

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 10, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even and (4) four interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, August 10, 2015 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 to move New Business #1 and Old Business #1 before announcements to accommodate Mr. Zoellmer and Mr. Bouman.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended August 10, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

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

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

1) Citizen's Advisory Committee for Quality of Life Millage –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to suspend open floor comments to allow audience member Rob Zoellmer and Lynn Knopf to speak.

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

Trustee Rissi stated that the committee met prior to the township hall meeting to understand the request of the County and begin the initial improvement list. Two of the committee members Rob Zoellmer and Lynn Knopf explained several items on the proposed list and handed out information on campground financials for Pioneer Park. The improvement items presented were 1) multi-use trail system that connects to Berry Junction Trail System and county-wide system, 2) improvements at township parks, developing Nestrom Road Park trails and beach area with a focus on enhancing accessibility for the disabled, 3) dredging of the east end of Duck Lake, 4) campground, possible disc golf course, and implementation of multi-use trail system at Duck Lake Road Park (behind fire barn), 5) strategy and implementation of cultural activities, festivals, events for year-round use at parks, including winter sports activities, that can be developed within our township, and 6) Howmet Playhouse renovations. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he will prepare a letter to the County Administrator with our proposed improvement items for Fruitland Township for their consideration on the Quality of Life Millage discussion.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to close open floor comments at 10:20 AM.

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

2) Zellar Road Quote - Paul Bouman, MCRC Engineer explained the drainage issues that need to be addressed before the 2016 Zellar Road resurfacing project can be completed. He explained that several driveway culverts have either failed or were installed at the wrong elevation to allow

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drainage. The ditches are overgrown or blocked along Zellar and Michillinda Roads. The drainage project was quoted at approximately \$120,000.00 but in further discussion with Mr. Bouman, the board asked him to review and re-submit pricing to better understand so funding can be discussed to continue with this project to spend township funds and/or a potential Special Assessment District.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor St. Amour received the July PINS stats for all to review. He received a request from Bob Lukens, Muskegon County Community Development Director to insert a link on our website informing our residents/parcel owners of the Countywide Accommodations Tax Ordinance for Muskegon County. Trustee Deur was tasked to review and report back to the board. Supervisor St. Amour received an email request to closed Orshal Road at the hill between Michillinda and Riley Thompson Roads to hold an event for a wheeled course for the USA Luge Organization between September 19 and 20, 2015. Attorney Even did not support this event. Supervisor St. Amour will inform them regarding our disallowance. Supervisor St. Amour met with Curator Varnum of the WRLS to discuss the water seepage in to the basement during heavy rains. He received two quotes to install sump pumps and piping (Scheid Plumbing, Heating & Cooling - \$2,934.00 and Lascko Plumbing & Heating - \$8,021.00). A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting. Supervisor St. Amour stated that Eric VanDop of Brickley DeLong will be at the Regular meeting to present our 2014-15 Fiscal Year Audit.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zellar Road Quote – Discussed above.
2. Lamos Road and Dock Road – Attorney Even stated that after comprehensive review, the Dock Road parcel is not owned by Fruitland Township and Assessor Bowen has been instructed to change that parcel to be absorbed by the subdivision in that area as common ground. Supervisor St. Amour will notify the White Lake Fire Authority that we have no interest in the Dock Road parcel. As for Lamos Road End, Attorney Even received some additional information prior to the meeting which he will review and inform the board at a later date of its ownership.
3. Partridge Drain, Mason Drain and Saxe Drain – Supervisor St. Amour and Attorney Even attended the Day of Review for Map Adjustments and Apportionments for the Mason and Partridge Drain. Attorney Even will be filing with the Muskegon County Circuit Court our challenge on how the % figures for the County and Township were arrived at and what the original % figures were initially when the drain districts were developed.
4. Chef Container/SWS – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Chef Container is willing to continue service on the recycling. SWS which is now in the process of selling to Muskegon Rag & Metal has taken over the compactor and 40 yard bins at a \$10.00 per bin pull increase. Attorney Even suggested that new contracts with both companies be put into place. Supervisor St. Amour will work with Attorney Even to complete.
5. Second Brining – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he has contacted the property owner of Simonelli Road regarding payment of \$500.00 to do a second brine but no response has been received. As for a township wide second brining, Supervisor St. Amour stated that at this time, the roads are in good shape and we have had enough rain to minimize the dust control but due to the early brining compared to years past, he may ask for a motion to perform a second brining if needed.

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6. Illegal Subdivision Split – Attorney Even stated that after review of the documents, the township is not involved and is a civil case between the owners and sellers. Attorney Even will draft a letter to be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Topping regarding our non-involvement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. CAC Quality of Life – Discussed above.
2. Pro Med Contract – Attorney Even stated that the Pro Med Contract should be re-adopted due to clerical corrections and amendments to paragraph 20 regarding conveyance of real property. A motion will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting.
3. Skype – Trustee Rissi expressed interest in allowing skyping for meetings. She will be out of state in the winter and would like to partake in the work sessions. Discussion amongst the Board was to not allow skyping. Attorney Even stated that the township should either have a policy to allow or not allow. He will develop a policy to not allow skyping. It will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.
4. Hazardous Mitigation Plan – Clerk Rillema shared the 500+ page Hazard Mitigation Plan for Muskegon County and explained the Resolution to adopt the plan which has yet to be adopted by FEMA but is expected by September 2015. A motion to adopt the Resolution will be presented at the Monday Regular meeting. The Clerk has the document for review in her office.
5. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema asked Attorney Even if any figures were yet available on the audits of the White Lake Ambulance Authority. Attorney Even stated no but he had been in contact with them recently. Trustee Bard stated that she has receive favorable comments from the public on the letter sent and received explaining our change of ambulance service to Pro Med. Trustee Hampel, Trustee Rissi and Trustee Deur all attended the Anderson Woods Nature Preserve dedication and were pleased with the site. Trustee Hampel commented that she did not notice a trash receptacle or portable restroom. Supervisor St. Amour will contact the West Michigan Land Conservancy regarding future placement of either. Clerk Rillema stated that Verizon Wireless has released the funds and named the contractor – Newkirk Electric for the tower to be constructed just north of the township hall. Work is to commence within the month. She also stated that a November 3, 2015 Election will be held for a millage request of the Northside Library. Precinct 2 should be involved only.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Monday, August 10, 2015 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