

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 14, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** (4) four interested parties and Attorney Even.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, March 14, 2016 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 Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to amend the March 14, 2016 Work Session Agenda to add New Business 3.5 William White.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor St. Amour stated that Trustee Hampel offered the township hall as the host site for the August MTA meeting. The date has been placed in the date book in the office. Clerk Rillema received written notification that the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church will be doing door-to-door missionary work during the months of June, July and August of 2016 in our township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Zellar Road SAD – Supervisor St. Amour stated that pricing for the proposed Special Assessment for the residents has been received in the amount of approximately \$13,997.55. The Clerk prepared a spreadsheet showing resident culver only and frontage for Zellar Road. The board agreed that all would benefit from this unique road project for drainage.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to have the special assessment for the Zellar Road Improvement being calculated by frontage along Zellar Road.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

The public hearing for such is March 21, 2015 at 5 PM here at the township hall. Members of the MCRC have been invited to attend to speak to the residents regarding the federally funded project. The remainder of the paving project owed by the Township is approximately \$57,000.00 for ditching and driveway repair.

2. 2016-17 Budget Discussion – Clerk Rillema attended the 2016-17 Muskegon County Sheriff's Department PINS meeting with both Laketon & Whitehall Townships. After reviewing the proposed agreement with Whitehall Township, the calculation split 76/24 for payment should be either lowered for Fruitland Township or raised for Whitehall Township due to call volume being 60/40. At the meeting, Clerk Rillema raised the question to Whitehall Township Supervisor Schmitgal. She asked Sheriff Roesler if Fruitland Township could go 100% without

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a partner as well for approximately \$15,000.00 more. Discussion amongst the board led to the following motion.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to inform the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department that Fruitland Township would like to go 100% with the PINS program and not partner with Whitehall Township for 2016-17.

**Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES**

Discussion of the budget was light other than a question raised by Trustee Deur regarding the revenue for the potential selling of the fire barn. The amount will be removed and replaced with the lease amount until more information becomes available.

3. Trustee Salary – Clerk Rillema amended the Resolution for the 2016-17 Salaries for Trustees to their current 2015-16 salary. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
- 3.5 William White – The dangerous building hearing held prior to the work session was briefly discussed and the following motion was adopted.

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to have Attorney Even file a complaint for the order of demolition of the dangerous building at 4790 Bard Road.

**Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES**

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board Vacancies – Supervisor St. Amour stated that ZBA alternate Cindy Campeau has agreed to fill the full time vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. An alternate is still needed and both Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema have submitted names. A board of review alternate should be replaced also. Planning Commissioners William Josephson and Tom Thompson have agreed to stay on and Trustee Deur has agreed to stay through November 20, 2016.
2. Trustee Bard Request – Trustee Bard would like to see that all elected officials have the availability to contact the Township Attorney as they need. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he prepared the list with minimal contact to keep costs controlled. Should an official or board member of the Township need legal advice, a phone call request to the Supervisor would be most likely granted.
3. Budget Amendments -

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, February 8, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at Noon.

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

4. Closed Session – White Lake Ambulance Authority

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to consider confidential legal advice in written opinion subject to attorney-client privilege at 10:48 AM.

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*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 11:00 AM.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**

5. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Presidential Primary went off with no hassles and about 39% voted in the township. Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing for the Historical Resort Special Land Use language on April 7. He encouraged all board members to attend. Treasurer Beegle stated that 97% of the winter tax was collected. Approximately 174 parcels and 1 personal property are delinquent. Trustee Cisneros looks forward to serving the community and thanked the board of trustees for their support going forward.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the March 14, 2016 work session at 11:08 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland