

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2016 MINUTES**

PRESENT - Trustee Bard, Trustee Hampel, Trustee Cisneros, Supervisor Jeske, Clerk Rillema, Treasurer Beegle, Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (5) five interested parties.

AGENDA –

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 19, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **7AYES – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Irene Pierson, 6100 Murray Road – Inquired about the board’s recent decision to not allow their outside contractor who removes leaves/debris from the Sylvan Beach Association to use the ecology station after years of doing so. Encouraged the board to re-look at this issue.
2. Charlie Deupree, 6119 Murray Rd & 6142 Scenic Woods Circle – Encouraged the board to re-look at the recent policy change of non-use at the ecology station for outside contractors. Sylvan Beach Association has 62 homes of which most are seasonal and spring/fall cleanup is dependent on the homeowners/association hiring a contractor to perform this task. Mr. Deupree is hopeful that a compromise can be sought for continued use of the ecology station by their non-resident contractor.
3. Terry Sabo, County Commissioner/92nd State Representative – Updated the board that an advisory board is being appointed to oversee the funds collected through the Senior Millage passed in August. He encouraged the board to solicit interested names of community members that might want to serve on the advisory board. Commissioner Sabo also stated that Muskegon County is looking to appoint community members to serve on a Sports Commission which would encourage sporting events thus increasing hotel and restaurant visits. Commissioner Sabo stated that he is starting the transition to serve as our 92nd State Representative and invited us all to his ceremonial swearing at Muskegon Heights City Hall, Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 4 PM. He looks forward to serving Fruitland Township at the state level.
4. Greg Kruse, 5617 S. Shore Drive 1973 – Filed a letter with Clerk Rillema that he read to the board regarding a complaint at 1424 W. Duck Lake Road for public safety/public nuisance unsafe structure addressed to Building Official Chris Hall dated December 15, 2016.

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CONSENT AGENDA –

- November 14, 2016 Work Session and November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 1 – November 30, 2016 Revenues - \$25,120.94, Fund 101 Expenditures - \$66,651.55 and Fund 120 Expenditures - \$120,733.63
- Appoint Mary Mansfield as Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
- Parks & Recreation Commission Appointments through November 2020 General Election: Thomas Tissue, Brian S. Mathiot, Greg A. Barrett

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Cisneros AYE, Trustee Hampel AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor Jeske AYE – **motion carried**

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Acceptance of Tree Removal Bid –

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to approve the bid from A.C. Stafford & Sons Tree Service in the amount of \$700.00 to cut the dead ash trees at the White River Light Station.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cisneros AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Hampel AYE, Supervisor Jeske AYE – **motion carried**

2. 4790 W. Bard Road Update – Supervisor Jeske reported that since the November regular meeting, she has instructed Attorney Even to file in Circuit Court a motion for an order to abate nuisance that exists at 4790 Bard Road to allow the township to demolish the building and clean up the property according to our Resolution 2016-12 – Dangerous Building Hearing dated December 18, 2016. Attorney Even filed the complaint on December 7, 2016. Mr. White has yet to be served this order as his whereabouts has not been determined.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Muskegon Charter Township Intergovernmental Contracts for Electrical & Mechanical Code Services -

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the revised Intergovernmental Contracts with Muskegon Charter Township for Electrical and Mechanical Code Services and authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposed contracts on behalf of the Township.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Holman AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Cisneros AYE, Trustee Hampel AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor Jeske – **motion carried**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Supervisor Jeske asked the board if they would like to discuss the ecology station use policy again at the January work session. The board agreed to add it to the agenda. Treasurer Beegle stated that on December 27, 2016, the treasurer’s office will remain open until 5:00 PM for tax collection only. As of today’s date, 48% of winter tax monies have been collected. Clerk Rillema reported that the letter received to all board members from Alan Abrams, 6647 Burton Woods Drive, Whitehall asking that the Planning Commission meeting dated December 1, 2016 for the Special Land Use Permit approval for Jennifer Venema to operate a group day care home is declared null and void. Attorney Even stated that the Board has no action to take on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 5:28 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland