

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 14, 2012  
MINUTES**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, May 14, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Trustee Binns, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 14, 2012 Work Session Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION:** Supervisor St. Amour announced that the Blueberry Festival was once again occurring under the leadership of the Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church. Information on purchasing a paver brick to honor Fred Meijer will be available on e-news. The tri-township tire grant will be June 9, 2012 at Mullally Park in Laketon Township if anyone would like to volunteer to work to please contact Supervisor St. Amour. The Nestrom Park tennis courts resurfacing will be completed sometime this week. McMillan Road End stairway project is to be completed this week. Many culverts along the Lakewood Road corridor are being replaced prior to the paving project by MCRC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance Enforcement –Supervisor St. Amour highlighted the many ordinance infractions occurring in the township. Deputy Ashker has been contacted involving many of the properties.
- 1.5 Marcus Park Lawsuit - Attorney Even requested that the Board go into closed session.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 10:20 AM.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Bole **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Binns **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 10:35 AM.

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

2. Civil Infractions (Fee Schedule) – Attorney Even prepared a proposed schedule to be reviewed by both the Zoning Administrator and Building Official. The schedule will be reviewed at the June work session.
3. Life Ring Option – Supervisor St. Amour was tasked to solicit quotes for a life ring alarm system at the Channel. He received two quotes ranging from approximate \$5000.00 - \$12,000.00. Currently our maintenance supervisor is checking the life ring status 2-3 days per week. In prior years, it was the responsibility of the curator. Attorney Even stated that we are at risk by not checking everyday. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Health Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour stated that our health insurance coverage with NIPPON will be terminated at the end of the month due to only having one participant. It was suggested by our agent that we write a letter of extension. Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a letter of extension.
2. Township Hall Friday Office Hours – Supervisor St. Amour stated that hours would remain status quo unless requests from residents once the summer season arrives is requested. The hours for the township hall are Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM – Noon.
3. Planning Special Land Uses – Trustee Deur stated that two public hearings were held at the May Planning Commission Meeting. Both hearings were for blueberry farms. The Commission recommended by motion that the Township Board approves both Special Land Uses. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. 4206 Duck Lake Road – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the well at the Fire Station #2 was in need of repair. He called for a promise to vote for the repair done by Meyer Well Drilling. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to authorize payment in the amount of \$620.20. Supervisor St. Amour also received a request from the White Lake Fire Authority for crushed asphalt to fill several deep holes in the parking lot. The Board discussed and instructed Supervisor St. Amour to advise the WLFA to seek their own quotes for payment by them.
5. MCRC Road End Agreement – Supervisor St. Amour received the road end agreements for the township to place a portable restroom/garbage receptacle at Scenic Drive Road End and garbage receptacle at Nestrom Road End. The Board of Trustees instructed Supervisor St. Amour to sign both agreements.
6. Policies & Procedures/Employee Handbook – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the policies and procedures/employee handbook should be reviewed again. Any changes, additions or

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deletions should be forwarded to the Clerk. Review will occur at the June work session. Attorney Even will then be given a copy for his review.

7. Terrorism Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour received a letter from Western Insurance Company asking if we wanted terrorism coverage. The board felt no need at this time. Supervisor St. Amour will write a letter refusing terrorism insurance coverage at this time.
8. WRLS – Supervisor St. Amour received a request from SPLKA to place a fire ring at the WRLS. The Board of Trustees was not in favor of a fire ring at this time. Supervisor St. Amour and Clerk Rillema will be touring the WRLS with members of SPLKA.
9. Water Policy Board – Supervisor St. Amour stated that a resolution will need to be adopted accepting amendments to Appendix A of the Water Ordinance relating to the rates and charges for the water system. Clerk Rillema will prepare the Resolution for Monday's Regular meeting.
10. Waste Water Representation – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would like to have Building Official Siegel attend the Waste Water meetings as an alternate. A motion will be prepared appointing Building Official Siegel as alternate to the Muskegon County Waste Water Board.
11. Board Comments – Supervisor St. Amour stated that this Board of Trustees has faced many tough challenges over the past three years and encourages all to complete the paperwork to run again in the August Primary.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, May 14, 2012 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:25 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland