

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 13, 2024 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Clerk Fagan

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the May 13, 2024, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:02 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended May 13, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 5/8 meeting update** – Chairman Murray reported that Commissioner Katy Bradford has resigned and there is an opening on the Parks Commission that needs to be filled. He presented some information regarding pickleball and the updates to the tennis courts. Commissioner Beegle has offered his help and equipment to make a small service road for heavy equipment. He discussed other items discussed at the meeting.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA update** – Dave Rice gave updates from the Bridge Opening Celebration and the ongoing work being done for the ADA trails. He spoke about upcoming projects and funding as well. There have been issues with ATV in the trails, Dave Rice is requesting letters be mailed to neighbors of the DCNA to remind them of ordinance/regulations.
- c. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission** – Supervisor Marcinkowski went over the agenda from the most recent planning commission meeting, but Trustee Holman was unable to attend the meeting.

- d. **Steve Beck** – Provided information regarding his ongoing case with the township and the upcoming dangerous building hearing.

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Memorial Day Service – May 27, 2024 – 9am – Township Cemetery** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is finalizing details for the annual Memorial Day Service.
- b. **New Well** – installation was delayed due to equipment issues but a new tentative date has been scheduled for week of May 20 or earlier depending on scheduling with subcontractors.
- c. **April Check disbursement report**
- d. **Muskegon County Free Dump Day – April 27** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported a busy day, all tubs were filled as well as four bins of electronic recycling.
- e. **Public Health Beach Signs – 3 – Nestrom Park – Marcus Park – Light House/Channel Beach** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported new signs coming for public swimming beaches. The Board discussed additional areas.
- f. **National Day of Prayer – May 2, 2024** – Supervisor Marcinkowski participated in the National Day of Prayer.
- g. **Charter and Comcast** - They are continuing to challenge the unserved and underserved residents in the township.
- h. **Asphalt work** – Supervisor Marcinkowski discussed the Nestrom Park and Transfer Station asphalt work. They will begin work with pulverizing asphalt next week Tuesday – Wednesday and Thursday prep and shape base. The Ecology Station will need to be closed for 5 days, Supervisor Marcinkowski will try to have paving started Monday May 20th.
- i. **Appropriations – Congressman Moolenaar** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still waiting to hear about the Community Project Funding request that was submitted will be approved.
- j. **Simonelli** - Gravel upgrade started week of May 6 and work continues. Trustee Holman reported that he has heard the work is a huge improvement according to a bus driver.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **McMillan Road end** – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented quotes for slope stabilization using Dune grass. He will work on getting the quotes to be more comparable regarding included clean up and amount of dune grass.
- b. **Restrooms – Nestrom Park – CDS** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is requesting quotes for design services for the Nestrom Park bathrooms.

- c. **Signage – 4 new signs to approve** – The Board reviewed additional signs that were requested.
- d. **Old Dump – further investigation** – Westshore Engineering and EGLE are recommending final steps to finalize the investigation and sent an email with information and costs.
- e. **Dangerous Building Show Cause Hearing – Beck** – The hearing has been set for May 30, 2024 at 10am at the Township Hall. The Board discussed the situation with the township attorney and asked for more information prior to the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **White River Light Station – Anniversary Celebration and Historic Structure Report** – The Board discussed the requests and the usual agreement for payment when dealing with the WRLS.
- b. **Park Commission – Katy Bradford resignation** – The Board discussed the need to appoint a new member. Trustee Jeske remarked that there may be someone interested who recently returned her petition to run for Parks Commission.
- c. **Request to Divide Lot #4 (C&K Subdivision)** – This lot split is being recommended by Val Jensen.
- d. **Article R 8 revision – Fruitland Township Property Ordinance** – The Board discussed recommended changes to the ordinance.
- e. **Generator installation and electrical service upgrade** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has collected quotes to choose from and would also like to look at the quotes to upgrade the current electrical service and housing.
- f. **Lakewood subdivision lots** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared information to vacate platted roads in the Lakewood area.
- g. **VAC contract – ARPA funds** – The Board reviewed contracts to use ARPA funding for the VAC funding for the next 2 years.
- h. **Living Word contract – ARPA funds** – The Board reviewed contracts to use already allocated ARPA funding for Living Word Senior Services for the next 2 years.
- i. **Community Center** – The AA Group has submitted a request for burn pit at the Community Center for recreational fires. Supervisor Marcinkowski will recommend some rules and check with insurance and the township attorneys.
- j. **Kayak Launch – Marcus Park** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared some information and a quote for an accessible kayak launch at Marcus Park. He is working the MCRC on possible parking issues. He is also working with some community members that may have information on funding for a “water trail” and additional kayak launches.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Rice, 4047 Nestrom Rd – Is wondering about the Article 8 Ordinance and whether it refers to the Duck Creek Natural Area specifically and if that needs to be changed.

Christopher VanOosterhout, Orshal Rd – Spoke highly of Ellie Vantongeren and her qualifications for the Parks Commission.

Breann Fagan, 3525 Nestrom Rd (via Zoom) - Ellie Vantongeren turned in a petition for Parks Commission. I emailed her last week and she is interested in being appointed to the Parks Commission.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Supervisor Marcinkowski spoke about summer starting and the busyness of the season with projects. There are only 6 work sessions left for this administration. Trustee Graham asked about the light pole at the White Lake Assisted Living and Supervisor Marcinkowski responded that Consumers Energy is pursuing an easement to install the pole. She also commented on the quality clean up happening at the property on Riley-Thompson. Attorney Julianna gave an update and overview on that court case. Trustee Graham expressed issues with drag racing along the lake. Our PINS officer has suggested she would be more useful watching for these issues rather than being at Township Board meetings on Monday nights through the summer. Supervisor Marcinkowski is also going to see about having an extra officer patrol on our PINS officer’s days off.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the May 13, 2024 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:35 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland