

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 9, 2012  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Binns, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Bole, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

**ALSO PRESENT** – One (1) interested party.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, April 9 2012 Work Session to order at 10:00 AM.

**AGENDA** – Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 9, 2012 Work Session Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. Bill Trainor, 6305 Sheltering Way – Stated that he will be sending a response to the Letter to the Editor responding to the ad placed in the White Lake Beacon by DLROA.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor St. Amour announced that SPLKA has officially taken over the running of the White River Light Station and is preparing for a May opening. A Columbia College film student will be filming at the White River Light Station at the end of May under the supervision of SPLKA. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Muskegon Conservation District will be held on April 19, 2012 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he is writing letters to instruct the property owners of a cleanup deadline of June 1, 2012.
2. Marcus Park Lawsuit – Attorney Even asked to go into closed session.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 10:12 AM.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bole, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 10:25 AM.

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

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3. Civil Infractions – Attorney Even prepared a municipal civil infraction fine schedule which he will review with Building Official Siegel and Zoning Administrator Sandel. The proposed schedule will be discussed at the May work session.
4. Life Ring Options – Supervisor St. Amour was tasked to solicit quotes for a system comparable to the White River Township alarm system on the north side of the pier for the life rings on the south side of the pier.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Attorney's presence at work session – Trustee Bard suggested that items on the agenda requiring assistance from the Attorney be moved toward the beginning of the meeting to allow Attorney Even to be dismissed to save costs. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would keep in mind when preparing the agenda for the May work session.
2. Free Dump Day – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he received notification from Muskegon County that the Muskegon County Public Works has once again authorized a waiver of tipping fees for one Saturday in April or May 2012. Discussion amongst the Board was to continue with the \$5.00 discount dump day(s) and not take advantage of the one free day. Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a motion for the Monday Regular meeting.
3. 125 Plan – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan needs to be established to recognize our health insurance coverage/fringe benefit. A couple of grammatical/date errors will be corrected and a motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting for adoption.
4. MLCC Bulletin 2012-05 – Supervisor St. Amour received notification from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission that as of April 1, 2012, the commission will be requiring the applicant to directly submit requests for local approvals to the local unit of government. The Commission will not review or consider an application until the application is “complete” which includes approval from the local government.
5. Township Involvement in Oil Drilling – Supervisor St. Amour received an email from resident James Pitney inquiring if the township has any control over practices of oil drilling companies performing work in our township. Supervisor St. Amour responded to his email that it is state regulated and that the township has little control.
6. Demolition Permit Charge – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Building Official Siegel will be reviewing the demolition permit charge along with all building fees.
7. Board Comments – Trustee Deur stated that the caution tape has been removed at the McMillan Road End stairway. Trustee Deur also stated that the Planning Commission will be discussing the possibility of extending the Medical Marijuana Moratorium another six months to a year. Trustee Deur also stated that he would like the board to review the health insurance fringe calculation method as it rose 29% in the last two years. Supervisor St. Amour does not favor recalculating the method as we are already saving the township by

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allowing the fringe versus taking the insurance. Clerk Rillema stated that the health insurance fringe paid today is still lower now than when she was elected four years ago.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the April 9, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:25 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland