

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 12, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee Holman, Trustee Cross

ALSO PRESENT – (7) seven interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the May 12, 2025, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the May 12, 2025 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Terri Hampel- 6170 Duck Lake Rd- Asked about the McMillian Road end sign and what the rules on the sign mean.

PRESENTATIONS –

a. John Warner – Dave Roesler – Planning Commission Service – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented Dave Roesler a plaque for 14 years of service on the Planning Commission.

b. Brad VanBergen – Nestrom Park Restrooms- Mr. VanBergen from Winberg Construction provided an update regarding the Nestrom Park Restrooms. They are ready to go and just need a final meeting to tweak some line items and agree on the final touches. He advised he can have the numbers available within a week or two, he will try to get them done before our next meeting. Projected time frame for the project depends on the time it take to make the masonry since it is custom ordered.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to suspend Roberts Rules for the duration of Presentations.
Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

c. Burton Cardwell – BLOX – container office at transfer station – Mr. Cardwell presented about the cost and process for putting a container building at the transfer station for an office building. They do all modifications in their office building and then

move the completed project to the site. 20' containers are sparse, so it may take more time to source, he estimated it would be an additional 3 weeks. The other option is to take a 40' and cut it down to the correct size, which would take about one week. The turnaround time for completing the project once the container is sourced is approximately 8 weeks.

d. Matt Biolette – Engineer of Record – F&V – Annual update – Mr. Biolette advised there was additional road funding that was announced, some of which should come to the twp. They reapplied for the Scenic Drive pathway for the 25/26 fiscal year plan. He discussed a plan for moving the recycling at the ecology station closer to the road and possibility of getting funding from the county for that. He talked about the process and studies needed when considering a community building. There are septic infrastructure policies being considered on the state level which we should keep an eye on.

e. Carlet Mitenbuler – Park Commission – 5/7 meeting update – agenda and minutes from Parks Commission meeting will be placed on file.

f. Sidney Shaw – MMPC update- email from Sidney Shaw will be placed on file.

g. Dave Rice – DCNA update- They are getting ready to start building Bridge #3, the goal is to have it completed before 9/1/25. He discussed geocaching in DCNA. He asked about funding for the new parking area on Simonelli. He stated that he's gotten requests for a portable restroom in the parking lot. FTTT is working on updating their bylaws and asked if the Township Attorney can look through them.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero,
ADOPTED, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

a. April Check disbursement report – Will be placed on file

b. April Ordinance Enforcement report - Will be placed on file

c. April Zoning Report - Will be placed on file

d. April PINS Report - Will be placed on file

e. Clerk Steffes - May 6th Election recap – There were 1607 voters in the 5/6/25 election, 438 in-person on election day and 1169 absentee voters. That's approximately 31.5% of the 5094 registered voters in the township.

f. Michigan Recycling Conference – May 13-15 - Muskegon – Supervisor Marcinkowski will be attending a portion of the conference.

g. Email – MCRC – traffic signal at the corner of Whitehall Rd and Riley Thompson Rd

h. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 4/14 – One of the denials from the 4/14/25 meeting will be appealed to circuit court

- i. **Lamos Rd end** – Road Commission and water commission will be taking a look at the grading that was done
- j. **Nestrom Park – DNR Passport Grant – Charamy Cleary – June 2** – There will be an in-person visit to Nestrom Park to consider the DNR Passport Grant for accessible pathways
- k. **V&V Assessing** – Started 5/1/25, we are getting a scanner for them, setting up a VPN so they can remote in, discussed business cards.
- l. **MSHDA Grant – Housing Readiness Incentive** – There is a new round of funding and GMED is helping with the application process.
- m. **2025 Legislative Breakfast – Playhouse – 5/12** – Supervisor Marcinkowski attended the legislative breakfast- priorities expressed were roads and housing.
- n. **McMillan Rd End sign** – draft for new McMillan Rd End sign with less strict rules
- o. **Annual letter – DNR – Ron Olson – Duck Lake State Park** – will be placed on file.
- p. **Email – Michael Eslick – County Public Health – Beach Monitoring** – signs will be placed at Duck Lake Chanel Beach and McMillan Road End
- q. **Town Hall meeting – June 12 – 7pm** – discussed moderator and topics
- r. **Fruitland Drain #1 meeting – June 26 – 7pm** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will get a map of the effected property owners and verbiage we can use in communication.
- s. **Muskegon County Road Commission meeting 5/21**
- t. **Muskegon County Wastewater meeting 5/15**
- u. **RAGNAR Race/Event** – coming through in September
- v. **W8ZHO Radio Club – Nestrom Park – June 28 and 29**
- w. **Terence Gaule** - A home was supposed to be built, there have been no new permits or building, so notice was served to take down the existing structure or build the house that was proposed.
- x. **Master Plan Grant – Community Foundation – LOS - \$17,000.00**
- y. **William Jordan** – Parcel 61-06-116-300-0003-00- Letter regarding abandoned and unsecure building, Mr. Jordan has taken steps to have the building demolished.
- z. **Gary Kline**- Parcel 61-06-129-100-0011-00- Letter regarding abandoned and unsecure building, no response from Mr. Kline at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Cemetery bldg. – additional costs Consumer’s** - demo scheduled for the week of May 12.
- b. **Transfer Station – Curbing and gutter quotes**

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Professional Planning Services – Williams & Works** – discussed changing some of the contract verbiage before board approval.
- b. **Chairs, Board tables, podium considerations**
- c. **5 Year Road projects plan – MCRC**
- d. **Resolution - Muskegon County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

e. Mileage Reimbursement Policy

f. Nestrom Rd Speed Limit

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Terri Hampel- recommended talking about speed limits at the Town Hall Meeting. Discussed the Ragnar race and how FFTT has volunteered and has been reimbursed a small amount from Ragnar which is used as a fundraiser for FFTT. They were not given the funds the last year or two so they are considering if they want to volunteer again this year.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Treasurer Roggero mentioned a potluck next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tresurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the May 12, 2025 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 12:47 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland