

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even and (1) one interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, September 10, 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 September 10, 2018 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no announcements and communications.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Appointment to Library Board – Supervisor Jeske stated that Lynnette Johnson has contacted the Library and has expressed interest in the vacancy as a Representative of Fruitland Township on the White Lake Community Library Board. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Plumbing Inspector Resignation – Supervisor Jeske received a resignation note from Plumbing Inspector Lennard DeHoff effective September 16, 2018. Mechanical Inspector Jim Calendar is willing to serve in that position. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
- 2) Northside Water System Bond Refunding Resolution and Contract – Supervisor Jeske received a copy of the Resolution Approving Refunding Contract to approve to receive a savings in bonds issued. Attorney Even stated that this is common procedure. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Clerk Rillema stated that the 6<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a motion by the state to stay a ruling that Michigan’s ban on the ability of voters to select a party’s slate of candidates with a single mark is unconstitutional, meaning that voters voting at the November 6 General Election will have to vote through the entire ballot instead of simply designating support for the entire slate of one party or another. Clerk Rillema stated that when the tree went down in the Cemetery late June, it knocked over a three piece monument. She contacted West Michigan Burial who reported that it is too big for their equipment. She then contacted Superior Monument and received a quote of \$1000.00 to reset, reseal, clean, lift and build up existing foundation of the Belote Monument, Block 1, Lot 2. She called the insurance company to inquire if a claim was worth filing. Our deductible may be waived. The board agreed

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that a claim should be filed in the amount of \$2,200.00 (\$1,200.00 for fallen tree, \$1,000.00 for monument reset). While speaking to Superior Monument a conversation about cremated ashes going into monuments and benches arose. As the cremation rate increases, so does the need for other options for burial and inurnment of ashes. The board tasked Attorney Even to work with Clerk Rillema to develop language for consideration in the Cemetery Ordinance pertaining to cremains and proposing changes of number of burials allowed in a gravesite. Clerk Rillema recently borrowed the tables from the township hall. They are in poor shape and need replacing. Clerk Rillema provided four quotes for 72" wide x 30" depth x 29.25" height, lightweight high density polyethylene ranging from \$61.50 to \$107.99 each. The board tasked Clerk Rillema to purchase eight (8) new tables to replace the old. Consideration of a nominal rental fee for use of the chairs/tables will be discussed during the 2019-20 budget discussions. Clerk Rillema received information from David Alves of Mercy Health regarding a program for a Senior Navigator to provide access to services in our local community funded through the 2016 Senior Millage. A Senior Navigator could be stationed at our office with regular office hours to meet seniors to link them to the services in the community. The board supports this program and Clerk Rillema will contact them to schedule a date and time to start. Supervisor Jeske stated that Zoning Administrator Jensen visited the fence complaint received at the last regular meeting at 5812 Murray Road from Carl Reid. Zoning Administrator Jensen telephoned Supervisor Jeske just prior to the meeting and stated that the fence does not appear to be in violation according to the fencing ordinance in place at the time the zoning compliance was reissued due to an extension. He will write a formal response Tuesday when he is in the office. Supervisor Jeske stated that Shawn Grabinski, Executive Director of Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1, will be a special guest at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to present information on the 9-1-1 surcharge ballot proposal for the November 6, 2018 election. Supervisor Jeske stated that the McMillan Road End Oriental Bittersweet spraying was put on hold due to a group of volunteers cutting and removing the plant without township permission after the township board had voted to not have volunteers and hire Muskegon Conservation District to treat with a spray. Clerk Rillema questioned Trustee Hampel of her involvement and expressed her disappointment. She also received a follow up letter from Dan Sutherland whom brought the concern of the Oriental Bittersweet to Supervisor Jeske's attention. The cement pad placement for a bench on the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail near the White Lake Drive/Blank Road will be relocated further to the north. Supervisor Jeske stated that Versatile Fabrication will be starting the repair work on the life ring holders on the channel wall soon. The board discussed the winter hours for the ecology station and agreed that the month of November could be closed on Wednesdays along with the months of December, January and February. Trustee Cisneros cautioned the board about an appliance vendor doing work in the township with a felony on his record. Treasurer Beegle stated that summer tax collection is behind and expects the hall and staff to be busy this week. The treasurer's office will be open on Friday, September 14, 2018 until 5:00 pm for tax collection only.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**,  
to adjourn the September 10, 2018 Work Session at 10:46 AM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland