

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2022 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Holman, Trustee Graham

**ABSENT** – Trustee Jeske, Trustee Lundell

**ALSO PRESENT** – (10) Ten interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 17, 2022 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Rd – Spoke about the history of the property, including her own property. The current property was sold to Fruitland Township in 1972.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** –

- a. **4344 South Shore Drive** – Expecting final court order on 10/19/22 per Twp Attorney.
- b. **September PINS Report** - Placed on file
- c. **September Zoning Report** – Placed on file
- d. **September Ordinance Report** – Placed on file

**CONSENT AGENDA** –

- a. **September 2022 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$46,589.01; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$55,056.89; (140) Metro Authority Fund \$958.66**
- b. **September 2022 Clerk reports – Check disbursements and Budget Amendments**
- c. **Minutes – September 12, 2022 Work Session; September 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

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

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **ABSENT**, Trustee Jeske **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a. **WLFA – Articles of Incorporation** – The Board discussed the proposed changes and agreed that many of the proposed changes should not be made. Supervisor Marcinkowski will put notes together and present them at the next WLFA Board Meeting.
- b. **WLFA Board appointee – James Konieczny** – The Board decided to take no action until all Board Members can review Mr. Konieczny’s resume.
- c. **White Lake Dr Road end – LD and Joyce Walker and Mike Donahue – verbal offer to sell 33’ of White Lake frontage for \$60K**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to not accept the offer to purchase.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

- d. **Ecology Station attendant – 2 interviews completed – one more week of 10/17**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to make final approval on the best candidate after the final interview.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

- e. **Sub Division Roads – redo – discussion – approval to proceed** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is seeking approval to resend all letters/petitions.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to allow the letters to be resent and to redetermine costs once signatures are received.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

- f. **Jay Rd paving petition**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the petition and move forward with beginning the special assessment process.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

- g. **Resolution 2022-19 – Support for the Scenic Drive Safe Streets Initiative**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Resolution 2022-19.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **ABSENT**, Trustee Jeske **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

**h. Water System Policy Board – Section 4 and 5 Mandatory Connection**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Water System Policy Board suggested changes.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **5 AYES – motion carried**

**i. Tree Removal on Township properties – ARPA funds - \$29,500**

Motion by Treasurer Pachman, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to approve allocating \$29,500 of ARPA funds for the tree removal.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **ABSENT**, Trustee Jeske **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

**j. Planning Commission Recommendation on Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.07, Projections into Yards, B.4.**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Planning Commissions suggestions for Article III, Section 3.07.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **5 AYES – motion carried**

**k. Agenda format changes** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the Board to review these proposed changes and be ready to discuss at the November Work Session.

**l. Veteran’s Day Dinner – Sponsors have requested that they be allowed to serve alcohol.** The Board determined this would not be best practice and should not be allowed.

**m. Township Hall – 4-day work week**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to change the Township Hall hours to Mon-Thur 7:30am – 4:30pm for a trial period of six months from date of implementation.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **3 AYES, 2 NAYS – motion carried**

**n. Library Lockers** – The original planned location could not accommodate the lockers due to snow plowing. Another location has been suggested but Supervisor Marcinkowski has not been able to find a contractor to come quote the job. If the lockers are not placed before 12/31/22 the grant will be lost. A

temporary location has been suggested in the front foyer near the drinking fountain. Trustee Graham suggested asking the Maintenance Supervisor if he is able to do the cement work.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to temporarily place the library lockers inside near the drinking fountains.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

**o. Muskegon County Road Commission – Currently own parcel 61-06-112-300-0003-30 and are considering doing a Quit Claim Deed to Fruitland Township.**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to decline the property.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

**p. Resolution 2022-20 – Designation of Township Property for Future Community Center**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to accept Resolution 2022-20.

*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Holman AYE, Treasurer Pachman AYE, Trustee Graham AYE, Clerk Fagan AYE, Supervisor Marcinkowski AYE, Trustee Lundell ABSENT, Trustee Jeske ABSENT – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

John Achterhoff, 3511 Hyde Park Rd – Thanked the Board for moving the Regular Meeting to 6pm. Believes that moving to a 4-day work week is a bad idea and limits the resident's access to the Township. Agreed that we shouldn't buy road ends. Questioned the upgrades on subdivision roads with ARPA funds also questioned the paving of Jay Rd and a conflict of interest with Supervisor Marcinkowski. Had more questions on the Small Business Grants that were offered and remarked that Fruitland Township has been unfriendly toward businesses in the past.

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – Questioned why the trees that are being removed around the Township Hall and the amount of money being spent on tree removal.

Joyce Walker, 4335 White Lake Dr – Owns the property at White Lake Road end and is questioning her liability and what she can do to keep people off the property and lessen her liability. Threatened to put boulders up to keep cars off her property.

Mary Ann Bard, 1428 W River (via Zoom) - Is this part of Jay Road where you live Jeff? Would property owners be assed?

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who pays for the veteran's dinner. I know it was a unnamed resident that did it before but it sound like you are putting on the dinner,

Take a cut in pay if you take Fridays off too.

Who is paying for these locker's and how many people do you think will use then?

Nick Hardy, 4754 W Riley Thompson (via Zoom) - 4-day work week should at least be 10 hr. days

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that the McMillan Road End Stairs and walkway have been completed. Trustee Graham thanked David Rice and the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails for the beautiful sign and benches. The dock has been removed from Scenic Road End. Trustee Graham asked about ice fishing plans for the Lamos Road End.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:30 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland