

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Kevin Even and seven (7) interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the March 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 Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED** to accept the March 11, 2019 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

- 1) Chairwoman Deb Svensson – Parks & Recreation Commission 2019-20 Budget Presentation  
Chairwoman Svensson presented the Parks & Recreation Commission proposed budget. She explained the account numbers involving staff and benefits are provided by the township board. She reviewed the proposed budget and reasons for such by the commission. The board members asked several questions and gave comments. The Parks & Recreation Commission is also asking for a budget amendment increase in this current fiscal year to account number 101-691-930.000 by increasing the lumber fee an additional \$419.95 and Nestrom Ball Field bleacher repair of \$1,850.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Trustee Hampel invited all to attend an informational meeting hosted by Montague City Council with guest speaker Professor Rediske of the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM on the Flower Creek Water Study.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) FY 2019-20 Budget Update – Supervisor Jeske stated that she has only made one change to the original draft budget by increasing 101-265-930.000 \$2,000.00 to include potential tree trimming on the township hall grounds. Trustee Holman along with Trustee Bard would like to revisit the wage scale on employees. The Parks & Recreation Commission’s proposed budget was discussed and the following items will be included: 101-691-724.000 – Postage (three one page mailers – two of which to be split with summer/winter tax bill mailings), 101-691-801.000 – Contracting/Nestrom Park – Handicap Portable Restroom - \$1,350.00, Nestrom Ball Field Fertilizer - \$314.15 and Nestrom Ball Field Irrigation Summerization/Winterization - \$400.00, 101-691-801.002 – Contracting/Community Services – Sports n Shorts Program - \$1,500.00, 101-691-900.000 – Printing & Publishing – Notices in Paper - \$200.00 and Information Mailers - \$500.00, 101-691-930.000 – Repair & Maintenance – Misc Repairs - \$3,000.00, Painting lines for tennis & Pickle Ball Courts - \$1,200.00 (\$862.00 to be transferred from Fund 160 – previously allocated from 2017-18, Tennis Court Crack Repairs - \$6,000.00, Steps on Stairway - \$500.00, Park Signage - \$500.00, Tree Trimming - \$2,500.00 and Nestrom Ball Field Upgrade and Maintenance - \$500.00, 101-691-977.000 – Potable Water to both Pavilions - \$5,000.00 and Security

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Camera - \$250.00. Fund 160 – Parks & Recreation Commission Specialty Fund – 160-000-588.000 - \$17,500.00 towards future playground equipment. Revenues will be increased for 101-000-667.00 Township Park Pavilion Rental for increased rental for the second pavilion of \$300.00.

- 2) New Holland Tractor Update – Trustee Holman visited Burnips Equipment Rental to review information on a tractor upgrade for our lease agreement. The salesman has quoted pricing of \$1,200.00 for a nine month lease which will be the same as last year.
- 3) Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments – Supervisor Jeske stated that she has found a replacement for Tom Thompson’s vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mary Beth Picard is interested in fulfilling that position. William Josephson and Mike Holman are interested in continuing their appointments as well on the Commission. Eileen Stoffan and alternate David Stevens are interested in continuing on the Zoning Board of Appeals too. A motion will be prepared to approve such appointments.
- 4) Construction Board of Appeals Appointments – Dean Evans and Donald Schmiege are interested in continuing their appointments on the Construction Board of Appeals as well as Steve Seeger in fulfilling the vacancy. A motion will be prepared to approve such appointments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) PINS Agreement with Muskegon County Sheriff’s Office – Supervisor Jeske stated that she and Clerk Rillema met with Sheriff Poulin and the PINS agreement for 2019-20 will see a decrease of approximately \$5,000.00. A motion will be prepared for the approval of such.
- 2) Brining Contract – Clerk Rillema stated that D&B Brine will know later this week if they will continue brining in our township. The MCRC 2019 Local Brine agreement totals \$11,552.65 with an additional \$889.88 for the Hyde Park Road border split with Dalton Township which equals \$.63 per gallon totaling \$12,442.53. D & B Brine’s cost last year was \$420.00 per mile – 14.809 miles with additional Hyde Park Road border of 1.13 miles totaling \$6,720.00. Clerk Rillema contacted Michigan Chloride and they are a prospective brining vendor at a cost of \$.22 per gallon. The board tasked Clerk Rillema to continue researching an alternative to the MCRC quote.
- 3) Muskegon County Road Commission Contract – Supervisor Jeske shared the 2019-20 Road Project Contract which includes approximately 10.955 miles of chip and fog seal totaling \$350,560.00 which after a 50/50 split would be \$175,280.00 from township funds. A motion will be prepared for the approval of such.

**CLOSED SESSION** – to consult with our Attorney in connection with potential litigation.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to consult with our Attorney in connection with potential litigation at 11:56 AM.

*Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Holman

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**AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE** – **motion carried**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 12:05 PM.

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

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Clerk Rillema stated that she will have 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget amendments for approval at the regular meeting on Monday. Treasurer Beegle stated that the tax roll has been closed and forwarded to Muskegon County. At this time, she has two Personal Property Tax collections outstanding.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the March 11, 2019 Work Session at 12:06 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland