

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
MARCH 9, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, March 9, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA: Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by adding FOIA Appeal to New Business #8.5.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended March 9, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour provided the Board of Trustees with a detailed listing of all Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing permits issued for the months of January and February. These types of reports are used by our building official for follow up on projects. Supervisor St. Amour asked if we would like to consider renting and/or charging a fee for use of the township hall. The Board at this time made no decision at this time. Supervisor St. Amour received information from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission about 2016 and 2017 road projects funded by the Public Transportation Committee. Zellar Road south of Lakewood to Michillinda and White Lake Drive from Lake Street to Whitehall Road in 2016 and River Road in 2017. Supervisor St. Amour was tasked to inquire about if any widening of shoulders other than Zellar Road is expected. An appeal to the Board of Determination's ruling on SAXE Drain was received by the Muskegon County Drain Commissioner which is expected to hold up the project 2-3 months. Jeff Auch is leaving the Muskegon County Conservation District to take a job with the City of Montague. Steve Coverly of the Conservation District has been named as Jeff's replacement. Supervisor St. Amour stated that weight restrictions are in effect this week and that Chef Container has delivered additional bins at the ecology station due to the frost laws as a precautionary measure to avoid receiving weight traffic violations for hauling. This past winter, the MCRC plowed dock road end and may have damaged a bench owned by the condo residents. Supervisor St. Amour will keep the board abreast of damages occurred after the snow melts. We may be making an insurance claim along with the MCRC depending on cost of repairs. Supervisor St. Amour reminded Trustee Hampel to remind the Parks & Recreation Commission about the Athletic Field License to be completed by the White Lake Little League for play this summer on the ballfield. A tattoo and piercing shop in Fruitland Township on Lakewood Road was closed down due to not being licensed in Muskegon County. Mr. Brian Lernowich has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alternate Herb Huch has agreed to take the vacancy. An alternate will be needed. If anyone has any names, please get with Supervisor St. Amour. Supervisor St. Amour

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received information that the Drain Commissioner has hired an engineer to look at the Partridge Drain. Concern of no communication continues. Supervisor St. Amour met with a representative of Consumers Power to change over lighting in the township which would be funded partially by Consumers Energy and Fruitland Township. A cost savings could be seen within 2 years time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2015-16 Fiscal Years Proposed Budget – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the adoption meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM. A new Resolution for Trustee salaries will be presented at the Regular meeting with their current rate. Supervisor St. Amour received the quote for the PINS program of \$43,838.53 but is awaiting information for additional coverage ideas going forward. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has left the line item for Joint Planning Commission 101-101-801.003 but suggested that he write a letter informing them that we would like a breakdown of how renewing our membership continues to benefit the township. The Board of Trustees okayed him to write the letter. Supervisor St. Amour explained that he has not added the improvements requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission for Duck Lake Park for the budget due to lack of support. Until a plan is developed for that area, no future monies for improvements will be allocated there.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2014-15 February Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema explained the listing of amendments necessary for February 2015. A motion will be presented at the Regular meeting for approving of such.
2. Scrap Tire Grant – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Five Township Scrap Tire grant was awarded to us once again. No date of when the event will occur was available.
3. Sustainability Center – Stakeholders Strategic Planning Session – Supervisor St. Amour will be attending a meeting with members of the Sustainability Center on Wednesday, March 11. They have requested a letter of support from Fruitland Township for the P2 grant application they are applying for in the amount of \$190,000.00 which would fund some improvements and feasibility study of combining transfer stations at a Whitehall Road site for Dalton and Fruitland Townships. The Board of Trustees okayed the Supervisor to write a letter of support.
4. Computer Purchase – Clerk Rillema explained that her computer had a bad motherboard and required replacement at a cost of \$625.00 by IT Right. A motion will be presented at the Regular meeting for the purchase of a new computer.
5. Board of Review Alternate – Supervisor St. Amour stated that two members of the Board of Review are unable to fulfill their duties for the March Board of Review. Leonard Noel who has served in that capacity offered to help.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Leonard Noel as an alternate member to the Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2015.

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6. Planning Commission Member – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has forwarded the name of Ina Ray, to the Planning Commission Chair of someone interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Chair Roesler will be meeting with Mrs. Ray.
7. Community Flood Ordinance – Attorney Even has prepared a “draft” Community Flood Ordinance which needs to be adopted by July 6, 2015. He inquired with Clerk Rillema if maps have been received. She said yes and will give all information received to Attorney Even after the meeting for completion of the ordinance to be reviewed at next month’s work session.
8. Installation of Street Light on White Lake Drive – Supervisor St. Amour received a request from a resident regarding the installation of street lighting near the high school on White Lake Drive. Being that the school is not located in Fruitland Township, the Board of Trustees tasked the Supervisor to contact Whitehall Township and the Whitehall School Superintendent to continue communication of the possibility of installing street lighting and payment of such.

8.5 FOIA Appeal –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Supervisor St. Amour, **ADOPTED**, to deny Mr. Kruse of his FOIA appeal request dated March 6, 2015 stating it was unresponsive as a Public Body Response was mailed to him on February 23, 2015 along with certified copies of his request.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT – motion carried**

9. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that she received her Michigan Notary renewal request and that Deputy Clerk Dion’s should be coming soon also. A motion will be prepared for the Regular meeting for approval of renewal for both. Clerk Rillema forwarded each Board of Trustee a letter received from the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District with information regarding the audit of the MAISD Technology and Security Enhancement Millage breakdown about the use of tax dollars. Clerk Rillema also stated that Mr. Kruse has sent several letters regarding enforcement of zoning and building related matters that have been placed on file. Clerk Rillema also stated that a May 5, 2015 Election will be held too.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, March 9, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 10:56 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES, 2 ABSENT - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland