

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2016 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (4) four interested parties.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Rillema called the Monday, November 14, 2016 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 Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to amend the November 14, 2016 Work Session Agenda by adding under New Business #8.5 – Sustainability Center Sign replacement.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mike Holman – Wanted to thank everyone on the board for their commitment to Fruitland Township and stated that he looks forward to working with each of us during his four year term as a newly elected trustee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission is in need of three additional members. She will put information in the e-news about the vacancies. The five-township tire grant will not be applied for this year. Laketon Township Supervisor Arter stated that Mullally Park will be used as one of the tire collection sites hosted by the County next year and volunteers will be utilized. Clerk Rillema stated that a letter from Prosecutor DJ Hilson was received about recently signed legislation on the way Michigan will control medical marijuana once it becomes effective December 20, 2016. It was suggested to forward this on to Planning Commission Chairman Roesler for the planning commission to review. Trustee Hampel and Clerk Rillema attended the Muskegon County Road Commission Annual Roadkill. Clerk Rillema has the MCRC 2016 Road report for all to review. It was the consensus of the board to close the Sustainability Center once again on Wednesdays for the months of December, January and February and resume normal hours again in March 2017. Information will be put into e-news stating such. The Scenic Drive Road end dock and White Lake No-wake buoys were removed for the winter by Dave Ridders of the White Lake Association and Terry Clerk of the White Lake Steel Headers Association. A thank you to them both was added in the most recent e-news. Clerk Rillema stated that she has received 2 out of 3 quotes for the dropping of the 13+ dead trees on the WRLS grounds. Pricing so far ranges from \$1300-\$2200. Stafford & Sons was another vendor to solicit for a quote. The cement sidewalk repair at the Inlet Place has been completed. The grate for the drain sits about 2" higher and is a hazard. Clerk Rillema asked MCRC Whitehall Garage Supervisor Doug Davis to take a look and report back to her his recommendation.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. 4790 Bard Road – The board discussed the signed agreement of the neighboring property owners of 4790 Bard Road given to the board at last month's regular meeting, that support the Varney's waiting until December 2017 to clean up the property once they receive a deed. The board is okay with holding off on the cleanup of this property unless it becomes apparent that the health, safety and welfare of the community is affected.
2. White Lake Senior Center – Both Clerk Rillema and Treasurer Beegle have not been able to reach the Director at the White Lake Senior Center but will continue their efforts to seek information on the Senior Millage Funds proposal that was approved in August 2016 that could potentially be received by the Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Commission Representative – Trustee Deur stated that his position as the township Board representative has ended with the November meeting. A new board member will need to be appointed. He suggested that individual complete the MSU Planning & Zoning Course to aid the individual with decision making. Trustee Elect Holman is interested in that vacancy. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
2. Northside Water Policy Board Representative – Trustee Deur stated that his position as the representative has ended and would like to remain on as the alternate. Treasurer Beegle agreed to take on the regular position for the time being until Supervisor Jeske gets settled. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
3. Muskegon County Recreational Authority – Trustee Deur explained that this resolution is for the intent of creating a recreational authority to pursue drafting articles of incorporation. Attorney Even suggested adding language to suggest that the township is considering membership and that draft articles of incorporation would need to be approved by the Township Board of Trustees. The resolution will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Mason Drain – Clerk Rillema stated that Drain Commissioner Moore is hosting a public “drop-in” time at Fruitland Township this evening (November 14th) from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM to answer questions about construction of the Mason Drain which has started this week. The cost for the total project is estimated at \$269,687.69 of which the township is responsible for approximately 10% - \$27,000.00.
5. Front Desk Receipt Printer – Treasurer Beegle stated that one of the two receipt printers has stopped working and needs to be replaced. IT Right has provided a quote of \$687.00 for an Epson Thermal Printer. Trustee Bard would like another quote. Treasurer Beegle was tasked to do so. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
6. Misze Property – Attorney Even explained that a partial discharge of property bond and pledge of real estate for a portion of the Misze property was updated and signed by Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema on October 27, 2016 to be available for the signing at the title company for the portion of land sold. Attorney Even stated that this updated property bond and pledge of real estate needed to be completed to comply with the Special Land Use. A motion to

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ratify the actions of Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

7. Duck Creek Natural Trails Committee – Clerk Rillema stated that the pre-meeting/tour of the Duck Creek property took place on October 25, 2016. Action items from the meeting were to appoint members to the Duck Creek Natural Area Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and draft a mission/goal for the property before meeting with the National Parks Service in December. Suggested members for the committee are: Clerk Rillema, Trustee Hampel, Jan Deur, Tom Tissue, Steve Coverly, April Scholtz, John Morrison, Rob Zoellmer, Lynn Knopf and liaisons – Michael Mencarini and Barbara Nelson-Jameson. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
8. Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Position – Treasurer Beegle stated that employee Ann Thomasma gave her two week notice. Her last day of employment will be Friday, November 18th. With employee Sally Dion off on medical leave, the filling of this vacancy is urgent. Treasurer Beegle explained that our hourly rate is low compared to neighboring townships. The consensus of the board is to have a range of \$12.00/hour - \$17.00/hour for this position. Supervisor Elect Jeske, Clerk Rillema and Trustee Cisneros will serve on the interview committee. An ad was placed in the White Lake Beacon with a cutoff of November 21, 2016 for applications/resumes. Supervisor Elect Jeske is familiar with some of the BS&A programs which will be beneficial during this transition time.
- 8.5 Sustainability Center – Sign Placement – Trustee Bard inquired if the pricing sign on the building could be relocated. The Sustainability Center Attendant John Sorenson would like to make use of the window in that area currently covered by the sign to be in the building during inclement weather. Clerk Rillema and Treasurer Beegle will work with Maintenance staff Mark Bletsch with the relocation of the sign.
3. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that Connect Michigan task team’s efforts are completed. It is apparent that there are still areas lacking high speed internet. When the results of the survey are available Trustee Deur will be sure to forward to us. At this point, there is no need for an elected official to replace his representation. Trustee Deur inquired about the spreadsheet that Supervisor St. Amour would periodically prepare for the Sustainability Center showing income/appropriations. Clerk Rillema stated that she will attempt to get that caught up soon. Trustee Deur thanked the board of trustees for his experience and professionalism during his tenure at trustee. The board thanked him for his service as well as wished him well. Trustee Deur stated that he would like to see a Resolution prepared for Supervisor St. Amour for his dedication to the township. Treasurer Beegle stated that the first meeting of the Nestrom Road Improvement CAC was held on October 27th. The committee at this point will be moving forward with the process of a special assessment to present to the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the November 14, 2016 work session at 11:11 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland