

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Clerk Rillema

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (10) ten interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, January 9, 2017 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, the January 9, 2017 work session agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Lynn Knopf, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Chairperson – Shared project ideas from the Parks & Recreation Commission for fiscal year 2017-18 (Nestrom Park – applying for DNR Grant to improve playground equipment and potential access down to Duck Lake, pavilion maintenance and improved lighting, tree trimming around park, and stairway improvements). Budget funding needs will be presented next month by the Commission.
- 2) Charlie Deupree, 6119 Murray Road – Encouraged the Board of Trustees to reconsider non-resident contractors to utilize the disposal services at the Ecology Station for the benefit of residents who contract with such vendors.
- 3) Charmen Stine, 5250 Bittersweet Drive – Supports the improvement of Nestrom Road and encouraged the Board of Trustees to commit funds towards this project. Ms. Stine initiated a petition with over 51% of her neighbors in support of the improvement of Nestrom Road.
- 4) Bob Domiter, 2720 Nestrom Road – Supports the improvement of Nestrom Road and encouraged the Board of Trustees to commit funds towards this project. Mr. Domiter suggested improved signage showing that Nestrom Road does not go through to Scenic Drive.
- 5) Sonny Wisneski, 5323 Andrea – Supports the improvement of Nestrom Road and encouraged the Board of Trustees to commit funds towards this project. She also provided copies of letters/emails from Dave Tahon – 2570 Nestrom Road, Paul Reid – Nestrom Road vacant parcel, Robert & Jenna Sorensen – 5266 Bittersweet Drive, Daniel & Sandy Maynard – 2778 Nestrom Road, Juan & Christina Loera - 5217 Bittersweet Drive, Josh & Nicole Schropp – 5297 Bittersweet Drive, Eric & Kelly Doherty – 2735 Nestrom Road, Jason & Tracy Krcil – 2709 Nestrom Road and Gene & Karol Buckner – Nestrom Road vacant parcels supporting the improvements of Nestrom Road.
- 6) Dan Maynard, 2778 Nestrom Road – Supports the improvement of Nestrom Road and encouraged the Board of Trustees to commit funds towards this project.

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- 7) Carol Gibson, 5045 Andrea - Supports the improvement of Nestrom Road and encourages the Board of Trustees to commit funds towards this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Attorney Even stated that he will be filing a Substitute of Service this week for William White, 4790 Bard Road, as he has not been located to serve him the filing of our intent to clean up the property. Trustee Hampel attended the Recreational Authority meeting on behalf of Jan Deur and stated that approximately 10-12 municipalities have passed the Resolution for intent of such authority and that Coordinator Connie Maxim-Sparrow was expecting more. At the meeting, continued input on the by-laws and articles of incorporation were discussed. Consensus of the authority members is that no millage will be sought to fund projects, but rather fundraising/donation efforts will be the end goal.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nestrom Road Improvements – Treasurer Beegle explained that in the past for road improvements, the township and the MCRC have split costs 60/40. The MCRC agrees with the petitioners that this road is a good project and is willing to contribute 20%. Treasurer Beegle asked that Fruitland Township contribute 20% as we did with the Murray Road Improvement in 2013 and set up a Special Assessment District for the remainder. Estimated costs for this improvement are approximately \$173,756.00. Both the MCRC & Fruitland Township funding would be approximately \$34,750.00 and Special Assessment would be approximately \$104,250.00. Past minutes from 2007 provide that the township was supportive in the road improvement but was not completed. The board supports a 2017-18 road improvement and tasked Attorney Even and Treasurer Beegle to continue the process of setting up a Special Assessment District for Nestrom Road.
2. Ecology Station – The board discussed the reconsideration of allowing non-resident contractors to use the services at the Ecology station. Trustee Cisneros researched several landscaping vendors that do business in the township to find that they either haul the waste back to their business address or use the transfer station in the municipality of which they are located. No outside contractor uses our transfer station other than Seaver's Lawn Service. Supervisor Jeske called three resident contractors with one response to find that they contract for dumpsters. The contractor chooses not to haul to our ecology station because they do not want to handle the waste materials more than once. The Board of Trustees agreed to stand firm on their recent decision to not allow further outside contractor use of the Ecology station. Additional discussion occurred of re-designing the entry/exiting of the Ecology Station so our attendant can improve monitoring use of the recycle/yard waste disposal area to better collect the fees due to the township.
3. 1424 W. Duck Lake Road – Building Official Hall received a complaint of an unsafe structure at address of 1424 W. Duck Lake Road by Greg Kruse. Building Official Hall inspected the exterior of the home of December 22, 2016 and determined that the building has some cosmetic repairs but the structural strength and stability appears to be compliant for its age of 77 years. He noted 3 items that he will monitor as the home is currently for sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 3rd Quarter 2016-17 Budget Amendments - Clerk Rillema prepared the necessary budget amendments for 3rd quarter. This item will be added to the consent agenda for the regular meeting for adoption.
2. Authorization for Change in Consumers Energy Lighting Contract – Supervisor Jeske explained that a resolution needs to be adopted for the lighting type of several unmetered street lights in the

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township. The type of bulbs for 21 of the street lights has been replaced over this past year. The resolution will be prepared for the regular meeting for adoption.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Trustee Bard inquired about an upcoming Resolution included in our packet for Monday's regular meeting regarding School Choice Weeks. Attorney Even suggested this resolution for school of choice not have action taken on it due to its political nature. Supervisor Jeske will remove from the upcoming agenda. Trustee Cisneros inquired about recent articles in local papers on the medical marijuana changes that several municipalities are taking. Attorney Even stated that he has been in contact with Planning Chairman Roesler and are awaiting an upcoming analysis from the MTA (Michigan Township Association) for "model" ordinance language amendments. Supervisor Jeske stated that in February, Prosecutor D.J. Hilson will be speaking to us about the recent changes in the law.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 9, 2017 work session at 10:58 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland