

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2009  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Eklund and Fourteen (14) interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, June 9, 2009 Work Session to order at 4:00 PM.

**AGENDA:** Supervisor St. Amour asked the Board to amend the following on the agenda: add Old Business #18 – WLFA Dry Hydrant, #19 Marcus Park, and add New Business #7 Parks & Recreation, #8 McCabe, #9 Copier Lease and #10 MTA Workshop.

Motion by Trustee Binns, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the amended June 9, 2009 Work Session Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7AYES**

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Carol Kooistra, Planning Commission Chairperson – Ms. Kooistra stated that the Fruitland Township Master Plan needs updating and is in hopes that the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission would be able to work closely on the project together. She would like to have a Board of Trustee Member linked with a Planning Commission Member to start reviewing the Master Plan. She has assigned the following persons: Supervisor St. Amour/Brian Lernowich, Karolyn Rillema/Willie Josephson, Debbie Boyer/Tom Thompson, Norma Binns/Steve Nagengast, Gary Bole/Sue Hertel, and Mary Ann Bard/Carol Kooistra. It is her hopes to have the Master Plan review complete by March of 2010. She asked the Board of Trustees verbally if they would be in agreement with this assignment and all were in favor.

Item # 8 New Business was moved to accommodate Ms. Kooistra, Planning Commission Chairperson.

8. McCabe – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the request to review the minimum square footage was received by Mr. McCabe and that he has referred it to the Attorney and the Planning Commission. All requests and conversation with Mr. McCabe will continue to be directed to Supervisor St. Amour only.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Policies & Procedures – Sections 4.0 – 4.12 – Supervisor St. Amour stated that this section will be reviewed by our auditor, Brickley DeLong and Attorney Eklund.
2. Nord Road – A meeting was held with the property owners and no information or conversations have been received from them. A motion will be presented to the board at Monday's Regular Meeting to not continue maintaining Nord Road per the law.

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3. 1562 Duck Lake Road – The house was demolished but the garage is standing. Attorney Eklund stated that condemnation stays with the property if it is sold. The Board needs further information to make the determination of whether or not the garage was part of the condemnation process. Supervisor St. Amour did state that the garage is in violation of our ordinances and a decision needs to be made on the process going forward.
4. 5623 Murray Road – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the court ordered mediation between parties. Supervisor St. Amour asked the board if they were agreeable to have the Gills intervene with the township in the court case with the Gardner's. All board members were in agreement.
5. Cemetery – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the sign at the Cemetery needs to be replaced. He has received a quote in the amount of \$110.00. A motion will be presented to the board at Monday's Regular Meeting to purchase a new sign. Supervisor St. Amour also asked the board if they would approve an ad to solicit bids for the Cemetery Sexton position. After discussion, Supervisor St. Amour will place an ad in the White Lake Beacon. Clerk Rillema also stated that she had received a call regarding proper placement of flags on veterans' graves at the cemetery. The flags are to be placed in flag holders. Clerk Rillema and Deputy Clerk Garvey will be doing a count on how many flag holders will need to be purchased to be in compliance.
6. Fruitland Township Representation (Joint Planning Commission/West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) – Trustee Deur stated that Attorney Eklund is reviewing the by-laws of the JPC and will make language change recommendations.
7. Road Improvements – Supervisor St. Amour would like the board to seriously consider which roads to be improved. Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Bole developed a listing, but questions on condition of roads and traffic volumes were not available. This will be discussed at our July work session.
8. 2745 Lorenson Road – Court date is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009. The Board feels strongly that they would like to see that property cleaned up.
9. McMillan Road End (Ordinance/Grants) – Supervisor St. Amour stated that grant monies would most likely not be received this year due to timing of applications and no money available. He asked Trustee Bard to check with the committee to get progress.
10. Plastic Shredder – Treasurer Boyer stated that we had one party interested on Craig's List but no response back. She will place the ad in the MTA magazine that was approved at the May 18, 2009 meeting.
11. Township Liability – no report
12. Prein & Newhof – Recommendations from John Warner have been received and Supervisor St. Amour will send to Prein & Newhof for corrections.

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13. 3350 Bard Road – The board agrees that this property needs to be cleaned up. A motion will be presented to the Board at Monday's Regular Meeting to proceed with a court case against Mrs. Pyle to get property cleaned up.
14. Free Dump Day – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he was able to negotiate with Allied to have the 21 tubs billed at the negotiated price of \$200.00 and Muskegon County Solid Waste waived the tipping fee for the extra day of Allied hauling caused by the large volume.
15. Network Access – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the final report of the subcommittee would be presented to the Board at the Monday Regular Meeting with a recommendation.
16. State Shared Revenue – No additional report.
17. Community Building (Grants/Foundation Repair) – Supervisor St. Amour is awaiting the payment of the 2008 Polling Place Grant payment and has sent in the 2009 Polling Place Grant Application. The 2009 application will not be approved until the 2008 application is paid.
18. WLFA – Dry Hydrant – Supervisor St. Amour will present the Board at the Monday Regular Meeting a motion to approve that the WLFA apply for grants to be placed in Fruitland Township at Scenic Drive Road End and Marcus Park. A grant for a possible cistern will be applied for also by the WLFA on behalf of Fruitland Township.
19. Marcus Park – Supervisor St. Amour stated that two of the three groups on the Citizen's Advisory Marcus Park Committee presented a recommendation to the committee. The recommendation to allow up to nine docks (6 @ Marcus Dunes, 3 @ Winterwood Shores on Marcus Park Property seemed reasonable. Questions arose about placement of docks and a diagram of the proposed docks was asked of Supervisor St. Amour. A motion will be presented to the Board at the Monday Regular Meeting. Supervisor St. Amour will provide the board with a diagram.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Small Business in Fruitland Township – Supervisor St. Amour stated that because of economic times, he would like to allow small business in certain zoning areas. Much discussion amongst the board did not result in consensus. Areas of concern were enforcement, time frame, personal property tax, permits, etc.
2. AA Pavilion – Supervisor St. Amour stated that the Community Building floor will be refinished by members of the AA. The use of the pavilion for their meetings the week of June 13 was requested if needed until the floor was completed.
3. Staff – Supervisor St. Amour will present a motion to the Board at the Monday Regular Meeting with a recommendation to fill a part time office position if needed at the discretion of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Friends of the White River Light Station Request – Supervisor St. Amour received a request from the Friends of the White River Light Station group to lease the lighthouse

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and allow alcohol on the premises for their event. A motion will be presented to the Board at the Monday Regular Meeting to approve this request.

5. Health Insurance – Supervisor St. Amour and Trustee Deur will be meeting with Jay Keesen, our ASR insurance representative to discuss health insurance coverage.
6. WLFA (Drain Field) – Supervisor St. Amour received one quote to improve the gray water area. Trustee Bole offered to solicit for additional quotes and will report back to the Board.
7. Parks & Recreation – Supervisor St. Amour stated that there seems to be miscommunication between the Parks & Recreation Commission and Board of Trustees regarding responsibilities and maintenance requests. After much discussion, it was decided to ask for a joint meeting of both boards to work out details to make each board more efficient.
8. McCabe – moved to earlier in the meeting.
9. Copier Lease – Treasurer Boyer stated that our lease with IKON has ended which has resulted in us owning the copier. She will negotiate with them to lower the maintenance agreement pricing.
10. MTA Workshop – Clerk Rillema will present a motion at the Monday Regular Meeting to approve Planning Commissioner Steve Nagengast to attend the MTA Smart Strategies for Dealing with Undesirable Land Uses workshop in Lawrence Michigan at a cost of \$70.00 plus travel and meal expense reimbursement.

Treasurer Boyer asked if changes to line items in one month should occur in current month or month it happened. Trustee Deur and Clerk Rillema stated that if it can be done in the month it happened to do it at that time, if not it should be reflected in the current month with notations.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Bole, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, June 9, 2009 Work Session Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:55 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7AYES*

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland