

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT: (5) interested parties and Attorney Even.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Special Meeting of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:30 AM at the township hall and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 23, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vacancy Policy –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Vacancy Policy as presented and add to our policies & procedures.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Deur AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor St. Amour AYE

2. Trustee Appointment – Supervisor St. Amour opened the floor for nominations from the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur to nominate Herb Huch to the Trustee vacancy.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle to nominate Manny Cisneros to the Trustee vacancy.

Motion by Trustee Hampel to nominate R. Sydney Shaw to the Trustee vacancy – failed due to lack of second.

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Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to close nominations.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

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Supervisor St. Amour opened the floor for board discussion. Trustee Bard stated that she felt Mr. Huch was the best candidate due to being in the township his whole life, working in this area for 25 years in law enforcement and has served the township on many committees. Trustee Deur added that Mr. Huch also took the MSU Planning & Zoning Course and felt that he would step right into the Trustee position with his knowledge. Clerk Rillema stated that she supported Mr. Cisneros because of his freshness and excitement on the availability to serve the community. She is looking for some calmness on the board. Treasurer Beegle stated that she has known Mr. Cisneros in a professional experience and he has conducted himself very well. Trustee Hampel stated that she was in between but was thankful for the variety of candidates that showed interest in the vacancy. Supervisor St. Amour had no comments.

Supervisor St. Amour called for the question on the nominations and the Board of Trustees answered as follows:

Trustee Hampel – Manny Cisneros

Trustee Bard – Herb Huch

Trustee Deur – Herb Huch

Treasurer Beegle – Manny Cisneros

Clerk Rillema – Manny Cisneros

Supervisor St. Amour – Manny Cisneros

Clerk Rillema restated to each Board of Trustees their vote. Manny Cisneros is appointed Trustee.

3. Board Comments – Trustee Hampel encouraged those in attendance to file paperwork to run in the August/November elections and requested their volunteerism in future activities. Clerk Rillema stated that filing papers for office will be ready within the next week for those who will be running in the August/November elections.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the February 23, 2016 Special Meeting at 10:50 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland