

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 2010
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Binns, Trustee Bole, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

ABSENT: Treasurer Wilks

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Eklund and three (3) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, October 11, 2010 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:05 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA: Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the Monday, October 11, 2010 agenda and add under Old Business #7 Citizens Advisory Residential Rental Committee.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to amend the September 13, 2010 Work Session Agenda and add under Old Business #7 Citizens Advisory Residential Rental Committee.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request was received from Jeff Marcinkowski for a potential running event coordinated with the Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church's Pancake Breakfast at Nestrom Park. More details forthcoming from the Parks & Recreation Commission. The MTA Educational Conference & Expo is January 26 -28, 2010. Any trustee interested in attending should contact Clerk Rillema prior to Monday's Regular meeting. A free local government seminar on FOIA, OMA, Robert's Rules of Order and zoning topics is being hosted at the Croton Township Fire Barn on October 21, 2010 from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Guest speaker is Attorney Cliff Bloom. Anyone interested in attending should contact Clerk Rillema. Mrs. Van Halsema sent a thank you email to Supervisor St. Amour for the party responsible for reinstalling of her mailbox and new post. An MTA weekly report read that the State of Michigan adopted its 2011 State Fiscal Year Budget but fails to announce that it used one billion dollars in Federal Funds to make it balance. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter asking for Fruitland Township's permission to do a tree swallow study on White Lake Drive's road end at White Lake. The Board of Trustees gave verbal permission to allow Supervisor St. Amour to authorize permission.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 5623 Murray Road – Attorney Eklund stated that no information has been received from the Michigan Court of Appeals at this time.
2. Condemnation Hearings – Supervisor St. Amour stated that 6168 & 6188 Murray Road are scheduled to be torn down late this week or the first of next week.

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3. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the property owner of 1490 W. Duck Lake Road has until November 2, 2010 to get his property cleaned up. It appears that not much has been occurring at the property from a recent look.
4. Secretary/Receptionist Position – Supervisor St. Amour stated that candidate one and candidate two both declined the position. The Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor will re-review resumes for additional interviews to take place.
5. Camera/Recording System – Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a motion to purchase the Swann Home & Business Security Monitoring Kit for Monday's Regular meeting.
6. White River Light Station – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Treasurer Wilks has scheduled time to review the WASP software program used at the museum with Curator McDonnell. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority announcing the availability of the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant application. Funds are available for both planning & rehabilitation activities. The application deadline is November 1, 2010. Supervisor St. Amour will research the grant and apply for the grant if applicable. The Friends of the White River Light Station sent a proposal which was reviewed. Attorney Eklund will incorporate the language discussed and make all necessary additions/deletions for review at the Monday Regular meeting.
7. Citizens Advisory Residential Rental Committee – Attorney Eklund stated that he has not yet had a conversation with the State of Michigan Building Official about the residential code. Supervisor St. Amour also asked Attorney Eklund to speak to our Building Official for his insight also.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sale of Township Land – Trustee Deur stated a member of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan will contact Supervisor St. Amour to tour the property on Duck Lake Road behind the Maintenance/Fire Station buildings. A bequest was received by the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for the purchase of land in Fruitland Township. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Clerk, Treasurer and he toured the property on four wheelers last week.
2. McMillan Road End – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Board of Trustees at this time is waiting for the Ganges Court case to be ruled and the 2010 year end donation time frame to expire as Fruitland Township has already spent over \$80k on this road end to date.
3. Parks & Recreation Commission – Trustee Binns and Trustee Deur provided a copy of the proposed changes to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. As no other changes were suggested at the work session, Clerk Rillema will make the changes on the draft on the computer and prepare a motion for the Monday Regular Meeting. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the old playground equipment has been sold and is just needs to be removed from the grounds at the Maintenance Building. Supervisor St. Amour is continuing his discussion with the MCRC regarding the possibility of additional parking along Scenic near Marcus Park. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission passed a motion for both Marcus Dunes and Winterwood Shores to allow continued use of boating and lift/dock placement at Marcus Park. The Board along with Attorney Eklund regarding options that could be taken were briefly discussed and Supervisor St. Amour asked Attorney Eklund to issue his opinion in writing to the Board of Trustees for the Monday Regular

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meeting. Supervisor St. Amour stated that Attorney Eklund wrote a letter to the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the steps to possibly disband the commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission failed a motion to disband the commission at its meeting on October 6, 2010.

4. 2nd Qtr Budget Amendment – Clerk Rillema explained the budget amendments necessary at the end of second quarter 2010. A motion will be prepared to accept the budget amendments at the Monday Regular meeting. Supervisor St. Amour briefly highlighted all departments for second quarter 2010 including Revenue accounts. Income and expenses are close to where they should be for six months into the fiscal year.
5. Investment Policy – Clerk Rillema reported that Treasurer Wilks will prepare a motion for Monday’s Regular meeting to add an additional bank to our investment policy as we are over the FDIC threshold at Muskegon Commerce Bank.
6. P.I.N.S Property Check Form – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Fruitland Township residents should take advantage of a program through our Partners in Neighborhood Safety Program of having police checks of homes and property when they are out of town. Supervisor St. Amour will discuss this program with Deputy Ashker and report his findings of how to implement.
7. Merit Network, Inc. – Trustee Deur was tasked to investigate a request from Merit Network, Inc. for permission to use the rights-of-way for fiber-optic infrastructure along Whitehall Road. Trustee Deur will call Merit and discuss with Attorney Eklund this request.
8. Comcast – Notification of Change of Address – Clerk Rillema received a letter of notification of change of address of principal place of business and additional addresses for legal notice from Comcast. She asked Attorney Eklund to review and recommend necessary action to be taken.
9. Board Comments – Trustee Binns inquired about the group that receives the newspapers from the Ecology Station because Plumbs always has an overage of weekly advertisements that may be utilized by this group. Clerk Rillema stated that she will forward that name to Trustee Binns.

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Trustee Deur to suspend open floor comments to allow Dr. Lee Holly to discuss information he brought about Riparian Rights.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bole, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, October 11, 2010 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:50 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland