

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Chris Berry and five (5) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the November 13, 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 November 13, 2018 work session agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Trustee Hampel sent a letter to the board of trustees requesting Fruitland Township partner with a local grassroots group calling themselves as the Friends of the Fruitland Township Multi-use Trail (FFTMT) to make grant applications to source a trail system vision from Scenic Drive to the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail or at least the Duck Creek Natural Area. Two additional letters of support for a trail system were received from Rosalie Mancier and David Rice. Members of the board stated that the costs for such were going to be expensive and might be too early as the Conservation Easement with the West Michigan Land Conservancy hasn't been finalized yet. Trustee Hampel encouraged all to think about investing in a trail system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Land Division Request – Lot #25 in Butterfield Woods – Leslie Butterfield has submitted a request to divide parcel #61-06-0155-000-0025-00 (Lot #25) into two buildable lots. Lot #23 which is landlocked will be included in this land division and added to the two newly created lots. Zoning Administrator Jensen recommends this request be approved.
- 2) Maintenance Supervisor Position – will be discussed in closed session under advisement of Attorney Berry.

CLOSED SESSION – to consult with our Attorney in connection with specific unresolved litigation.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to consult with our Attorney in connection with specific unresolved litigation and other agenda items at 10:14 AM.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 11:07 AM.

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

- 2) Maintenance Supervisor Continued: Employee Jerry Stafford was terminated from employment as the Maintenance Supervisor at 3:00 PM, November 5, 2018.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to extend the Maintenance Supervisor Position to seasonal employee Jeffery “Steve” Brock at \$16.50 per hour with paid holidays.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES - motion carried**

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Supervisor Jeske explained that a \$70.00/ton processing fee will be implemented and invoiced starting January 1, 2018 from Republic Services for recycling services at the Ecology Station. This item will be discussed during the 2019-20 budget talks after the first of the year to research if any increases will be necessary to cover this extra cost. Trustee Hampel emailed to all board members items of potential discussion for town hall meetings to get the public involved regarding topics of: recycling, activism and volunteerism in the township, community events in our parks, and safe landscaping and community gardens just for starters. Several board members expressed their concern that public input is already offered at both our work sessions and regular meetings along with other board/commission meetings. Residents get involved usually if they have something that affects them directly. Clarification for use of the hall was discussed. Treasurer Beegle received the list of all property in Fruitland Township not sold by Muskegon County through the tax sale. There is a 3.35 acre piece on Weber Road – 61-06-126-300-0001-25 that does not meet our current zoning that is unbuildable due to an illegal land split and would be best purchased by either the neighbor to the north or south. The board tasked Treasurer Beegle to reach out to those two owners to seek any interest and if not, the township is not interested in acquiring this parcel. Clerk Rillema announced that Supervisor Jeske and Trustee Cisneros along with herself attended the MCRC 25th Annual Roadkill banquet on November 1, 2018. She noted that Fruitland Township since 2009 has participated with the MCRC together over \$2.1 million in road investments. The 2018 MCRC Road report will be placed on file. Clerk Rillema stated that the November 6, 2018 General Election went well and that Precinct 1 has been selected by the State of Michigan for a post-election audit. The county will be performing this audit sometime in the near future.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the November 13, 2018 Work Session at 11:27 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland