

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABESNT –

ALSO PRESENT – (3) Three interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended June 16, 2025 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

David Race 1857 Scenic Dr- Talked about the trees down at McMillan Road End. Asked about the non-motorized path on Scenic Dr.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES– motion carried

Carlet Mitenbuler- 4623 Nestrom Rd- stated there was a dead deer on the road and she called to road commission and they removed it right away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Transfer Station – Curb and gutter for new exit completed – excavation and gravel base week of 6/16 – Asphalt Paving Inc.**
- b. **Email from Jonathon Degen-** advised he could not make it to this meeting and asked to reschedule

- c. **Planning Commission Special Meeting Notice and Agenda-** meeting on 6/24/25, introductory meeting with Williams & Works as the new planning consultant
- d. **Letter to LARA for Steve Smith- recommending to approve Steve Smith as a mechanical inspector**
- e. **Road Commission Agenda-** Speed Study on Nestrom and Traffic Signal at Riley Thompson and Whitehall Rd are on agenda, Supervisor Marcinkowski will be at that meeting

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **May 2025 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$30,975.38; Expenditure \$134,881.18; Fund 130 (Public works)Revenue \$950.00 Expenditure \$300; Fund 180 Community Building Capital Improvement \$50.00; Fund 213 ARPA Expenditure \$12,127.50**
- b. **May 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – May 12, 2025, Work Session; May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **BS&A - .net to the cloud – final agreement**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to table the transition to BS&A Cloud until the board gets more information about getting a discount when joining with more municipalities as well as what their plan is to deal with the bugs that are reported by other municipalities.

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

- b. **BLOX Container office for transfer station – new location and paving update**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to change the location of the new building at the ecology station and get a new quote.

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

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve the additional excavation and paving costs at the ecology station.

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

- c. **Road Paving – Michillinda Rd (Whitehall Rd to BJT) – Discussed the cost to pave that portion of the road and what the assessment amount would be for the 5 property owners along that stretch.**

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to take no action.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **New Sign for Community Building- updated proposal will be available in July**
- b. **Meeting Room AV-** discussed the cost versus benefit of outfitting the board room with a projector and sound system

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to take no action on the AV quotes.

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

- c. **Township Property Designations- Supervisor Marcinkowski will work on designating a use for each of the properties owned by the township**
- d. **Property request from Parks Commission**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to send the request to the Parks Commission to allocate the 3-acre parcel of land to the township board.

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

- e. **Nestrom - DNR Passport Grant – Accessible Pathways –** discussed putting in parking areas at the same time as the accessible pathway if the grant is approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler- 4623 Nestrom Rd- Stated she would like to see more access to the board packets but pointed out how few people come to the meetings and watch on Zoom. She also asked about how many people have shown interest in having a second building. She asked about the criteria for being on the CAC for the community center as well as some of the hurdles regarding the cost, public use and public interest.

David Race- 1857 Scenic- Stated Verizon bought Frontier last year so communications will be getting cheaper because Verizon is making Frontier expand their Fiber so he recommended waiting as long as possible to switch from BS&A .net to the cloud. Agreed with using the D10 unit we have to show board packets before getting a projector. Stated we should have a barrier between parking spaces and the accessible pathway.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Clerk Steffes asked for a map of Fruitland Drain #1 to send out E-News about the drain meeting. Supervisor Marcinkowski, Trustee VanOosterhout and Trustee Brower advised they should be able to be there.

The board discussed the format of future town hall meetings.

Trustee VanOosterhout discussed having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. Discussed also having the Parks Commission involved. The date July 29th at 6PM was suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:48 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland