

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Kevin Even and (7) seven interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the February 10, 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 Cisneros, **ADOPTED** to amend the February 10, 2020 work session agenda by adding under Unfinished Business: Community Building Update and Lakewood Lots Update.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Joe Pawlowski, 4483 White Lake Drive – supports the senior millage monies to go towards Whitehall Athletic Center and Senior Center for both social and physical activity.
2. Penny Larson, 2710 Orshal Road – supports the senior millage monies to go towards Whitehall Athletic Center and Senior Center for same reasons as the Pawlowski's.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** She received information from White Lake Community Area Library Director DeMumbrum that an August proposal for an operating millage will be placed on the ballot.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Senior Millage Funding – The Board discussed options for the use of the senior millage allocated to Fruitland Township. Most support the following: residents joining the Whitehall Athletic Center with payment by the Township, giving more monies to the Senior Center, pay for transportation, host an estate summary class for our seniors at the township hall and possibly buying vouchers to local business such as movie theatre, Howmet Playhouse, etc.
2. FY 2020/21 Draft Budget Discussion – Supervisor Jeske stated that a 2% wage increase has been included in the draft budget and highlighted the projects for the Township Hall Parking Lot, Duck Lake Maintenance/Property Parking Lot, and updated PINS Contract monies. Discussion on proposed Parks & Recreation Commission expenses outside of wages & benefits and meetings were as follows:
  - Postage - \$700.00
  - Contracting-Nestrom Park - \$2,064.15 (Handi-Cap Portable Restroom -\$1,350.00, Ball Field Fertilizer - \$314.15 and Summarization/Winterization of Sprinklers - \$400.00)
  - Contracting-Community Services - \$3,300.00 – (Sports n shorts - \$3,000.00 and Educational Community Event - \$300.00)

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- Printing & Publishing - \$400.00
  - Repairs & Maintenance - \$12,400.00 - (Misc Repairs - \$500.00, Nestrom Park – Pavilion Maintenance & Repair - \$1,000.00, Three Grill Replacements - \$750.00, Shuffle Board/Horseshoe Repair & Maintenance – 500.00, Tennis Court Net Replacement - \$250.00, Painting of Tennis Ct & Pickle Ball Lines - \$862.00 from Fund 160 plus \$338.00, Tennis Court Crack Repairs - \$700.00, Parks Signage - \$2,500.00, Tree Trimming - \$2,000.00, Nestrom Ball Field Upgrade & Maintenance - \$750.00. Trail grooming (stump grinding) - \$2,000.00, Cistern/Drain for Water Spicket at South Pavilion - \$250.00)
  - Capital Improvement - \$54,500.00 – (Nestrom Park - two stationary picnic tables at Beach Area - \$1500.00 and Playground Equipment - \$53,000.00 (Community Build Partnership))
3. Dedication of Township property to Parks & Recreation Commission – Attorney Even prepared a memo dated January 29<sup>th</sup> that describes the lack of formal dedication or conveyance of any property to the Parks & Recreation Commission for Marcus Park, Nestrom Park and Duck Lake Park. Marcus Park can be easily dedicated because of its precise boundaries. Nestrom Park was discussed and determined that the angled Park Driveway to the northwest angling at tree line just east of the tennis courts to north neighboring boundary line would be considered Township Hall and Grounds leaving the rest to park property to be dedicated. Duck Lake Road Park is about eight acres remaining directly behind the Fire Barn and Maintenance Building to be dedicated. No final decision has been taken by the Parks & Recreation Commission for their acceptance of such.
  4. Community Building Update – Supervisor Jeske reported that the contractor needed to remove the ceiling completely at a cost of \$1200.00 due to it not being attached and sagging. Once the ceiling was removed, the electrical was found to be unsafe. She is currently awaiting a third quote for new electrical to panel box. She has two quotes ranging from \$1775.00 to \$5000.00.
  5. Lakewood Lots – Attorney Even stated that two parcels are ready for conveyance/selling. One is between Whitehall/Lakewood/Bell Road to the State of Michigan for a potential trail head and the other is just north of Belfast. The board approved Attorney Even to list on the market for sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema will prepare a motion for the Tuesday Regular meeting.
2. Maintenance Supervisor Recommendation – Supervisor Jeske stated that Clerk Rillema, Trustee Cisneros and Trustee Holman interviewed five candidates. A recommendation of hiring Arron Ferris at a rate of \$17.00 an hour was given. A motion will be prepared for the Tuesday Regular meeting.
3. Ecology Station Hours – Supervisor Jeske requested that the Ecology Station remain closed on Wednesdays through the month of March. The board supported that request.

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4. Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendations – Planning Commissioner Dave Roesler agreed to continue on for another three-year term. Planning Commissioner Leslie Sprott is resigning at the end of March. Resident John Gloster is interested in fulfilling that position. Zoning Board of Appeals member John Warner agreed to continue on for another three-year term too. A consent agenda will be prepared for the Tuesday Regular meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Trustee Holman gave a brief update of the Planning Commissions on goings with Master Plan 2020 review, creating a shipping container ordinance, beach erosion in Fruitland Township and denial of LSI site plan. Clerk Rillema questioned Trustee Hampel on MTA Conference for days attending to be put on the Tuesday Regular meeting for approval. Supervisor Jeske received the Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day Program for 2020 and the board would like to opt out and continue with the June \$5.00 Discount Dump Day program.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the February 10, 2020 Work Session at 11:40 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland