

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MINUTES**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the November 12, 2019 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 Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED** to accept the November 12, 2019 work session agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – commented she supports the library.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Director Virginia DeMumbrum and Fruitland Township Representatives – Lynette Johnson and Brenda Pawl were in attendance to share the 2018 Annual Report and present the Audit on behalf of the White Lake Community Library. Each shared events and programs available to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Jeske announced that Burnips Equipment informed her that the tractor lease will be increasing from \$1800.00 to \$3300.00 for next years budget. The board tasked her to look into other options to rent equipment as needed prior to the budgeting process. Supervisor Jeske also stated that she has put together a Request for Proposal for the driveway and parking area for access to the Maintenance Building and Duck Creek property which has been mailed to several contractors and is also being advertised on M-live. She also has updated the Request for Proposal for the Community Building ceiling repair that was advertised earlier this summer with no bids received. She will also be mailing to several drywallers/painters along with being advertised on M-live. Trustee Hampel invited all to attend the Friends of Fruitland Trails meeting tonight following the Parks & Recreation Commission. She also invited all to attend the FUNdraising event sponsored by the FFFT at Northside Pub on Wednesday, November 20th. Trustee Bard inquired about the progress at 1862 W. River Road. Attorney Even stated that a Notice of Revocation of Occupancy Permit was served to the Henry's and have seven (7) days to vacate. If they do not vacate, Building Official Hall will issue a citation to go before the District Court judge who will then either order enforcement of cleanup/repair or contempt of court.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Lakewood Lots – Attorney Even prepared a memorandum explaining how to sell a number of Lakewood Subdivision lots in which it owns. Initially, steps to seek court approval to replat or abandon the plat was considered, but it became apparent that such task would be too costly for the Township. An alternative approach is to have certain lots

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combined and then put on the market. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting per the memorandum prepared by Attorney Even dated November 12, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Construction Board of Appeals Reappointments – (Don Schmiede, Steve Seeger, Dean Evans) – Supervisor Jeske stated that she has been in contact with each of them and agreed to serve again. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
2. White Lake Community Library Representative Reappointment – Lynette Johnson – Supervisor Jeske spoke with Ms. Johnson and she is willing to serve another term. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Supervisor Jeske questioned the next steps for property owner Greg Kruse for building without proper permitting. Attorney Even stated that Building Official Hall should write a citation. Supervisor Jeske stated that she will be meeting with Laketon Township Supervisor Arter to discuss the building official contract for re-negotiating costs and time spent by our Building Official in Fruitland Township. Trustee Cisneros stated that Supervisor Jeske and he will be meeting with Laketon Township Supervisor Arter to gain knowledge on writing grants for potential use for Scenic Drive shoulder improvements. In discussion of such, Attorney Even cautioned Trustee Cisneros that a special assessment would not be favorable for such improvement due to it not directly benefiting Scenic Drive property owners. Clerk Rillema followed up with Attorney Even about the Duck Creek Natural Area proposed ordinance and invoiced amounts for drain districts received from the Muskegon County Drain Commissioner. Attorney Even will follow up with Clerk Rillema on status of both. Trustee Bard asked Treasurer Beegle when winter tax bills be available – she answered December 1.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**,
to adjourn the November 12, 2019 Work Session at 10:50 AM.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland