

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (12) Twelve interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended September 16, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Rd – Ragnar Race is this weekend and the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails are looking for volunteers to help with their location.  
Stephanie Barret, 2077 Lakewood Rd – Running as the Democratic candidate for the Water Resources Commissioner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** –

- a. **August Zoning Report** – Will be placed on file.
- b. **Restrooms Nestrom Park** – Supervisor Marcinkowski had a meeting on 9/10 with Bob Murray, Brad (Winberg Const.), Kurt (CDS) to finalize items to start the construction documents.
- c. **WRLS – Invasive Species** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will be meeting with Muskegon Area Conservation District in preparation for the 150 Anniversary.

**CONSENT AGENDA** –

- a. **August 2024 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$146,753.64; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$111,977.37; Fund 140 Metro Authority Fund expenditure \$1,100.73**
- b. **August 2024 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – August 12, 2024, Work Session; August 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee Jeske second by Trustee Graham, **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. **Zoning Administrator – Compensation** – Supervisor Marcinkowski with the help of Trustee Lundell and current Zoning Administrator Val Jensen will interview the candidates that have applied.
- b. **Equipment – Blower quotes – equipment replacement account**

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from J&J Farms in the amount of \$10,299.00 to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

*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**

- c. **Community Building – Shingle Selection** – The Board discussed shingle colors and options and directed Supervisor Marcinkowski to collect quotes.
- d. **Old Dump** – Supervisor Marcinkowski gave an update on further work being done at the old dump site with neighboring sites.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Personnel Staffing/Position Discussion** – The Board discussed a committee to discuss possible staffing position changes as the township is facing many changes over the next few months. The Board would like to possibly see the inclusion of an upcoming board member, the current Clerk and Trustee Jeske.
- b. **Accessory Building Square Footage**

Motion by Trustee Graham second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to direct the Planning Commission to further review the requirements for parcels with 10 acres and above.

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

- c. **Tribute Bench request** – The Board discussed putting together a standardized request and approval process for memorial benches at various areas throughout the township as requests have increased.
- d. **Tire Recycling event** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will reach out to Laketon Township Supervisor about teaming up for this event.
- e. **Transfer Station Attendant** – The township has already received a few applications for the transfer station attendant position and may receive more. The Board would like to look at hiring two attendants for flexibility.
- f. **Parking Lot Striping quotes**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by Trustee Jeske **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Lakeshore Parking Lot Maintenance Inc in the amount of \$425.00.

*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**

- g. Vision Statement** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Trustee Lundell discussed their thoughts and ideas for a new vision statement for Fruitland Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

David Rice, 4047 Nestrom Rd – There were additional work days on Bridge 2 at the Duck Creek Natural Area. Big thanks to John Lundell for his help.

Patricia Whitener, 3293 W Bard Rd – Thanked the Board for accepting her petition and asking the Planning Commission to revisit the accessory building size. Agreed with possible issues with uses changing.

Matthew Johnson, Nestrom Rd – Continuing to ask about the public access signs at the end of Nestrom Road. Continued issues with the neighbor next to the property.

Ace Covey, via Zoom – Suggestions about memorial benches/tables.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that some signage has started to be placed. The MCRC did approve the signage at the road ends. Clerk Fagan discussed the upcoming election and ballot availability.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:10 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland