

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2020 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Lundell, Trustee Graham, Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Holman, Trustee Jeske

**ALSO PRESENT** – (4) Four interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the December 14, 2020 Work Session to order at 10:06 AM via Zoom.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the December 14, 2020 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –**

- Clerk Fagan reported that she received guidance from MTA and BOE on how to handle Karolyn’s resignation and reappointment of Clerk Fagan. Karolyn will come to the Township Hall on December 14, 2020 to take the Oath of Office and then resign so that Clerk Fagan can be reappointed. The acceptance and reappointment will need to be handled at the 12/21/20 Regular Board Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. Article 63.03 – Natural Area Conservation District Draft Ordinance – Supervisor Marcinkowski inquired if this was ready to be voted on. Trustee Jeske stated that at the Regular Board Meeting in November it was decided to add wording regarding hunting based on the State’s hunting policies.
2. COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Update for ZOOM meetings – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that we are waiting to get this back from Attorney Even with the updated language allowing Zoom meetings.
3. Carlet Mitenbuler 4655 Nestrom Rd encroachment – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared an email from Attorney Even with Carlet’s response to the letter sent in August. Carlet was present during the meeting. She stated she may be interested in purchasing the wedge of property. Currently the piece of property is unusable as it is underwater.

4. Stair Removal at McMillan Road End Bid – Supervisor Marcinkowski will request new bids, separating the McMillan Road End stair removal from the repairs needed at Township Hall. It was discussed to possibly leave the top “outlook” area and fully enclose the space to deter people from going further.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Muskegon County Interlocal Agreement for Designated Assessor – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented the Interlocal Agreement. There is still some confusion on whether the Township would retain the power to choose their own Assessor in the event the current Assessor retires/resigns, or if the Township would be required to use the Designated Assessor at that time. Supervisor Marcinkowski will reach out to other jurisdictions on the agreement to get their thoughts and will discuss his findings with the Board before action is taken.
2. White Lake Fire Authority Appointment – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported four candidates for the White Lake Fire Authority Appointment. He is recommending Brian Allred. Clerk Fagan asked for background information on the 4 candidates. Candidates include Trustee Holman, Brian Allred, Herb Huch, and Jeff Goss.
3. White Lake Community Library Board Appointment – Supervisor Marcinkowski stated there are two people interested in the White Lake Community Library Board appointment, Bobbie Jo Allred and
4. Trustee Lundell - Tanya Cabala – West Michigan Environmental Action Council – Trustee Lundell shared that Tanya Cabala is working on a Michigan Coastal Zone Management grant that is focused on a project to educate residents in the White Lake Area on proper septic system management. Cabala is looking for a letter of support from Fruitland Township. She shared a form letter that included a pledge of matching monetary support. The Board discussed that they were not opposed to supporting the project, but would prefer to offer non-monetary support, possibly in the form of allowing for the use of the Township Hall for educational meetings.

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Clerk Fagan,  
**ADOPTED**, to send the letter of support, but to offer non-monetary support.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

5. Jefferson Henry 1832 W River Rd – update – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that the hearing was delayed and moved to Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.
6. Treasurer reports –

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman,  
**ADOPTED**, to accept the Treasurers Reports.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

7. New Officials Training – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented information from the Michigan Township Association offering training for new township officials.  
Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to allow Supervisor Marcinkowski to purchase training for any interested officials, including the “Townships Basics Package” that includes books in the amount of \$444 + additional books and shipping.  
*Upon Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE** – **motion carried**
8. Staff Health Insurance –  
Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, for Clerk Fagan and Supervisor Marcinkowski to investigate options for health care coverage for Township employees.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**
9. White River Light Station and Sable Point Light Keepers Association (SPLKA)
  - a. Annual Fundraiser – Friday, August 13, 2021 – request approval to serve beer and wine  
Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to allow WRLS to request a license from the Michigan Liquor License Control for the August fundraiser.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**
  - b. Summer Concerts – request approval to use township hall as “rain” location.  
Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Treasurer Pachaman, **ADOPTED**, to approve using the Township Hall as a backup rain location for the 2021 WRLS Summer concerts.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Trustee Graham inquired about trying to provide better internet service in Fruitland Township. The board discussed that Jan Deur had looked into this previously with no luck, but agreed it may be worth looking into again.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Lundell, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the December 14, 2020 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:34 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **ZAYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland