

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2023 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT - Trustee Jeske

ALSO PRESENT – (5) Five interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 17, 2023 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – Commented on Nestrom Park being a mess this weekend and her need to authorize an emergency charge for a clean out of the portable restrooms.

David Race, Fruitport Twp – Asked for an update on the Scenic Road Initiative

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Eric VanDop – Brickley DeLong – Audit Presentation**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **June PINS report** – Will be placed on file
- b. **June Zoning Report** – Will be placed on file
- c. **June Ordinance Report** – Will be placed on file
- d. **Title to Sarah Zielinski’s car** – Clear title has finally been received and will be transferred to MyAuto to help someone in the local community.
- e. **Initial review of Conceptual Plan for Scenic Drive Safe Street Initiative** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared updated plans and the committee is now considered a 10ft path on the east side of Scenic drive. This should not require easements and is already being considered by the MCRC. The Michigan DNR has also been involved and they would consider extending the path as well.
- f. **Duck Creek Site Condominiums Drain** – The Water Resource office is considering an expansion to Duck Creek Site Condominiums Drain
- g. **Jay Rd** – The stump removal and ditching has been completed and the gravel upgrade should be completed the week of 7/17.

- h. **Transfer Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Clerk Fagan are researching punch card kiosks and other options for the Ecology Station.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **June 2023 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$134,111.55; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$53,434.21; (140) Metro Fund Revenue \$12,266.35; (140) Metro Fund Expenditures \$7,756.25; (160) Parks and Recreation Specialty Fund Expenditures \$368.50**
- b. **June 2023 Clerk reports – Check disbursements, Budget Amendments and ARPA Funds**
- c. **Minutes – June 6, 2023 Special Meeting Public Hearing; June 12, 2023 Work Session; June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; June 29, 2023 Special Meeting Public Hearing**

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **1705 Riley Thompson – Court hearing July 17, 2023** – This case was adjourned early due to the court running late and rescheduled to October. The Judge encouraged Mr. Gaines to comply with the Township’s ordinances before that date.
- b. **Scenic Drive Road End** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on the scope of work and RFQ and hopes to have it completed this week.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Food cart/truck ordinance** – The Board discussed that permits would not likely require permit if located on private property for private purposes as well as other parts of the ordinance. Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the Board to forward suggestions/changes to him over the next few weeks so that the ordinance can hopefully be adopted in August.
- b. **TextMyGov – Township Communication Tool**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to utilize TextMyGov on a trial basis for one year using ARPA Funding.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham **NAY**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **NAY**, Trustee Holman **AYE**,

Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **ABSENT** – **motion carried**

- c. **Mower Deck for Lawn Mower** – The deck was damaged and cannot be repaired. Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the purchase of the replacement mower deck.

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

- d. **Resolution 2023-18** –

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to approve Resolution 2023-18.

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

- e. **Township Hall Air Conditioning** –

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Martech for the 13 SEER as long as the disposal is included and there is a similar warranty.

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

- f. **Township Signage** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared “wayfinder” plans put together for Norton Shores to increase directional signage in the municipality and will be attempting to do a similar proposal to request bids for Fruitland Township.

- g. **Planning Commission Open Position - Lori Lundell** – **confirmed by Planning Commission Chair** – Per the MTA Handbook, only one member of the Township Board is able to be on the Planning Commission as the “ex officio” member. Supervisor Marcinkowski will continue to look for a replacement.

- h. **Senior Palooza 2024** – Supervisor Marcinkowski expressed support for Senior Palooza and the importance of continuing the event and would like to see \$5,000 included in next year’s budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Race – Don’t let animals be on the bike trail to avoid accidents. Agrees that mobile food carts should not be required to have permits for personal events. Also talked

about being able to have food trucks and tents at the White River Light House during events.

Brent Brower, Scenic – Regarding food trucks – Distinguishing language between mobile food truck for profit vs for personal/party consumption.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Holman discussed the condition of the parks over the weekend. Portable restrooms should be cleaned on Friday instead of Thursday and may need to consider checking to see if they are actually being emptied, or add another portable restroom. The Board discussed having the maintenance department empty garbage cans more often and adding garbage cans. Clerk Fagan stated that all of those suggestions were considered this morning and additional trash cans are already being added and empty garbage cans 2-3 times per week.

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to refund the cost of the pavilion rental to Shirley Shafer for the work done by them to make the park usable.

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

Trustee Graham and Supervisor Marcinkowski discussed working with the attorney to draft a letter encouraging them to complete a plan for Todd Road. Clerk Fagan reported that there still haven't been any applicants for summer help and that maintenance has been asked to focus on the parks and the cemetery. Supervisor Marcinkowski mentioned to the Board that if the Spark Grant for Nestrom Road Park is approved the Board will need to consider improvements to the ring road and parking lot. Supervisor Marcinkowski is collecting quotes for additional tree removal for easier snow removal. He is also working on quotes and suggestions for office furniture and flooring improvements. Supervisor Marcinkowski has been working on a survey to send out about considering a road millage.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:27 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES** – **motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland