

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 12, 2015  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Rissi, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour, Treasurer Beegle

**ABSENT:** Trustee Hampel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even and (1) one interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, January 12, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

**AGENDA:** Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by moving Old Business #3 to Old Business .5.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 12, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received the December PINS report, information from Cindy Ackerman regarding the Coal Tar Sealant awareness and the Muskegon County Road Commission will hold an informational meeting on the upcoming Road Millage Election.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- .5 Parks & Recreation Commission (Vacancy) – Three candidates have expressed interest in the Parks & Recreation Commission vacancy.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to suspend for open floor comments from candidate Rob Zoellmer at 10:06 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

Mr. Zoellmer gave a brief description of activities and groups he is active with and expressed his interest in filling the vacancy of the Commission.

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to close open floor comments at 10:10 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

1. White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Authority purchased health insurance for its employees for which premiums were not paid for since May 2014. A bankruptcy lawyer is attending an upcoming Authority meeting to review plans going forward. The Authority Board members continue to struggle with finances and

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making decisions for the future of the Authority. Pro-Med is up to date with the invoicing of services. The investigation continues with the Whitehall Police Department and Forensic Auditor. Weekly meetings of both the Authority Board and Finance Committee continue.

2. Board Subcommittees –
  - Fee, Permit, Escrow Schedules – Clerk Rillema and Trustee Deur reported that they have met once to review fees and will be making their recommendations at a future work session.
  - Ecology Station Fees – Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Rissi will be meeting later this week to review fees and will also be making their recommendations before fiscal year end.
3. Parks & Recreation Commission (Vacancy) – moved to OB .5.
4. Inspection Services – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Laketon Township hired Chris Hall to replace Rod Siegel as their Building Inspector. Our contract with Laketon Township is not affected with this hiring.
5. Planning Commission Review Request – Michillinda Beach Lodge ZBA Site Plan – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he wrote a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that they review the site plan given that they did not review a site plan with the proposed less non-conforming use as determined by the ZBA to allow the installation of certain kitchens in certain units and no longer allow having outside amplified music. Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission did receive the request and after lengthy discussion consensus was in their opinion there is no need for a Public Hearing, however, using the same standards that were used for the Site Plan Review they found that the addition of kitchens with the conditions placed by the Zoning Board of Appeals would have no adverse impact and found it does not alter the site plan already approved, except to have the conditions imposed by the ZBA to the “General Notes” of the site plan.
6. Saxe, Partridge, Mason Drain Update – Supervisor St. Amour stated that an informational meeting by Drain Commissioner Moore on the Mason Drain will be held at the township on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM. No new information is available at this time on the Partridge Drain. Drain Commissioner Moore would also like to schedule a Board of Determination for the Saxe Drain on February 3, 2015.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day Program 2015 – Clerk Rillema stated that the yearly letter from the County was received regarding their free Dump Day Program. The board discussed but would like to continue with our own program of offering the \$5.00 Discount Dump Days again.
2. FOIA Appeals –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Supervisor St. Amour, to deny Mr. Kruse of his FOIA appeal requests dated January 2, 2015 and uphold the FOIA Coordinator’s Public Body Responses that were mailed to him stating that his requests do not exist within the records of the agency.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried***

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3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014-15 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema discussed the proposed amendments necessary for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. She stated that more may be added before the Monday Regular meeting. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Meeting.
4. 2015-16 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget – Supervisor St. Amour reviewed the proposed first draft of the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget. He explained that he incorporated a 1.7% increase in wages for full time office staff and elected officials which is consistent with Social Security increase for 2015. The budget is balanced but he would note that it does not include the potential sale of the Fire Barn if the millage is passed in February. The forced dollars to balance is approximately \$186,000.00 which he has distributed into Fund 120 and Fund 990. Anyone wanting to discuss further detail may contact him to do so.
5. Policies & Procedures – Employee Personal Accounts – Attorney Even stated that he will send a copy of a sample policy for review at a future work session.

Board Comments

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, January 12, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at NOON.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland