

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES**

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

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Jeske

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor Jeske's absence.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Rillema called the September 9, 2019 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:02 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED** to amend the September 9, 2019 work session agenda by adding New Business #5 – Planning Commission Recommendations.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – questioned if Dallas Goldberg was a carpenter and if three quotes were obtained to re-store/repair the stairway at McMillan Road End.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Rillema stated that Fruitland Township has been appointed a new PINS Officer to replace Deputy Jake Ashker. Deputy Preston Lackey will be starting as of October 1, 2019. Deputy Ashker will tour the township with Deputy Lackey to share pertinent information he has gained over his years of service. Clerk Rillema stated that the Ragnar Relay (road race from Muskegon to Traverse City) will be occurring again on September 27th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Article 45 – Storage, Transportation and Disposal of Garbage, Rubbish and Trash – Attorney Even prepared a re-write of the ordinance which aligns with the County regulations. The trustees supported the changes. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting.
2. Appointment of Brenda Pawl to the Library Board – The board reviewed Brenda Pawls biography and resume and are pleased with her credentials. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting to appoint her to the White Lake Community Library board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Quote for McMillan Road End Stabilization – Clerk Rillema stated that without Supervisor Jeske present she was not aware of any further communication with Dallas Goldberg of the Conservation District for the McMillan Road End stairway. The board would like to hold off until Spring of 2020 to make any repairs or restoration to the stairway to see what happens over the winter months with deterioration of the bank.

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2. Dismissal of Ordinance Enforcer – Clerk Rillema explained that Supervisor Jeske has not been pleased with the response time and enforcement of our current ordinance Enforcer John Holtz. The board supported relieving him of his duties. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting.
3. Quotes for Ordinance Enforcer Services – Clerk Rillema stated that Supervisor Jeske is awaiting a quote from Muskegon Charter Township for ordinance enforcement services. Attorney Even offered Jeff Ream’s name as another source to contact. This topic was tabled until next month. At this time only one quote has been received.
4. Purchase of two laptops specifically for Elections – Clerk Rillema shared the two quotes for two laptops to replace her ten-year old laptops that will no longer be supported for updates at the end of this year. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting.
5. Planning Commission Recommendations – Trustee Holman and Attorney Even gave a brief overview of recommendations that the Planning Commission supports to several ordinances of which a public hearing was held Thursday – September 5, 2019. Zoning Administrator Jensen is pleased with the recommendations and the trustees had no comments. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Trustee Hampel asked the trustees for their support in requesting an advisory committee be formed for the Duck Creek Natural Area property. All but Trustee Bard supported her request. Trustee Cisneros stated that he has been in contact with our State Representative Sabo and State Senator Bumstead to request their assistance in getting Scenic Drive a paved 3’ shoulder. He also contacted MCRC Highway Engineer Paul Bouman who recommended several grants that are available for this type of road construction. Treasurer Beegle stated that Monday – September 16th is the last day to collect summer tax without penalty and she will be open until 5PM. She also stated that HJ Umbaugh, the firm that completes the Continuing Disclosure Service for the bonds we have with Muskegon County, is changing to Bakertilly Municipal Advisors. Trustee Holman inquired how the Ecology Station was doing. Clerk Rillema stated that at the end of July there was a deficit but will share with the board of Trustees the report through August. She also stated that the WLFA was called to the Ecology Station on Sunday, August 31. Our Ecology Station Attendant left with the wood pile fire smoldering in which he was instructed prior not to do. Both the WLFA Fire Marshall and Clerk Rillema reinstated that someone has to be on scene until the fire is completely out.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**,
to adjourn the September 9, 2019 Work Session at 10:40 AM.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland