

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 9, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – none.

ALSO PRESENT – (2) two interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the June 9, 2025, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the June 9, 2025 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Carlet Mitenbuler – Park Commission – 6/2 meeting update-** the pickleball lessons went well, there will be a movie night in July, advised there is a tree down at the south pavilion at Nestrom Park. Discussed vandalism of the picnic table on the Duck Lake Beach.
- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA update and parking lots-** Dave Rice provided update on Bridge # 3. He advised they received \$30K in funding from Howmet and it is enough to finish the bridge and update signage, they also received a donation of \$6K over the winter, as well as funding from the Community Foundation. He requested getting the parking lot on Duck Lake Rd extended and getting the parking lot on Simonelli done and discussed getting benches and boot scrapers in 2026.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman,
ADOPTED, to suspend Roberts Rules for the duration of Presentations.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

- c. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission meeting update 6/5-** the family that owns the cabins at 600 Hill St requested a permit extension which was granted, Bill Cooper inquired about having a wrestling club at his home- his home is residential so he cannot have it be a commercial enterprise, Dennis Hughes- turning Pickle Barrell into

an ice cream parlor- he was instructed to make some updates to his plan so it can be approved, received approval for the well, it's close to being approved. PC is having a special meeting on 6/24/25 rather than having a July meeting. They will be meeting with Williams and Works on the 6/24 to get started with the 5-year plan.

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to have a 5 minute recess at 10:34 am for trustees to move their cars.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to resume meeting at 10:39 am.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **May Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. **May Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. **May Zoning Report-** will be placed on file
- d. **May PINS Report-** will be placed on file
- e. **Township Audit – 6/16 & 6/17**
- f. **Mike Rowe – Janet Fonger (resident) – will be in a commercial for Patriot Call on Dirty Jobs**
- g. **Pickle Ball Net Crank Use Agreement- Glenn William returned the crank and the “agreement” is nullified**
- h. **McMillan Road End sign and fallen tree damage-** The sign is finalized. Supervisor Marcinkowski got quotes for tree removal and sent them to the Johnsons, who are responsible for the cleanup as the trees fell from their property
- i. **County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-** Response from FEMA will be placed on file.
- j. **Roads+ Event Lansing –** Supervisor Marcinkowski will be meeting with legislators on road issues at the event on 6/25/25
- k. **Scenic Drive NMP – update-** We should know around 7/7/25 if funding is approved
- l. **Sale totals of Township Properties-** total sales of Twp properties so far: \$460,411
- m. **Sample letters- traffic signal - Whitehall Rd/Riley Thompson Rd; slower speed limit - Nestrom Rd –** will post on website with addresses they can be sent to
- n. **Lamos Rd end-** the neighbor to the East graded the road end without permits or permission from the Road Commission. Supervisor Marcinkowski provided the information to the Road Commission.
- o. **Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Community Center – Resolution 2022-20 change**

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- p. **Nestrom Park – DNR Passport Grant – Charamy Cleary – June 2 – revising site plan.**
- q. **MSHDA Grant – housing incentive for Master Plan – GMED application sent in - \$50K**
- r. **Town Hall meeting – June 12 – 7pm-** Supervisor Marcinkowski will discuss Fruitland University, Clerk Steffes will discuss Senior Millage and Senior Palooza, Update about speed limits/road safety
- s. **Fruitland Drain #1 meeting – June 26 – 7pm-** Meeting will be posted and E-news will go out
- t. **W8ZHO Radio Club – Nestrom Park – June 28 and 29**
- u. **Memorial Day Service-** 35-40 people attended

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **BLOX Container building for transfer station**
- b. **Winberg Construction- Nestrom Park Restrooms**

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Meeting room AV**
- b. **Resolutions to redesignate township properties – Blank/Lakewood; Lorenson**
- c. **Community Building sign**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Holman said the Cemetery is looking great. He also suggested considering replacing our ambulance service and he will bring information about the current call response times. The board agreed to allow the director of the WLAA present at the meeting on 6/16/25 and plan another townhall event for the residents to discuss the possibility of entering WLAA.

Treasurer Roggero advised he is going to Lansing at the end of June to speak with MI Class and other treasurers regarding investment opportunities.

Clerk Steffes discussed the Senior Palooza on 6/28/25 and asked if any trustees will be available to attend and supervise a Township table. Advised the board we will have an election on 8/5/25 with MADL on the ballot.

Supervisor Marcinkowski advised we will be closing the ecology station on 7/5/25 as we don't have any attend it that day. He also provided an update on the WRLS anniversary event.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***,
to adjourn the June 9, 2025 Work Session of the Township of
Fruitland at 11:59 AM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland