

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 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 July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **July Board of Review – 7/23 at 3pm at Twp Hall**
- b. **Fruitland Township Drains – Water Resources Commissioner – 7/24 – 7PM – Township Hall**
- c. **Joint meeting – Planning, Parks, Board – Master Plan-** Board discussed changing the date and getting confirmation from the other boards. We will have them add it to their August agendas so ensure they are aware and willing to attend a joint meeting.
- d. **Fruitland Township Master Land Use Plan Update- Housing Emphasis- Workplan**
- e. **Letter from Myers & Myers PLLC**

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **June 2025 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$93,478.74; Expenditure \$121,361.56; Fund 130 (Public works) Expenditure \$1,000.00; Fund 140 Metro Authority Fund \$6,113.75**
- b. **June 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and Budget Amendments**
- c. **Minutes – June 9, 2025, Work Session; June 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

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Motion by Trustee Cross, second by Treasurer Roggero, **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. BLOX Container office for transfer station – Action Item

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the proposal from Blox for \$40,949 to put in the new office building 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**

b. Community Center Sign – Action item

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Community Center Sign from Port City Signs for \$1335.

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. Meeting Room AV – account and ARPA interest – Action item

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to earmark interest on deposits over the projected \$30K in the budget to be used for AV equipment for the meeting room.

Supervisor Marcinkowski Rescinded his motion without a vote. No action taken.

d. Community Center Location

NEW BUSINESS –

a. Tree removal – McMillan Road End – Action item

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Jelinek for \$3,700 to remove the downed trees at McMillan Road End.

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**

b. Old Dump – Work Plan approval – approved by EGLE – Action item

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the work plan by Westshore Engineering to budget \$44,260 to Monitor Well Installation and Sampling, with actual expenses to be billed.

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. Commercial Insurance Proposal – approval – Action item

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to sign and pay the commercial insurance renewal proposal in the amount of \$22,529.

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**

d. Text MY Gov – status – renewal - Action item

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to not renew Fruitland Township's current plan with Textmygov.

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

e. Nestrom - DNR Passport Grant – Accessible Pathways – parking areas – Action Item

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to take no action on the Accessible Pathway parking areas proposal until next year.

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

f. RESOLUTION 2025-25 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES – Action Item

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-25 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES.

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**

g. Traffic Study Proposal – Riley Thompson/Whitehall Rd intersection

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to send the proposal to Six Flags Corporate offices.

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

h. Ordinance- Consumers Energy Electric Franchise

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler commented

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Holman commented that he had his family reunion yesterday at Nestrom Park and everything went well.

Trustee VanOosterhout discussed the potential for a container restroom quote. He asked about the millage rates being decided in September and would like the board to think about that. He talked about a more in-depth discussion regarding a potential community center. He is considering bringing changes to Ordinance 52, the livestock ordinance, as there are things that he feels don't make sense.

Supervisor Marcinkowski commented on the container restroom quotes, community center location as well as RFP plan.

Clerk Steffes discussed changes to the policies and procedures manual.

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Trustee Holman inquired about the WLAA. The board agreed to have a townhall on Tuesday, September 9th at 7PM to discuss WLAA.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:30 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland