

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 8, 2016
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Cisneros, Deputy Supervisor Shaw (non-voting)

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour, Attorney Even

ALSO PRESENT: (5) five interested parties.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **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, August 8, 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 Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to amend the August 8, 2016 Work Session Agenda by adding New Business #5.5 – Muskegon County Recreational Partnership.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Lynn Knopf, Parks & Recreation Chairman – Stated that there is match grant monies available through the Muskegon Community Foundation for the proposed tennis court replacement at Nestrom Park and inquired if the board would like her to go for the maximum of \$10,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that the 2015-16 Financial Statements from the audit were placed in the trustee's mailboxes for review and that Eric Van Dop of Brickley DeLong will present the audit findings at the regular Monday meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parks & Recreation Festival Request –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for open floor comments from Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mark Williamson at 10:07 AM.

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

Commissioner Williamson stated that he spoke to a 3rd party who stated that the revenue volume was not enough for them to get involved. Commissioner Williamson stated that he would still like to offer the event free to the public. North Muskegon Clerk Jeske was in the

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audience and was asked if their event sold tickets – she answered yes and stated that the proceeds were minimal but revenue did cover expenses.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from open floor comments at 10:10 AM.

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

Clerk Rillema restated that she is uncomfortable with not selling tickets in case of inclement weather that day which would help offset expenses incurred that are un-refundable. Trustee Bard does not favor this event. Trustee Hampel stated that she had conversation with the Fruitland Evangelical Covenant church regarding the possibility of combining efforts with the blueberry pancake breakfast and an event at Nestrom Park. A pre-planning meeting of next year's breakfast will be occurring in September. Treasurer Beegle stated that she was uncomfortable with not pre-selling tickets. Trustee Cisneros agreed with the unsurity of weather and not receiving pre-revenue was too big of a risk to take. Trustee Deur inquired if the Parks & Recreation would be willing to attend the Fruitland Evangelical Covenant church meeting – Commissioner Williamson & Chairman Knopf both said yes.

2. Nestrom Road Improvements – Treasurer Beegle had no new information to report at this time.
3. Land Conservancy – Trustee Deur had no new information to report at this time.
4. Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Request – Trustee Hampel stated that since the July regular meeting, that conversation has occurred and it appears that there is a second owner on the Blank road property that will need to be included in the proposed property donation conversation. At this time, things are on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Regulatory Ordinance Update –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for open floor comments from Ordinance Enforcer Holtz at 10:22 AM.

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

Ordinance Enforcer Holtz shared his last 90 days of ordinance enforcement and explained that he has contacted all property owners/renters on the list but one who recently died. He explained the process he takes once a complaint is received and forwarded to him by Fruitland Township office staff. The board was pleased with Enforcer Holtz's progress and successful outcomes.

2. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema stated that the auction of the property at 4790 Bard Road was to occur on July 22, 2016 did not happen due to M&W, Inc. not posting the Notice of Adjourned/Revised Sale of Real Estate by Seizure Order in at least two - three conspicuous places in the township. New paperwork has been filed; postings have occurred and the auction has been rescheduled for September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Muskegon County Court House – east side. The board would like to continue with the process of the auction

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with our demolition/property clean up lien attached versus proceeding with the building demolition and property cleanup on or own.

3. Inlet Place – Deputy Supervisor Shaw explained that he received a phone call from Frank Hollister of 6195 Murray Road regarding the failure of cement on the access known as Inlet Place which holds a drain for drainage of surface water. Office staff helped locate an agreement between Fruitland Township and Mr. Hollister regarding the Inlet Place which holds the township liable for maintain the Inlet Place & drain. Deputy Supervisor Shaw has requested three quotes for repair of the cement which has failed and has cracked extensively. He hopes to have the quotes for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. SPKA Tree Removal – Clerk Rillema received a proposal from Sable Point Keepers Association regarding a \$1500.00 donation to remove 13 dead trees on the WRLS property from Brad Johnson of Twin Lake. The board appreciates this donation and authorized Clerk Rillema to contact SPKA to okay the removal of those trees.
5. WMSRCD letter of support – Trustee Hampel was forwarded an email from Amy Haack of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission requesting a letter of support for their application to the National Park Service for the National Recreational Trail designation of the Lake Michigan Water Trail. Treasurer Beegle & Clerk Rillema provided the board with a copy of Resolution 2015-21 which supported the promotion and continued development of the Lake Michigan Trail Network from last September. Deputy Supervisor Shaw will write a short letter of support and include a copy of the Resolution on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
6. Muskegon County Recreational Partnership – Trustee Deur stated that the first organization meeting of the MCRP was held on August 3rd. Twenty two of twenty seven municipalities are in support of this partnership organization which supports trail system development. A grant known as TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) could be sought which is due by March 2017. Conversation among the group of setting up a 501(c)3 and/or acting under Act 321 was discussed but it is unclear at this time how the organization will proceed.
7. Board Comments – Treasurer Beegle stated that Sgt. Dan Stout gave a presentation regarding safety and active shooter situations to her Treasurer’s group last month. The board okayed Treasurer Beegle to contact Sgt. Stout to schedule a time to present this presentation to our staff and board members sometime in the future. Clerk Rillema stated that the Muskegon County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association’s quarterly meeting will be held here at Fruitland Township on Monday, August 29th at 7pm. All trustees are encouraged to attend. Deputy Supervisor Shaw stated that he serves on the Solid Waste Authority. An RFP was accepted to perform a solid waste study for the County of Muskegon. He may be requested to furnish tonnages for both recycle and garbage to this study. Clerk Rillema stated both are available on our invoices. Trustee Deur recommended appointing another member to fulfill the absence of Supervisor St. Amour on the Northside Water Policy Board as an alternate. Trustee Deur also recommended having an additional backup person for the Sustainability Center should maintenance employee Mark Bletsch not be available to work. Treasurer Beegle will train someone.

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Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 8, 2016 work session at 10:40 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland