

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
MARCH 12, 2012
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Bole

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and two (2) interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, March 12, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland to order at 10:00 AM.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Binns, second by Trustee Bard **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 12, 2012 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES 2 ABSENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that Muskegon Conservation District has requested Fruitland Township to adopt a resolution regarding their stance on the Mute Swan Control Program on White Lake. Jeff Auch spoke briefly to the Board regarding the proposed resolution and the briefing and position of the Muskegon Conservation District on the Mute Swan Control Program. Fruitland Township will be hosting one of several public hearings in the area on the Mute Swan Call Control Program on March 15, 2012 at 2:30 PM. Supervisor St. Amour received notification from the City of Muskegon that our water rates will be increasing but no percentage was available. Supervisor St. Amour received a letter stating that the White Lake Community Foundation does not have any funding available for life rings this year. Supervisor St. Amour stated at this current time since Curator McDonnell left employment, our maintenance employee is checking the life ring status at the channel on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Board of Trustees tasked Supervisor St. Amour to investigate other means of patrolling the life rings and report back to the board. The furnace(s) at the township hall failed and were replaced by Scheid Heating & Plumbing. Supervisor St. Amour contacted four board members with a promise to vote for the purchase of the two furnaces. A cafeteria plan needs to be put into place at Fruitland Township with regards to the 125 Act. Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema will be meeting with Eugene Franks of Even & Franks, PLLC to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Deputy Ashker has been tasked with contacting those properties on his list currently.
2. Marcus Park Lawsuit – Attorney Even stated that professional mediation is scheduled on March 27, 2012 at noon in Grand Rapids involving all entities.

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3. Civil Infractions (Fee Schedule) – Attorney Even was tasked to prepare a fee schedule and his recommendations for the April work session.
4. SAXE Drain Recommendations – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he still awaiting Drain Commissioner Fishers recommendations.
5. 2012-13 Budget Discussion – Supervisor St. Amour did an overview of the Revenues and Appropriations for Fund 101 and the Additional Funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Weed Trimmer Purchase – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he is requesting the purchase of a Stihl FS110 Weed Trimmer and Shoulder Harness for the maintenance department in the amount of \$364.92 from White Lake Nursery. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.

Treasurer Beegle arrived at 10:45 AM.

2. Cemetery – Crypt Request – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a request to place a crypt in the cemetery has been requested by Ms. Serene Poyer in Block 4 which does not allow for above ground markers, etc. Ms. Poyer spoke briefly about her son, family buried in the cemetery and the request for the crypt. Discussion amongst the board was not in favor of allowing above ground markers, etc., in Block 3 but would be okay with allowing in another block which allowed above ground markers, etc. Clerk Rillema stated that staff member Sally Dion provided her with information on burial spaces available near the request which does allow for above ground markers, etc. Further communication with Ms. Poyer to determine the exact needs will be done to prepare a motion for the Monday Regular meeting allowing for a crypt not in the requested Block 3 but in Block 4.
3. 4th Qtr 2011-12 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the latest budget amendments necessary to reconcile the budget. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to accept such budget amendments.
4. Board Comments – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, March 12, 2012 Work Session of Fruitland Township at 11:20 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland