

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2024 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (18) Eighteen interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended March 18, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Rd – Chairman Murray reported he has been working on additional fence quotes. The North Muskegon baseball coach has decided they will be using the Nestrom Rd Park for games and practice this year. An agreement is being reviewed by the township attorney. He has worked with Kerkstra to make the portable restroom at Marcus Park more aesthetically pleasing. After a conversation with the township attorney it was decided to cancel the planned Easter event.

David Rice, 4047 Duck Lake Rd – Gave updates about the Duck Creek Natural Area and Friends of Fruitland Township Trails bridge work.

Thomas Thompson, 5564 S Shore Drive – Expressed concerns about the corner at Riley Thompson and Whitehall Road due to visual concerns.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2024/2025 Proposed Budget** – Supervisor Marcinkowski opened the public budget hearing at 6:15 and made opening comments and declared the budget balanced. He went through many of the capital improvement suggestions that will be discussed by the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Katie Bradford, 3775 White Lake Drive – Mentioned other organizations, MTS and PCI, that help small townships with Zoning Administration.

**BOARD DISCUSSION** – Trustee Jeske brought her concerns to the Board. The Board discussed remaining ARPA funds and made suggestions for future allocations. Supervisor Marcinkowski’s budget suggestions include budgeting for restrooms at Nestrom Park as well as ring road improvements. Clerk Fagan suggested rolling the allocated amount into the 120 Roads Specialty Fund to consider for the ring road when timing works.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING** – Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to close the Open Public Hearing at 7:01 PM

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –**

- a. ~~February Zoning report~~ – Unavailable. Will be placed on file when received.
- b. **February Ordinance Report** – Will be placed on file
- c. **February PINS Report** – Will be placed on file
- d. **Broadband update – meeting with Chris Scharrer (DCS Technology) and Cathy Brubaker Clarke (GMED)** – Meeting will hopefully be next week to determine next steps and clarify the process.
- e. **Road Projects** –Supervisor Marcinkowski confirmed contracts signed by Road Commission Board and is waiting on scheduling.
- f. **Letter to DNR** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared his annual letter to request right of first refusal if any Duck Lake State Park land is disposed.
- g. **White Lake Yacht Club Fireworks Request** –  
Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve the firework request.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

- a) **February 2024 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$201,236.07; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$67,487.86**
- b) **February 2024 Clerk reports – Budget Amendments; Check Disbursement**
- c) **Minutes – February 12, 2024 Work Session; February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting; ~~February 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting~~**

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**a. RESOLUTION 2024-09 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL REAL TOWNSHIP PORPERTY**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve Resolution 2024-09 as presented.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**b. Township Properties - Nord Rd – offers accepted – comparison sheet –**

Supervisor Marcinkowski presented the comparison sheet on the accepted offers for the Nord Road properties.

**c. Furnishings – Board area – laminate/HarborFront Interiors - additional quote for Zoning/Building Inspector and Clerk’s area – furniture moving quote.**

Quotes presented for additional furniture items needed as well as help with moving furniture and some additional information regarding install dates for flooring and furniture being pushed to June.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quotes from Grand River Office.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**a. Assessor’s Contract** – The Assessor’s have requested an increase in salary. The Board directed the Clerk to check with other townships to compare salaries. The Board will discuss again at the final budget meeting set for March 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**b. DCNA Accessible Trail – a different way to make this happen** – Quotes have been received for much lower amounts than initially expected. Supervisor Marcinkowski would like the Board to consider approving this project with funds already set aside versus applying for grants.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to utilize ARPA funds to pay the remaining amount needed to do ADA trails at the Duck Creek Natural Area.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Ryerson Brothers Excavating in the amount of \$79,872.50.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **ABSTAIN**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

- c. **Congressional Appropriations Scenic Drive Non-Motorized Path - \$9,074,000.00**  
– This request has been submitted.
- d. **Paving of Nestrom Park ring road** – Additional quotes provided by Supervisor Marcinkowski.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert’s Rules to discuss with Chairman Murray.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**

Chairman Murray mentioned a previous idea of creating a temporary road for large equipment to use instead of the ring road to avoid damage.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert’s Rules.  
*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$98,300 to paid from Fund 120.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **UNDECIDED**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

- e. **Fencing quotes for tennis/pickleball courts – Nestrom Park**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to allocate up to \$28,000 toward fencing to be installed at the completion of the tennis/pickleball courts. \$20,000 from ARPA and \$8000 from Parks Specialty Fund.  
*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

- f. **Asphalt paving at the transfer station – Asphalt Paving Inc quote**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote and direct Supervisor Marcinkowski to ask for a discount for multiple jobs. To be paid from Fund 101.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**g. Township well – 3 quotes – Meyer – Central – Hecksel**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Hecksel Bros in the amount of \$15,259.76.

*Roll Call Vote:* Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**h. Copy Machine upgrade – OMC quote – current cost – Supervisor Marcinkowski will look for additional quotes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Kimon Kotos, 6171 Duck Lake Road – Commented on the Board of Review meeting, it went very well and was well attended. Had praise for the assessors.

David Rice, 4047 Nestrom Road – Thank you to the Board for allocating money toward ADA trails at the Duck Creek Natural Area.

Katy Bradford, 3775 White Lake Road – Asked where the revenue for land sales will go and questioned whether the Ecology Station asphalt should be done if the Board is considering shutting down the ecology station.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –** Trustee Graham reported that meetings for Senior Palooza are starting this Thursday. Clerk Fagan confirmed the upcoming final budget meeting on March 28, 2024 at 10:00 am. She commented that there will be an election for the White Lake Fire Authority in May of this year and ballots will be available soon. She also reminded residents that this election year includes the Fruitland Township Board positions and anyone interested should come obtain a petition. Supervisor Marcinkowski is waiting for information from the attorney regarding the WLFA Articles of Incorporation and whether it has been properly approved. He expressed wanting to replace the Fruitland Township representatives on the WLFA board at this time.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to direct the Board to look for replacements for the White Lake Fire Authority Board.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES – motion carried**

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Supervisor Marcinkowski then announced his resignation from the White Lake Fire Authority Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 8:37 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **7 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland