

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2024 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (13) Thirteen interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Treasurer Pachman, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended August 19, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Sondra Cross, 6450 Zellar Rd – Spoke about political sign issues during the primary election.  
Many signs came up missing during and after the election.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** –

- a. **July Zoning Report** – Will be placed on file when it is received.
- b. **June PINS report** – Will be placed on file.
- c. **Signage Update** – Port City Signs provided an update regarding the signs.
- d. **Letter from City of Montague** – Mayor Tom Lohman is asking for community effort to get involved to determine how White Lake Fireworks/Fourth of July celebrations should look going forward.

**CONSENT AGENDA** –

- a. **July 2024 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$54,381.74; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$154,447.81; Fund 140 Metro Authority Fund expenditure \$6,113.75**
- b. **July 2024 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement Minutes – July 8, 2024, Work Session; July 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee Jeske second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**a. Restrooms Nestrom Park – recommend CDS for construction documents**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from CDS to provide construction documents for the restrooms in the amount of \$7,500.00.

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

**b. Zoning Administrator – Mike Clark – ad to be published again – September 5**

**application deadline** – There are two applicants at this time, Michael Baker and Michael Clark. Applications will be accepted until September 5, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**a. Township properties – storm damage** – Gary Kozicki has provided a quote regarding potential earnings from the downed trees from the storm damage.

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve the proposal from Gary Kozicki for tree harvesting.

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

**b. Transfer Station Pricing** – The Board had a long discussion about current pricing and issues with residents being charged the correct amount at the ecology station. Supervisor Marcinkowski has had a discussion regarding prices with the attendant.

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to approve leaving the current ecology station pricing.

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

**c. Park Commission – sale of 2 park properties**

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the sale of both properties with the proceeds of the sale being earmarked for the Parks Commission for restrooms.

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

**d. Tennis/Pickleball Courts – additional gates – 4 for maintenance – 2 for users**

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Oasis Fence for gates.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert's Rules for clarification.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Chairman Murray confirmed that this quote was for 6 gates.

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

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Oasis Fence for gates.  
*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham AYE, Clerk Fagan AYE, Supervisor Marcinkowski AYE, Trustee Lundell AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Trustee Jeske AYE, Treasurer Pachman, AYE – motion carried*

**e. RESOLUTION 2024-17 LAKEWOOD ADDITION SUBDIVISION – ABANDONMENT OF PLATTED ROADS**

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to approve Resolution 2024-17.  
*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Graham AYE, Clerk Fagan AYE, Supervisor Marcinkowski AYE, Trustee Lundell AYE, Trustee Holman AYE, Trustee Jeske AYE, Treasurer Pachman, AYE – motion carried*

~~f. Township property – Lakewood and BJT~~

**g. White Lake Community Library – New Rep**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by No One **REJECTED**, to appoint Breann Fagan to the White Lake Library Board, as well as Harry Meersma to replace Lynette Johnson for the remainder of her term.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Supervisor Marcinkowski **ADOPTED**, to appoint Breann Fagan to the White Lake Library Board for the remainder of Bobbie Allred.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN– motion carried*

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*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN– motion carried*

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by No One **REJECTED**, to appoint Harry Meersma to the White Lake Library Board, to replace Lynette Johnson.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by No One **REJECTED**, to appoint Paula Martin to the White Lake Library Board, to replace Lynette Johnson.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by No One **REJECTED**, to appoint Marilyn Hamilton to the White Lake Library Board, to replace Lynette Johnson.

**h. Plumbing Inspector – Steve Smith**

Motion by Trustee Jeske second by Trustee Holman **ADOPTED**, to appoint Steve Smith to take on the plumbing inspections for the township.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**i. WRLS camera**

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Trustee Holman **ADOPTED**, to take over the camera at the WRLS and split the cost of reimbursing the camera with SPLKA at a 50/50 split.

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

**j. WRLS – intrusion alarm to the workshop**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by Trustee Holman **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Novotny.

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

**k. Equipment – Hurricane Blower – separate riding unit – cut fall cleanup by 75% -**

The Board would like to see how much time would be saved by this equipment as well as three quotes for the equipment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Rd – Spoke about the process for banning books in a library.  
Suggested an education project to cut down on materials in the ecology station to save money.

Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Rd – Spoke about the inefficiency of a backpack leaf blower and supports seeing a better system.

Marie Hamilton, 4532 Orshal Rd – Asked what obscene materials exist in the library that Supervisor Marcinkowski was referring to. Discussed how she handled the library when her children were younger.

Ace Covey, Via Zoom - Libraries are a traditional forum for the open exchange of information. Attempts to restrict access to library materials violate the basic tenets of the Library Bill of Rights.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –** Trustee Graham had questions on the zoning report and thanked the resident members in attendance and suggested giving the floor to Michael Clark for an introduction.

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Supervisor Marcinkowski  
**ADOPTED**, to suspend from Roberts Rules to hear from Mr. Clark.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Michael Clark gave a summary of his experience.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski,  
**ADOPTED**, to adjourn the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:18 PM.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland