

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 15, 2013
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (0) zero interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:03 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 15, 2013 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour asked the Board what it would like to do going forward due to public response from the last regular meeting on the alcohol removal from township property ordinances. The Board would like to take some time and review it again in the spring for conversation. The Murray Road paving project has started. An invitation to the MCRC Annual Road Kill dinner has been received. Anyone interested in attending should respond to Treasurer Beegle before the 18th of this month. Supervisor St. Amour will solicit quotes on the chipping of the wood pile at the ecology station. It has been a couple of years since this was performed. Clerk Rillema shared information received from the Muskegon County Clerk's office on the process to fill the Drain Commissioners vacancy (Mr. Fisher passed way.) An email from John Halland was received in which Attorney Even will respond to Mr. Halland's legal counsel.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported
2. White Lake Ambulance Authority Update -

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 10:38 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

CLOSED SESSION (Litigation)

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 11:05 AM.

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Roll Call Vote: Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**

3. Community Building Rental Agreement - Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has a meeting with members of the White Lake Area Group to discuss the agreement on October 22, 2013.
4. Land Conservancy - Trustee Deur stated that the grant will be applied for on Friday, October 18, 2013. Trustee Rissi reported that the Muskegon Conservation District is applying jointly with the West Michigan Land Conservancy of West Michigan on the grant and is in need of a letter of support showing a contribution up to \$1500.00 for in-kind services towards the project before Friday.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to task Trustee Rissi to write the letter of support for signature by Supervisor St. Amour stating Fruitland Township's support and contribution of up to \$1500.00 for in-kind services towards the project.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

5. Township Office - Supervisor St. Amour stated that two vendors looked at the front office lobby proposed enclosure but no quotes have been sent. He also met with K&L Electric regarding the T12 fluorescent bulb phase out program but no additional information has been received by K&L either about the remaining program funding available through Consumers Energy. Supervisor St. Amour will follow up on both issues.
6. Brining - Supervisor St. Amour stated that no additional information has been provided by the Muskegon County Road Commission on 2013 brining costs.
7. Board of Determination (Mason Drain) - Supervisor St. Amour stated that no meeting of the Board of Determination has been scheduled by the Muskegon County Drain Commissioners office to discuss the petition received by residents in that drain district.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Abandon McMillan Road End - Trustee Bard inquired on the process for abandonment on road ends. Attorney Even stated that in the event of abandoning a road end owned by the township, that it would be split and given to the property owners on either side of the road end and would not be taxable.

Trustee Deur excused himself from the meeting.

2. Scrap Tire Grant - Supervisor St. Amour stated that Laketon Township has offered to apply for the five township (Laketon, Fruitland, Blue Lake, Dalton and Muskegon Charter) scrap tire grant again for the upcoming year. A Resolution has been prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

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3. 2nd Qtr Budget Amendments - Clerk Rillema prepared the listing of amendments necessary for the 2nd quarter of 2013-14 for Fund 101 & Fund 140. Additionally, an amendment in Fund 170 for payment by Fruitland Township to Dave Cole Decorators, Inc. for the painting of the White River Light Station in the amount of \$16,000.00 needs to be amended to show the full value of the project. Additional amendments due to Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association sending a payment to Fruitland Township in the amount of \$4,000.00 to cover the difference over the approved funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority of \$12,000.00 and future reimbursement to Fruitland Township in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the State of Michigan once final paperwork is completed at the their level which could take up to at least 90 days need to be made. A motion will be prepared to make such amendments for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Water Ordinance Amendment - Trustee Deur stated the Northside Water Policy approved to lower connection costs. An amendment to our ordinance and Appendix B is necessary by the township. The Clerk has prepared the ordinance amendment for the Monday Regular meeting for adoption.
5. Parks & Recreation 2014-15 Budget - Supervisor St. Amour will speak with Parks & Recreation Chair Shields regarding the proposed list of 2014-15 projects and discuss the timing of having no scheduled meetings until February by the Commission. He tasked the Board of Trustees to review the listing and prepare any additions/deletions by November 1 and forward to him to present to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
6. Board of Comments - Clerk Rillema stated that in our Policy & Procedures, Section 5.6(e) it states that alcoholic beverages are not allowed on township property. The board agreed that no changes will be made at this time to the policies and procedures until conversation in the Spring about McMillan Road end resumes. Attorney Even stated that the ZBA case (Brewer vs. Fruitland Township) has been dismissed and the ZBA case (Nagengast/Sorokin vs. Fruitland Township) is probably going to go away.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:30 AM .

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland