

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
October 13, 2020 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Holman, Treasurer Pachman, Trustee Cisneros, and Supervisor Jeske

ABSENT: Clerk Fagan and Trustee Hampel

ALSO, PRESENT: (2) interested parties

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the October 13, 2020 Work Session of the Fruitland Township Board to order at 10:03 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA

**Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, *CARRIED* to approve the October 13, 2020 agenda.
*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES - Motion Carried***

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Kidder, 1547 W. Duck Lake Road commented on the new playground equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Work Schedule for Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk

Trustee Cisneros read a prepared statement of why the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer should work the hours that the township hall is open. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Jeske had asked the MTA Attorney Catherine Mullhaupt if a Township Board could pass a motion and support that would require specific work hours for the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer. The answer was in part “No, a township board member cannot be required to “work” specific hours, other than hours required by law for performing statutory duties of the office”.

**Motion by Trustee Cisneros, second by Trustee Holman, *TABLED*, for further discussion at the October 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
*Upon Voice Vote: 4 AYES, 1 NAY (Jeske) - Motion Carried***

2. Muskegon County Road Commission Budget Amendment

Supervisor Jeske explained that the McMillan Road Improvement Project budgeted for this fiscal year went over budget due to wedging by \$62,000 (our share). The total project cost over the two-year project period has not changed but due to wedging from Hyde Park Road to Simonelli this fiscal year the MCRC is requesting the stated increase in payment and that same amount will be subtracted from next year's McMillan Road Improvement costs keeping the total project cost at \$700,000. Discussion ensued and the Supervisor was directed to ask MCRC staff what would happen if we chose not to pay the additional this year. It was expressed that the working relationship with the MCRC is important to the Township Board and we don't want to jeopardize that relationship. This item will be placed on the regular board meeting agenda.

3. Karolyn Rillema Election Assistance

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, *APPROVED*, to remit \$300 to former Clerk Karolyn Rillema for her time in assisting with election preparation.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 ayes – Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

The board discussed the new playground equipment and its location and questioned what happened to the old equipment.

Trustee Holman reported that the Planning Commission met and they are sending a letter to the State to request an extension on completion of an updated Master Plan due to Covid. Surveys are still coming in. 2300 surveys were mailed out and we have received approximately 27% of them back. He noted that election signs are disappearing in the township and that he had filed a complaint with the Sherriff's Department.

Supervisor Jeske noted that the tires are gone at the Ecology Station and that while there was a fee for removal, it was covered by the amount we charge for taking them. She spoke with Kathy Moore regarding the next Phase of the Senior Resource Funding for Municipalities and we should be hearing very soon when the next phase will begin and the allocation amount. Dalton Township has invited us to participate in the Farm to Family Program provided by the USDA to bring fruit, veggies, dairy, meat and milk to residents at no cost. She asked for the boards blessing and for volunteers for October 15, 22 and 29th.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, *APPROVED*, to adjourn the October 13 2020 Work Session at 10:49 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES - Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Jeske
Supervisor