

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
JULY 14, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Even and (2) two interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, July 14, 2014 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA: Supervisor St. Amour requested to amend the agenda by adding Old Business #1 - LSI.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended July 14, 2014 Work Session Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- 1) Curator Leslie Griswold of the White River Light Station shared information which SPLKA would like to initiate to have the WRLS become listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Pros of becoming listed are better opportunities for grant funding, free marketing and protects the WRLS for future generations. Paperwork is the only con at this point. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to support SPLKA in submitting the nomination for the WRLS to become listed in the National Register of Historic Places on our behalf.

- 2) Building Official Jeff Ream of Muskegon Charter Township explained the reasoning of Muskegon Charter Township developing an inspector service for Muskegon County. Fruitland Township has partnered for inspector services for both Electrical and Mechanical services through Muskegon Charter Township but will continue on with our Plumbing Inspector Lennard DeHof at a re-negotiated inspector rate of \$40.00 per inspection versus 90% of a permit. Attorney Even is drafting that contract for signature. Usage of our BS&A.net software will be utilized for scheduling inspector services for all inspectors. Rod Siegel will remain as our Building Official/Inspector and Jeff Ream will be available for assistance if needed. Building Official Ream was asked to inspect the McMillan Road End stairway project as a neutral inspector. He issued a temporarily open permit on July 4, 2014 until all final paperwork has been submitted to the State of Michigan for final approval of all repairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor St. Amour stated that the flag at the WRLS has been replaced by Brandon Bolde. Deputy Ashker is returning back to work from medical leave later this week. Assessor Bowen has updated 299 of the 500 parcels suggested as a yearly goal. Supervisor St. Amour is trying to put together another public forum for candidates running in the August Primary. Supervisor St. Amour shared a map showing the township owned parcel which the cell tower will be placed on Nestrom/Wabaningo Roads.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. LSI - Supervisor St. Amour shared pictures of outdoor service on the patio occurring the week of July 7th. The Zoning Board of Appeals denied their request

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Policies & Procedures - Attorney Even prepared a policy for the use of the township hall to use as a working draft. The public use of township facilities (5.6 (e) Alcoholic Beverages needs to be amended in the policies and procedures in regards to the recent change in the Nestrom Road Park and McMillan Road End ordinances. All board members were tasked to gather their thoughts and ideas and give to the Clerk to forward to Attorney Even.
2. Cemetery Ordinance CAC - The Committee of Trustees Bard/Hampel/Rissi toured Montague, Hubbard and Fruitland Township Cemeteries for comparison. Enforcement of the cemetery ordinance appears to be the culprit. Amending the ordinance to not allow solar or other powered lights, markers, candles and oil lamps is suggested by the committee members. Clerk Rillema will work with Cemetery Coordinator Dion to incorporate such language for discussion.
3. Computerized Tax Roll - Treasurer Beegle stated that every three years a resolution needs to be adopted allowing for the use of a computerized tax roll. A resolution will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Nestrom Road End - Supervisor St. Amour was provided an email from Tom Hamilton in regards to legislative amendments regarding obstructions for ingress and egress from an inland lake or stream at road ends. Attorney Even prepared a memo to the Board of Trustees addressing this legislative change and that the current practice of placing bollards for health, safety and welfare reasons allow for unimpeded ingress to and egress from White Lake and suggests no changes are necessary.
5. 1st Quarter 2014-15 Budget Amendments - Clerk Rillema will prepare the listing of budget amendments for the 1st quarter 2014-15 Fiscal Year for approval at the Monday Regular meeting.
6. Tree Trimming at WRLS/Community Building - Supervisor St. Amour received one quote for tree trimming at the WRLS and Community Building from Arbor Care Enterprises. Stafford Trees was requested to quote but never received by the Supervisor. A motion will be prepared for \$2,070.00 for removal/pruning/and cabling of trees at the WRLS and \$1,440.00 for removal/pruning/cabling of trees at the Community Building for the Monday Regular meeting.
7. Zoning Maps for Adoption - Clerk Rillema said Zoning Administrator Sandel worked with Muskegon County GIS Administrator VanBruggen to prepare the updated Zoning District Map of Fruitland Township. There have been several zone change requests that have been adopted. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to authorize the Clerk to sign and place on file with the Township a Zoning Map dated July 21, 2014.

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8. Planning Commission Recommendations - Trustee Deur stated that a public hearing was held at the July 2, 2014 Planning Commission meeting to discuss amendments to Article III General Provisions, Section 3.23 Non-Conforming Buildings, Structures and Uses and Article XX Administration and Enforcement, Section 20.09 Remedies and Enforcement. The Planning Commission recommends the Township Board to adopt such amendments. Attorney Even reviewed the Wireless Communication Equipment and Wireless Communications Support Structures Ordinance is sending to the Planning Commission for its review of his recommendations.
9. Complete Streets - Supervisor St. Amour met with Ms. Cloutier of the Disability Connection to discuss the *Complete Streets* initiative. Fruitland Township is probably not likely to join but supports the idea as it does not own any of its roads.
10. Right of Way Encroachment - Attorney Even spoke about legislative changes in respect to a race to the court for anyone to allege encroachment of township land including road ends. He will keep the board abreast of changes going forward.
11. Board Comments - Trustee Hampel inquired about the chip sealing on Duck Lake Road and stated that the Friends of Fruitland Township Multi-use Trail consists of about 10 interested parties at this time. Attorney Even clarified a comment that Jeff Ream stated about Rod Siegel treating McMillan Road End as a Residential and not Commercial project. That direction came from the State of Michigan to treat as a Residential site project. Trustee Deur is concerned about the road end encroachment changes. Trustee Rissi thanked Supervisor St. Amour for including the Duck Creek Watershed Duck Creek census in a recent enews. Clerk Rillema stated that an adjustment will be deducted to our next invoice in the amount of \$3,055.95 for the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office for our PINS contract due to actual expense reconciliation for year ended March 31, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, July 14, 2014 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:50 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland