

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Samantha Pepprock and five (5) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jeske called the February 11, 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 Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED** to accept the February 11, 2019 work session agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Jeske received an email from Jim Klaphor of USA Cycling that they would like authorization to hold the White Lake Stage Race bicycle races again in 2019 the weekend of May 18-19 with use of the WRLS parking area for the evening time trail. Clerk Rillema stated that the Muskegon County Ways & Means Committee approved ballot language for a May 2019 election for 9-1-1 Muskegon Central Dispatch Surcharge not to exceed \$2.75 against landlines, wireless and VoIP services for a period of thirteen (13) years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2032. This language will be submitted to the County Clerk. Trustee Hampel reported that she had a good turnout for the Duck Creek Natural Area Ground Hog Day walk with fellow Friends of the Fruitland Township Trail supporters. Treasurer Beegle stated that Thursday-February 14, 2019 is the last day for winter tax collection without penalty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Land Conservancy Agreement – April Scholtz of the Land Conservancy shared the highlights of the agreement with the board. Attorney Even, Clerk Rillema and Ms. Scholtz met last week to tweak the agreement which was shared with the board members. Attorney Pepprock was in attendance in the absence of Attorney Even and asked several clarification questions of Ms. Scholtz. All the board members except Trustee Bard are in favor of moving forward to finalize the appraisal and hear the amount of funds that would be paid to the township for placement of the easement on the property. At that time a final decision will need to be made to either accept or pass on the easement agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments – Supervisor Jeske stated that she received a resignation letter from Planning Commissioner Tom Thompson effective March 31, 2019. Mr. Thompson believes he served on the Commission for nearly 19 years. She also stated that Willie Josephson is up for renewal of his term on the Planning Commission. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in filling the vacancy of Mr. Thompson, please contact Supervisor Jeske. Renewals on the Zoning Board of Appeals are Eileen Stoffan and Dave Stevens as an alternative.

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- 2) Draft FY 2019-2020 Budget Presentation – Supervisor Jeske stated that the budget has been prepared but is lacking details from the Parks & Recreation Commission. She has put forth in Fund 101 a 3% increase in wages for elected and hourly staff members, a replacement ceiling at the Community Building - \$5000.00 and tire replacements on the mowing trailer - \$500.00. In the additional Funds, Fund 120-Road Improvements - \$200,000.00, Fund 145-Equipment Replacement Fund - \$5,000.00 for four computers and Fund 170-WRLS Preservation & Maintenance Fund - \$5,000.00 for roof replacement contribution/sharing with SPLKA. Treasurer Beegle stated that this is the last year for the special assessment of Nestrom Road so that money in Fund 812 could be transferred over at the end of 2019-20. Supervisor Jeske stated that the public hearing for the budget will be held on March 18, 2019 at 5PM and the budget adoption meeting will be held Friday, March 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Trustee Bard requested that the fees at the Ecology Station be reviewed again. Discussion ensued and Clerk Rillema noted that she prepares a monthly report for Supervisor Jeske and that Department 526-Ecology Station is currently in the black.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Clerk Rillema stated that she is preparing the January 2019 budget amendments and recommends that because of the payments made for the White Lake Ambulance Authority Lawsuit settlement and the Drain Payments that a transfer from Fund 990 in the amount of \$70,000.00 be transferred prior to year end. The board agreed and it will be added to the budget amendments for Monday’s meeting. Supervisor Jeske stated that Ecology Station Attendant Sorenson will be away from employment for a short time but Maintenance Supervisor Brock will cover for him while he is away.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**,
to adjourn the February 11, 2019 Work Session at 11:06 AM.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland