

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
JULY 11, 2016
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Cisneros

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT: (5) five interested parties and Attorney Even.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Rillema called the Monday, July 11, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, the July 11, 2016 Work Session Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that the MCRC will be providing the 2016 Brush Control Program again this year. Applications are available either at the township hall or at www.muskegoncountyroads.org. The deadline for the application to the MCRC is Friday, July 22, 2016. Post cards were mailed to residents that are in the areas sprayed. The tire event held in June was another successful collection of 2,865 tires. Of those collected, 359 were from Fruitland Township residents. Clerk Rillema received an email from Laketon Township Supervisor Arter requesting \$28.71 for reimbursement for pizza's purchased for the tire event volunteers. The board did not support as it was never okayed prior to the event. Clerk Rillema will contact Supervisor Arter and get a breakdown per person of what they owe individually. Trustee Deur received a complaint from Greg Boughton inquiring why the Sustainability Center closed early Saturday, July 2, 2016. Clerk Rillema explained that Attendant Sorenson closed due to the unavailability of vendor R&M to switch out full bins and closed approximately 20 minutes early. To let the public be aware of any future early closures, signage was printed and will be hung if needed. Clerk Rillema responded to both Trustee Deur and resident Boughton. An email from Drain Commissioner Moore was received stating that the petition for the Chaddock Drain District improvements was found to be unnecessary by the Board of Determination. No work will be performed at this time. Clerk Rillema contacted Betsy Grein regarding the request for a bench on the WRLS grounds in memory of Peggy Dilley. No bench will be placed, but a plaque will be hung in the Museum instead honoring Ms. Dilley for her dedication to the White River Light Station.

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Parks & Recreation Festival Request – Discussion of a potential Party at Nestrom Park held by the Parks & Recreation Commission for 2017 was discussed further. The board of trustees is uneasy about the non-presale of tickets to the event to collect funds upfront should inclement weather occur and inquired if a smaller event could take place.

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for open floor comments from Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mark Williamson at 10:12AM.

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

Commissioner Williamson felt the event was already considered a small event and was hoping to offer this event free to participants. He is willing to continue researching and provide the board with an update at the August work session. The board encouraged the pre-selling of tickets to ensure a revenue stream and would like consideration of a less is more concept.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from open floor comments at 10:18 AM.

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

2. Nestrom Road Improvements – Treasurer Beegle stated that no new information has been received for pricing of this potential project.
3. Land Conservancy – Trustee Deur shared the grant application and explained that we could hear as early as August if we were successful in obtaining such grant.
4. Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Request – Trustee Hampel had no new information to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Regulatory Ordinance Update – Clerk Rillema stated that Ordinance Enforcer John Holtz prepared a listing of June ordinance violations received and whether they were opened or closed.
2. L-4029 Request for Signature – Clerk Rillema explained that due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence she would like to request that Trustee Deur sign the L-4029 tax 2016 Tax Rate Request. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
3. 1st Quarter Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the preliminary 1st quarter budget amendments. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
4. Community Building – gutters – Clerk Rillema stated that the White Lake Area Group contacted her regarding the clean out of the gutters at the Community Building. Clerk Rillema will speak with Maintenance employee Mark Bletsch to see if he is able to perform or need to be hired out.
5. Board Comments – Trustee Bard received an inquiry from a resident about how voting precincts are decided for number of voters. Clerk Rillema will provide Trustee Bard with

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that information via email. Trustee Deur stated that no Planning Commission meeting was held. He also inquired about the tolling agreement with Lakeside Inn and if we had heard from their attorney about them filing for the Special Land Use. Attorney Even forwarded the language to LSI's attorney but has heard nothing. Treasurer Beegle reported that the summer tax bills were mailed. Trustee Hampel encouraged all in attendance to vote August 2, 2016. Clerk Rillema questioned Attorney Even on the status of the White Lake Ambulance Authority settlement letter sent several months ago which he stated he has heard nothing. She also asked about the Northside Water Policy Board litigation against Muskegon Charter Township in which he stated that Judge Mullally had not filed his findings yet.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the July 11, 2016 work session at 10:40 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland