

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 14, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: (3) three interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, December 14, 2015 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 December 14, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Herb Huch, 4272 Gibson Road – Does not support the sale of the Fire Station #2 to the White Lake Fire Authority and encouraged the board to really think about the long term effect.

SPECIAL GUEST: White Lake Senior Center Director Christi Marsh has been the director since 2010. Ms. Marsh provided handouts of the activities, funding income and expenses and number of residents that pay memberships to the White Lake Senior Center. Many residents attend without a membership and are encouraged to join. The donations of the municipalities received make up 1/3 of their yearly income. She appreciates our past contributions and is hopeful that it will continue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that several appointments are necessary for the Board of Review, Construction Board of Appeals and White Lake Community Library. A consent agenda will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting. He received communication from the Muskegon Lumberjacks on group rates for attending a hockey game. Both September and October's PINS reports were received. An upcoming meeting of the Joint Planning Commission will occur to discuss the possibility of formally disbanding the group. No date has been set at this time. Supervisor St. Amour has been in contact with a colleague of State Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright regarding signage along the expressway and pricing. He will have more information at the Regular Meeting. The Consumer's Energy Street Light survey has not yet been received. He has been in contact with Rich Houtteman regarding securing that survey for review. Muskegon County will be hosting a meeting in our municipality for public comment/feedback on our projects for a proposed Quality of Life Millage in early 2016. Program highlights on the Walker Memorial Library was received and is available for review. Supervisor St. Amour will update the board on ordinance enforcement at the Monday Regular meeting. Nestrom Road End south of McMillan has been re-opened as of December 8, 2015. Supervisor St. Amour stated that all board members are expected to be courteous while in public.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zellar Road – (Proposed Special Assessment District) – Supervisor St. Amour continues to work with the MCRC to update the board on a proposed special assessment. Discussion will occur at the January work session.

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2. Lamos Road End – Conversation among the board of whether to own or rent was discussed. Attorney Even will weigh in at the January work session if an agreement with the MCRC is enough to keep it open to the public.
3. R&M Contract – Attorney Even is drafting the contract but needed pricing information. He is hopeful to get it completed for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Land Conservancy – Trustee Deur will get with April Schultz to get up to date information.
5. Fire Station #2 Potential Sale – Supervisor St. Amour suggested a sell price of \$15,000.00 which would cover the cost of constructing a new driveway to the maintenance garage, parking behind the building and removal of trees along with a \$5,000.00 overage to support the Parks & Recreation Commission. The board would like to see an agreement drafted with restrictions that the property would be obtained by the Township if the Fire Authority closed or wanted to relocate somewhere else. Trustee Bard is not in favor of selling the building. Several questioned the sell price. More discussion in the future.
6. Mason & Partridge Drain – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he will draft a letter to Drain Commissioner Moore requesting the answers to the questions brought forward at the November work session.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kerkstra Portable Restroom – Clerk Rillema explained that she received an email from Kerkstra alerting her that the portable restroom at the Ecology Station on Michillinda was deleted from their invoicing system since December 2013. They requested that the Board consider payment for these services and are willing to negotiate. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to pay the invoice in full as the services were used by residents.
2. Frontier – Clerk Rillema stated that she has met with Frontier Communications Representative Julie Joleman and received a quote to change all services (long distance and local) along with adding caller ID to the telephone system at the township hall for approximately a \$50-\$75 dollar a month savings. The board supports the addition of the caller ID. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
3. Planning Commission Master Plan – Trustee Deur explained that the Master Plan must be approved by the Township Board to be sent to surrounding Municipalities for their review before a public hearing can be held. The Board of Trustees has had an opportunity to meet with a Planning Commissioner member and many comments/feedback were incorporated into the Master Plan. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Parks & Recreation – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission adopted their master plan at their December meeting and is now ready for our adoption. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to suspend the rules to allow open floor comments from Parks & Recreational Chair Knopf and Commissioner Zoelmer at 11:40 AM.

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

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Chair Knopf and Commissioner Zoelmer discussed their proposed project listing for consideration of the 2016-17 budget discussions. Chair Knopf also stated her support for Mark Williamson to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Shields. The tennis court project and sand for the lower area at Nestrom Park are two items still needing accurate pricing.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend the rules regarding open floor comments at 11:50 AM.

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

Supervisor St. Amour will continue working with Chair Knopf to gain additional information on quotes for the proposed projects and will prepare a motion to support the appointment of Mark Williamson to the Parks & Recreation vacancy.

5. Recycling Consolidation Plan – Supervisor St. Amour continues attending the discussions on a potential consolidation of both Dalton & Fruitland Township’s transfer stations to a county wide recycle station in northern Muskegon County. He will keep the board abreast of any happenings.
6. Adoption of Building Codes – Clerk Rillema stated that a Resolution should be on file adopting the building codes and appendix’s enforced along with the International Fire Code enforced. A resolution has been drafted and will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting.
7. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that he received the listing of cell phones compatible with the new cell tower. The list will be put in an upcoming enews to share with the community. Treasurer Beegle asked Attorney Even to prepare a letter to the County stating that we are not interested in owning the Lakewood Lot that was not purchased after the tax sale.

Trustee Deur left at 12:07 pm for another engagement.

Trustee Hampel reported that the bittersweet at McMillan Road End will be treated and removed in the Spring of 2016.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, December 14, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:09 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland