

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Treasurer Pachman

ALSO PRESENT – (6) Six interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the November 12, 2024, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended November 12, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 11/6 meeting update** – Chairman Murray reported on the most recent Parks Commission meeting. They are beginning to look at the upcoming budget year. Trunk or Treat was successful. The Parks Commission continues to work on and look at improvements within Nestrom Park. Chairman Murray is considering new trail markers for the Nestrom Park trails. They also did some work on the dugouts to prevent birds from nesting. Discussions have started with North Muskegon Baseball team for next Spring.
- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA update** – Dave Rice shared the new brochure for the Duck Creek Natural Area. Public interest is growing in the area. The newest bridge and bench are completed. Dave has a meeting with Howmet next week to discuss access for the next bridge location. He thanked the current board for their support over the last four years.
- c. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission update** – Trustee Holman presented upcoming public hearings for a proposed bed and breakfast, a private road, and a new blueberry field. They are also looking at Non-Conforming Buildings.
- d. **Vicki Graham – WLFA update** - No meeting since last report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **October Check disbursement report** – Will be placed on file.

- b. **October Ordinance Enforcement report** - Will be available for next meeting.
- c. **October PINS Report** – Will be placed on file.
- d. **ARPA Funds** – Meeting with GMED 11/14 to provide a final report for next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Community Building - vent pipe** - Supervisor Marcinkowski presented three quotes for roofing. He will confirm the workmanship warranty for Northshore and is hoping to have all vent pipe quotes by next week.
- b. **Cemetery Power** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still collecting quotes for electric upgrade at the cemetery.
- c. **Personnel Staffing/Position Discussion** – Clerk Fagan reported that Anne Stewart has been hired for the open Administrative Assistant position. She also reported that Val Jensen has proposed his training thoughts for Michael Baker and they will start working together soon. Clerk Fagan also announced a “Coffee and Congratulations” open house this Thursday as a send off for Sally.
- d. **Township Property – West Riley Thompson Rd** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that the W Riley Thompson Rd is buildable as a Lot of Record.
- e. **Lakewood Lots** – Supervisor Marcinowski shared information regarding the sale of some of the Lakewood Lots.
- f. **Park Commission items** – Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested appointing Mark Beegle for 2 year term. Commissioner Beegle did not run for election but is interested in continuing on the Board. The position will have to be on the ballot in the 2026 election.

Supervisor Marcinkowski would like to see all currently considered property sale proceeds to be earmarked toward Nestrom Park restrooms. The Board discussed the idea and recommended the upcoming Board to consider earmarking these proceeds as they come in and consider a budget amendment or rollover funds for the currently budgeted \$80,000 if it is matched by property sales. Trustee Lundell did bring it up that the Board is selling property on the east side of the township to be used to benefit the west side and would like that to be considered in the future.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Library Representative** – Supervisor Marcinkowski proposed extending Breann Fagan’s term on the White Lake Community Library Board.
- b. **Housing Representative** – Supervisor Marcinkowski also proposed appointing Breann Fagan as the housing representative for Fruitland Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Graham asked about the status of the Beck residence. Trustee Jeske asked about “Welcome to Fruitland” signs. Trustee Graham thanked the incoming Board. Clerk Fagan spoke about the election turn out and congratulated the new board. Clerk Fagan also reiterated the plan for “Coffee and Congratulations” for Sally Dion’s retirement. Supervisor Marcinkowski recently took an asset management course that he found very helpful and encourages others to consider the course and how it could be useful in the future. Trustee Holman suggested Vicki Graham for any open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Commission and congratulated the future board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the November 12, 2024 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 11:25 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland