

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2024 MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** – (7) Seven interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended October 21, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Patricia Whitener, 3293 W Bard Rd – Expressed her concerns with how her accessory building petition was handled by the Board and the Planning Commission.

David Rice, 4047 Nestrom Rd – Gave updates on the Duck Creek Natural Area. Bridge #2 is completed, and fliers and other information are being updated. Planning is starting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge and the fundraising that will be required.

**PRESENTATION**

- a. **Sidney Shaw** – Sidney discussed some upcoming requirements and changes for the County Materials Management Plan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** –

- a. **September Zoning Report** – Will be placed on file
- b. **Broadband Update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported on updates he received at the Merit Broadband Conference.
- c. **Lakewood Subdivision lots** – One property has been sold and Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on getting everything finalized to list the remaining properties.
- d. **New Signage** – Signs are being placed throughout the township.
- e. **Resignation Letter** – JoAnn Hunt is resigning at the end of this calendar year.
- f. **WLFA Update** – Trustee Graham provided an update for the most recent White Lake Fire Authority meeting and their most recently approved budget. They do not currently have an accountant and Trustee Graham is pushing them to find a replacement quickly.

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

- a. **September 2024 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$65,226.42; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$58,132.01**
- b. **September 2024 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and Budget Amendments**
- c. **Minutes – ~~September 9, 2024, Work Session~~; September 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee Jeske second by Trustee Holman, **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** – The Board discussed the current Zoning Administrator and what they would see the position and required hours to look like going forward.

Motion by Trustee Lundell second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to approve Michael Baker as the new Zoning Administrator.

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

- b. **Personnel Staffing/Position Discussion –**

Motion by Clerk Fagan second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Clerk to form a hiring committee consisting of Clerk Fagan, Mary Mansfield and Justin Roggero and to choose a candidate prior to the next meeting as well as to ratify the consensus motion from last week to publish the Administrative Assistant position.

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

- c. **Vision Statement**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to approve the following Vision Statement: “Maintain the natural beauty and high quality of life for township residents, while continually increasing the value of township assets.”

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

- d. **Community Building – Shingle Selection** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still looking for another quote for this project.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**a. County Materials Management Plan –**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski second by Trustee Graham, **ADOPTED**, to approve appointing Sidney Shaw to the County Materials Management Plan committee as the Fruitland Township representative.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**b. Wastewater User Rate and Surcharge Increases for FY 2025 –** Supervisor Marcinkowski reported on upcoming price increases that will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**c. Township Property – West Riley Thompson Rd –** The Board discussed many potential issues that still need to be considered. The Board would like to know if this is a “lot of record” and if it would be buildable if sold, as well as the process of selling and the potential buyer’s plan for the property.

**d. Tree Services –** There will be some additional tree removal costs for the upgrade of the service at the Cemetery. Supervisor Marcinkowski has started gathering quotes and putting all the pieces together. There may also need to be a tree removed at Nestrom Park for planned future restroom.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Kim Cyr, County Commissioner – Reported recent groundbreaking for the expansion of the water services for the County. Also mentioned new airline at the Muskegon County Airport. Solar array is underway at the Water Filtration Center. Commissioner Cyr has been working with Jeff Martin, Dalton Twp Supervisor for a food access resolution.

Jessica Cook, County Commissioner – Thanked the Board for coordinating with the County for Early Voting. Discussed a new job position of Housing Coordinator and what that will entail and bring to Muskegon County. Looking for Public Comment input for the Muskegon County Parks and Recreation Plan.

Steve Serkaian, 6555 Sheltering Way – Discussed an ongoing concern with a neighbor clear cutting property.

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Rd – Wondering about the ownership status of Station 2.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –** Trustee Graham clarified that we no longer own Station 2. A firefighter has been hired to staff Station 2 and should start in January. Reminded Board

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members that there should not be political signs on township property. Clerk Fagan gave election reminders.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:38 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland