

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 10, 2017 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (4) four interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the Tuesday, October 10, 2017 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** the October 10, 2017 work session agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Amy Harrington, 4587 W. Giles Road – inquired if the Board of Trustees would be interested in seeking grant monies for a boardwalk at the White River Light Station. At this time, no renderings of a drawing were available and costs were estimated to be approximately \$100,000.00. Supervisor Jeske surveyed the board of their interest of which there was not enough support. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were thanked for their interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Rillema stated that she received confirmation that the National Parks Service assistance grant was awarded for continued technical assistance on the Duck Creek Natural Area project thru fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. She also stated that she attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting last Monday to ask for their support on the project. Clerk Rillema stated that the Nestrom Property (61-06-132-300-0003-00 high bid came in at \$80,000.00 by Kelly Radel. A deposit of \$8000.00 has been received by Mr. Radel and remainder is to be paid once the invoice from the advertisement in the White Lake Beacon is received. The remaining monies due will consist of the \$72,000.00, \$300.00 appraisal fee and advertisement fee. Supervisor Jeske stated that Attorney Noland of McGraw Morris, PC filed a Motion to Dismiss the Gregory A. Kruse v Fruitland Township lawsuit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Muskegon Recreation Partnership – Supervisor Jeske shared an email from Representative Jan Deur that states at this time no Muskegon County Township or municipality has passed the resolution indicating their desire to form/join but the committee members present felt that there may be some value continuing to meet informally.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ratify Electrical Inspector Contract – Jeff Johnson

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Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED** to ratify the contract with Jeff Johnson and increase the Electrical Inspector's inspection fee to \$45.00.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

2. Ratify Mechanical Inspector Contract – Jim Callender

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED** to ratify the contract with Jim Callender and increase the Mechanical Inspector's inspection fee to \$45.00.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

3. Plumbing Inspector Service Rate – Lennard DeHoff

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED** to increase the Plumbing Inspector's inspection fee to \$45.00.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

4. Third Quarter Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the listing to be approved at the Monday regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – to consult with our Attorney regarding pending litigation

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to consult with our Attorney regarding pending litigation at 10:26 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Cisneros AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor Jeske AYE – motion carried

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 10:55 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Bard AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Trustee Cisneros AYE, Trustee Hampel AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor Jeske AYE – motion carried

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Supervisor Jeske stated that she learned that the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail deficit is now estimated at approximately \$131,000.00. The Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail are considering a fundraiser to raise funds towards the deficit. Supervisor Jeske stated that the River Road project is nearing completion. Supervisor Jeske met with representatives of Safe Built to discuss building related issues. Supervisor Jeske continues to improve communication between Ordinance Enforcer Holtz and the township on ordinance enforcement. Maintenance Supervisor Stafford brought to the

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attention of Supervisor Jeske the needed repair of the parking lot/driveway at the Maintenance Building and Fire Station #2. Supervisor Jeske asked A-1 Excavating to quote the repairs. The quote came in at \$1,500.00 for crushed asphalt and compaction of such. Trustee Hampel invited all to a Friends of the Fruitland Township Multiuse Trail meeting to be held this Sunday at 6:30 PM at her house. Clerk Rillema stated that Fruitport Charter Township is hosting a community meeting with Michigan legislators to stir up some changes in the processes that dictate how the Drain Commissioner's office operates on Friday, October 13, 2017 @ 11:00 AM. Clerk Rillema also stated that Mark Williamson was appointed as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission at its last meeting. Clerk Rillema also shared a letter from Gretchen Jacobson inquiring about the use of a number of artifacts that her father Lloyd Colby donated to the White River Light Station. Clerk Rillema spoke with Curator Varnum of the WRLS and he shared with her that some are currently on display and the remaining would be rotated in this coming year. The board verbally agreed that that the artifacts should remain at the White River Light Station for current and future displays. A letter will be written to Ms. Jacobson explaining the board's decision. Trustee Cisneros inquired about the status of the Howe property on McMillan Road. Supervisor Jeske stated that she is in communication with Ordinance Enforcer Holtz about the cleanup.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the October 10, 2017 work session at 11:20 AM. .

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland