

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Holman, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema and Supervisor Jeske

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Kevin Even and (13) thirteen interested parties

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the January 13, 2020 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED** to accept the January 13, 2020 work session agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Brenda Groessl, 5710 Scenic – inquiring about Special Land Use request from Buzz’s Lakeside Inn

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- 1) Tom Moore, Director of White Lake Area Community Education – shared the Senior educational and recreational programming available at the Whitehall Athletic & Activity Center (VAC) that is available to residents of Whitehall, Montague, Reeths-Puffer, Holton and North Muskegon school districts. Senior millage monies directed to WLACE would pay for annual memberships of Fruitland Township seniors (60+) who are able to provide proof of residency in the participating municipality. Supervisor Jeske also mentioned that she received three positive comments to support the VAC.
- 2) Senior Millage Funding – Kathy Moore, Muskegon County Public Health Director – shared the allocating of up to 25% of the annual Senior millage funds to local municipalities to coordinate and provide services, programs and/or programs for seniors in each jurisdiction. Fruitland Township would decide how its % of funds would benefit its local seniors each County fiscal year ending September 30th of any given year for the duration of the millage through an RFP grant process. Programs should address Social, Legal, Health, Housing, Educational, Emotional, Nutritional, Recreational and/or Mobility needs of its seniors.
- 3) Christi Marsh, White Lake Senior Center – shared that the White Lake Senior Center has no guaranteed funding and is requesting Senior millage monies to help fund additional Senior trips within the County. Fundraising raises the majority of their spending funds.
- 4) Parks & Recreation Final Budget Presentation – Commissioner Bob Murray briefly went over the proposed 2020-21 budget for the Parks & Recreation Commission highlighting the higher dollar expenses and request of an additional \$17,500.00 for playground equipment.
- 5) Friends of the Fruitland Trail Presentation – David Rice of the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails shared the groups vision for the Duck Creek Natural Area for a multi-use, four season accessible trail system for non-motorized transportation, exercise and recreation for all. The plan’s timetable is divided into three phases – Phase I – 2020- Create parking lot of Duck Lake Road and trail creation/signage on southern portion of the Natural area. Phase II – 2021 – Create parking lot off Simonelli Road and trail creation/signage on northern side

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of Natural area. Also pursue access off Orshal Road & Riley Thompson for trail extension easement with property owner William Jordan. Phase III – 2021 – Build bridge crossing(s) to connect northern and southern properties of Natural Area soliciting grants, fundraising and donations. Mr. Rice has made a natural wood sign – Duck Creek Natural Area - that he would like consideration of placement on the property when the appropriate approval is granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Jeske shared the White River Light Station 2019 Annual Report and asked the Clerk to place on file. A request from Ann Meisch, City of Muskegon for Senior Power of Produce for use of Senior Millage Funding was received. A request from Muskegon County Prosecutor D.J. Hilson for a creation of Vulnerable Adult Task Force with use of Senior Millage Funding was also received. A request from the YMCA for a Eat Smart Be Active Program with use of Senior Millage Funding was received too.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Senior Millage Funding – The township board would like to postpone any decisions until February's work session to evaluate all requests for use of funds available through September 2020.
2. Parking Lot/Driveway RFP – Double L Enterprises, Inc. – Supervisor Jeske stated that Double L Enterprises, Inc. was the only quote received for the proposed parking lot/driveway for the Maintenance Building/Duck Creek Natural Area off Duck Lake Road. The quote is in the amount of \$22,497.00 for removal of trees, 12' compacted aggregate wide driveway and 60' x 50' compacted aggregate parking area to park approximately ten vehicles. A motion will be placed on the agenda for Tuesday's regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 2020/21 Road Projects – Supervisor Jeske shared the MCRC's recommendations for road projects totaling approximately \$213,000.00. The road projects consist of McMillan Road (approximately 3 miles in 2020 -\$175,000.00 for wedge & overlay, Jay Road (Bard Road South ¼ mile) - \$8,000.00 for chip, fog & shoulder, Bard Road (Nestrom Road – Orshal Road 1 mile) - \$16,000.00 for chip, fog & shoulder and Tyler Road (Hyde Park Road – Jones Road ½ mile) - \$14,000.00 for overlay, chip & shoulders.
2. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Proposed Budget – Supervisor Jeske highlighted the expenditures for Dept. 265 – Township Hall & Grounds of a \$5.00 increase per cleaning from Batka's Cleaning and striping of parking lot and carpet cleaning of \$5,000.00. Dept. 269 – Township Property for a new mower and Duck Lake Road parking lot totaling \$32,500.00. Dept. 276 – Cemetery – tree removal totaling \$2,000.00. Dept. 746 – Museum – bump outs and striping of parking lot totaling \$3,000.00. Supervisor Jeske inquired about wage increases. Trustee Bard voiced a no vote. Clerk Rillema supported an increase. Parks & Recreation Commission budget will be discussed at February's work session.
3. Planning Commission Recommendation – Buzz's Lakeside Inn – Historic Report Special Land Use – Attorney Even stated that the recommendation of the Planning Commission was insufficient due to lack of applicant providing and meeting "conforming" requirements for consideration of a Special Land Use. He recommended first to possibly approve conditionally until all requirements were satisfied but after much discussion by the board, it was unanimous to deny until proper paperwork is received. A motion will be placed on the Tuesday regular meeting.

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4. Lincoln Golf Club Request for Resolution 2020-01 – Charitable Gaming License – Supervisor Jeske explained that the resolution is required by the State of Michigan as part of their qualification process to hold a raffle. A motion will be placed on the agenda of Tuesday's regular meeting.
5. Maintenance Position – Supervisor Jeske stated that Steve Brock is no longer employed by Fruitland Township and the need for replacement is time sensitive. Supervisor Jeske recommends hiring resident Jeffery Bartholomew for the interim while we advertise for this position according to our policies and procedures at the same rate of \$17.00. She stated that a background check was performed, driving record has been requested from the State of Michigan and a physical has been scheduled. The board supported her recommendation.
6. Property Jurisdiction – Attorney Even stated that Clerk Rillema did an extensive research of both Parks & Recreation Commission & Township Board minutes. It does not appear that any formal dedication of any of the Parks' property has been properly recorded. Clerk Rillema explained that the Parks & Recreation Commission in a motion dated January 21, 1974 asked for a resolution placing approximately ten acres on Duck Lake Road under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission. All expenditures for Marcus Park, Duck Lake Road Park and Nestrom Park were approved by the Board of Trustees as the priority of the Parks and Recreation Commission was the White River Light Station up until March 2006 when Nestrom Park was granted over to the Parks & Recreation Commission by the Board of Trustees. It was suggested that a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission (Bob Murray) along with Supervisor Jeske and Attorney Even schedule a meeting to discuss boundary lines on parcels of jurisdiction under Parks & Recreation and have surveys completed and paid for by the Township so it is clear to the Commission and Board of responsibility of each.
7. Third Quarter 2019/20 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema shared the listing of budget amendments for third quarter and which will be placed on the agenda of Tuesday's regular meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Trustee Bard asked two questions of either Supervisor Jeske or Treasurer Beegle regarding the WLFA – why are they seeking another millage so soon after failing by 21 votes and has any discussion about improving Station #2 on Duck Lake Road as the main Fire Station been discussed. Treasurer Beegle responded that members of the WLFA were approached by members of the community to seek another millage. The WLFA board discussed and approved the March 10 ballot proposal. She responded to question #2 by stating that ISO ratings for all three municipalities was considered for placement of the new Fire Department location.

Motion by Supervisor Jeske, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 13, 2020 Work Session at 12:40 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland