

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 8, 2023 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Clerk Fagan

ALSO PRESENT – (6) Six interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the May 8, 2023, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 8, 2023 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Matt Varnum, WRLS – WRLS will be 150 years old in 2025 and will be planning a celebration.

They are applying for a historical marker and will need Township help.

The WRLS will open for the season on May 19th. The Dirt Dauber Garden

Club has been maintaining flower beds and would like to install decorative posts to provide a place to put informational rack cards, as well as plant information signs.

Timothy Bazany, Michillinda – Seeking appointment to the Parks Commission.

PRESENTATIONS –

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell,

ADOPTED, to suspend from Robert’s Rules for the presentations.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

a. F&V EOR – Ben Kladder – Scenic Drive Feasibility Study – Scenic Drive Road End Parking – Feasibility Study for Scenic Drive shoulders has started. They are hoping the study will be completed by September. He will attend the next CAC meeting. F&V has also provided a plan and quote for a study at Scenic Drive Road End.

Trustee Lundell asked for clarification on what the quote actually covers and they discussed removing a couple unnecessary items on the quote.

b. Bob Murray - Park Commission – 5/3 meeting update – Chairman Murray reported that the baseball season is going great and the field has been busy. They are

requesting some budget amendments to pay for a plaque for the Sodini dedication and some professional updating/upgrading for the baseball field. Parks Commission is planning a dedication ceremony for Sodini Field. They are asking the Board if money could be allocated for a sand volleyball court, as the grant request from the Community Foundation was denied. They had to make some changes to the SPARK Grant application and split the project into two phases. For the first phase they are going to concentrate on ADA sidewalks, restrooms, and pickleball courts. A school teacher reached out and asked if her class could install a boot cleaning station by the stairs, and then do a park walk to look for invasive species. This is tentatively scheduled for May 17th.

- c. **Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – The DNR Trust Fund Grant has been accepted. They may reach out around October to ensure matching funds are available. The EGLE permit has been submitted and he continues to work with West Shore to get the bridge/board walk built. It has been suggested to try to find someone to fund the cost of the bridge and have it dedicated to them/someone of their choice. He continues to work with Rotary investigate informational kiosks. A resident has reported HWA infestation within the DCNA. There will be a DCNA Exploratory Walkthrough on May 20th at 10am for the FFTT and the Township Board. Another community walkabout will be scheduled in the future.

- d. **WLFA Articles of Incorporation – Articles VI and VII - James Konieczny and Melissa Beegle** – Melissa Beegle and James Konieczny asked the Board for their thoughts on Article VI regarding Whitehall Township wanting to add a second representative, whether Fruitland Township should have the Chair and Vice Chair positions, adding “in-laws” to the list of immediate family members, as well as changing the required number of concurring votes, especially if Whitehall adds a second member – requiring 5 concurring votes would ensure a Fruitland vote is required. Supervisor Marcinkowski reiterated that Fruitland Township taxable value makes up 60% of the revenue but is currently only represents 40% of the WLFA Board, and that would be even lower if Whitehall Township is able to add a member. Fruitland Township would like to keep the representative numbers the same, as well as the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Mr. Konieczny expressed worry that if any municipalities drop out of the Authority, they will see worse service and increased costs. He questioned whether a municipality would have the resources or manpower to contract their own fire department. He encouraged the Board to make the right decisions to keep residents safe.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman,
ADOPTED, to return to Robert’s Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Scenic Dr Road end ramp** – Dock has been installed and camera should be installed as well.
- b. **Steve and Debra Beck – 3319 Scenic Dr – Dangerous Building** – Building Official, Val Jensen will be meeting with the Beck's on May 6.
- c. **National Day of Prayer event** – Supervisor Marcinkowski attended the Whitehall City Hall National Day of Prayer Event on May 4.
- d. **ARPA Annual Report – GMED** – Filed with State Treasury
- e. **DNR SPARK Grant** – Application is due June 26
- f. **Community Center** - Bathroom floor and plumbing repairs have been completed
- g. **Well – Township Cemetery** – Still waiting on permit confirmation from County Health.
- h. **Demo of 3321 Scenic Dr and 4344 South Shore Dr completed** – There was a homeless person in garage at 4344 South Shore Drive, but that has been resolved. He did have permission from Mr. Tanis to stay there, so Mr. Tanis will be cited if he returns.
- i. **Letter – Irene Pearson** – There has been a request for a street light on Whitehall Rd at the entrance to White Lake Assisted Living Center. Supervisor Marcinkowski is going to contact White Lake Assisted Living to see about covering the cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Jay Rd – gravel upgrade - MCRC** – Still waiting on schedule confirmation.
- b. **Small Subdivision and other roads** – Clerk Fagan has been certifying signatures. It looks like 4-5 will have enough for signatures. Some subdivisions have asked for an extension.
- c. **Scenic Drive Road end parking – Supervisor Marcinkowski will continue working with Engineer of Record to adjust the quote, complete road commission and county applications, and oversee work**
- d. **EV Charging Station – MODAS/Compass ET host** – The site has been initially approved and would be managed by a third-party management company. The contract has been given to the attorneys to review. Fruitland Township would need to bring 480 power in to accommodate.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **RESOLUTION 2023-14 PERFORMANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION** – Required for us to opt out of the Muskegon County Road Commission brining and use a 3rd party.
- b. **RESOLUTION 2023-15 PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORT FOR AMATEUR RADIO WEEK** – We have a local group that rents our pavilion every year in June.
- c. **RESOLUTION 2023-16 PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

- d. **Park Commission – Open spot** – The Parks Commission recommends Katy Bradford and Supervisor Marcinkowski supports that decision. Katy Bradford has experience on previous Parks Commission Boards.
- e. **IT quotes – CatchMark, VC3 and STS** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Clerk Fagan have investigated some more local IT companies after having some issues with VC3 and obtained quotes for comparable service.
- f. **AED** – The AED at the township hall has a dead battery and needs to be replaced. Supervisor Marcinkowski found the same unit that the WLFA uses, but will gather some additional quotes as well.
- g. **Buoy Permit** – Our buoy permit was approved, but the locations need to be added to the ordinance. Supervisor Marcinkowski is checking with the attorney to see if this is a technical change.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jack Greve, SPLKA – Reiterated that they are planning a 150 year celebration in 2025 and that they would like to have a historical marker added which could cost \$5000-6000.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Memorial Day Service will be Monday, May 29th at 9 am at the Fruitland Township Cemetery. Trustee Graham gave an update for Senior Palooza – AgeWell will be providing a lunch and an educational session. Approximately 16 vendors are interested. She will have posters and postcards soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the May 8, 2023 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:36 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland