

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Bard, Trustee Bole, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

**ABSENT:** Trustee Binns

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, February 13, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland to order at 10:00 AM.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 13, 2012 Work Session Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **4 AYES 3 ABSENT**

Treasurer Beegle and Trustee Bole arrived a few minutes late.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has no additional information on the Scenic Drive Dock Grant Request at this time. The tri-township grant application for the tire grant has not been awarded to date. The Muskegon Conservation District may be requesting use of the township hall to host a town hall meeting regarding the Mute Swan Cull. The weather station at the White River Light Station is to be used as an unofficial weather site only. Resident, Kim McGee donated the "Land Between The Lakes" book to the township. Assessor, Sue Bowen, updated the Board of Trustees on taxable values decreasing approximately 1.7% for 2012 in Fruitland Township, described her weekly duties and stated that she has visited close to 600 properties this past year for assessing updates. Sue is a Level III Assessor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Deputy Ashker is taking corrective action with the Orshal Road, River Road and Duck Lake properties. The property owner of 5110 Orshal Road is a renter and the owner will be contacted to let them know that this property has been ticketed twice but continues to violate the junk ordinance. Another property on Duck Lake will be added to the list for Deputy Ashker to visit.
2. Transfer Station – Supervisor St. Amour stated that approximately 40 replies to the survey were received. Twenty three responses did not favor willingness to drive to Dalton to use their transfer station and Dalton Township residents felt the same about driving to Fruitland. At this time, consolidation talks will be put on hold. Supervisor St.

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Amour did meet with another firm, Chef Container, for sanitation/recycling services and will be making a recommendation at the Monday Regular meeting.

3. Marcus Park Lawsuit – Attorney Even stated that no new developments have been received to date.
4. Civil Infractions – Attorney Even prepared Article R11-Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau, Article R12-Ordinance Enforcement Officer Ordinance and Article R13-Municipal Civil Infractions Procedures. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to adopt all three ordinances with an effective date of August 1, 2012 which will give the staff time to set internal procedures and set the fee schedule for such civil infractions.
5. SAXE Drain Recommendations – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Drain Commissioner Fisher has not sent his recommendation due to some health issues.
6. Sewer Ordinance – Attorney Even prepared Article R10-Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance and a Resolution to establish sanitary sewer usage charges for adoption at the Monday Regular meeting. Trustee Deur inquired about the fee schedule. Attorney Even stated that the Resolution would suffice as we only have one customer at this time. When and if another customer arises, we may want to develop a fee schedule at that time.
7. 2012-13 Budget Discussion – Supervisor St. Amour did an overview of the Revenues and Appropriations for Fund 101 and the Additional Funds. He has proposed a 2 ½% increase in staff wages and elected official wages. Health insurance has been increased 10% due to a suggestion of our current insurance agent. Our Partnership in Neighborhood Safety contract should be slightly down due to our current fiscal year payments that included the purchase of a vehicle which did not happen and will offer yearly renewals versus the current three year contract. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the road project for 2012-13 will exhaust Fund 120 which includes an approximate roll over of 2011-12 of \$140,000.00. The Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Michigan Adventure Request – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he had received a request to extend our noise ordinance for a single day in June for Michigan Adventure which will benefit Vicksburg High School. The request will be brought forth by motion at the Monday Regular meeting to extend the noise ordinance until 12:30 AM on June 3, 2012.
2. Fence Quote for McMillan Road End – Supervisor St. Amour had requested quotes for the fencing. He has received one quote thus far. The other quote is expected in the next day or two. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to have a fence built along the topside of the hill and insert posts down both sides of the hill
3. West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition Donation – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request for monies to be donated to support a pocket park in memory of Fred

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Meijer was received. Attorney Even reaffirmed that Fruitland Township cannot donate township monies but could facilitate donations by placing a link on our website to direct persons interested in donating monies to the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition site. A blurb will be placed in enews also.

4. Muskegon County Hydrant Fee – Clerk Rillema stated that the invoice for 2011 for Muskegon County Public Works in the amount of \$2200.00 for the 11 hydrants was received. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to approve the payment.
5. Michigan Stormwater Floodplain Association 25<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference – Clerk Rillema stated that Zoning Administrator Sandel would like to attend the conference. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
6. January 2011-12 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the listing of budget amendments necessary for January 2012. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
7. Committee Renewals – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to appoint members to several committees/commissions that require renewals.
8. Planning Commission Recommendations – Supervisor St. Amour stated that discussion on the recommendations from the Planning Commission will take place at the Monday Regular meeting and motions will be prepared to adopt such recommendations.
9. Board Comments – Trustee Deur invited the Board of Trustees to a send off party for those three Planning Commission members who will be done serving after the March 7, 2012 Planning Commission meeting at his home. Clerk Rillema stated that the Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 and that she has Jury duty service the week of March 26, 2012.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, February 13, 2012 Work Session of Fruitland Township at 11:34 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland