

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 12, 2016 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Bard, Trustee Holman, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Cisneros, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor Jeske

**ABSENT:** Trustee Hampel, Attorney Even

**ALSO PRESENT:** (3) three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, December 12, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, the December 12, 2016 work session agenda. Supervisor Jeske stated that we would not be going into closed session on New Business #2 – 4790 Bard Road.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Greg Kruse, 5617 S. Shore Drive – Provided the board with a written complaint regarding the collapsed structure at 4790 Bard Road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor Jeske announced that the Ragnar Relay Michigan event emailed Clerk Rillema to inquire once again if any permitting was required to pass through our township next September 2017 for the running event. No permitting is required and Clerk Rillema will email Mr. Spransy the support of Fruitland Township for the event. The West Michigan Land Conservancy has chosen our Duck Creek property behind the fire barn as their “hiking” spot on New Year’s Day. Clerk Rillema emailed Fire Chief Holman informing him that the hikers will be parking along the west side of fire barn on Duck Lake Road in the lot near the basketball court. Supervisor Jeske received a thank you from the White Lake Senior Center for our contribution to their organization.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Position – Supervisor Jeske stated that the interview committee interviewed three candidates. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to offer the position to Mary Mansfield, a former employee, at a rate of \$15.00 an hour.
2. 3360 Worden Road Update – Supervisor Jeske was pleased to report that Ordinance Enforcer Holtz was able to contact the owner of 3360 Worden Road and that the property was to be cleaned up by December 9.
3. Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancies/Appointments – Supervisor Jeske stated that three residents have applied for the vacancies – Thomas Tissue, Greg Barrett and Brian Mathiot. All three have various backgrounds which will be beneficial to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Supervisor Jeske has invited all three to attend the regular meeting on Monday. A motion will be prepared to appoint them to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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4. Tree Removal Bids – White River Light Station – Clerk Rillema received four quotes for the dropping of approximately 13 dead trees on the grounds of the White River Light Station. Brad Johnson will be removing the wood once it has been cut down. The quotes vary from \$700.00 to \$2,900.00. Supervisor Jeske will be requesting that the wood be removed and grounds cleaned up before the opening of the White River Light Station in the spring of 2017 and also ask for a certificate of liability insurance covering Mr. Johnson. On the low quote for the tree dropping, it was asked by Trustee Bard to verify the number of trees as it was not cited. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Medical Marijuana Presentation Discussion – Supervisor Jeske inquired with the board members if there was interest in having Prosecutor DJ Hilson present the new legislation on Public Acts 281, 282 and 283 (Medical Marijuana). The board was favorable. Supervisor Jeske will schedule a time at a future meeting in early 2017.
2. 4790 W. Bard Road Update – Supervisor Jeske explained that Attorney Even has filed in Circuit Court a motion for an order to abate public nuisance and demolition of the collapsed building located at 4790 W. Bard Road. Audience member Chris Campeau was present and wished to speak to the board.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for open floor comments from audience member Chris Campeau, 4753 W. Bard Road at 10:15 AM.

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

Mr. Campeau asked why the demolition was ceased a few months ago. Clerk Rillema explained the process from last December 2015 when the first unsafe building violation hearing was held through actions and decisions of the board through November 21, 2016's regular meeting. Mr. Campeau was satisfied as long as action kept moving forward to getting the property cleaned up.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from Robert's Rules of Order and close open floor comments at 10:30 AM.

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

### BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

- Ecology Station - Supervisor Jeske stated that she has received three complaints regarding the action taken by the board in not allowing outside contractors to use the Ecology Station for disposal of refuse/leaves. The board discussed the complaints but stands firm that no outside contractor will be allowed to use the service at our transfer station that it is for resident use only. Treasurer Beegle did suggest that discussion about a potential contractor price for those residents who do own a business in Fruitland Township take place during our 2017-18 budget talks.
- Consent Agenda – Supervisor Jeske inquired if the board would support the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda allows the board to approve several items together without discussion or individual motion. Such items included in the consent agenda would be minutes, staff appointments, reports, routine matters and correspondence requiring no action. The board supported such use.

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- Holiday Schedule – Supervisor Jeske requested the closing of the township office on the Friday before Christmas (December 23, 2016). Trustee Bard did not support this request. All other board members were in support.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the December 12, 2016 work session at 10:54 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland