

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT – (5) Five interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the September 11, 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 September 11, 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 – 9/5 meeting update** – Commissioner Murray summarized the most recent Parks Commission meeting. Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6-8pm. They would like to be able to bring in food trucks if possible. Looking into next summer, it was suggested that maybe the ecology station attendant could empty garbage cans after the ecology station closes in the summer.
- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – David Rice gave an update for the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails. David continues to keep an eye on the hemlocks and treatment and is working to have some seedlings planted. Other invasive species have been noted as well. There will be a work day on September 16th to work on the orange trail. Has a meeting with Alexis from the DNR next week to see the Duck Creek Natural Area. No update from EGLE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Library lockers** - Installed and operational as of 9/6
- b. **Township Hall AC installed** -
- c. **Duck Lake State Park Stakeholder Meeting** – Will be at the Township Hall – 9/18 – 2 to 4pm
- d. **WRLS – Invasive Species** – Japanese Knotweed – removed by MCD
- e. **WLFA Budget** – Placed on file.

- f. **Broadband Inventory Survey** – Results of the Broadband Inventory survey were shared with the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **3319 Scenic – Beck’s – Structural Engineer to inspect for Dangerous Building – September** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on finding a structural engineer and getting pricing for the inspection.
- b. **Scenic Drive Road End Parking Area** – Ryerson Brothers Excavating and Thompson Brothers Excavating have looked at the project and will be providing quotes
- c. **Office furnishings** – small revisions being made and then pricing can be discussed.
- d. **VRBO Complaint – 7120 (Rant) and 7130 (Moog) Starboard Drive** – Township attorney to handle with letters sent to each.
- e. **Mobile Food Business Ordinance – Food cart/truck** – Move to October agenda to review.
- f. **WLFA Articles of Incorporation** – Supervisor Marcinkowski would like the Board to review for Regular Board Meeting
- g. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery** – The Board discussed what requests from the Neilsen family are feasible and necessary for the Duck Lake Duke Cemetery. The Board was in support of additional signage marking the property as a cemetery. Supervisor Marcinkowski will begin looking for styles and prices for signage and reach out to Tom Nielsen.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Dump Trailer quotes** – Maintenance Supervisor is requesting a dump trailer in place of the current box truck that is used to collect leaves. He believes the trailer will be able to be used for many different purposes versus the box truck that is only used during leaf pick up.
- b. **Leaf Vacuum repair quotes**

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote from J&J Farms for the repair of the leaf vacuum.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**
- c. **Township Hall Audio/Visual** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is investigating changes that will be necessary for the sound system as we consider updates to the furniture.
- d. **Subdivision lot combination – Butterfield Woods** – The Board inquired what is considered for a lot combination.
- e. **September 19 – 30-year anniversary of the current township hall – open house?**

The Board discussed not doing an official open house, but Clerk Fagan will get some pictures and items to display in the Township Hall starting next week.

- f. **Single Solid Waste Hauler for the Township discussion** – Supervisor Marcinkowski investigated the possibility of a single waste hauler for the township after a complaint about multiple garbage trucks turning around in a cul-de-sac.
- g. **High VIS vests for Township officials to wear when conducting business on residents' property** – The Board discussed having some sort of identification and ensuring that all board members are aware of rules and legalities for their individual boards.
- h. **Trunk or Treat – Park Commission request to have 2 food vendors at the event** – The Board discussed being in favor of the request and using it as a preliminary test as the ordinance is being considered and written. More discussion to take place at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- i. **Tree removal quotes – north and south sides of parking lot**
- j. **WRLS – Generator** – The new WRLS curator has had numerous power outages since she started. Gregg Wahr provided three quotes that he has received. The Board asked Supervisor Marcinkowski to obtain two more quotes from local companies.
- k. **Closed Session to discuss legal opinion from Counsel Old Township Dump Site**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to enter into closed session at 10:58am.

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

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to exit closed session at 11:09am.

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

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, that a budget be adopted not to exceed \$150,000 for the provision of necessary water treatment systems for any adversely affected residential property laying down gradient of the Property located at 5281 Michillinda Road, Whitehall, MI 49461; the Township Ecology Station. I further move that the Township Supervisor along with the Township's environmental counsel be given full authority to authorize expenditures within the proposed budget to acquire whole house water treatment systems for affected properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

James Koniezy, 5580 OakTree Ln – Offered that himself and Chief McCarthy are available if there are any questions regarding the WLFA Articles of Incorporation. Questioned the combining the two lots in Butterfield Woods and whether it affects the neighborhood and if the neighbors should be informed. Has noticed water issues in that area previously and is concerned that building on this lot could push the water issues into the neighboring properties.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Graham pointed out that there was an article in the most recent Township Focus about Duck Creek Natural Area. Clerk Fagan gave updates on the TextMyGov system and BSA Payroll which should roll out sometime this month. Trustee Jeske brought up McMillan Road End and if dune grass should be considered this year. Clerk Fagan stated there will be an election for Whitehall Schools on November 7th. That proposal will be the only question on the ballot. Absentee voter ballot applications will go out this week. Any voters confused about the Absent Ballot Permanent List vs the Absent Voter Application Permanent List should call the Clerk for an explanation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the September 11, 2023 Work Session of
the Township of Fruitland at 11:21 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland