

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** - Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Hampel (arrived at 5:05 PM)

**ALSO PRESENT** – (8) eight interested parties.

**ABSENT:** Supervisor St. Amour

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

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

Trustee Hampel arrived at 5:05 PM.

**AGENDA –**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 19, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- 1) John Snider – Candidate for County Board of Commissioners District 8 re-introduced himself and explained his reasons for re-running for Commissioner.

**MINUTES –**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 8, 2016 Work Session Minutes and August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS –**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Receipts of \$118,807.28 and Bank Balance and Certificate of Deposits of \$1,466,391.71 for the period of August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 as reported by Melissa Beegle, Fruitland Township Treasurer and approve General Fund 101 Disbursements in the amount of \$55,652.28, Fund 120 Disbursements in the amount of \$15,244.00, and Fund 145 Disbursements of \$625.00 for the period of August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 as reported by Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Clerk Rillema reminded the board that the Safety Presentation by Muskegon County Sgt. Stout would be occurring at the township hall on September 20 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. Another reminder was the Ragnar Relay Michigan long distance relay race which will be taking place September 30 starting in Muskegon and finishing in Traverse City on October 1. Runners will be active along Scenic Drive and South Shore early on September 30 – watch for traffic cones, runners with reflective vests and spectators along those roads early to mid-morning. Clerk Rillema stated that she has scheduled a tour/planning meeting with members from the Township Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, West Michigan Land Conservancy, Muskegon Conservation District, Duck Creek Watershed Assembly and members of the Natural Parks Service on October 25 from 8 AM – Noon for the Duck Creek Natural Area proposed project. An informal telephone interview has taken place with the National Parks Service. Trustee Cisneros requested a copy of the information so he could tour the property on that date with the group. Clerk Rillema also stated that there is \$840.00 to be split in the Porter-Smith Life Ring Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. She continues to attempt to locate someone to repair the life ring holder that was damaged this last winter.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES** –

- White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle stated that a special meeting was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> for the public hearing on their 2017 budget. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held Saturday, September 24 from 2-6 PM at Funnell Field in Whitehall.
- Water System Policy Board – Trustee Deur stated that from our work session, the action Fruitland Township will be pursuing is to first ask Judge Mullally to reconsider his order. If unsuccessful, an appeal of his order which has not yet been signed will be sought if the other townships concur.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS** –

1. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema stated that the auction of the property at 4790 Bard Road occurred September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Muskegon County Court House – east side. Neighbors, Randy & Janet Varney purchased the property. Clerk Rillema was unsuccessful in contacting Attorney Even prior to the meeting to discuss the process of property cleanup now that the property has been transferred to a new owner.
2. Nestrom Road Improvement – Treasurer Beegle stated that she received an inquiry from the residents in that area regarding a potential special assessment for the paving of Nestrom Road south of McMillan. She received a quote in the amount of approximately \$174,000.00 in which the Muskegon County Road Commission is willing to contribute 20%. Treasurer Beegle recommended setting up a Citizen Advisory Committee to further the process of such assessment.

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Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Treasurer Beegle to set up a Nestrom Road Improvement Citizen's Advisory Committee with the following members: Charmen Stine, Sonny Wisneski, Carol Gibson and Dave Taghon to investigate the best scenario for the paving of Nestrom Road from McMillan Road to Bittersweet Drive.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

**BOARD COMMENTS** – Trustee Cisneros inquired about the quotes for the Inlet Place. Clerk Rillema explained she was awaiting a third quote and would be bringing it to the October work session for discussion. Trustee Deur asked if any consideration to hosting a candidate forum was discussed internally. Clerk Rillema explained with the absence of Supervisor St. Amour, if anyone on the board was interested in organizing to let her know. At this time, nothing has been planned. Treasurer Beegle stated that she collected the remainder of the 2015 personal property tax and that her computer was experiencing catastrophic failures. She may need to order a new computer.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:22 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland