

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Treasurer Beegle

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, November 10, 2014 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the November 10, 2014 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 the township staff will continue to monitor websites for which communication is received in house to monitor happenings in our township. Anyone interested in attending the MTA Annual Conference should contact the Clerk. The Northside Water Board is in the process of refinancing its bonds. A zoning violation complaint on the White Lake Yacht Club was received by the State of Michigan Liquor Commission which was answered by Attorney Even as being compliant. Supervisor St. Amour has a pamphlet available for review on Great Lakes Restoration Projects monitored by the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission if anyone is interested in reviewing. Grant information was received from Senator Hansen's office on Michigan Invasive Species programs available which Trustee Hampel will forward to the Duck Creek Watershed. The MCRC had a speaker at their Road Kill Dinner regarding the results of a survey they completed on a potential road millage. If anyone is interested in looking at the results, contact the Clerk. The Parks and Recreation Commission will have an opening on its board as of November 20, 2014. Chair Josephson elected not to run on the November ballot for re-election. Anyone with suggestions for the vacancy should contact the Supervisor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. White Lake Fire Authority – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Chief Holman was meeting with a surveyor last week to pursue surveys both at Dock Road and Fire Station #2.
2. White Lake Ambulance Authority – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a meeting is scheduled with all municipalities mayors/city managers/supervisors to discuss the recent fraud investigation brought against the authority. The FOIA request prepared by Attorney Even to the WLAA was received and extended an additional ten days for response. Several municipalities have voted to pay the “deficit” invoice received from the WLAA. The financial condition of the authority continues to be very precarious.

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3. White Lake Channel Sign – Trustee Deur responded by email that the cost to replace the missing boat speed limit sign on the White Lake Channel is \$350.00. The White Lake Association originally paid for the sign and is inquiring if the Township is interested in sharing with the replacement cost. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Incoming Building – 06-103-200-0003-00 - Heylmun – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Mr. Heylmum is requesting a house be moved into the township on White Lake Drive. Zoning Administrator Sandel is working with Mr. Heylmum to secure the proper paperwork necessary. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
2. Michillinda Beach Lodge – Attorney Even stated that he will prepare a motion for the appeal to the Fruitland Township Board received from David Twardock on the site plan approval for 5271 Scenic Drive – Parkland Acquisition Three, LLC by the Planning Commission to defer to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion will be presented at the Monday Regular Meeting. Parkland Acquisition Three, LLC has filed for a variance to discontinue the outdoor use of amplified sound in the Resort, add one to two kitchens to the existing ten buildings, add four kitchens to each replacement buildings and remove the restaurant from the site. This variance request is scheduled to be heard December 8, 2014.

3. FOIA Appeal Request –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to deny Mr. Kruse of his FOIA appeal request dated October 29, 2014 and uphold the FOIA Coordinator's response dated October 29, 2014 that the document requested is exempt from disclosure as a public record under the Freedom of Information Act due to attorney-client privilege.

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

4. Amend Fee, Permit, Escrow Schedule/Ecology Station Fees – Supervisor St. Amour assigned Clerk Rillema and Trustee Deur to review our fee, permit & escrow schedule as several items need to be amended. Trustee Deur inquired with Attorney Even if our costs for variance requests needed to cover their costs by law. Attorney Even will research and report his findings. Supervisor St. Amour also tasked Trustee Rissi and himself to review the ecology station fees as we did receive an increase in our tipping fees at the Muskegon Solid Waste by \$3.00 a ton.
5. Signage – Supervisor St. Amour tasked Trustee Bard and Trustee Hampel to develop signage for the Cemetery now that the amended language is effective. Both he and Trustee Rissi will work on signage for the Ecology Station once fees are amended.
6. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that Assurant Health, our health insurance provider, has extended our group's current health insurance plan until December 2015 but unfortunately a small increase is expected of approximately \$50.00 a month. Clerk Rillema also stated that 47.15% of registered voters participated in the November General Election.

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Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, November 10, 2014 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:35 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland