

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2021 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (6) Six interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the December 13, 2021 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:01 AM, read an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to amend the December 13, 2021 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda by adding Back Forty Proposal to New Business.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Rd – Friends of Fruitland Township Trails is having a meeting Wednesday, December 15, at 3pm at the Township Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Meeting with GMED** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Treasurer Pachmen met with GMED December 1st. They are putting together a draft agreement for possible ARPA fund coordination.
- b. **Email to Rob Ribbens** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that the Gypsy Moth Caterpillar egg mass counts will be done the week of the 13th or 20th.
- c. **Water System Policy Board** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a Channel Crossing Project update.
- d. **Park and Recreation Commission update** - Chairman Huch gave an update on many of the projects the Parks and Recreation Commission is hoping to complete next year including concrete, a pump house replacement, irrigation upgrades, new fencing, new gates for Nestrom Park and potentially a service road entrance to Nestrom Park. He also spoke briefly about invasive plants and algae in Duck Lake that may require treatment.
- e. **Fruitland Township Notice for Park and Rec Master Plan review** – The notice has been sent to the White Lake Beacon and the plan is currently available for public review and comment.

- f. **Scenic Drive Road end – Power Pedestal RFQ** – As requested by the Board, Supervisor Marcinkowski advertised on Fruitland Informed and ENews and has received 4 more requests for a scope of work.
- g. **Community Development Proposal** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared communication from GMED about a new Muskegon County Development Group that will begin meeting in January. Supervisor Marcinkowski will attend.
- h. **Received letter from Senator Bumstead on Water Infrastructure Bill**
- i. **MSHDA** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a copy of survey that MSHDA sent out regarding homeownership and resident suggestions within local municipalities.
- j. **Refusal to Accept letter to Dan Hansen** – Clerk Fagan received a letter from the County of Muskegon Deputy Treasurer regarding a small parcel that will be transferred to Fruitland Township unless refused by the Board. This parcel is landlocked and is only 5' x 442'. Supervisor Marcinkowski is recommending that we decline the property and has the prepared letter ready. A response is required by 12/22/21. There was a show of hands consensus that Supervisor Marcinkowski should refuse the property.
- k. **CAC meeting** – The next meeting for the Citizen's Advisory Committee regarding Fruitland Township property will be 12/14 at 7pm. The committee is wondering about the best way to present information to the Board. Trustee Lundell suggested that they go through each parcel and their suggestions and recommendations.
- l. **Meeting with State Representative Terry Sabo** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Treasurer Pachman met with Terry Sabo on 12/3 and discussed numerous ideas and projects for the township. Supervisor Marcinkowski will email board members with a summary of the discussion.
- m. **Meeting with Senator Jon Bumstead** – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Treasurer Pachman and Clerk Fagan met with John Bumstead on 12/10 to discuss many of the same topics that were discussed with Terry Sabo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **3321 Scenic Dr.** – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Building Inspector Jenson and the mortgage holder visited the property recently. An inspection will be completed by Val and will be sent to Mortgage holder. They will determine how they want to move forward with the property.
- b. **Regulatory Ordinance Article R 8 – Fruitland Township Property Ordinance** – Supervisory Marcinkowski has received multiple phone calls regarding beaver trapping at Nestrom Park. He would like to see language added to cover “no trapping” on township property.
- c. **Rosene update** – The Board received a copy of correspondence regarding the settlement that was sent to the Clerk of the Court.
- d. **Michillinda Rd project**- Supervisor Marcinkowski shared correspondence from Ken Hulka at the Muskegon County Road Commission regarding two more options for

Michillinda road. The board discussed that it appears some millings have already been placed on Michillinda and would also like to know if the option of combining millings and gravel would need to be brined in the future.

- e. **Road signs** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on more quotes.
- f. **WLAA Articles of Incorporation** – Jonathon Degen sent a letter and the White Lake Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation to further explain their offer. Attorney Even also provided some guidance on options for rejoining the WLAA. The board further discussed placing this on a ballot for the residents to vote. Clerk Fagan will check into the process and timing.
- g. **McMillan Rd End stair replacement** – Supervisor Marcinkowski received a response from EGLE and no permit needed per EGLE, so he will proceed with requesting proposals.
- h. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has been in contact with a woman at Central Michigan University. She has given him more contacts and options to explore for ground penetrating radar so that we can get a good idea of the perimeter of the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Senior Millage** – Muskegon County sent the Senior Millage Grant amounts for 2022. Fruitland Township is set to receive \$25,085, which is approximately \$5,000 more than 2021. Supervisor Marcinkowski recommended \$5,000 to White Lake Senior Center, \$5,000 to Agewell Services, \$5,000 to the VAC and \$10,000 for Fruitland Township's voucher program. The board discussed reaching out to the VAC for options as many resident's request this use. Trustee Lundell suggested more healthy food related options within the voucher program. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that White Lake Senior Center Executive Director told him they are expecting to be able to renew their lease for at least 2-3 years. Clerk Fagan shared that approximately 10 Fruitland Township residents joined the exercise class offered at the township hall through AgeWell and it seemed to be well received.
- b. **Lamos Rd end** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared pictures from Lamos road end. Further information is needed to determine property lines, neighbor issues, and what maintenance would be necessary to make this more accessible.
- c. **White River Light Station** – The Sable Point Lightkeepers Association is asking for additional help with the window replacement. The board previously agreed to pay \$3000 and SPLKA received a grant for \$2200. They are asking us to pay the remaining balance of approximately \$4645. Clerk Fagan stated there is enough money in the current budget via the general fund and the museum specialty fund.
- d. **Muskegon County Regional Water System** - Resolution 2021-20 AMEND APPENDIX B TO THE UNIFORM WATER RATE ORDINANCE – The Muskegon County Water System Policy Board sent a resolution for townships to approve a rate increase.
- e. **Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission has recommended language change regarding Lots of Record in residential zoning districts.

- f. **Generator for Township Hall** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has been contacting Generac representatives to explore having a generator installed at the township hall. This should be eligible for ARPA Funds.
- g. **Well for Township Hall** – The township hall had an issue with the current well this week and was without water for an afternoon. Clerk Fagan found that the hall has been without water multiple times within the last 7 years. The current well supplies the township hall and Nestrom Park. Supervisor Marcinkowski would like to see a well installed specifically for the township hall. This may also help with irrigation improvements at Nestrom Park.
- h. **Back Forty Proposal** – Resident Zach Fillmore dropped off a proposal to sell Christmas Trees on township property starting next year. Some of the cost would be donated to benefit the township, a chosen nonprofit, or veterans. The board discussed that this could “open a can of worms” regarding who and what is allowed to be sold on township property and thought further discussion about a possible permitting process may be necessary to consider.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lynn Knopf, 4328 Mystic Ln – Discussed the Duck Creek Watershed Alliance and their ongoing efforts. They are currently applying for a grant to add signs and cleaning stations to Duck Lake State Park and possibly Marcus Park and Nestrom Park. There may be more/bigger grants available to expand educational programming.

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – Believes wrong information was given about the invasive plants and treatment and that the recommended treatment should not hurt the fish in the lake. Also stressed that nothing has been decided.

Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake – Encouraged the board to consider finding a way to offer the VAC for the Senior Millage Grant. Suggested finding a way to clean up the swimming area at Marcus Park (very weedy) and offered to discuss what she remembers about the details from when Fruitland Township withdrew from the White Lake Ambulance Authority.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Lundell questioned the addition of the invocation and expressed her concern that focusing on the Christian religion might be seen as divisive and could make some residents feel excluded. Trustee Graham suggested that it be voted on.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the December 13, 2021 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:58 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 13, 2021 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland