

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

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

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **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, September 12, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:04 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, the September 12, 2016 Work Session Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Sidney Shaw, 3550 Jones Road – Thanked the board for allowing him to serve as Deputy Supervisor for a short time and if anyone had questions on the information he may have sought to contact him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that she attended the Muskegon County Sustainability Committee meeting in which the firm of Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. was in attendance to gain information regarding each municipality's household waste/recycling programs. They had toured our sustainability center on the 30th of August. They were awarded the bid to do the feasibility study for Muskegon County. They have requested information regarding tonnage for the past seven years in which the Clerk will be working on and results from their study are not expected until late spring 2017. Clerk Rillema also received an email from Barbara Nelson-Jameson of the National Park Service to set up a telephone interview regarding the Duck Creek Natural Area Planning project. Trustee Hampel, Trustee Deur and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Zoellmer are available for Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 PM. Clerk Rillema will get the teleconference call scheduled. Clerk Rillema also stated that she will be tasking maintenance staff to obtain some fill sand/gravel to put around the newly paved entrance at Nestrom Road of the Township hall parking lot to avoid any damage during the winter snow plowing because of the grade differential between the asphalt and ground.

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Parks & Recreation Festival Request – Trustee Hampel reported that she had not heard about the date for the 2017 planning meeting for the Blueberry Festival but will contact Parks & Recreation Commissioner Williamson when the date is scheduled.
2. 4790 Bard Road – Clerk Rillema stated that the auction for this property will take place this Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM on the steps of the Muskegon County Court.
3. Muskegon County Wastewater System Update – Attorney Even stated that no action was necessary by Fruitland Township until a formal request from Dalton Township to connect to the county wastewater system for Michigan’s Adventure was received.
4. Nestrom Road Improvement – Treasurer Beegle received a preliminary quote for the proposed special assessment request for Nestrom Road improvements south of McMillan Road in the amount of \$173,756.00 in which the MCRC is willing to contribute 20%. Discussion amongst the board will direct Treasurer Beegle to set up a Citizen’s Advisory Committee to start the process of a special assessment for a potential 2017 project in which Fruitland Township will not participate monetarily. A motion will be prepared for the regular meeting on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Policy System Board –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session for pending litigation discussions at 10:19 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT**

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session discussions at 10:35 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT**

Action items from closed session.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Hampel, **ADOPTED**, to replace Supervisor St. Amour as the Regular member and appoint Trustee Jan Deur as the Regular member and appoint Treasurer Melissa Beegle as the Alternate on the Water System Policy Board.

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

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to authorize Attorney Jim Rose to file an appeal on behalf of Fruitland Township for the

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pending litigation involving Fruitland, Dalton & Laketon Townships versus Muskegon Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Deur **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor St. Amour **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

2. Sustainability Center – Clerk Rillema shared the comments raised by Trustee Cisneros after his experience of working with attendant Sorenson last month at the sustainability center. Since then, gloves were purchased, water was found to be in working order and refrigeration for his lunch has been solved. Treasurer Beegle spoke with Greg Leverage of the Muskegon County Solid Waste facility regarding disposal of dead animals. They have an area designated for such disposal. Fruitland Township will not accept them at our center and will advise them to go to the Muskegon County Solid Waste site. Additional items of discussion were how to make the window in the office visible and heating of the office for colder weather. Clerk Rillema will investigate if the township ever purchased a propane heater for the site as questioned by Trustee Bard.
3. Board Comments – Trustee Deur attended the Muskegon County Recreational Committee meeting on September 7th. They plan to apply for the TIGER grant which is due by March 2017 and is awarded in July. Several school districts attended with participation interest. In a quick review of Act 321, it appears that a vote of the electors would have to be sought to form an authority of such magnitude. On another note, Muskegon County Grants Coordinator Connie Maxim-Sparrow resigned from the County but may be contracted to follow the process. Trustee Deur will keep the board abreast of upcoming information. Treasurer Beegle stated that the due date for summer tax collection without penalty is Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Her office will be open until 5 PM. She also stated that the final personal property tax collection was paid.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 12, 2016 work session at 11:04 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland