

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Supervisor Marcinkowski

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Clerk Fagan called the October 15, 2024, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:03 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske , **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 15, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Eric VanDop – Audit Presentation** – Eric presented the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit.
- b. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 10/7 meeting update** – Chairman Murray thanked the Board for the good relationship over the past term. He also reported on the current PFAS findings in the local lakes. They are keeping an eye on the foam. Chairman Murray reported on the most recent Parks Commission meeting. They are planning Trunk or Treat for October 26 from 6pm to 8pm at Fruitland Township Park. The Parks Commission supports the Treats for Troops and will plan to have a collection box at Trunk or Treat and encouraged the Board to do the same at the Township Hall. The baseball field will have some improvements done over the off season, as well as return the fence to the original spot. The gates installed on the tennis/pickleball courts will be adjusted to fix issues with balls rolling under the gates. Chairman Murray continues to work with CDS on the restroom planning as well as future park planning. Movie Night will be rescheduled in the spring.
- c. **Dave Rice – DCNA update** – Dave Rice reported that the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails are working on completing Bridge #2. They are working on finishing touches at this time and hope to have the bridge fully open soon. The Hain Family bench has been placed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **September Check disbursement report** – Will be placed on file.
- b. **September Ordinance Enforcement report** – Will be placed on file.
- c. **September PINS Report** – Will be placed on file.
- d. **Lakewood Subdivision Lots** – Clerk Fagan gave a brief update on the ongoing processes to sell the Lakewood Lots.
- e. **Cemetery update – building and power** – Supervisor Marcinkowski continues to get quotes and information regarding the building and electricity at the cemetery.
- f. **New Signage is being installed** – New signage is available and have started being placed.
- g. **Transfer Station Attendant** - New transfer station attendant, Leonard Pierce started on October 9.
- h. **Scenic Drive Non-Motorized Path Update** – The Scenic Road Safe Street Initiative non-motorized path is being considered for funding in the current government budget.
- i. **Dune Grass** – Has been planted at McMillan Rd end slope
- j. **Support letter for Reforesting projects** – Supervisor Marcinkowski included a letter of support for Muskegon County reforesting projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Community Building - vent pipe** - Supervisor Marcinkowski provided two quotes for new shingles on the Community Building. Maintenance Supervisor Arron has said the maintenance team can handle the power washing.
- b. **Zoning Administrator** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Trustee Lundell are recommending Michael Baker. It is the hope that Val Jensen to remain on for transition period. The Board discussed the position.
- c. **Personnel Staffing/Position Discussion** – Clerk Fagan discussed upcoming staff changes within the township hall office. Maintenance Supervisor Arron has suggested some changes to his position as well. Clerk Fagan would like to see a committee formed to discuss changes.
- d. **Vision Statement** – The Board reviewed three vision statements.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Wastewater User Rate and Surcharge Increases for FY 2025** – The Board reviewed the suggested increases.
- b. **Township Property – West Riley Thompson Rd** – A township resident has asked to purchase land owned by the Township that abuts her own property.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Clerk Fagan gave election reminders. Trustee Jeske asked for clarification on the number of properties still going for sale.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the October 15, 2024 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 11:50 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland