

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
JULY 10, 2023 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (4) Four interested parties

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

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended July 10, 2023 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS** –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 7/3 meeting update** – Chairman Murray spoke about the great work done by the recent volunteer group that helped clean up township properties. He also discussed recent firework damage done to the portable restroom at Marcus Park – the Parks Commission is going to leave the restroom for now and re-evaluate if more vandalism occurs. The local baseball organization is done for the year, but the traveling teams will still be using the field on the weekends until August. The SPARK Grant has been submitted and the Parks Commission has started to focus on next projects, including Trunk or Treat and more repairs and upkeep for the Nestrom Road Park.
- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – Dave Rice reported that the kiosk is nearly complete, just needs glass cover and should be finished this week. Looking at adding logos for Fruitland Township, Friends of Fruitland Township Trails and the Rotary. Michigan DNR will want their logo added if the grant is approved. Still waiting on coordination with EGLE to move further with bridges. Two upcoming workdays scheduled – July 19 to start peeling logs for bridges. “Ladies Night” will be July 20<sup>th</sup> to do trail clean up. Have been increasing markers and checking the trail after a walker recently got lost. Considering another workday in August for the Simonelli side of the trail system. Had great feedback during the Senior Palooza event.
- c. **TextMyGov – John Kenna/Spencer Frandsen** – Provided a demo and answered questions for the Board regarding the TextMyGov service.

- d. **Senior Palooza** – Trustee Graham thanked everyone involved in the event and remarked that the event went well and that approximately 97 Senior Residents attended and have been sending in suggestions and good feedback. The event was under budget by about \$700.
- e. **Fles&Vandenbrink – Ecology Station** – Matt Biolette spoke about Part 115 and funding opportunities that might be relevant and helpful for the Ecology Station to meet new laws and regulations for increasing recycling, as well as the discussion of updating and improving our Ecology Station. Much of the changes recently made by Michigan are being handled at County levels and the Board should expect Muskegon County to start discussions to determine how Muskegon will handle the new requirements and receive funding.

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

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Supervisor Marcinkowski asked some clarification questions about the Community Improvement Grant through EGLE.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,  
**ADOPTED**, to return to Robert’s Rules.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –**

- a. **Small Subdivision and other roads** – next Special Meeting/Public Hearing to confirm the rolls will be on July 19, 2023 starting at 4:00 pm.
- b. **AED ready for use** – Trustee Holman put it together and set it up. It is located in the hall.
- c. **Audit – Exit Conference June 27** – Eric Van Dop from Brickley Delong will be at the July 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting for his yearly audit presentation.
- d. **Letter of Support** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared his letter of support for WLFA applying for the MI Fire Equipment Grant.
- e. **Letter of Support** – Supervisor Marcinkowski also shared his letter of support for the City of Whitehall to consider a promenade.
- f. **Assessor split** – Joann Hunt has accepted the assessor position. At this time Joann will work Wednesdays and Susan Bowen will work Thursdays.
- g. **White River Light Station** – Invasive species removal work has been completed.
- h. **Nestrom Park – SPARK grant application sent in on June 26 - \$890,000.00** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the Board to consider if Road Fund money should be used to update and repair the ring road through Nestrom Park and the parking lots.

- i. **Lund's – Consent to Lien** – Attorney Even provided a new document – a consent to lien that will still be recorded with the property and will give the township the right to put a lien on the property if the new owners do not complete the terms.
- j. **Email – Paul Bouwman – White Lake Drive Road End** – Muskegon County Road Commission will be doing an intersection review study to determine if “no parking” signs should be placed due to property owner complaints that parking along the road is a safety/vision issue.
- k. **Consumers Energy Trimming Project** – Consumers Energy will be doing more tree trimming and a small part of their area is in Fruitland Township.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- a. **Jay Rd – MCRC** – Stump removal and ditching has started – gravel upgrade to follow
- b. **Summer Part Time Maintenance Position** – The position was posted on the website and sent via E-News but no applications have been received. Maintenance Supervisor's previous suggestion has found a new job.
- c. **EV charging station** – The Township Attorney recommendation was that this particular contract is very one-sided for the company that provides the charging station and is an out of state company. Supervisor Marcinkowski is recommending to table this idea until we see an increase in usage or consider a new location.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to table discussions of adding an EV Charging Station.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

- d. **Ordinance – Food cart/truck** – The Board discussed adding certain areas that would allow food trucks, how many permits should be allowed, whether limits should be placed on how many food trucks are allowed per event, etc. Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested that the Parks Commission should be able to review and make suggestions before the ordinance is voted on. Attorney Even suggested that the permit process be administrative but possibly approved by the Parks Commission. Trustee Jeske pointed out the fee schedule to be considered while adjusting

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Senior Millage/AgeWell** – Clerk Fagan shared an email from AgeWell discussing different class options. The Board would like to continue to see free classes offered here during the summer.
- b. **Zoning Administrator** – Zoning Administrator, Val Jensen, has let Supervisor Marcinkowski know that Val would like to continue to be the Building Official but would like to resign as the Zoning Administrator by November of 2024.
- c. **Resolution 2023-18 File transfer to Varnum** – Per Attorney recommendation, certain current legal files should be transferred to Varnum Law Firm due to health issues with our current attorney office.

- d. **Planning Commission** – Supervisor Marcinkowski announced that there is an opening on the Planning Commission and he is seeking suggestions. Trustee Lundell volunteered for the position.
- e. **Hall air conditioning** – The Township Hall air conditioning needed another repair for a leak this year. Supervisor Marcinkowski has started collecting quotes to replace the system and will have at least one additional quote before the next regular meeting. Trustee Graham recommended checking with Martech.
- f. **Ecology Station Punch Cards** – The Board discussed the current punch card system and whether we could change the policy so that cash is not handled at the Ecology Station. The Board would like to investigate an automated/kiosk system and see what other municipalities are doing

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Trustee Lundell asked if anything has moved forward with the Scenic Road End. Supervisor Marcinkowski said this was on the back burner but he will work on the RFQ. Clerk Fagan reported that the court case Greg Kruse brought against Fruitland Township was dismissed. Supervisor Marcinkowski is still working on the paperwork to request a land swap with the Michigan DNR for the property next to Marcus Park. Supervisor Marcinkowski is considering an endurance challenge in Fruitland Township for 2024. Trustee Lundell thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for his work on the Scenic Road Safe Shoulders trolley ride. Supervisor Marcinkowski would like to see spots added to our website for the grants and safe shoulders projects.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the July 10, 2023 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:14 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland