

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MINUTES**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, September 11, 2017 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall, led the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for today's (nine-eleven) anniversary was observed.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED** the September 11, 2017 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske stated that she attended the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail meeting in which a shortfall of approximately \$30,000.00 - 35,000.00 is expected. The Friends of the FMBJRT are going to be contacted to possibly create a Go Fund Me Page. Supervisor Jeske will keep the board abreast of how the fundraising is going. At this time, no funds are being requested of the township. Trustee Hampel stated that the Multipurpose Trail committee will be meeting this weekend to discuss possible signage along Weber Road (known as M35) which is recognized as a National Bike Trail. Clerk Rillema stated there is a November 7, 2017 Special Election county wide for a Youth, Family & Community Millage asking to levy up to 1.5 mills for a period of ten years – raising approximately \$6.2 million per year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Duck Creek Property – Special guest April Scholtz of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan requested the Board of Trustees consider accepting grant funds available through the MDEQ's Nonpoint Source Program to allow the conservancy to purchase a conservation easement from the township to help protect the important water resources on the Duck Lake Road 300 acres. The sub-committee (Duck Creek Natural Area Steering Committee) will be making a formal strategic plan to the Board of Trustees and Parks & Recreation Commission within the next month or two of their findings. Supervisor Jeske tasked the board members to read the information before Monday's regular meeting.
2. SAXE Drain Update – Muskegon County Drain Commissioner Brenda Moore prepared a bid spreadsheet for the SAXE Drain improvement costs – ranging from \$379,191.30 - \$676,531.85. She will be attending the September Muskegon County Road Commission's meeting to formally request their participation of a culvert replacement on Hyde Park Road to increase to a 36" culvert at a cost of \$13,068.00 at which time the

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MCRC is not willing to participate in the replacement cost. Supervisor Jeske polled the board of its willingness to continue forward with the project if the MCRC does not participate in that culvert replacement and it was 5 AYES -2 NAYS.

### 3. Maintenance Supervisor Appointment –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **APPROVED**, to ratify the hiring of Jerry Stafford as Maintenance Supervisor at an hourly wage of \$16.50 with no benefits for 32 hours per week.

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

Additional discussion about the potential for an outside vendor to help out with leaf disposal this fall was discussed. Supervisor Jeske requested a quote – \$1,500.00 for two township hall & grounds cleanup and \$1,200.00 for two cemetery cleanups per season. The board would like to move forward with the township hall & grounds cleanup for this season and have Maintenance Supervisor Stafford cleanup cemetery and other grounds.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Budget – Clerk Rillema relayed several requests from the Parks & Recreation Commission from its special meeting – September 6, 2017. First request – an additional meeting to replace the special meeting. Second request – create a Parks & Recreation Commission Improvement Fund and transfer all revenues from account #101-000-669.000 into it. Third request – move the \$862.00 budgeted for pickle ball court repaint to the new Parks & Recreation Commission Improvement Fund to be spent to construct more benches for the Disc Golf Course. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to approve all but the third request – monies will be reallocated to the new Fund but not for the construction of benches but for the original intent of painting the pickle ball courts.
2. Parks & Recreation Appointment – Mark Williamson – The board supported the appointment of Mr. Williamson to the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
3. IT Right Quote – Network Security Firewall – Treasurer Beegle explained that both Zoning Administrator Jensen and Building Official/Inspector Hall’s remote access into our BS&A programs were hacked by somebody in Ukraine. Treasurer Beegle requested a quote from IT Right for a firewall to protect the remote access. She received a quote of \$1,040.00 for two email addresses. Discussion about availability and usage by both individuals were discussed and Treasurer Beegle will investigate the server quote to see if a firewall is included with a potential 2018 purchase. Additional discussion at the Monday Regular meeting will take place.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Jeske proposed closing Wednesdays during the month of November at the Ecology Station. The board would like to remain open at this time. Supervisor Jeske informed the Board of Trustees that she met with Muskegon Charter Township’s Supervisor Kieft to discuss the Mechanical/Electrical inspection contracts with them. She learned that the Electrical inspector employed by them passed away and that the

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Mechanical Inspector resigned. Muskegon Charter Township will be raising the fee inspection from \$40.00 to \$45.00. During their discussion, Supervisor Kieft agreed that if Fruitland Township wanted to default from the contract without the thirty day notice, it was okay. A letter will be sent to Muskegon Township that Fruitland Township will be going on their own. Supervisor Jeske will consult with Building Official/Inspector Hall for inspectors. Supervisor Jeske spoke to ProMed's Director Schmiedeknecht regarding not receiving a signed contract by them back. ProMed would like to not have a contract due to the restrictions and necessary paperwork that goes along with such. Attorney Even suggested preparing a letter of understanding to ProMed for its coverage. Treasurer Beegle stated that as of last Thursday – 71% of summer taxes were collected and she will be open Thursday, September 14, 2017 until 5 PM for tax collection.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 11, 2017 work session at 11:28 AM. .

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland