

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Clerk Fagan

ALSO PRESENT – (1) One interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the November 13, 2023, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:03 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended November 13, 2023 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 11/8 meeting update - Extravaganza** – Commissioner Murray reported a successful Trunk or Treat and the planning for future events, including an Easter kid/dog event. The baseball field had some improvements. He discussed future plans for another grant request to consider improvements in Nestrom Park, primarily bathrooms. They are beginning discussion on next budget.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski and Commissioner Murray discussed grant options and the possibility of Senator Bumstead’s support.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Township hall** – Painting is mostly completed but west or side porch to be done in warmer weather.

- b. **Scenic Drive Road End Parking Area** – The owners have signed county permits and approval has been forwarded to McCormicks. Unsure if this project will get done this year.
- c. **Old Dump PFAS Information meeting** – Is currently planned for November 30, 2023 at 6PM. Once all parties confirm information will be shared via E-News and website. All residents are welcome to attend.
- d. **Veteran's Day Dinner** – Was held at the Township Hall with about 60 in attendance.
- e. **Duck Creek Natural Area** – Dave Rice sent an update via email as well as a flyer for fundraising. EGLE documents also provided. The Board discussed the pending grant. The Board also discussed issues with the pathway at the McMillan Road End.
- f. **Street light at the entrance to White Lake Assisted Living Center** – Supervisor Marcinkowski was told it would cost about \$150 per year and asked WLALC if they would consider splitting the cost with the township.
- g. **Broadband Information** – GMED reported that Fruitland Township rated as one of the least served areas for broadband and they believe that will make us eligible for grant funding. There is a State meeting soon to discuss broadband and GMED will attend and report back what they learn.
- h. **Human Trafficking Event** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that the event was successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Office furnishings – Meeting Room Furnishings** – The Board discussed finding an option that is more formal and more like the current set up and consider adding a platform with wheels to make it moveable.
- b. **Mobile Food Business Ordinance – Food cart/truck** – The requested changes have been made, if the Board approves of the current language it could be approved next week.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Equipment Sale Ad – 2009 GMC Sierra – no sealed bids received** – The Board discussed lowering the price as well as finding other avenues of sale such as auctions and parking it somewhere more visible.
- b. **Infinity Flooring** – Recommendations and quotes were provided. The Board discussed the best options for the traffic of each area.
- c. **Beachmont Woods Subdivision** – Proposed Land Division, needs Board approval. Has been approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- d. **Generator for WRLS** – The new curator has already had a few power outages and is requesting a generator. Supervisor Marcinkowski collected quotes and discussed options and needs with SPLKA. He presented three quotes and noted there is money in the budget. Supervisor Marcinkowski will look into what costs can be shared and about previously budgeted expenses.
- e. **Zoning Administrator search** – The Board would like to begin searching for a new zoning inspector now. They discussed coordinating with other municipalities to see if they have someone who would want to add another township.

- f. **Email from Ken Hulka – Pricing – Road Work** – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented updated pricing for additional subdivisions that have requested to be added. The MCRC is offering to do a gravel upgrade of Simonelli from Michillinda to Lakewood for a township cost of \$31,500. The Board discussed how the cost should be covered and would like to consider a special assessment process similar to the subdivision roads done this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bob Murray, Duck Lake Road – Bob had discussed the walkway that is being considered for the ADA trails and also believes the McMillan walkway should be looked at. He also discussed the Parks Commission’s preference to have meeting room furniture that is movable to make the space even more community friendly. He also shared some of his thoughts on the flooring choices and generator options.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell,
ADOPTED, to suspend from Robert’s Rules to discuss Broadband.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski and Commissioner Murray discussed whether customers that live too far off the road will have access to the broadband if it is only brought to the ROW. Murray reported that he has been unsuccessful in finding anyone willing to run internet down his driveway.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman,
ADOPTED, to return to Robert’s Rules.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Graham requested updates on previously approved items. She requested that the road ends be maintained and cleaned up. She also requested that the check disbursement report be provided to the trustees at the work session. She then asked if anyone was interested in a cookie walk. Trustee Jeske reported that the Scenic Road Pathway committee is being disbanded and recreated as a more focused Fundraising Committee that will involve more people and resources to start looking for funding for the pathway. Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on some appropriation requested from state representatives and continues to stay involved in the Muskegon County Recycling program and work with EGLE on the Ecology Station. Trustee Lundell questioned the new style of the street signs. Trustee Holman asked for ongoing information about the WLFA. Supervisor Marcinkowski explained that the WLFA had canceled a meeting in October. Trustee Holman also again expressed his displeasure with the way the trailer purchase was handled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the November 13, 2023 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 11:50 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

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