

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
JUNE 9, 2014
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Rissi, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Hampel (arrived at 10:30 AM)

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, June 9, 2014 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 Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 9, 2014 Work Session Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that 803 tires were collected from Fruitland Township residents at the tire day event. He thanked Trustee Hampel, Trustee Deur, and Treasurer Beegle and her husband for their volunteer time for the event. The litigation date scheduled with Mr. Kruse is scheduled for June 16th but will need to be moved because Deputy Ashker is off on medical leave. Supervisor St. Amour sent a letter to Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Ms. Josephson highlighting items addressed in a recent in-person meeting he had with her. Supervisor St. Amour informed the Board that he sent a response to Mr. McCabe's letter and had emailed all both the letter received and response. He also stated that he received an email of disappointing news that the Nonpoint Source Program did not award the 319 grant to the Duck Creek project. Funds were not available in the area as two other projects were awarded. The Land Conservancy of West Michigan would like to reapply should the board authorize. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to reapply for the 319 grant.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour updated the board on the following addresses:
 - 3980 McMillan Road - making slow progress on cleanup
 - 5992 Lorenson Road - eviction in process on renters
 - 5700 Michillinda Road - Building Official involved in collapsed structure
 - 1490 Duck Lake Road - received civil infraction and paid fine
 - 4565 Lorenson Road - Deputy Ashker visited and cleanup is compliant
 - 3839 Lakewood Road - Deputy Ashker going to write a civil infraction
 - 3775 White Lake Drive - Supervisor is monitoring vehicle in yard
 - 5110 Orshal Road - eviction in process on renters
 - 3323 Worden Road - received civil infraction and was date extended to pay fine
 - 6806 South Shore Drive - Building code infraction requiring follow-up

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2. State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs/McMillan Road End Stairs - Attorney Even has written correspondence to Mr. Somers of the State of Michigan LARA regarding the litany of items addressed in reference to McMillan Road End Stairs. Supervisor St. Amour has been in contact with Jeff Auch of Muskegon Conservation District regarding the infractions necessary to be corrected to complete the construction of the stairway. Building Official Siegel has had our maintenance staff post and block the stairway at both the top and bottom for unsafe use until the corrections are complete.
3. Wireless Tower - Attorney Even stated that a fully negotiated contract should be forthcoming for our approval at the Monday Regular meeting for placement of a tower on the Nestrom Road/Wabaningo Road property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. White Lake Community Library Representative - Supervisor St. Amour stated that Fruitland Township representative Ruth Duncan has resigned from the White Lake Community Library and they are seeking a new representative to present to the board for approval.
2. Policies & Procedures/Employee Manual Amendments - Clerk Rillema stated that the policies and procedures/employee manual will need to be amended to add the Snow Day policy to both documents. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting. The section of the policies and procedures dealing with alcohol will need to be looked at.

Trustee Hampel arrived at 10:30 AM.

3. Cemetery Ordinance - Supervisor St. Amour asked to create a Citizen's Advisory Committee to review the cemetery ordinance for better clarity of items allowed and placement of such.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Supervisor St. Amour to create a Citizen's Advisory Committee consisting of Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard and Trustee Rissi to review the language in the cemetery ordinance.

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

4. Verizon Metro Act Unilateral Form - Attorney Even reviewed the Verizon Metro Act Unilateral Form which the township reviews every five years. He stated that the agreement is okay to continue as written. Clerk Rillema will place in tickler file to review again in five years.
5. Board Comments - Trustee Hampel stated that she is forming a group to research trail development as a resident of the township and will be hosting a gathering at her home on June 20, 2014 at 7 pm for those interested in attending. Trustee Deur handed out information received from resident Nancy Johnson regarding incidences at McMillan Road End. Treasurer Beegle stated that she has collected all the 2014 Personal Property Tax. Treasurer Beegle stated that two parcels in the township are for sale in the tax sale through Muskegon County. A Lakewood lot and Nord Road parcel. The Lakewood lot is not contiguous with any current township owned property but the Nord Road is. The board tasked Supervisor St. Amour to investigate if the Nord Road was zoned R5 as this parcel would make a 5 acre contiguous parcel if purchased. A recommendation to either purchase

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or deny the Nord Road parcel will be made at the Monday Regular Meeting. Treasurer Beegle also shared with the board information from the White Lake Fire Authority Needs Assessment Committee regarding a potential millage for a new Fire House #1, improvements to Fire Station #2 new equipment and capital investment. The proposed millage would be for 1.65 mils for ten years. A home valued at \$200,000.00 would see an increase of approximately \$165.00 a year in additional taxes but could receive a savings of approximately \$200.00 if the ISO rating is lowered. Several questions were asked of her that will be relayed back to the committee. Chief Holman invited all member municipalities and elected officials to tour both stations at scheduled times between June 9 and June 11. Clerk Rillema stated that she was contacted by Peter Manting of Sable Points Light House Keepers Association regarding their inability to add long distance to the telephone at the WRLS. They would like to reimburse the township for the long distance expenses incurred on a quarterly basis. The board okayed the addition of long distance to telephone service and Clerk Rillema will invoice on a quarterly basis.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Rissi, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, June 9, 2014 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:00 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland