building Official Siegel. This inspection does not affect the health, safety and welfare of the public at this time. Supervisor St. Amour will follow up with Building Official Siegel for status.

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2. Coal Tar Sealcoating Update – Trustee Hampel shared a pamphlet regarding coal tar based pavement sealcoat and its effect on environmental health. She also shared a resolution and a press release regarding such if the Township Board supports the banning of such in the township. Trustee Hampel inquired with local merchants on the types of sealcoat they sell and she was pleased to see that they offer asphalt based sealants versus the coal tar based sealants for do-it-yourself applications. Unknown is what larger application vendors use. She will investigate those and report back to the board at the October work session. Muskegon County Road Commissioner Mel Black was in attendance and will research what the MCRC uses and contact Trustee Hampel. The Board would like to gain that information before taking any action.
3. Nestrom Ball Park Agreement – Trustee Hampel reported that Parks & Recreation Commissioner Urban sent three agreements to different leagues early summer but did not receive any back. He does see the importance of such agreement and ensures that these agreements will be in place for next year’s season.
4. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour shared his quarterly report on ordinance enforcement. 3980 McMillan Road, 5110 Orshal Road & neighborhood, 1490 Duck Lake Road, 4585 Lorensen Road and 4565 Lorensen Road, 5001 Jay Road and 1901 Duck Lake Road continue to be monitored for junk/cleanup. 3323 Worden Road has been visited and may be receiving a second ticket, 3839 Lakewood Road was ticketed. Supervisor St. Amour visited the property today and progress is being made. He has put a hold on the ticket. 6005 Bell Road was reported for growing marihuana but no violations are present at this time.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Saxe Drain – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he met with the MCRC this morning to discuss several issues with drains and is hopeful to meet with the Drain Commissioner later this week to gain further information on the drain district and potential for additional districts(s).

2. I.T. Right Upgrades –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept IT Right’s recommendation to purchase one personal computer (PC) for the Supervisor’s office in the amount of \$625.00, one UniFI Enterprise Wi-Fi System to support a Wireless Access Point (WAP) in the amount of \$175.00 and one TREND net port in the amount of \$175.00 along with the cost of running a wire to the meeting room.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **ABSENT**, - **motion carried 6-0**

Trustee Deur excused himself from the meeting at 6:40 PM.

3. White River Light Station Furnace Quote –

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Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to accept the White River Light Station Furnace quote from Bowen Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$2,892.00 plus permit.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **ABSENT**, Trustee Deur **ABSENT**, - **motion carried 5-0**

4. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Muskegon County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association will be held on Monday, September 29 at 7:00 PM at Fruitport Charter Township. Trustee Hampel responded that she would be in attendance. Clerk Rillema also stated that if anyone is in need of an absentee ballot, to contact her to receive an absentee ballot application for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Treasurer Beegle reported that she collected over \$448,000.00 in taxes today which is about 93% collected for summer tax. Trustee Hampel reported that the Multi-Purpose Trail group continues its efforts to seek information and funding opportunities. She will be meeting with the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail and Greenways Coalition groups in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:55 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland