

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 11, 2011  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Deur, Trustee Bard, Treasurer Wilks, Trustee Binns, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour, Supervisor St. Amour

**NOT PRESENT:** Trustee Bole

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM.

**AGENDA:** Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding under New Business 8.5 – Work Session Presentations.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the amended October 11, 2011 Work Session Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor St. Amour received an invite to the MCRC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Roadkill Banquet and asked all board members wishing to attend to notify Clerk Rillema with their RSVP. Attorney Even responded to the letter received by James Pitney requesting reimbursement from the township for alleged electrical code violations approved by our electrical inspector referencing that his claim should be directed to the original electrician. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter from the City of Muskegon stating that they would be withdrawing the water supply consolidation proposal due to limited interest expressed by municipalities. Logging in our township will begin either later in this week or next week. This is a selective thinning to improve the overall health of the forest.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance Enforcement –Supervisor St. Amour stated that Deputy Ashker was tasked to follow up on the multiple Worden Street addresses and 5110 Orshal. The ticket that was issued was withdrawn for 2596 Lakewood which is now in compliance for both the garbage and overage on dogs. The two properties of 2737 Scenic Drive and 4565 Lorenson Road were inspected by Building Official Siegel and deemed unsafe. Condemnation hearing will be scheduled.
2. WRLS – Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association – Supervisor St. Amour led discussion paragraph by paragraph through the draft concession agreement. Attorney Even will make the necessary changes/additions and a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting for adoption of such agreement.

Trustee Deur excused himself from the meeting at 10:50 AM.

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3. Land Conservancy – Sale of Township Land – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a tour date has not been rescheduled but that the West Michigan Land Conservancy is nearly finished with their project in the Saugatuck area.
4. Duck Lake Road –Supervisor St. Amour stated the MCRC would be providing quotes for both the removal of hillside at Scenic Drive at Duck Lake Road intersection and potential special assessment for a sidewalk on Duck Lake between Nestrom Road & Scenic Drive sometime this month.
5. Transfer Station – Supervisor St. Amour explained the excel spreadsheet comparing both Fruitland and Dalton Township’s revenue and expenditures for their transfer stations. It is apparent that both townships run in the red and if a possible consolidation were to happen, both townships would lower their loss by significant dollars. Supervisor St. Amour was asked to continue talks with Dalton Township. Supervisor St. Amour received a quote from White Lake Excavating in the amount of \$5000.00 to chip the brush pile and leave the chips at the transfer station. Conversations with the MCRC ended with no interest in chipping the pile and the WLFA doesn’t see a practice burn at this site of any value. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to have White Lake Excavating complete the work.
6. Marcus Park Lawsuit – Attorney Even stated that a pretrial conference is scheduled with Federal Court on the Jane Kennedy case and that a motion was filed with Circuit Court by Marcus Dunes and Winterwood to request Judge Marietti to recues himself from the lawsuit.
7. Fruitland Township – Solicitation – Attorney Even prepared a memorandum regarding peddling, soliciting and canvassing residential premises with both pros and cons. The Board of Trustees felt that solicitation in the township is minimal and should be dealt with case by case. No ordinance will be developed at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared a spreadsheet with the necessary 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget amendments. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to authorize the clerk to make such amendments.
2. Western Insurance – Terrorism Insurance – Information from Western Insurance Agency, LLC offering Terrorism Insurance coverage was received. At this time, the Board of Trustees is not interested in terrorism insurance coverage.
3. Community Building – Out Building – Supervisor St. Amour reminded the board of the condition of the out building at 6227 S. Shore Drive. The Board of Trustees agreed that the building is of no value and authorized the Supervisor to have it taken down.
4. Planning Commission Request – Attorney Even stated that no action needs to be taken at this time. Supervisor St. Amour suggested that after the Planning Commission reviews the uses portion of Section 3.23 that possibly discussion of the structures and building portions could be re-reviewed.

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5. White Lake Senior Center Request – Clerk Rillema received a letter from the White Lake Senior Center requesting continued support for the many programs and activities for our area seniors. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
6. Civil Infractions – Attorney Even was tasked to review steps in adopting civil infractions for discussion at the November work session.
7. Life Insurance Coverage Termination – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a letter was received from our current life insurance coverage provider that our employee participation in the plan does not meet the minimum requirements for the current plan. Our coverage will be terminated November 30, 2011. Quotes will be sought from our current life insurance carrier – Standard Insurance Company and from our health insurance coverage representative for discussion at the November work session.
8. Citizen’s Advisory Wireless Committee – Request for Address – Supervisor St. Amour asked Attorney Even if the addresses collected by the CAWC used by Frontier Communications could be used for an additional request by Agri-Valley. Attorney Even authorized usage of those addresses.
- 8.5 Work Session Presentations – Trustee Bard suggested if presentations were going to be presented at the work session, that they be near the end of the meeting or presented at the Regular meeting. We are paying for an attorney at the work session and is costly if the presentations are lengthy. Comments from other board members: not very often do we have presentations, some presentation/guest speakers may require legal counsel and timing of such presentations at the end of the meeting would be difficult to schedule. At this time, presentations will continue to take place at the work sessions.
9. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that a Pitney Bowes representative stopped in because our 5 year lease is up near the end of this month. A new 5 year lease is available at a yearly cost savings of \$105.36 which includes an upgraded postage meter with a scale. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:35 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 2 ABSENT*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland