

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 2016 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Cisneros

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Bard

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

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Rillema called the Monday, October 11, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, the October 11, 2016 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mark Williamson, Parks Commissioner – Inquired about the protocol for not having enough people on the ballot to fill the vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Clerk Rillema explained that the board would try to fill first, then County. Persons appointed to the vacancies would serve a partial term. A letter was received from the Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church stating that they are firmly committed to continuing the blueberry festival on their property and not interested in holding it at Nestrom Park at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that the wood pile at the Sustainability Center needs to be chipped. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to approve such. She will be inquiring with both Maintenance and Sustainability Center staff to see if they would be interested in burning future wood in smaller increments to avoid having to have it chipped every 18 months or so. Clerk Rillema stated that the gentlemen who was interested in removing the 13+ dead trees on the WRLS grounds has backed away due to the uncertainty of dropping the trees safely. He is interested in cutting the wood up and removing from the grounds once the trees are on the ground. Clerk Rillema will solicit quotes to drop the trees only. White River Township will be placing the notice in the White Lake Beacon that the last three life rings on both the north and south side of the channel will be removed in November for the winter. A new president has been named for the Friends of the White River Light Station – Ted Robinson. Sable Point Light House Keepers goal for the workshop is to have it completed in spring 2017 and they are currently replacing the decaying pillars on the back porch this fall. Clerk Rillema has scheduled the first tour/meeting of the Duck Creek Natural Area with the National Parks Service representatives on October 25, 2016 at 8:30 AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Parks & Recreation Festival Request – Clerk Rillema stated that due to the uncertainty and lack of members on the ballot to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission the request for a 2017 festival will be taken off the agenda and no planning will occur for 2017.
2. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema was tasked to reach out to the Varney's who purchased the property to see what their intent and plans are for the cleanup of the property.
3. Inlet Place – Clerk Rillema stated that three quotes were received to repair the cement at the Inlet Place which is located at the Murray and Dock Road intersection just west of Frank Hollister's business. Quotes were received from MCU Construction - \$1275.00, Christian Concrete - \$3100.00 and Morden Construction - \$3200.00. A motion for the low bid of \$1275.00 will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Quarter 2016 – 17 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the listing of budget amendments necessary and will prepare a motion for the Monday Regular meeting.
2. White Lake Ambulance Authority –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session for pending litigation discussions at 10:30 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **ABSENT**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session discussions at 10:40 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **ABSENT**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

3. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that at the November work session, new appointments will be necessary to replace him on both the Northside Water Policy Board and Planning Commission. Treasurer Beegle stated that she attended the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail meeting in which Phase II is nearing finalization in the paperwork area. The project is out for bid and additional funding is being sought for the project. She also stated that the Nestrom Road Improvement CAC will be meeting on October 27.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the October 11, 2016 work session at 10:47 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 **AYES**, 2 **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland