

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Binns

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, February 9, 2010 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 4:02 PM.

**AGENDA:** Accept or amend the Tuesday, February 9, 2010 Agenda.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the amended February 9, 2010 Work Session Agenda by moving Old Business Item #9 2010-2011 Budget to Old Business Item #1..

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS -**

9. 2010-2011 Proposed Budget/Parks & Recreation Proposed Budget Requests – Supervisor St. Amour thanked the Board for taking the budget preparation serious. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has written letters to various vendors requesting lower rates and/or no price increase for this coming fiscal year. A budget amendment will be prepared for Monday’s Regular Meeting transferring money from various funds to the Public Roads Fund. Supervisor St. Amour looked over the 2009-2010 budget and is estimating approximately \$90,000.00 in surplus to be transferred at year end. Fiscal year 2010-2011 is budgeted very tightly and it will be difficult to have a large surplus like years past. Discussion on the Parks & Recreation Budget requests left many unanswered questions and concerns. Clarification from the P& R Commission need to be answered regarding items requested for the budget such as repairs necessary to the foundation at the WRLS, request for all the BBF money for tennis court repair, additional playground equipment and fall material. Have any quotes for these expenses been sought by the P& R Commission?
1. 1562 Duck Lake Road – Attorney Eklund stated that no response has been received back by the property owner but has until February 13, 2010 to do so.
2. 5623 Murray Road – Attorney Eklund stated that the brief from the Garner’s was

due by February 12, 2010 and then we have 21 days to file our brief which he is working on.

3. Fruitland Township Representation (Joint Planning Commission/West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) – Supervisor St. Amour stated that WMSRDC rejected our request to pay \$500.00 of the dues now and the remaining \$500.00 in June. He will prepare a motion for Monday’s Regular meeting to authorize the full payment of \$1000.00.
4. Road Improvements – Supervisor St. Amour presented the road agreement between the township and MCRC for road improvements at a cost of approximately \$306,000.00 to Fruitland Township for Dame, Simonelli, Nestrom and McMillan Road. MCRC would like to present this agreement at their next meeting scheduled next week. All board members present okayed Supervisor St. Amour to allow MCRC to present this agreement to its Commissioners.
5. 2745 Lorenson Road – Attorney Eklund stated that the court ordered the property owner to get the property cleaned up and pay the township \$500.00 in fines by April 4, 2010.
6. 3350 Bard Road – Attorney Eklund stated that the court ordered the property owner to clean up the property.
7. Condemnation Hearings – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the next hearing for 6106-245-003-0003-00 – 6168 & 6188 Murray Road is scheduled for March 10, 2010. The property on Nord Road is scheduled for an update in April and completion date on July 21, 2010. The garage on Scenic Drive hearing is scheduled on March 10, 2010 and the house on Scenic Drive is scheduled for a July 21, 2010 hearing.
8. Township Property (Hunting) – Supervisor St. Amour asked Attorney Eklund to prepare sample resolutions on hunting and no hunting for the Board to consider. Discussion amongst board members will result in Supervisor St. Amour preparing a motion for Monday’s Regular Meeting to offer a resolution to allow hunting with limitations. Attorney Eklund will prepare the resolution.
10. Community Building Drain – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the drain repair at the Community Building is scheduled for repair when the weather is favorable for outdoor work according to Drain Commissioner Hepler.
11. Board Comment – Treasurer Hepler stated that she has collected approximately 68% of winter tax. Clerk Rillema stated that the 2009 polling grant award was received in the amount of \$8600.00 for the ramp at the Community Building. Trustee Deur thanked those Board members that were present at the Planning Commission meeting to hear the adoption of the Master Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Hepler, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, February 9 , 2010 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 6:07 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland