

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2023 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom – Issue with another resident at the Nestrom Road End.

Resident is blocking public access, doing work on the beach and leaving items on the beach. Police have been involved, read a police report.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Trustee Jeske suggested sending a letter from the Township Attorney. Supervisor Marcinkowski also suggested involving the Muskegon County Road Commission if access is being blocked.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 10/2 meeting update** – Commissioner Murray reported that Fruitland Township was not awarded the DNR Spark Grant. The Parks Commission would like to keep the improvements in mind and try to complete the project as they are able. The Parks Trunk or Treat will take place Saturday, October 28, 2023 and encouraged any one who is interested to come join the fun. Additional work will be done on the baseball field as soon as the contractor is available. There will be some tree work done at the baseball field and park.

- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – David Rice gave updates on the Duck Creek Natural Area.
- c. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission – 10/5 meeting update** – Trustee Holman discussed some changes to the residential set back distances, and clarifying language regarding maximum building height and garage size.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Township hall** - The hall was power washed on 9/27 in preparation for painting. Painting will take place when weather permits.
- b. **Infinity Flooring – 10/3** – Waiting on quotes.
- c. **Community Foundation Fall Wish list** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has put in two requests: Information Kiosk DCNA and Youth Soccer Field.
- d. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery** - Signage ordered and placed.
- e. **Pickle Barrel** – Attorney letter has been sent to Mr. Hughes and Ms. Stern (the daughter). Township Attorney will follow up.
- f. **Scenic Drive Road End Parking Area** – Supervisor Marcinkowski met with McCormick Sand rep, this may be a possible November project
- g. **Well Test Results** – Well test results from the properties near the ecology station property tested below threshold levels for PFAS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Office furnishings – quotes – contract pricing for municipalities** – Board members asked for more professional looking tables in the meeting room. Will continue to review and make suggestions for next meeting. Supervisor Marcinkowski explained that municipality pricing is done so that any company offering this furniture must meeting municipal contract pricing to help reduce the work for multiple quotes.
- b. **Mobile Food Business Ordinance – Food cart/truck** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the Board to review over the next week and be ready to discuss at the Regular meeting.
- c. **Ratify dump trailer purchase** – After the quote was approved, Maintenance Supervisor took the quote to Van Kams and found a very similar trailer for less. Supervisor Marcinkowski would like to approve a different trailer for purchase due to it being less money and local.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Equipment Sale Ad – 2009 GMC Sierra Box Truck** – Ad will be placed in the Beacon and Mlive as well as the website.
- b. **Early Voting** – Clerk Fagan has the proposal from the Muskegon County Clerk's office and supports the county handling early voting. This will require less effort and money than running early voting independently.
- c. **Uniform Water Rate Ordinance** – Water Systems Policy Board has been reviewing policies and rates as compared to other systems and is suggesting changes. Supervisor Marcinkowski will include the current policies and rates for comparison.

- d. **USACE Park and Rec Lease** – Renewal of the lease with the Army Corp of Engineers for the pier at the White River Light Station.
- e. **Transfer Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is recommending no cash/check at the transfer station and that punch card purchases will need to be purchased at the township hall. Trustee Graham will provide information she has found for kiosks.
- f. **Human Trafficking Awareness event – Refreshments** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has helped to plan a two part Human Trafficking Awareness event and is asking that Fruitland Township pay for some of the refreshments.
- g. **Audio Visual for meeting room** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a new quote for AV upgrades in the meeting room.
- h. **Resolution 2023-25 Non-motorized Pathway Feasibility Study Scenic Drive** – The Board will need to approve this resolution to support and accept the feasibility study.
- i. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments** – Trustee Holman presented some requested zoning amendments approved by the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom Rd. – Commented on the idea of a kiosk at the transfer station and asked that if a kiosk is chosen, to choose one that allows cash. Expressed that he did apply for the transfer station position but was denied due to his salary requirements.

Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Rd – Asked about people that might need to buy transfer station punch cards that work during the week.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Supervisor Marcinkowski announced that the maintenance team will be removing cemetery decorations this week. Clerk Fagan announced the start up of a “Stretch and More” class at the Township Hall on Thursdays from 11am to 12pm and it will be led via Zoom. Trustee Graham is interested in putting together a trunk for trunk or treat.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the October 11, 2023 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 11:28 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland