

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT - Supervisor Marcinkowski

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Clerk Fagan called the February 12, 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 February 12, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Mary Jo Ernst – Citizens for Local Choice – Repeal of PA233** – Mary Jo Ernst and Bill Smeenge discussed a local petition movement to repeal PA 233.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert’s Rules for discussion.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

- b. **Jack Greve -White River Light Station – SPLKA request to change operations** – Jack Greve discussed changing the requirements for the curator position at the WRLS. The new agreement would allow SPLKA to maintain volunteer curator positions that would last for 1-2 weeks throughout the summer and pull from a pool of qualified volunteers. This program currently successful runs at other lighthouses. The Board discussed the pros and cons to the changes with Jack.

- c. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 2/5 meeting update** – Commissioner Murray reported on the most recent Parks meeting. The Parks Commission discussed upcoming budget plans and upcoming programming. They are working with

Supervisor Marcinkowski on a bathroom design. The Board suggested having a “family restroom” option added.

- d. **Dave Rice – DCNA/FFTT update** – David Rice gave updates on the Duck Creek Natural Area and the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails. They are moving forward with bridge building and are preparing to submit more grants for the upcoming year.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Gregory Gaines 1705 Riley Thompson** – Mr. Gaines most recent appeal is dismissed.
- b. **Vacant Land Sale** – Nord Rd properties surveyed and staked. Lakewood Lots are being grouped together and discussions with Paul Bouman and the MCRC to abandon platted roads have been started.
- c. **Projections of State Revenue Sharing for FY2024** – Next year’s projection is an increase up to \$639,378.00
- d. **Email from Commissioner Cook** – Commissioner Cook sent an email with some information regarding County Wide ORV Ordinance discussions
- e. **Flooring – Jim Marsh** – Was on site 2/8 to measure for additional quote for flooring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Road Projects – Spread sheet** – Supervisor Marcinkowski continues to work with the MCRC on the road projects as well as letters for chip/seal/wedge on Tranquil Trail, Olds Lane and paving Simonelli between Michillinda and Lakewood.
- b. **Senior Millage – county allocation** – The Board discussed the next round of Senior Millage grant and discussed how the funds were used in past years. The Board could consider using ARPA funds for VAC 24/25 and 25/26 pay in advance.
- c. **Consumers Energy – invoice for new pole – change to the Standard Contract** – This information will need to be approved next week to have the pole installed near the White Lake Assisted Living building.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-01 – DNR TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR DUCK CREEK NATURAL AREA** – The Board dicussed both resolutions and their necessity for grant applications. The Board was reminded that “in kind” donations work towards matching funds.
- b. **RESOLUTION 2024-02 – DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT APPLICATION FOR DUCK CREEK NATURAL AREA**
- c. **RESOLUTION 2024-03 – AMEND APPENDIX B TO THE UNIFORM WATER RATE ORINANCE**

- d. **RESOLUTION 2024-04 – CHANGES TO LIGHTING SERVICE PER STANDARD LIGHTING CONTRACT**
- e. **Congressional Appropriations – Community Project Funding Request Form – Scenic Drive Non-Motorized Path - \$9,074,000.00** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is looking for approval to send this request.
- f. **Paving of Nestrom Park Ring Road and Parking lot - quotes from McKearney Asphalt and Asphalt Paving Inc** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has begun collecting quotes for repaving of the ring road and parking lot.
- g. **Tennis and Pickle Ball courts – Nestrom Park** – While working on the ring road quotes, Supervisor Marcinkowski was also able to get quotes from McKearney Asphalt and Asphalt Paving Inc. for the tennis/pickle ball courts.
- h. **Restrooms – Nestrom Park** – A concept drawing was shared, but will be updated with the family restroom suggestion.
- i. **Letter Agreement** – United States of America and Fruitland Township – 25 year lease renewal - \$9,430.00 – This is for the pier.
- j. **Catchmark quote** – This is necessary to upgrade hardware at the WRLS to work with new channel view camera.
- k. **New Township well – Single Source Justification – Central Wells** – The Board would like to see additional quotes for well companies.
- l. **Audit contract – Brickley DeLong – 3 year** – The Board discussed maintaining the business contract with Brickley DeLong.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland