

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
APRIL 11, 2022 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee Lundell

ALSO PRESENT – (2) Two interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the April 11, 2022 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to amend the April 11, 2022 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda by adding Project Updates to Unfinished Business.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – Commented about the Fruitland Township Informed page on Facebook and name calling happening on posts. The Board responded that Fruitland Township Informed is not run by or associated with anybody at the Fruitland Township Hall or any Fruitland Township Boards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Park and Recreation Commission update** – Chairman Huch thanked the Board for the approval of their requested budget. He shared 2 quotes he received, one for the cement work they are planning and one for a new pump house building. He stated he is gathering more quotes as he is able. Work will begin on installing the flag, flag light and scoreboard soon.
- b. **VAC use** – Tom Moore has approved Fruitland Township Seniors 60 and older are now able to use the VAC.
- c. **Road Brining info** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is sending in the required paperwork for D&B Brine to be allowed to brine in 2022.
- d. **Letter to Dalton Township ZBA** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a letter he would like to send to Dalton Township regarding a zoning variance made by Chester’s Sanitation for property on Hyde Park Road. He has received 2 requests from Fruitland residents that are worried that the road cannot handle the increased traffic from large trucks and the possibility of contamination of Duck Creek. The Board confirmed that they would like to see the letter sent.

- e. **IT Right – system upgrades April 20** – IT Right will be doing system upgrades on April 20th and the township computers and phones will be down starting at 9am. This will be communicated to residents via E-News.
- f. **Support letter to Matt Farrar** – Muskegon County DPW requested all townships within the Water Policy Committee write letters of support for funding for the Muskegon County Eastside Water System Replacement.
- g. **Discount Dump Days** – Supervisor Marcinkowski confirmed that Fruitland Township will offer Discount Dump Day in May again this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Dangerous Building Hearings** – Notice of Dangerous Building letters have been sent to necessary parties for 3321 Scenic and 4434 South Shore Dr. The hearings will be May 6th at 9am for 3321 Scenic and 10am for 4434 South Shore Drive. Eugene Franks will be the hearing officer.
- b. **Muskegon County Free Dump Day** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the processes required to participate in the Muskegon County Free Dump Day. He is working with the necessary people to make sure all conditions are met.
- c. **Ian Roy – Bard Rd** – A citation has been issued to Ian Roy for the tents and camping being done at his property. He did not respond to previous letters.
- d. **Road Projects – chip and seal – sub division roads** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and the township attorneys have prepared a sample letter and petition to be sent to residents on subdivision roads to determine if a special assessment is requested for road repairs.
- e. **Duck Lake Cemetery – update** – A title search finally produced a warranty deed with description for the Duck Lake Cemetery. Supervisor Marcinkowski will be asking Tim DeMumbrum Westshore Engineering and Surveying to see if boundaries can be found.
- f. **MSU Extension – Food Safety Programing – Wade Syers** – This program is scheduled to start in May and go through July at the Township Hall. MSU Extension will handle all marketing and this will be free for township residents.
- g. **IT Right quote** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a quote from IT Right for laptops for the Township Board. He confirmed that they will be able to provide tech support if needed.
- h. **Ambulance Service** – Supervisor Marcinkowski met with Jonathon Degen and Tom Schmiedeknecht to discuss ambulance service and the questions the Board thought should be answered and shared with residents. He stated that ProMed confirmed that their biggest issue is staffing and that would not change even if Fruitland Township passed a millage and started to pay for services by ProMed. The Board discussed more ways to get the information out to residents and suggested possible news coverage, more open house information meetings, and a letter with survey to residents.
- i. **Project Updates** – Trustee Graham asked and received updates on the following projects:

- Scenic Boat Launch – Cleanup is starting and dock will be installed soon. Supervisor Marcinkowski has a meeting with John Otterbacher and Barbara Craft this week to discuss the parking lot lease and improvements. The power pedestal install is in process.
- White Lake Boat Launch – Fruitland Township does not own either of the properties at the road end. The properties would need to be purchased from the current owners and then the Muskegon County Road Commission would need to abandon the Road Right of Way before any improvements can take place.
- McMillan Road End Stairs – Greater Muskegon Economic Development Group will prepare a Request for Proposals beginning in May. Supervisor Marcinkowski will also reach out to the Conservation Club to have them look at possible erosion issues.
- Fruitland Cemetery – Supervisor Marcinkowski spoke with Devin Barbier and they are planning to meet next week to discuss his project.
- Ordinance Enforcement – Supervisor Marcinkowski is reaching out to Muskegon Charter Township and Toby Frederickson to discuss whether increased surveillance would require a contract price increase.
- Recreation Plan – Was approved but there may be amendments coming from the Parks Commission.
- Website – Clerk Fagan stated that she has a meeting on 4/12/22 with Shumaker Group to finalize some things and discuss a rollout time period.
- Senior Event – Trustee Graham would really like to see this event happen. Supervisor Marcinkowski will reach out to a few contacts to start some planning.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Abandoned vehicle** – The estate of Sarah Zielinski signed over her abandoned car (located at 3321 Scenic Dr) to the township. The Board discussed what could be done with it. Supervisor Marcinkowski has reached out to the Toyota dealership to see about repairs and said they might be willing to take the car, make the repairs and then donate it to someone in need. The Board also discussed donating the car to the fire department or MADD or SADD.
- b. Sample letter from GMED to Fruitland Township businesses** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a sample letter for Fruitland Township Businesses to receive a one time grant from ARPA funds for any loss they sustained during Covid. He will ask for approval at the regular meeting.
- c. Nestrom Park and Hall – Gypsy Moth spraying** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the quote from Hatfield Spraying to have Nestrom Park and the Township Hall sprayed for Gypsy Moth suppression. Trustee Jeske remarked that any residents still looking to be sprayed should reach out to Hatfield as they may be willing to spray smaller acreages because so many residents are having their properties sprayed.

- d. **Nestrom Park and Hall - HWA survey and treatment** – A quote was received from Muskegon Conservation District for hemlock woolly adelgid treatment at Nestrom Park. The Parks Commission may have a new quote coming for a cheaper amount.
- e. **Muskegon Conservation District – letter and support request** – Muskegon Conservation District is looking for letters of support to apply for grant funds for hemlock woolly adelgid treatment. The letter does request a match component.
- f. **WRLS – MCD - invasive species survey** – The Muskegon Conservation District will do an invasive species survey to determine if there are invasive species issues at the White River Light Station.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – Suggested sending a newsletter to let residents know that Fruitland Township Informed is not associated with Fruitland Township Hall or any Boards.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Clerk Fagan shared that the Senior Millage Grant check has been received. AgeWell is sending information for the regular board meeting, but they are hoping to do an exercise class again this year as well as allocating money toward Safe Seniors. The vouchers will not be available until June. She also stated that there is an election on May 3, 2022 for the MAISD, they are requesting a millage increase for special education programming. Trustee Graham asked if everyone had received an email from Gisela Achterhoff regarding the township doors. Clerk Fagan responded that everyone did receive the email and it has been answered. The doors have also been checked to make sure the handicap button works and Supervisor Marcinkowski will have maintenance check the other door to see if it can be adjusted to be easier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the April 11, 2022 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:31 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

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