

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
JULY 8, 2013  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Beegle

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, July 8, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

**AGENDA:** Supervisor St. Amour asked to amend the agenda by the addition of a moment of silence before Public Comment and move Old Business #2 - White Lake Ambulance Authority Update to New Business #1.5.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Clerk Rillema, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended July 8, 2013 Work Session Agenda.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Supervisor St. Amour asked for a moment of silence to keep our Plumbing Inspector, Lennard Dehoff, in our thoughts as he was involved in a motorcycle accident and is hospitalized at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.

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

**SPECIAL GUEST** - Frank Hollister and Tom Grein of the Disability Connection were in attendance to speak about Complete Streets which is a National Program. They both spoke of the importance of upgrading streets/roads while keeping in consideration persons with disabilities, walkers, bikers and stroller pushers for access when placing curbs and other street related materials. With the upcoming Murray Road Paving project, Mr. Hollister is in hopes that some consideration would be taken regarding some Complete Street methodology. Supervisor St. Amour encouraged both Mr. Hollister and Mr. Grein to either write/email or attend a MCRC meeting and relay this information regarding Complete Streets.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor St. Amour stated that a meeting will be held in late August with residents along the Murray Road corridor to inform them of the paving to start after Labor Day on Murray Road. A thank you goes out to Laura & Ed Shields (Wirtz Electric) for the electrical upgrade to our pavilion located at the Nestrom Road Park. Attorney Even spoke of the fireworks changes that were enacted and effective immediately. At this time, our noise ordinance would be our only source of regulation outside of the allowed hours on the day before, the day of and the day after a National Holiday. Attorney Even stated that recent proposed liquor license changes would allow for conditional liquor licenses to be issued at the state level and would not need township input. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the 7th Day Adventist Church Door-to-Door Missionary

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Work is occurring in our township the months of June/July/August. Supervisor St. Amour informed the group that all ordinances should be obeyed. Michillinda Beach Lodge demolition cleanup was to be completed by the 4th of July. Treasurer Beegle was not in attendance but will be asked to follow up and report to the Board at the Regular meeting. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the City of Muskegon raised the water rate 10% which will be swallowed by our customer, Michigan Adventure at a yearly increase of approximately \$30,000.00. The Chair of the Northside Water Policy Board (NWPB), John Warner, has been tasked to investigate this increase with the City of Muskegon and report back to the NWPB. Zoning Board of Appeals member, Sonny Gaertner, resigned for personal reasons. Alternate Judy Marcinkowski will be attending tonight's meeting. If anyone knows someone interested, please have them contact Supervisor St. Amour. Supervisor St. Amour stated that the SPLKA representation is all treated by an application/interview process. Fruitland Township will receive no preferential treatment for a representative on the board. A copy of the annual water quality report was handed to the board for their review. Supervisor St. Amour spoke with Engineer Paul Bowman of the MCRC regarding Lamos Road End. At this time, no action will be taken as Drain Commissioner Fisher is out of the office for personal health issues. A recent call to Zoning Administrator Sandel led to discussion on the Lamos Road End regarding the location of the lower drain runoff/fencing/easterly neighbor encroachment. No action was taken. Clerk Rillema passed around the White Lake Senior Center's June Director's Report and May board meeting minutes for review.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor St. Amour reported that continued efforts on ordinance enforcement continue on several properties.
2. White Lake Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation -  

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to accept the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the White Lake Fire Authority adopted by the White Lake Fire Authority Board on May 9, 2013.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSENT**
3. Community Building Rental - Attorney Even prepared a draft for a license agreement with the White Lake Group of Alcoholics (WLGAA) for use of the Community Building. The board discussed the draft agreement and made some additions/changes which Attorney Even will incorporate into the language. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to adopt the agreement with changes.
4. Road End Agreements - Attorney Even updated the draft agreement with the changes proposed by the White Lake Association to place a donation box at the Scenic Drive Road End and gain a partnership of maintaining the dock for repairs. The board discussed the agreement and tasked Supervisor St. Amour to send to the White Lake Association for consideration.
5. Caller ID/Caller Recording - Trustee Rissi reported that she spoke with Comcast about adding the 911 and alarm monitoring lines to their quote of \$334.45 per month. An

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additional \$50.00 would be added which is an approximate \$15.00 savings per month versus current services from Frontier. Caller recording is not available from Comcast, but could be added by purchasing a recorder at a cost of \$20-\$50 from another source. Supervisor St. Amour stated that Frontier had previously quoted \$9.99 per line for the addition of caller ID. At this time, the savings is minimal to change service from Frontier to Comcast. Supervisor St. Amour will report his findings for a final quote from Frontier adding the caller ID to three lines.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Marker Placement - Pitz Family - Clerk Rillema stated that Superior Monument was contacted by the family for a marker by the Pitz Family. They did so without reviewing our ordinance. The placement of such marker is in Block 3 which does not allow above ground markers. Supervisor St. Amour allowed the marker to be temporarily placed for a memorial of Justin Pitz's passing one year ago on June 29th. The board discussed and tasked Clerk Rillema to investigate any reasoning why Block 3 had this restriction and the board voted the following:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to allow the placement of the marker for the Pitz Family in Block 3, Lot 77, gravesite 08.  
*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried***

- 1.5 White Lake Ambulance Authority -

Motion by Trustee Hampel, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session at 11:25 AM upon advice of Attorney Even.  
*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSENT***

### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at NOON.  
*Roll Call Vote: Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSENT***

Motion by Supervisor St. Amour, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve having Attorney Even file the lawsuit against the White Lake Ambulance Authority Director, Board Members and Member Municipalities.  
*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Rissi **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **ABSENT***

Supervisor St. Amour stated that the WLAA board took action to request Fruitland Township to replace him as our representative. The vote was 5-1-1 (Fruitland NAY, White

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River Twp - ABSENT). The board would like Supervisor St. Amour to remain as its representative.

2. Board Comments - Clerk Rillema stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals is meeting tonight at 6 PM to hear several hearings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the Monday, July 8, 2013 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:07 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland