

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JULY 14, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – none.

ALSO PRESENT – (7) seven interested parties + 3 on Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the July 14, 2025, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 14, 2025 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Donald on Zoom commented on the summer property tax bill administration fee and requested that the township waives the fee for future billing cycles.

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

- a. **Jonathon Degen – White Lake Ambulance-** Presented about WLAA- they cover 5 municipalities- 2 Ambulances staffed 24/7 with 1 paramedic and 1 EMT at a minimum but often 2 paramedics. The WLAA collects a millage from the municipalities they cover, which covers about 60% of their costs, the rest comes from payments for calls. Average response time in Fruitland Twp has been approximately 12 minutes, under 10 minutes for emergency calls.
- b. **Carlet Mitenbuler – Park Commission – 7/7 meeting update-** Advised the Parks Commission unanimously voted no to the land exchange with the township for a future community building. They approved the quotes for the bathrooms. She discussed surveillance for the bathrooms. Advised the picnic table that was vandalized is still bent and needs cement to fix it. The movie night has been

changed. There are weeds on the baseball fields and elevation issues with the pickleball courts which will be addressed at the next Parks meeting.

- c. **Dave Rice – DCNA update-** Advised they are about halfway done with the boardwalk and have about 300 ft left. He estimates they have spent over 500 hours working on it. They have spent about \$33K so far. The Senior Palooza was good outreach for them, they got a volunteer and a couple to sign up as trail stewards. At this time FTTT does not plan on volunteering with RAGNAR.
- d. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission Special Meeting-** They had the introduction of Williams & Works and voted to work with them. Dennis Hughes did not show up for the preliminary site plan review for the Pickle Barrel. The definition of a Basement will be placed on the next public hearing agenda.
- e. **Sidney Shaw-** WMSRDC is sending a survey to all of the municipalities in the 5 county area regarding solid waste. They will be attending MTA meetings and meeting with MSU students to compile data.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **June Check disbursement and budget amendments report-** will be placed on file
- b. **June Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. **June Zoning Report-** will be placed on file
- d. **June PINS Report-** will be placed on file
- e. **Updated McMillan Road End sign is up**
- f. **Roads + Event Lansing – RUC – Road Use Charge – Michigan Trial**
- g. **Lamos Rd end**
- h. **Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Community Center – met with County Emergency Manager**
- i. **Nestrom Park – DNR Passport Grant – update**
- j. **MSHDA Grant – housing readiness incentive for Master Plan – grant was approved - \$50K**
- k. **Fruitland Drains meeting – July 24 – 7pm**
- l. **Jim Callender retirement – Jim Hoppus filling in – Steve Smith in Lansing on July 16 for Mechanical Inspector**
- m. **CFP Scenic Drive NMP update**
- n. **Special Tribute from the City of Montague – White River Light Station**
- o. **Fruitland Voter Turnout and Method for November Elections**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a. Nestrom Park Restrooms-

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, support by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve the preliminary bathroom quotes and begin the project.

Upon Board Discussion, Supervisor Marcinkowski rescinded his motion and agreed to delay the vote until next the Regular Board meeting so we can compare information for a shipping container restroom.

b. BLOX Container building for transfer station

c. Meeting room AV – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented a way to fund the previously proposed AV setup for the meeting room

d. Community Building Sign

NEW BUSINESS –

a. Aaron Ferris – Maintenance Supervisor – discussion about potential additional duties

b. Tree removal McMillan Road end – discussion about removing the wood that remains

c. Old Dump – Work Plan for Monitoring Wells and Sampling

d. Commercial Insurance Proposal

e. ADA Infrastructure Grant

f. Text My Gov

g. Asphalt Parking Areas Nestrom Park

h. RESOLUTION 2025-24 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATE START DATES FOR JULY 2025 AND DECEMBER 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-24 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATE START DATES FOR JULY 2025 AND DECEMBER 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

i. Resolution for renewing Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance – Attorney reviewing

j. Additional Master Plan grant information

PUBLIC COMMENT –

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Carlet Mitenbuler- 4623 Nestrom Road- Advised the board doesn't need to focus on what is happening on Fruitland Informed Facebook Page. Stated when questions were coming up about well monitoring, she had her 2 wells checked and one was perfect and the second has small trace amounts of PFAS.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Clerk Steffes discussed FOIA and Record Retention when it comes to social media engagement.

Treasurer Roggero addressed the 1% admin fee on tax bills, explained the history and the amount that comes in from the admin fee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the July 14, 2025 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:34 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland