

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
APRIL 13, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Rissi

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, April 13, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 13, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

SPECIAL GUEST: Shane Brown of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department shared with us an opportunity to gain additional police protection in a new position that could be created which would be shared 25/25/50 with Laketon Township, Fruitland Township and Muskegon County. An initial start up cost would be \$32,581.72 which would give us seven days a week coverage instead of four days. Laketon Township has not made a decision at this time but the Board of Trustees is favorable in entering into an arrangement at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that a legislative lunch is scheduled for April 15, 2015 through the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. The survey of our street lighting is complete and information should be forthcoming of the results. The March PINS report is available in the Clerk's office. Building Coordinator Dion forwarded the March permit listing for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing for review. A list of events coming this summer to the WRLS is available. Contact Supervisor St. Amour for more information. We will be using the same vendor as last year, D&B Brine for our dust control this year. MTA on the Road 2015 Regional Meeting schedule is available in the Clerk's office. Berm removal is occurring in several locations in the township. A letter from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church informing the township that they will be doing door-to-door missionary work the months of June, July and August 2015. A quote from K&L Electric, LLC was received to retro fit and replace the fixtures and ballasts at a cost of \$4000.00 with a Consumer's Rebate of \$348.00. At this time the savings is not enough for the replacement to be of value. The lawsuit against the Muskegon County Drain Commissioner regarding SAXE Drain was dropped. The Scrap Tire Event will be taking place on May 30, 2015 from 9AM to 2PM. Trustee Deur provided the handout regarding Smart911 which Supervisor St. Amour will include in an upcoming enews. Treasurer Beegle has been working with HG Umbaugh on the bond refunding for the Water Supply Board. Residents Bob & Sheri Hentschel are interested in purchasing some Lakewood lots. Attorney Even and Treasurer Beegle will research the history on those lots and bring information at the next work session. The weight road restrictions are being lifted by the MCRC on Wednesday, March 15, 2015 at 6AM. Attorney Even will write a letter for

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the old dock donation on behalf of Fruitland Township. With Zoning Administrator Sandel retiring at the end of July, candidate Val Jensen has been interviewed by Supervisor St. Amour and will be meeting with Planning Commissioner Chair Roesler and Trustee Deur. The hydrant inventory is being reviewed at this time by Fire Chief Holman. With the upcoming road project of Zellar Road, concern of excessive water drainage is being looked into. Supervisor St. Amour will be meeting with MCRC Managing Director Hulka and Engineer Paul Bowman in the next few weeks. Supervisor St. Amour will bring forth information/ideas gained from this meeting at the next work session.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Flood Ordinance – Attorney Even explained that new mandatory program requirements to participate in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) require adoption of a Floodplain Management Ordinance along with resolutions to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and manage floodplain development. He has prepared such documents for adoption.
2. Street Light Request – Rich Houtteman would like the board to consider placing a street light near the Whitehall High school. Several board members stated that the lights are all on the north side of the road and would be in a different jurisdiction. Supervisor St. Amour will inform Mr. Houtteman of this information and refer him to the Superintendent for his request.
3. Riley Thompson Road Project – Supervisor St. Amour received the contract which Attorney Even reviewed for the proposed 2015-16 Riley Thompson Road Project totaling \$212,970.00. The Road Commission will be participating in a 60/40 split for which Fruitland Township will be responsible for \$127,782.00 of the total cost. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FOIA Update – Clerk Rillema and Attorney Even shared the required amendments to FOIA which needs to be implemented by July 1, 2015. A copy of the Procedures and Guidelines Summary, Sample On-line Request Form, Explanation of Fees, and Itemization of Fees Form was shared with the board to review before Monday's regular meeting. A motion will be prepared to accept the amendments and implementation of such.
2. Chef Container – Supervisor St. Amour stated that an invoice was received from Chef Container, LLC in the amount of \$150.00 for securing a permit for hauling sanitation on April 6, 2015 during the weight limit restrictions. Supervisor St. Amour will call MCRC to inquire if a fee was invoiced.
3. Metro Act Agreement – 5 year review – Attorney Even reviewed the agreement with Merit Network for the Metro Act Permit and sees no changes necessary. A review of the agreement will occur again in 2020.
4. White Lake Ambulance Authority – *Attorney Even*

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Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to consider confidential legal advice in written opinion subject to attorney-client privilege at 11:20 AM.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 12:05 PM.

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

5. Board Comments – Trustee Deur shared route maps for the Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) that provides public transportation services throughout Muskegon County. New routes in Montague, Holton, Ravenna and the White Lake area started in 2014. A possible new stop on the Montague Route may be at Michigan’s Adventure. Research on a safety site for pickup/dropoff is being looked at now. Trustee Deur also shared the information received at the Muskegon County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association meeting regarding Smart911. Muskegon Central Dispatch is participating in this program which allows citizens to create a safety profile for their households that can include information they want 9-1-1 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Supervisor St. Amour will include this safety information in an upcoming enews. Clerk Rillema stated that the notice for cemetery spring cleanup was advertised in the White Lake Beacon on April 5, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, April 13, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:09 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland