

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Kevin Even and (2) two interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the August 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 Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED** to accept the August 20, 2020 agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jessica Kidder, 1547 Duck Lake Road – attended the P&R Commission meeting and inquired about the Duck Lake Natural Area subcommittee and why property was not under P&R control.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske stated that Eric VanDop of Brickley DeLong will be at the regular meeting to present the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Audit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Parks & Recreation Proposed Master Plan – Supervisor Jeske requested that all comments and suggestions be given to her to present one copy to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Hot water heater bids – Township Hall – Supervisor Jeske received three quotes for a replacement 40-gallon hot water heater for the township hall. Carmichael Heating & Air Conditioning performed the work at a cost of \$1295.00. It will be ratified at the regular meeting.
2. Township Zoning Administrator – Supervisor Jeske shared a resume she received of an interested party for the position of Zoning Administrator. Although our current Administrator is performing his duties, discussion of timeliness of permitting and cooperation of enforcing zoning violations was discussed. Supervisor Jeske will be meeting with the Zoning Administrator to discuss how he is performing and if any changes need to occur.
3. Duck Lake Level Control Structure Inspection – Supervisor Jeske received communication from the Hydrologic Studies and Dam Safety Unit that the Duck Lake Level Control Structure needs to be inspected this year along with establishing the legal lake level for Duck Lake as designated in 2004 in a Circuit Court Order. Attorney Even will forward the name of a prospective engineer and Schultz Land and Water Consulting will be contacted to request a bid for performing this service.
4. Closed Session to discuss written opinion of Counsel -

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to discuss written opinion of counsel at 10:25 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**- **motion carried**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 10:30 AM.

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Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Attorney Even to seek resolution with the encroachment on the northernly property line of Nestrom Park.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Trustee Holman stated that the Planning Commission approved the Comprehensive Plan Survey to be mailed out with a two-week turnaround time for responding. Clerk Rillema shared that the response due date will be September 7, 2020. They will be printed internally and mailed out by end of next week. The application outstanding for Buzz's Lakeside Inn requesting a Special Land Use Permit according to Article XIV Special Land Uses, Section 14.04 LL. Historic Resorts, for the purpose of the Township recognizing the existing resort which has contributed to the historic character of Fruitland Township, in the Inland Lakes District was closed out by the Planning Commission due to the property being sold. The township reached out to Mr. Kaehler with no response received. Trustee Holman also stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals met last month and denied the request to split the 170' parcel into two 85' parcels. Clerk Rillema shared the voting percentage of the August primary as being 39% of the registered voters either voting absentee or in-person. Discussion of the Scenic Drive Road End dock and portable restroom vandalism was discussed. Kerkstra Portable Restroom invoiced a \$50.00 fee for the repair of the restroom. The White Lake Association will not be re-installing the dock this year and would like all questions and comments directed to them by contacting David Hays direct. Information will be included in an upcoming e-news of his contact information. Clerk Rillema received a telephone call from Tom Nielson in regards to the Duck Lake Cemetery on Scenic Drive. He asked that his concern of respecting this cemetery be addressed by protecting the area. Clerk Rillema has spoken with Attorney Even and discussion and consensus of the board was to budget in 2021-22 a survey of approximate burial grounds and enclose with a fence. Additional signage may be necessary to inform hikers. Clerk Rillema reported that Attorney Even and herself have exhausted communication regarding miscalculation of retirement from payroll vendor ADP in switchover to Paychex in 2011. Payment has been made to the State of Michigan to close this issue. Clerk Rillema reported that of the \$19,057 allocated to Fruitland Township from the Senior Millage Grant, there is \$2,182.00 remaining. Consensus of the board was to allocate that remaining monies to the White Lake Senior Center along with the budgeted amount of \$1,000.00. A thank you was received for the previous donation of \$2,500.00 from the Senior Millage Grant. Clerk Rillema informed the board of her resignation, effective August 31, 2020 and thanked the board for being able to serve the township for just shy of twelve years. Supervisor Jeske stated that the use of the White Lake Drive Road end and Scenic Drive Road end was re-initiated for the filming of an American Idol contestant on the afternoon of August 25 from 3 PM – 9:30 PM. Paperwork needs to be completed for the Muskegon County Road Commission for the use of the road end. Attorney Even will look it over before signing. She received a request for a memorial bench, structure and plantings to be placed on the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail near the White Lake Drive area from the FMBJRT group. After discussion, the board thought it best not to allow this placement due to maintenance and precedent for future requests. Supervisor Jeske stated that the ground breaking ceremony took place for the White Lake Fire Authority new fire station on Thursday – July 30. She also stated that the Duck Lake Fire Station #2 upgraded its overhead doors and will be getting new signage.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 10, 2020 Work Session at 11:10 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland