

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 13, 2018 MINUTES**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, August 13, 2018 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 Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED** to accept the August 13, 2018 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Alice Gambel, 5730 Oak Tree Lane – Shared photos of a platform/deck that is being constructed at the White River Light Station. She asked if Fruitland Township knows about it and if it was approved. Supervisor Jeske replied to Mrs. Gambel that we are unaware of any of this and will seek answers and get back to her.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

- 1) Sally Schwartz, 6116 Scenic Woods Circle South – As our representative on the White Lake Community Library, she provided the Board with the Financial Audit for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2017 Annual Report for the Library to be placed on file.
- 2) David Ridders, 5463 S. Shore Drive – Asked for the townships approval to request a life jacket station sponsored by Sea Tow Foundation at the Scenic Drive Road End on behalf of the White Lake Association. This program allows boaters to borrow a life jacket free of charge by the Sea Tow Foundation for the day and return at the end of your day so others can use them. This program is of no cost to the township. Supervisor Jeske stated that she has included the MCRC in on the request. MCRC Managing Director Hulka wrote that he will have his engineering staff review the request and find an appropriate location.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to inform the MCRC that Fruitland Township supports the White Lake Association's effort in placing a Sea Tow Foundation Life Jacket Station at the Scenic Drive Road End.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske stated that the Exmark lawn mower blew its engine. She has solicited quotes from J&J Farms to – Short Block (reuse cylinder heads, intake & carb) - \$1,696.46, Rebuild Engine - \$1,707.64 or Replace Engine - \$2,219.82. She also requested new mower quotes from J&J Farm (Exmark Lazer E-Series 52" Deck - \$7,499.00), Greenmark Equipment (John Deere Z930M ZTrak – 54" Deck - \$9,095.30, John Deere Z930R Ztrak - 54" Deck - \$10,704.05) and White Lake Nursery (Toro 24.5 KAW FX – 52" Deck - \$7,400.00). The

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Board supports the quote from J&J Farms to replace the engine at a cost of \$2,219.82. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting. Clerk Rillema stated that she had approximately 35% voter turnout for the Primary Election which is higher than four years ago for the gubernatorial election.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Duck Creek Conservation Easement – Supervisor Jeske asked if Attorney Even had received all comments from the Board on the conservation easement language. Attorney Even stated he received some. Clerk Rillema reached out to the sub-committee for the Duck Creek Natural Area and received feedback from members Jan Deur and Tom Tisue. Mr. Deur’s comments were a spelling update but overall felt it was generally consistent with our prior discussions as a group. Mr. Tisue agreed with Mr. Deur’s comments but added he would like language suggesting research and monitoring be explicitly mentioned. Clerk Rillema will reach out to Mr. Tisue for exact suggested language. Attorney Even asked for a deadline for comments – September 1, 2018 will reflect the finalized easement language to be presented to the West Michigan Land Conservancy for consideration.
- 2) Audit Document Presentation – Supervisor Jeske stated that Eric VanDop of Brickley DeLong will be at our August Regular meeting to present the Audit of the Financial Statements ending March 31, 2018. Clerk Rillema stated that our audit was received by the State of Michigan which initiated a letter for “Request for Improvement of Deficiencies – Corrective Action Plan” by the State of Michigan resulting from the entry for the WLAA Lawsuit being booked at year end 2018. She responded by letter to the State of Michigan explaining that the most significant variance occurred due to a lawsuit judgment shortly after year end that needed to be accrued but was not budgeted for and that this was one-time unusual occurrence. She explained that Fruitland Township takes budgeting seriously and will continue to closely monitor its budget and amend it as necessary in the future.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Life Ring Guard Holders – Quote from Versatile Fabrication – Supervisor Jeske stated that she exhausted all viable vendors to repair the life ring guard holders on the pier as many vendors do not have the equipment possible to do the repairs. She has received a quote from Versatile Fabrication in the amount of \$1,750.00 to fabricate and install three new life ring guard holders and new pole on the south side of the White Lake Pier. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
- 2) McMillan Road End – Quote for treatment of Oriental Bittersweet – Supervisor Jeske contacted the Muskegon Conservation District regarding the cost for treatment of the Oriental Bittersweet. A quote was received in the amount of \$400.00 to treat this year and may require additional treating for some re-sprouting next year and potentially replanting new vegetation on the hillside to prevent erosion. The photos shared show the oriental bittersweet overgrowth not only on the stairway but on the hillside.

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to contract with the Muskegon Conservation District at a cost of \$400.00 to treat the Oriental Bittersweet at McMillan Road End.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

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- 3) Brickley DeLong, P.C. – Proposal for Audit Services 2019-2023 – Supervisor Jeske received the proposal audit renewal fees for years ending March 31, 2019, 2020, 2021 with two additional yearly fees for 2022 and 2023. The board is satisfied with the services provided by Brickley DeLong. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Trustee Bard was animate that we contact SPLKA to have the platform/deck removed immediately. Supervisor Jeske will contact SPLKA immediately after the meeting. Supervisor Jeske stated that she had the ceiling tile from the Community Building tested for asbestos as requested. It came back negative. Clerk Rillema suggested we wait until next year to get quotes to replace the ceiling unless something unforeseen happens before then. The Board agreed. Supervisor Jeske received notification from the Army Corp of Engineers that the White Lake Harbor will be dredged in September and that the spoils will be placed south of the pier in the nourishment zone. Trustee Holman stated that the Ordinance Enforcer needs to visit the property owner at 4521 W. Bard regarding a barking dog complaint from a resident. Supervisor Jeske and Attorney Even both weighed in that the township can't do much more with our ordinance enforcer because when he has shown up, the dog is not barking. They both suggested having the resident call the Sheriff's department as this is now considered a civil matter.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**,  
to adjourn the August 13, 2018 Work Session at 10:50 AM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland