

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
WORK SESSION
APRIL 11, 2016
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Trustee Cisneros

ABSENT: Supervisor St. Amour

ALSO PRESENT: (6) six interested parties and Attorney Even.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to have Clerk Rillema serve as chairman pro-tem due to Supervisor St. Amour's absence.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried**

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Rillema called the Monday, April 11, 2016 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall.

AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, the April 11, 2016 Work Session Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Chris Sorauf, 5264 Lakewood Road – Concerned about the proposed Special Assessment District for Zellar Road and the costs involved. Would like the board to consider splitting the costs by the number of parcels and not frontage as it will cost him nearly \$4,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Roberts Rules of Order to allow April Scholtz of the West Michigan Land Conservancy to speak at 10:05 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

SPECIAL GUEST – April Scholtz, West Michigan Land Conservancy discussed the easement grant available to Fruitland Township for the Duck Creek property. April would like to schedule a walk thru of the property and will email Clerk Rillema with a listing of dates available to do so with members of the Board of Trustees and Parks & Recreation members. She talked of the board concentrating on ideas/plans going forward to areas on the property in which the easement would cover and to consider other areas to be excluded for future development down the road that would enhance the easement agreement. Areas to be excluded from the easement should complement the easement area.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Treasurer Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from Roberts Rules of Order for comment at 10:35 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT - motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Rillema stated that Muskegon County is hosting another recycle event on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Clerk Rillema received a phone call from R. Sydney Shaw stating that he would not be filing for a township position at this time but would like to still serve the township in some

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capacity on a committee. The MCRC has sent our postcards to our residents in which berm cleanout will take place.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zellar Road SAD – Clerk Rillema stated that if the township board wanted to take a different approach on the calculations for the special assessment district, the process would start over. Discussion amongst the board was to proceed on with the calculation of frontage for Zellar road residents. Attorney Even stated that a second public hearing setting the costs would need to take place at the May regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brining – Clerk Rillema stated that she received costs from D&B Brine for 2016 costs and they will remain as 2015 at a cost of \$420.00 per mile. She received the costs from the MCRC which are \$730.60 per mile. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting to contract with D&B Brine again and opt out of the Muskegon County Road Commission brining.
2. ZBA & Board of Review Alternates – Clerk Rillema stated that their still remains openings for both of these committees. Any interested parties should contact the township hall for consideration.
3. Discount Dump Days – Clerk Rillema stated that she would suggest that we authorize Discount Dump Days again for the \$5.00 coupon for a one time use for the month of June. The board concurred. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting to authorize this event again.
4. Ordinance Enforcement – Clerk Rillema stated that not knowing how long Supervisor St. Amour will be out of the office, ordinance enforcement is falling behind. They discussed the information prepared by Clerk Rillema showing who other townships are using and pricing. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular Meeting to appoint a candidate to serve as an ordinance enforcer for Fruitland Township and replace Supervisor St. Amour who is currently fulfilling that role.
5. Road Projects – Clerk Rillema shared the information received by the MCRC for potential 2016 road projects. The chip sealing projects could all be done along with the Wabaningo Road Entrance at Nestrom Road. The township parking lot was also discussed favorably and will be coordinated with the Wabaningo project if approved. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting to approve the chip sealing projects, Wabaningo Road entrance paving and paving of the Fruitland Township parking lot.
6. White Lake Ambulance Authority Update – Attorney Even stated that a motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by Ms. Dresen against Fruitland Township/Supervisor St. Amour was filed by our insurance carrier legal team. Attorney Even sent a letter to the White Lake Ambulance Authority regarding the deficit dollar request owed by Fruitland Township but no response has been received back.
7. Muskegon County Recreation Authority – Trustee Deur stated that communication should be forthcoming requesting that each municipality appoint a representative to this committee to discuss potential projects. He is willing to serve in that capacity if so appointed.

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8. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that she received communication from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission stating that the Joint Planning Commission will be dissolved and any 2015 dues paid will be returned. A letter from MainStreet Planning Company, Tim Johnson, who has worked with the Planning Commission for many years has left Wade Trim and re-establishing MainStreet Planning Company and would like to retain Fruitland Township as a client. Planning Commissioner Dave Roesler has expressed his desire to retain Tim Johnson as our planner. The board concurred. Attorney Even stated that Clerk Rillema is soliciting quotes for the demolition of the structure at 4790 Bard Road and once received Assessor Bowen will need to prepare a document for the board to accept to proceed forward with a court order for demolition and surrounding area cleanup. Trustee Hampel informed the Board that the Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail may be asking for a letter of support from the Township Board. Trustee Deur thanked those who attended the Planning Commission’s public hearing for the Special Land Use for Historic Resorts last month. Additional language amendments are necessary after hearing comments from that public hearing.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the April 11, 2016 work session at 11:20 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk
Township of Fruitland