

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 8, 2019 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Kevin Even and (2) two interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the April 8, 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 Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED** to accept the April 8, 2019 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Tom Schmiedeknecht, President of Pro-Med presented the BOT with an overview of calls for services in Fruitland Township in 2018. Ambulance requests for 2018 were 28% higher in 2017 and 9% higher in 2016. Continued training of emergency medical technicians occur along with the community paramedic program.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Interview Committee's recommendation for part-time summer maintenance employee – The interview committee consisting of Trustee Bard, Trustee Hampel and Supervisor Jeske recommend applicant Jared Brock at a starting wage of \$14.00 hour. The consensus of the board accepted the recommendation and authorized pre-employment screening. The other applicant Matt Johnsen will be contacted by Supervisor Jeske.
- 2) Job Description and Employment Policies and Procedures Review – Discussion of the two office staff's job descriptions and process of implementing an increase in wage was discussed. The removal of the wage cap and the continuation of each employee's immediate supervisor performing performance evaluations will remain in effect. Attorney Even reviewed the Employment Policies and Procedures and recommends several updates and proposed a Paid Personal Time Off (PPTO) policy be adopted. He will prepare his recommendations and changes for the board to review and approve.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Ordinance Review – Article R 45: Storage, Transportation and Disposal of Garbage, Rubbish and Trash – Supervisor Jeske stated that the ordinance is outdated and needs some revisions. Attorney Even will review and make his recommendations.
- 2) Authorization to accept quote from D&B Brine in lieu of participation with MCRC 2019 Brine Program – Clerk Rillema re-stated from the budget adoption meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March that D&B Brine is willing to continue bringing at a cost of \$420.00 per mile again this

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summer. A motion will be prepared to opt-out of the MCRC Dust Control Program and contract with D&B Brine for Monday's regular meeting.

- 3) Request from White Lake Senior Center for \$1,000 contribution – Supervisor Jeske stated that the letter of request from the White Lake Senior Center (WLSC) was received. Trustee Bard tasked Supervisor Jeske to check on the Meals on Wheels program in Fruitland Township and any fees for the service and Trustee Hampel would like to know the fee for membership to join the WLSC. Approval for contribution payment will be delayed.
- 4) MTA Resolution in support or opposition to legislation that would allow elected offices to appear as nonpartisan on the ballot – Supervisor Jeske polled the board of their interest to take action on the Resolution. There was not enough interest from the board to do so.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Trustee Cisneros inquired on the status of 1832 W. River Road. Supervisor Jeske stated that a condemnation hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM here at the township hall. The property owners have been noticed. Trustee Bard noted several properties with junk and debris. Supervisor Jeske questioned Attorney Even about our Ordinance Enforcer's ability to go into backyards. Supervisor Jeske will touch base with Ordinance Enforcer Holtz. Supervisor Jeske told the board that on the Duck Creek Property off Simonelli several animal disposable trapping stakes have been located along a walking trail. Maintenance Supervisor Brock has left the township information on several of them to have the owner contact the township hall. Supervisor Jeske also stated that she has fenced off the paths from vehicular traffic off Simonelli Road. Supervisor Jeske polled the board about spraying for Oriental Bittersweet at McMillan Road end. This was not performed last year due to the unsolicited volunteer group taking action without township approval. All but Trustee Hampel okayed the Muskegon Conservation District to perform the spraying. Treasurer Beegle stated that she is working with Attorney Even about vacating the Lakewood lots to put them back on the tax roll.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**,  
to adjourn the April 8, 2019 Work Session at 11:42 AM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland