

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Clerk Fagan, Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (3) Three interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the September 12, 2022 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended September 12, 2022 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

Presentation - Forestry management – township properties – Gary Kozicki and Mike Gould toured township owned properties are recommending some logging and forestry management of certain types of trees and diseased trees to increase the health of the forests. They have estimated each area and will pay the township a deposit and then a total fee based on what is harvested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Park Commission – 9/6 meeting update** – Commissioner Huch shared that the Parks Commission has been discussing different tennis court quotes and tree removal for the parks. Still planning on finishing the dugout roofs this year and are already planning for next year and getting excited for the next ball season.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert’s Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

Trustee Lundell clarified a few things regarding trees being marked for removal/trimming and the differences between the tennis court quotes. Supervisor Marcinkowski added that the irrigation has been completed and he is working with Wirtz Communication to get a scope of work completed for wifi and cameras in the park. He is also looking into a Par Plan Grant that could be used for cameras and wifi.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

- ~~b. Planning Commission – 9/1 – 6pm – meeting update – Mike Holman~~
- c. **Scenic Drive Road end** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the most recent updates to the parking leases that will be sent to owners. This includes current improvements being considered.
- d. **Commercial video shoot** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the information for a short commercial that was shot on Scenic Drive September 1 & 2 and was coordinated through the township, Duck Lake State Park DNR, the Sheriff's office and the Muskegon County Road Commission. Supervisor Marcinkowski will request a copy of the commercial when it is available.
- e. **Eagle Scout Cemetery Project – Devin Barbier** – Flag pole materials have arrived and benches have been ordered.
- f. **Eagle Scout DCNA project – Micah Witham** - 3 benches have been installed.
- g. **VRBO Complaints – 5318 South Shore drive and 5710 Duck Lake Rd** – Letters sent for current complaints. Trustee Lundell questioned whether we should start to look at putting together a clear ordinance regarding short term rentals. Supervisor Marcinkowski argued that right now short-term rentals should not be considered in a residential area but knows the State Legislature is considering a law that would mandate all municipalities to allow short term rentals.
- h. **McMillan Road End Stairs** – Installation is currently scheduled for last week of September.
- i. **Letter from Ronald Steinke – 6125 Duck Lake Rd** – Various complaints about the speed limit on Duck Lake and asking that it to be lowered to 35. Supervisor Marcinkowski spoke to Deputy Fekken about it and the information has been forwarded to MCRC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Township Hall Cleaning – quotes** - Jen's Cleaning Service, S&A Cleaning and Big Lake Property Services – Asked S&A Cleaning to clean twice to test them out and the staff was very happy with the results. Big Lake Property Service is a new quote.
- b. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery – update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on perimeter posts quotes. The Board discussed more decorative posts and will continue to look at quotes.
- c. **New Community Center – location – polling station – events** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is recommending currently owned township property on Lorenson Rd, south of the cemetery as a location for a future new community center to be used as a polling station, emergency resources, and events. He mentioned that Clerk Fagan

shared the current Community Building (precinct 1) could be used as a better sequestered location for absentee voter counting boards as well.

- d. **PPE – WLFA - SCBA's – ARPA funds** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that other townships are also allocating ARPA funds toward safety or other equipment for fire departments, utilizing a “mutual agreement” regarding the equipment.
- e. **Senior Millage – Re-allocate** – Clerk Fagan prepared a memo about the allocations for vouchers being reallocated to even out what is left to be allowed for all vouchers, instead of just ecology station vouchers and whether or not we should allow a second round of vouchers. The Board discussed allowing all vouchers to be used with the remaining amount but still only for those that have not received vouchers yet this year.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **WLFA – Articles of Incorporation – Closed Session**

The Board entered into a closed session with attorney council at 11:40 am and returned to open session at 11:55 am.

- b. **Tree Removal – Cemetery, Township Hall, Nestrom Park, Community Center, White River Light Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is waiting on one more quote for tree removal and is suggesting ARPA funds be used to remove necessary trees.
- c. **White Lake Drive – Commercial District** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has asked the Planning Commission to reconsider a smaller area to be rezoned to Commercial District on White Lake Dr from Blank to Zellar. This area only has two residential homes and also contains a property that was previously contaminated and will never be allowed to have a well or irrigation on that property. He believes there may be more opportunities for that property if the area was zoned commercial. The Board also discussed a current property in that area that would like to be rezoned so that they could use a large barn on their property for events and how the other homes would be affected.
- d. **Drone use for township video** – Supervisor Marcinkowski continues to work on the specifications/criteria for this RFP with board approval.
- e. **Amended Language recommendation** – Day Care, Private Homes – Planning Commission has recommended these changes and Attorney Even clarified that this is just an adoption of updated Michigan statutes.
- f. **Water System Policy Board** – Section 5 Mandatory Connection - additional draft language being recommended by the Water Policy Board.
- g. **Township Hall – 4-day work week** – Muskegon Charter Township recently switched to a four day work week. Supervisor Marcinkowski wants to consider also switching to a four day week, M-Th 7:30am – 4:30pm. This is agreeable to the current staff. Trustee Jeske suggested 8am-5pm but this would not work for current staff.

Discussion will continue next week. Supervisor Marcinkowski also cited that having uninterrupted time on Friday would be useful for elected officials.

- h. Memorandum of Understanding – FTTT** – Updated changes to the document regarding the Township being the controlling agency when dealing with other contracts or permitting agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Mary Ann Bard, 1428 W River – (Via Zoom) The taxpayer's the WLFA enough out of their taxes.,

What are you doing and a update on Mr. Henry's property.

No to 4 day work week! There is no reason for this and you knew when you took your job what when you were elected. How many other Townships don't work the hours Fruitland Township does. White River and Montague Townships don't and I took a survey.

You knew when you were elected what your job was.

You are working for the taxpayers and stop thinking about only your selves. I am with Mar NO! No! No!

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Lundell suggested the Board look for additional quotes for the forestry management work. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated the current gentlemen reached out to Fruitland and Attorney Even suggested the Board look to see about some past work the township did in 2014. Trustee Jeske asked about the Ecology Station Attendant position. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated there has been one interview that didn't not produce results but there has not been any other interest. It continues to be advertised. The library book station is on hold while some concrete work is completed. Drew Nichols from the Muskegon County Road Commission has offered some extra improvements at no cost (some paving on Champagne st and extra fog seal on McMillan). Some residents are discussing a petition to pave Jay Rd and other residents are collecting signatures for a sidewalk along Scenic Drive down near Terravita. South Shore Drive project will be finished this year instead of next year. Fruitland Township is not required to have buoy permits for White Lake but does need an ordinance with GPS locations. Finally received release of lien regarding vehicle abandoned at 3321 Scenic Dr.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 12, 2022 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:54 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk

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