

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

PRESENT – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Steffes, Trustee Cross, Trustee Brower, Treasurer Roggero, Trustee VanOosterhout

ABESNT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (29) Twenty-nine interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended December 16, 2024 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Butler- 3333 W Bard Rd- Appealed to the board to consider public comments and consider them when making decisions.

Melissa Dehan- 5900 Stable Rd- Spoke representing of Muskegon County Trail Riders Association, expressed gratitude for ordinance allowing equestrian activities.

Kimon Kotos- 6171 Duck Lake Rd- Welcomed new board and extended services to bring together talent in comm

Patricia Whitener- 3293 W Bard Rd- Voiced concerns regarding Special Land Use- Blueberry Farm- Q&R Farms, destroying habitats, residents’ concerns at planning commission meeting, water usage, pesticides.

Debbie Gianetti-3215 Weber Rd- Voiced agreement with Patricia Whitener’s comments, and further stated concerns about air pollution, noise pollution, and habitat destruction.

Manny Cisneros- 3386 Scenic Dr- Questioned if there were any precautions taken for the steps at the McMillan Road End to prevent destruction over the winter.

John Bishop- 3563 Orshal Rd- Reiterated the concerns regarding Q&R Farms.

AWARDS CEREMONY- Supervisor Marcinkowski presented awards to various individuals for their service provided to Fruitland Township

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **November Zoning Report** – Will be placed on file.
- b. **Materials Management Plan Report**- Will be placed on file.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **November 2024 Treasurer reports; Revenues: (101) General Fund \$; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$;** Revenue reports were unavailable for the board as of this meeting.
- b. **November 2024 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and final ARPA**
- c. **Minutes – November 11, 2024, Work Session; November 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to apply the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$22,562.44 towards the balance due for the Wayfinding Sign Project.

Remaining Consent Agenda items will be placed on file.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross **AYE**, Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE – motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **MSHDA – Housing Readiness Incentive Grant - registered**

Motion by Trustee Cross second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the application for the MSHDA Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross **AYE**, Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE – motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Commission – Trustee Holman to review - Board approval 1.) Special Land Use – Blueberry Farm – Q&R Farms parcel 61-06-127-400-0002-20 located on Weber Rd. 2.) Article XVIII Private Streets Serving Two to 30 Lots – Steve and Tracy Seeger – parcel 61-06-120-400-0004-00. 3.) Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.23 Non-conforming Building, Structures and Uses (B.) Expansion and Substitution of Non-conforming Buildings or Structures**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to delay the approval of the Special Land Use- Blueberry Farm- Q&R Farms pending receipt of letters from the Road Commission, Drain

Commission, WLFA, and EGLE as well as additional information regarding mandatory well testing and clarification regarding the screening to the south property line.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve 3.) Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.23 Non-conforming Building, Structures and Uses (B.) Expansion and Substitution of Non-conforming Buildings or Structures

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT- motion carried

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to reverse previous motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski regarding 3.) Article III, General Provisions, Section 3.23 Non-conforming Building, Structures and Uses (B.) Expansion and Substitution of Non-conforming Buildings or Structures, pending review of verbiage

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT- motion carried

b. WRLS 150th Anniversary Celebration Proposal-

Motion by Trustee Cross, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to provide \$2,000 for WRLS 150th Anniversary Celebration and appoint Supervisor Marcinkowski and Maintenance Supervisor to oversee the requested Event Aid.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross AYE, Clerk Steffes AYE, Supervisor Marcinkowski AYE, Trustee Brower AYE, Trustee VanOosterhout AYE, Treasurer Roggero, AYE – motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to approve sale of beer and wine at the WRLS Anniversary Celebration.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT- motion carried

c. WRLS – Invasive Species Removal – quote was reviewed

- d. RFP – Contracts-** Supervisor Marcinkowski proposed change to policies and procedures regarding contracts, requested an updated policy to review before approval.

e. Furniture additions-

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve quotation to upgrade office furniture in the amount of \$2,473.24.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross **AYE**, Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE** – **motion carried**

f. CAC – Grant Research and Writing – Approval to establish

g. CAC – Resource and Recovery Community Center – Approval to establish

h. CAC – Asset management – Approval to establish

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve and/or continue CAC- Grant Research and Writing, CAC- Resources and Recovery Community Center, and CAC Asset Management

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT-** **motion carried**

i. Down and Diseased Red Pine – Approval with DCNA removal – proceed for bridge #3 or Simonelli parking lot.

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve removal of down and diseased red pine and use the funds for bridge # 3 or Simonelli parking lot.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross **AYE**, Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE** – **motion carried**

j. DNR Grant – Accessible pathways in Nestrom Park –

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve Supervisor Marcinkowski's application for the DNR Grant.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT-** **motion carried**

k. DNR Trust Fund Grant – Non-Motorized Path Scenic Dr – Duck Lake Rd to Duck Lake State Park –

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve Supervisor Marcinkowski's application for the DNR Grant.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT-** **motion carried**

- l. Fruitland Township Appointment Form-** Board reviewed first draft of the form
- m. MTA Subscriptions Plus Package Consideration-**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross , **ADOPTED**, to increase our MTA subscription from Essentials Package to Plus Package.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cross **AYE**, Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE** – **motion carried**

- n. 2025 Trustee Review Schedule for Check Signatures-** Schedule was reviewed without concerns
- o. Bank Signatories-**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to add Treasurer Roggero and Clerk Steffes as signatories on all township bank accounts.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT-** **motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Elise Butler- 3333 W Bard Rd - inquired about the vacancy on the Planning Commission and requested that all boards use the same resources, like Zoom recordings and microphones, for accessibility to all residents.

John Bishop - 3563 Orshal Rd – asked the board to consider making board packets accessible to audience members to follow along.

Dave Rice- requested Fruitland Township residents to send support or dissent for the pending bill regarding duplexes.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Cross discussed the many bills currently being pushed and the importance of remaining aware.

Supervisor Marcinkowski reiterated the importance of calling or sending letters when there are bills on the floor to show our support or dissent.

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Trustee VanOosterhout pointed out an amendment to the previously discussed bill that states it will not include townships.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 8:18 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland