

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2025 MINUTES**

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

**ABESNT** –

**ALSO PRESENT** – (1) interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended January 21, 2025 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –  
There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** –

- a. December Zoning Report- will be placed on file
- b. DNR Passport Grant – Accessible pathways Nestrom Park – Site plan revised – seeking quotes for budget
- c. Fraud Guard
- d. Sports & Shorts
- e. Recycling Update- Sydney Shaw Email and Recycling Grant Application

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to allow Supervisor Marcinkowski to apply for the Recycling Grant Program Application.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried*

- f. WLFA- Melissa Beegle Resignation
- g. Meeting with Water Resource Commissioner
- h. Demand Letter- Terry Gaule 4290 North Weber Road

**CONSENT AGENDA** –

- a. November/December 2024 Treasurer reports – Treasurer explanation

- b. **December 2024 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and Budget Amendments-**  
Will be placed on file
- c. **Minutes – December 9, 2024, Work Session; December 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

*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. **Service Opportunity Form –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to add the Service Opportunity Form to the website.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried*

- b. **Lakewood Lots – Park Commission Request – shingle pavilions, concrete sidewalk around playground, smaller play structures -**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to allocate the sale proceeds from the remaining parcel of Lakewood Lots to shingle pavilions, put in a concrete sidewalk around playground and add smaller play structures for younger children and apply any remaining funds to the Transfer Station.

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

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Michigan 2-1-1 Community Organization Portal**
- b. **Personnel Position – Office Manager –**

Motion by Trustee Holman second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to offer Mary Mansfield the role of Office Manager with a raise of 25%.

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

**c. Personnel Position – Deputy Clerk –**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to approve an hourly rate of \$22/hour for Deputy Clerk rather than the set annual Deputy rate if they are not a current office employee, but retain the set annual rate if they are an office employee.

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

**d. Town Hall Style Community Discussions – Trustee VanOosterhout to put together a proposal with more information**

**e. Quote to tear down cemetery building – Press’s LLC –**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote to demolish the cemetery building.

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

**f. RESOLUTION 001-2025 AMEND APPENDIX B TO THE UNIFORM WATER RATE ORDINANCE –**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adopt **RESOLUTION 001-2025 AMEND APPENDIX B TO THE UNIFORM WATER RATE ORDINANCE**.

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

**g. Down and Diseased Red Pine – split proceeds for DCNA Simonelli Rd parking lot and new exit out of transfer station –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to split the proceeds from down and diseased red pine to DCNA Simonelli Rd parking lot and a new exit out of the Transfer Station.

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

**h. Agreement – Township and GMED – MSHDA grant for Master Plan –**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve Professional Services Agreement between GMED and FT for MSHDA Grant Application and Grant Management.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

There were none

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –**

Supervisor Marcinkowski discussed providing a plaque for Melissa Beegle to thank her for her years of service.

Trustee Brower discussed getting public feedback regarding hunting in DCNA.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:21PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland