

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT –

ALSO PRESENT – (5) Five interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 13, 2025, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:04 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 13, 2025 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Brad VanBergen – Winberg Construction – Nestrom Park Restrooms-** Explained that Winberg would bond/underwrite the work for local contractors so we can work with local contractors for the project, and they would manage the project.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules for the remainder of the presentations.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES- motion carried

- b. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 1/6 meeting update-** advised they will be short a commissioner for several months. Asked to apply any additional funds from sold Township properties to also be applied to the park- accessibility sidewalks, some play structures for children 5 & under, re-shingling pavilions to match the new restrooms. Commissioner Knopf is interested in hosting another craft event at the Township Hall in the next couple months.
- c. **Dave Rice – DCNA update-** Dave advised he got the approval from Howmet to access Bridge # 3 location through Howmet’s property. Requested that the board consider removing hunting entirely from DCNA.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES- motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **December Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. **December Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. **December PINS Report-** will be placed on file
- d. **Vicki Graham – WLFA update – written report-** will be placed on file
- e. **Email – Ian Orr – update on NMP Scenic Drive-** will be placed on file
- f. **Meeting with Jack Greve – 1/29 – plans for the WRLS 150th Anniversary**
- g. **Policies and Procedures – review – mileage – working with township attorney**
- h. **RFP contracts – working with township attorney on language for policy manual**
- i. **Letter and Article from Barb Aardema-** will be placed on file
- j. **Cemetery Sign**
- k. **Email- David Ridders- Credit Freeze-** Supervisor Marcinkowski proposed putting this out on E-news to help residents learn about options available to protect their credit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Community Building - vent pipe and roof shingles – completed on 1/8**
- b. **Cemetery Power – Consumers scheduling the underground installation.**
- c. **Service Opportunity Form – Citizen Advisory Committees**
- d. **Lakewood Lots – what is left? Additional Park Commission request**
- e. **Solar Energy Systems – Ordinance Approval**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski , second by Trustee VanOosterhout , **ADOPTED**, to approve ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.37 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

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

f. Blueberry Farm Approval

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve Special Land Use – Blueberry Farm – Q&R Farms parcel 61-06-127-400-0002-20 located on Weber Rd.

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

g. Non-conforming Buildings, Structures and Uses- Ordinance Approval

Motion by Clerk Steffes , second by Trustee Cross , **ADOPTED**, to approve ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.23 NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Michigan 2-1-1 Community Organization Portal**
- b. Township Facebook page – Justin to create – Justin and Alexa to manage**
- c. Personnel Position – Office Manager – Mary Mansfield**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOTPED**, to delay voting on instituting an Office Manager until the Regular Board Meeting.

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

- d. Personnel Position – Deputy Clerk – pay and hours**
- e. ZOOM Meetings - Trustee VanOosterhout**
- f. Town Hall Style Community Discussions – Trustee VanOosterhout**
- g. Quote to tear down cemetery building – Press’s LLC**
- h. RESOLUTION 001-2025 AMEND APPENDIX B TO THE UNIFORM WATER RATE ORDINANCE**
- i. Request from Friends of Fruitland Township Trails**
- j. Agreement – Township and GMED – MSHDA grant**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bob Murray- 5280 Duck Lake Rd- Agreed with previous discussion regarding limiting the amount of voting on matters at a work session rather than the Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Supervisor Marcinkowski brought up the idea of posting board packets in advance. He's concerned about the response to the questions that would arise from people who aren't going to attend the meetings. Brought up the DNR Passport grant for accessible pathways.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Cross Holman, second by Trustee Brower, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the January 13, 2025 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:52 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland