

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2011
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Huss (Even & Franks)

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, November 14, 2011 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the November 14, 2011 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that a thank you note was received from the White Lake Senior Center for the donation. Supervisor St. Amour received an email from Cindy Beth Davis-Dykema of Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association that the SPLKA's board agreed to partner with Fruitland Township on the White River Light Station operation. A language modification allowing SPLKA to hire their own counsel if needed will need to be in the agreement. A copy of the MCRC 2011 Road Report is available for review and debate on future of road commissions and funding is taking place in the legislature.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement –Supervisor St. Amour stated that only one address remains on Worden Road with an unlicensed car. Condemnation hearings were held on the properties of 2737 Scenic Drive and 4565 Lorensen Road. Both owners were cooperative and applying for the necessary demolition permits to have the buildings removed.
2. Land Conservancy – Sale of Township Land – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a tour date has not been rescheduled due to the West Michigan Land Conservancy working on the project in Saugatuck.
3. Duck Lake Road –Supervisor St. Amour stated the MCRC recommended quoting a 3-5' shoulder instead of a sidewalk along Duck Lake Road and the removal of hillside at Scenic Drive & Duck Lake Road could be undertaken completely by the MCRC as it may be in the road right-of-way.
4. Transfer Station – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he will be attending the Dalton Township meeting on December 12, 2011 to discuss the potential consolidation of the transfer station(s). Supervisor St. Amour met with representatives of Allied Waste

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ending with no interest in taking over the transfer station. The representatives confirmed that the transfer station likely would never breakeven and was to be considered a service to the community. Supervisor St. Amour stated that because maintenance employee, Don Underwood, was still off due to medical leave, a need for hiring a temporary employee was needed. Treasurer Beegle and Trustee Bard have volunteered to serve on the interview committee and Supervisor St. Amour stated that another volunteer was needed. If interested, please contact him.

5. Marcus Park Lawsuit – Legal Assistant Kevin Huff stated that a June 19, 2012 court hearing was scheduled. A joint meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission and Board of Trustees is scheduled for November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM to discuss the lawsuit.
6. Civil Infractions – Supervisor St. Amour stated that discussion will take place at the December work session when Attorney Even can be present.
7. Life Insurance Coverage – Clerk Rillema explained that our current life insurance carrier, The Standard Insurance Company, is dropping Fruitland Township due to the number of participants. Quotes were sought and The Lincoln Financial Group's rates were lower than our current rate. A yearly membership fee of \$90.00 would need to be paid and monthly premium would be \$9.25 per person. Our current rate is \$21.50 per person. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting to contract with The Lincoln Financial Group.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 59th Annual MTA Educational Conference & Expo – Clerk Rillema explained that Trustee Deur, Supervisor St. Amour, Treasurer Beegle and herself would like to attend the conference in Detroit in January 2012. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to authorize the attendance for all four.
2. SAXE Drain Recommendations – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he met with the Drain Commissioner and members of the MCRC regarding drainage issues near Jones, Bard, Tyler and Hilton Park Roads. A resolution will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting to allow the Drain Commissioner to investigate and make recommendations to enhance the drainage along the SAXE Drain and surrounding areas.
3. Sewer Ordinance/Water Ordinance – Supervisor St. Amour explained that Resolution 2011-18 – Fruitland Township Refuses to Accept Ownership of or Operation, Maintenance and Administrative Responsibilities for Drinking Water System Serving White Lake Assisted Living Center, LLC was approved by phone vote with a promise to vote at the November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting for permit purposes for Muskegon County Public Works. The Resolution will be presented at the November 21, 2011 for voice vote. The Sewer ordinance will be reviewed at a future meeting as Attorney Even is continuing his review of such.
4. White Lake Fire Authority – Treasurer Beegle explained that the White Lake Fire Authority adopted the 2009 International Fire Code at its October meeting. Fruitland Township Regulatory Ordinance, Article 58 – Fire Code is now not in compliance and

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should be updated with the 2009 International Fire Code. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting to adopt the 2009 International Fire Code and update Article 58. Captain Gregory Holman sent Supervisor St. Amour an email stating that no change in our ISO rating would occur even though two dry hydrants were installed. Captain Gregory Holman was promoted to Fire Chief by the WLFA Board.

5. Homeowners Affidavit – Clerk Rillema stated that Resolution 2011-19 – Disbanding Use of Updated April 2011 Homeowners Affidavit would be presented at the Monday Regular meeting because some of language was inaccurate. Attorney Even is reviewing the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical permits against State permits for consistency.
6. Forestry – Parks & Recreation Proceed Request – Supervisor St. Amour received from the Parks & Recreation a request for money proceeds from the forestry activity on the Duck Lake property. About 19.6 acres of the 90 acres being forested is under the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Supervisor St. Amour suggested that 22% of the net profit be allocated to the Commission. Discussion was not in favor of such request and suggested that all proceeds remain in one account and requests from the Parks & Recreation Commission for future expenditures be reviewed on a case by case request.
7. Board Comments – Treasurer Beegle apologized for not having the receipts ready for the work session due to her recent surgery. She will email the receipt reports prior to the regular meeting. Winter tax bills will be at the end of November and dog licenses will continue to be sold at the township hall. Trustee Deur reported that Frontier Communications has expanded additional DSL coverage in the township. He will forward those areas to Supervisor St. Amour to send in the next e-news. Clerk Rillema reported that there will be a February 2012 election for the Presidential Primary. All three precincts will be in operation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, November 14, 2011 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:05 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland