

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2024 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 January 8, 2024, 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 January 8, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS** –

- a. **Morgan Carroll – Fruitland Township Broadband** – Fruitland Township has shown a great need for broadband per the Muskegon County Study. GMED will be working with Fruitland Township to verify need and start the process to request funding. Morgan recommended starting early and getting prepared now so that we can be in front for 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 what providers are being contacted, which included Comcast, Charter, TrueStream and Frontier.

The timeframe for the upcoming RFPs is within the next couple months but much of the timing is still TBD. Per Morgan, if awarded, the provider will be required to provide service to every home regardless of distance from road.

- b. Bob Murray - Park Commission – 1/3 meeting update** – Commissioner Murray reported on the most recent Parks meeting. The Parks Commission discussed focusing on the tennis courts for now and Chairman Murray has been investigating quotes and options. They are also considering adding a volleyball net for now, without making it a sand pit at this time to determine interest. They would like to continue to focus on bathrooms and believe they could find much lower quotes. The Parks Commission would like an additional \$250 toward the Easter event as it was not budgeted in for this year. Trustee Graham suggested budgeting for a locker system for parks equipment.
- c. Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – David Rice gave updates on the Duck Creek Natural Area and the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails. They are planning to begin work on the bridge on January 12. FFTT approved a quote from Custom Manufacturing for brackets and swamp pans in the amount of \$3,070 to be paid from the FFTT grant money being held by the township. Would like to begin work on the north side soon. Dave is working on reworking numbers to reapply for the DNR Trust Fund Grant and will be asking the Board for matching funds.
- d. Alan Jager – Holton Twp Supervisor – 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary – Red Flag Laws** – Alan Jager spoke about Holton’s Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution and Militia Public Security Act. The Board discussed.

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

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

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

- a. WRLS Curator - Resignation** – The new curator is resigning. Official date is February 4<sup>th</sup> but she may need to leave prior to that.
- b. Gregory Gaines 1705 Riley Thompson – Motion to dismiss appeal**– Township Attorneys have made a motion to dismiss the appeal.
- c. Environmental Investigation – Old Dump Site** – Westshore Consulting is continuing the investigation at the Ecology Station per recommendations from EGLE.
- d. December 2023 PINS Report – CY 2023 PINS Report** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the December 2023 and 2023 Yearly PINS report.
- e. Vacant Land Sale – Listing agreement and other documents** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared the listing agreement for the agreed upon Lakewood Lots.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- a. Road Projects – Subdivision roads – Letters for Tranquil Trail, Olds Lane and Simonelli between Michillinda and Lakewood – Simonelli between Michillinda and Riley Thompson; Riley Thompson between Simonelli and Weber – Chip and Seal –**

**waiting on asphalt pricing** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still waiting to hear asphalt prices for this year for already planned road projects. Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested using millings for Simonelli if the paving option is not well received by residents.

- b. Infinity Flooring – flooring quote with hard tile for restrooms and break room** – Supervisor Marcinkowski provided quotes showing the difference between hard tile and LVP plank. He will continue to gather a few additional quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. Senior Millage – county allocation – consider using ARPA funds for VAC 24/25 and 25/26 pay in advance** – The 2024 allocation is \$28,680. The Board discussed how the grant had been used in previous years and options for this year.
- b. Land Division request – Beachmont Woods Subdivision** – Val Jensen has reviewed and approves this request. It needs Board approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Marie Hamilton, 4342 Orshal – Introduced her daughter and herself as people interested in learning more about government. They have been attending many local meetings. Clerk Fagan invited them both to apply to be election inspectors.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Trustee Lundell are looking over agricultural overlay areas and ordinances in the township. Supervisor Marcinkowski mentioned upcoming Whitehall Township and White Lake Fire Authority meetings that may include discussion about the upcoming millage request. Clerk Fagan reminded everyone that the Presidential Primary Election is February 27<sup>th</sup> and gave information regarding absentee ballots.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 8, 2024 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:29 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland