

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 12, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Bard, Trustee Binns, Trustee Bole, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Boyer, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 3:59 PM.

AGENDA: Accept or amend the Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Agenda. Supervisor St. Amour asked the board to amend the following on the agenda: under New Business add #7 White Lake Ambulance Authority Blood Pressure Check.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Binns, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 12, 2009 Work Session Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7AYES

SPECIAL GUEST – Citizen Advisory Dry Hydrant Committee – Members Trustee Binns, Charlie Deupree, and Jim Runyan presented to the Board their recommendations regarding possible sites for dry hydrants and water storage. They prepared a PowerPoint Presentation which showed areas in the township where response times for fire assistance was not reasonable. It was a recommendation by this committee to consider a dry hydrant at the Scenic Drive Road End and Marcus Park Township Property. Chief Don Hulbert was in attendance and was agreeable to work with the township to help secure funding for this expenditure. Supervisor St. Amour will work with Chief Hulbert on these hydrants.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Scenic Drive – Special Assessment Update - Supervisor St. Amour reported that the survey results are clearly not in favor for the assessment of the 3' paved shoulders. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting to stop the process.
2. Parks & Recreation (Authority Road Ends) – Supervisor St. Amour reported that no formal meeting has been scheduled to get details on road ends with the Muskegon County Road Commission regarding maintenance, etc.
3. Policies & Procedures (Sections 4.0 – 4.11) Clerk Rillema reported that any changes/additions should be given to her prior to the next work session. Trustee Deur commented that he had a few language changes and would forward those to Clerk Rillema.

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4. Nord Road – Trustee Bole reported that a meeting with the residents on Nord Road was scheduled for May 20, 2009. Attorney Eklund has prepared a petition for this meeting.
5. 1562 Duck Lake Road – Supervisor St. Amour reported that the house had been demolished but that the owners were asking for the garage to stand alone. Supervisor St. Amour stated that this violates our ordinances. He will prepare a motion for Monday’s Regular Meeting.
6. 5623 Murray Road – Supervisor St. Amour reported that at the April 20, 2009 Regular Meeting, a letter had been received by all board members and that Lee Gardner stopped by the hall with questions. Attorney Eklund will prepare responses to both individually.
7. 1990 Truck Status – Trustee Bard opened four envelopes received regarding the closed bids for the sale of the 1990 Ford Truck. The bid winner was Bill Eden in the amount of \$4050.00. Supervisor St. Amour will call Mr. Eden and arrange a time to complete the sale of the truck.
8. Maintenance / Ecology Station – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he is awaiting quotes on the updated signage for the Ecology Station. A motion will be prepared for Monday’s Regular Meeting to authorize the expenditure.
9. Cemetery – Clerk Rillema stated that she felt a cemetery sexton was going to be needed. After discussion amongst the board, Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a motion for Monday’s Regular Meeting to authorize the search for a sexton.
10. Fruitland Township Representation (Joint Planning Commission/West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) – Trustee Deur reported that Attorney Eklund was working on bylaw language changes for the Joint Planning Commission.
11. West Michigan Coast Riders – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he was still awaiting the insurance coverage for this event.
12. Simonelli-Dame-Nestrom-Simonelli Roads – Supervisor St. Amour would like this board to consider options for how to fund the repair of secondary roads.
13. 2745 Lorensen Road – Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a motion to continue with circuit court proceedings for Monday’s Regular Meeting.
14. McMillan Road End – Chairperson Nancy Johnson will be attending the Monday Regular Meeting and will report on the progress and status of McMillan Road End.

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15. Brine – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Muskegon County Road Commission will cover 50% of the cost of brining. The first three weeks of June are scheduled to start the brine process. Fruitland Township is 9th out of 16 on the list.
16. Wind Energy Ordinance – Trustee Deur reported that the new language in the WES ordinance has been approved and the township board should adopt this ordinance. Supervisor St. Amour stated that a motion will be prepared for Monday's Regular Meeting.
17. Plastic Shredder – Treasurer Boyer reported that MTA has classified ads for \$30.00 for 50 words or less. She will prepare a motion for Monday's Regular Meeting.
18. Township Liability Waiver – Will be reviewed with Policies and Procedure.
19. Marcus Park – Clerk Rillema reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
20. Prein & Newhof – Supervisor St. Amour asked that any comments from the Board regarding this sewer/water plan be given to him before it is finalized.
21. Passport Training Complete – Clerk Rillema reported that both Sally Garvey and Ericka DeCair have received their training and are certified to process passports.
22. Charter Communications – Attorney Eklund reported that Charter Communications does not owe any back money and it appears that franchise fees should not be interrupted.
23. PINS Contract – Clerk Rillema reported that the contract had been signed and sent with the additional language and first payment of the 2009-10 fiscal year budgeted item was paid.
24. Feral Cat Policy – Clerk Rillema reported that she had not received any information back from Ms. Missimer and felt this item could be removed from the agenda until further notice.
25. 3350 Bard Road – Supervisor St. Amour has been in contact with Ms. Pyle and she has stated that she will start the process to clean up the property. Supervisor St. Amour will keep the Board abreast of the progress.
26. Free Dump Day – Supervisor St. Amour reported that he is planning the stages with Allied Waste and asked for any additional volunteer help from the Board for Free Dump Day on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Post cards have been sent out.
27. Brickley DeLong Contract – Clerk Rillema reported that Brickley DeLong is willing to review our policies and procedures regarding our financial section and

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- will advise the Treasurer should any additional help be needed on the bank reconciliations.
28. Culvert/Ditches – Clearing – Supervisor St. Amour reported that many culverts/ditches in Fruitland Township have been failing due to the enormous amount of rain. He has been in contact with the Muskegon County Road Commission and they will be working in areas to clear ditches and will advise Supervisor St. Amour of any culverts to be replaced.
 29. Network Access - Supervisor St. Amour, Trustee Deur, Clerk Rillema and Attorney Eklund have been in contact with I.T. Right regarding the alleged personal misuse of township property by an elected official. Additional investigative steps are being taken and a report of the issue will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. State Shared Revenue – Treasurer Boyer reported that information received supports the need to do a budget amendment to lower our State Shared Revenue. The State of Michigan voted to lower state shared revenue to townships by 4.8%. A motion will be prepared for Monday's Regular Meeting to approve this budget amendment.
2. Community Building – Grants – Supervisor St. Amour reported that the 2008 grant needs to be closed before the 2009 grant will be accepted. All paperwork is in order and ready to be processed for the ramp grant.
3. White Lake Area Visitors Center Pamphlet – Supervisor St. Amour received information asking if this pamphlet could be available for our residents. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting.
4. Heritage Route Resolution – Supervisor St. Amour stated he received a letter encouraging municipalities to pass a resolution to endorse the Heritage Route which is the Old US 31. Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a resolution for approval at the Monday Regular Meeting.
5. Veterans Memorial Park Resolution – Supervisor St. Amour stated he received a letter encouraging municipalities to pass a resolution to support the 75th anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Park. Supervisor St. Amour will prepare a resolution for approval at the Monday Regular Meeting.
7. White Lake Ambulance Authority Blood Pressure – Trustee Bard reported that WLAA is interested in providing blood pressure checks at the township hall one day a month. Trustee Bard will work with them to designate a date/time for this program to begin and a motion will be prepared for Monday's Regular Meeting.

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6. Planning Commission – Trustee Deur reported that the Planning Commission has been very busy working on a number of items. At the Monday Regular Meeting, Trustee Deur will ask the Board to approve the following items:

Wind Energy Systems (WES) Ordinance
Ag Overlay – Norwick Property
McCormick LLC – proposed gas station
Hobby Sub, Pizza and Ice Cream Shop
Height Ordinance Language changes.

A public hearing was not held for the Ferrari Private Drive and continued research for the Duck Lake State Park Zoning is occurring.

Chairperson Kooistra spoke very highly of Mr. Joel McCormick as being an individual very nice to work with.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 6:50 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7AYES

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland