

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2021 MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Jeske, Treasurer Pachman, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Graham, Supervisor Marcinkowski

ABSENT – Trustee Holman, Trustee Lundell

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Treasurer Pachman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to amend the October 18, 2021 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda by adding a senior services announcement and the White River Light Station Well Pump to New Business.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Harlan Rypma, 5534 Simonelli Rd – Asked for more information about how it is decided which roads should get paved. Has been requesting that his section of Simonelli Road (Michillinda to Lakewood) be paved for years with no straight answers from previous supervisors. Has talked to nearly every resident on his section of road and a majority of them would like to see the road paved. Questioned Michillinda road being paved while other roads in the township are worse.

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Rd – Asked if Special Assessments are being considered when talking about paving roads.

Terry Sabo, State Representative – Introduced himself as the state representative. Spoke about a balanced budget with the state. Went on to say that there appears to be about \$10 billions dollar extra in the budget and is focusing on bringing some of that money into West Michigan to put toward ongoing problems such as infrastructure and rural broadband. Would love to hear from residents and board members with questions and suggestions.

Mary Ann Bard, 1428 W River (online chat) – Agrees with Mr. Rypma and believes he deserves an answer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Letter from Dennis Kroll** – Wrote to express interest in buying property that is owned by the township in order to build a new home. Offering \$3000 per acre and would like to purchase approximately 4.8 acres on Blank Rd. Supervisor Marcinkowski will refer this to the newly forming Citizens Advisory Committee.
- b. **Emails with Shari Miranda – Insurance Carrier** – Supervisor Marcinkowski continues to work with the insurance company and Matt Varnum on clarifying if the coverage for WRLS is enough. Shari Miranda also sent some information regarding Cyber Security Insurance, Supervisor Marcinkowski will fill the application to get a complete estimate on cost and coverage.
- c. **Meeting with Morgan Carroll – Greater Muskegon Economic Development** – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, and Treasurer Pachman will meet with Morgan Carroll to discuss whether GMED could work as an ARPA Funds Coordinator to help determine how the money could be spent and ensure that all rules and regulations are followed and potentially help select grant applicants if the Board decides to allocate funding in that way.
- d. **South Shore Drive Road Project “Open Meeting”** – The meeting was held on 10/14/2021 at 7pm with Paul Bouman MCRC Engineer in attendance. Approximately 50 residents attended, gave their thoughts on the project and had questions answered. More information will be coming on this two phase project.
- e. **Senior Services** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a flyer from Living World Senior Services that provides lawn care and snow removal for senior citizens through the Senior Millage Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **September 2021 Treasurer reports; Revenues (101) General Fund \$430,134.87: Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$441,752.22; (130) Public Works \$987.75**
- b. **September 2021 Clerk reports – Check disbursements and Budget Amendments**
- f. **Minutes – September 13, 2021 Work Session; Special Board Meeting September 14, 2021; September 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting; Special Board Meeting September 30, 2021**
- g. **September PINS Report**
- h. **Ordinance Enforcement update – report from Toby Frederickson**
- i. **Zoning report – from Val Jensen**

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Holman **ABSENT**, Trustee Lundell **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Citizen’s Advisory Committee selection – Vacant Township Owned Property** – Each Board member gave their selections from the list provided during the work session.

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The Board discussed keeping the number at 6. Supervisor Marcinkowski asked for guidelines/recommendations from the Board on what the criteria and guidelines should be for the committee.

	Jeff	Marcia	Deb	Breann	Vicki	Total
Mary Josephson	x	x	x	x	x	5
John Gloster	x	x	x	x	x	5
Kelly Radel	x			x		2
Tom Martin	x	x	x	x	x	5
Nick Hardy	x					1
John Achterhoff		x			x	2
Dave Webber						0
Brian Mathiot		x	x	x		3
Joe Bullock						0
Scott Collins	x		x			2
Greg Boughton	x	x	x	x	x	5

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Treasure Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the establishment of the Citizens Advisory Committee with the recommended members.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

- b. Scenic Drive Road End – Otterbacher/Craft** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is verifying the markers from the completed survey and will be finishing up the lease for approval.
- c. Scheid Plumbing and Heating – HALO unit** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared an email from Scheid Plumbing and Heating that states there is no required yearly maintenance for the HALO unit and it does not require yearly duct cleaning. This may be able to be paid for with ARPA funds. Supervisor Marcinkowski will provide more information next month.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. AFLAC** – Clerk Fagan presented information from AFLAC regarding Short Term Disability for full time employees. There does not appear to be any current coverage if the employees were unable to work for a long period of time, unless they used vacation time. A quote was also received from Lakeshore Employee Benefits but they cannot cover less than 5 people. AFLAC had a reasonable cost of approximately \$1446 per year to cover employees Sally and Mary for 3 months of short term

disability at approximately 60% of their current pay. Part time employees would be eligible to opt-in and cover their own costs. The Board asked to have this be considered in the next year's budget.

- b. Scenic Drive Road End - Power pedestal** - Supervisory Marcinkowski shared that Consumers Energy has done their portion of the project but that they do not install the power pedestal. He is working on collecting quotes and asking for bids for the project.
- c. Michillinda Road Project** – The Board reviewed the information provided by the Muskegon County Road Commission and Ken Hulka regarding the cost of the projects. Supervisor Marcinkowski explained that Attorney Even advised him that a special assessment would not be an option at this time.

Motion by Supervisory Marcinkowski, **FAILED**, to approve the local road project contract for Michillinda Road.

- d. White River Light Station Well Pump** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared an invoice from Meyer Well Drilling, LLC address to the Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association for a well pump repair/replacement. Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association is asking Fruitland Township to pay for half of the cost (\$1331.98).

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to approve the payment of one half of the repair.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Holman **ABSENT**, Trustee Lundell **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Harlan Rypma, 5534 Simonelli Rd – Requested again that his questions be answered about how the township chooses which roads are paved/repared each year.

Mary Ann Bard, 1428 W River (online chat) – Does not support helping Dalton Township or the Michillinda Road paving. Thanked the Board for not taking action.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Clerk Fagan asked Trustee Jeske to talk about how road projects are determined since she has been on the Board the longest. Trustee Jeske stated that the Township Board usually follows the recommendations from the Muskegon County Road Commission. If the residents want particular roads paved that has been arranged with special assessments in the past. Clerk Fagan shared that she received a phone call from White Lake Ambulance Authority director, Johnathon Degen, today and he is hoping to have more information about how a partnership with Fruitland Township would look in terms of cost and

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board membership after their board meeting on October 27th. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated he will begin the research process of rebuilding the McMillan Road End stairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Graham, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:06 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland