

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2025 MINUTES**

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

**ABESNT** – Trustee Brower

**ALSO PRESENT** – (9) Nine interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the August 18, 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 August 18, 2025 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Steve Serkaian- Discussed Fire Suppression and the IFC Board of Appeals Appointments. Asked the Township Board to hold the WLFA accountable and stated it is against the law to require fire suppression in the state of Michigan.

Lin Wiedrich- Read a poem about nature and pesticides along the roadside. Implored the Township to create a Citizens Advisory Committee to explore the option of not spraying pesticides on the road right of ways.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –**

- a. **Mike Holman – Planning Commission meeting on 8/7 update-** Discussed 5-year plan, took Dennis Hughes’ request off the table as he did not show up 2 meetings in a row and they had received letters of complaints from surrounding neighbors who are no longer willing to let him share the well. Discussed a joint meeting with the PC, Parks & Rec and BOT.
- b. **Joint meeting – Planning, Parks, Board – Master Plan – 9/11 – 6PM – Township Hall-** Agreed to allow public comment with a 3 minute limit and have a timer responsible for limiting it.

- c. **Dan Allen – White Lake Cabins (Old Glaser Glen Cabins)** – Email with update about the status of cleanup from the storm last year. Some cleanup has taken place and more is planned for September.
- d. **Email - Community Building** – Email regarding complaints of a boat trailer being parked on the road by the community building
- e. **Motion for Summary Disposition- Beck**

**CONSENT AGENDA –**

- a. **July 2025 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$27,725.15; Expenditure \$153,543.57; Fund 120 (Public Roads Fund) Expenditure \$162,558.80; Fund 130 (Public works) Expenditure \$600.00; Fund 140 (Metro Authority Fund) \$1,125.29; Fund 145 (Equipment Replacement Fund) Revenue \$75.00; Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement) Revenue \$50.00**
- b. **July 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – July 14, 2025, Work Session; July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- a. **Community Center Location – Action item**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski to allocate the acre in front of the township for a future Community Center. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

- b. **Offer on last parcel of land-** denied offer that included a contingency for zoning approval on a different piece of property.
- c. **Logo options for board room**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Policy and Procedure manual**
- b. **Employee Manual**
- c. **Earned Sick Time Policy**
- d. **VC3 Quotes - Workstation/Computer/Windows 11 upgrades**

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, seconded by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve a contract with VC3 for upgrade services up to a maximum of \$6500.

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

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, seconded by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve the hardware/software purchase through VC3 not to exceed &7500.

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

- e. **RESOLUTION 2025-26 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ON FRUITLAND #1 DRAIN** – Waiting for more information, no action taken
- f. **RESOLUTION 2025-27 RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Motion by Trustee Holman, seconded by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-27 RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.

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

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

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to approve the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$12,000 to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Whitehall Rd and Riley Thompson.

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

**h. Ordinance- Consumers Energy**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to approve ORDINANCE R6- CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE.

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

**i. Appoint Adam Stark WLFA Board**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Adam Stark to the WLFA Board to fill a vacancy.

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

**j. Planning Commission Master Plan rewrite**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve proposal from Williams & Works for the Master Plan Rewrite for the Planning Commission in the amount of \$48,181.

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

**k. Establish a Citizen's Advisory Committee – "NO SPRAY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY"**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to establish a Citizen's Advisory Committee for "No Spray in the Right of Way".

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Patricia Whitener- Recommended finding a new IT Company due to the lack of advanced communication about Windows 11. Discussed the outdated practice of requiring a doctor's note and the importance of following the policy for requiring sealed bids.

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Steve Serkaian- Discussed fire suppression and the WLFA. Requested that the board post the Board Packet on the website.

Lin Wiedrich- thanked the board for establishing the Citizens Advisory Committee, asked how to sign up, where to meet, etc.

Taylor- 4330 Duck Lake Rd- emphasized that she would still like to see agricultural support in the new Master Plan. Requested elaboration on hobby farms.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –**

Treasurer Roggero discussed his concern with the township and WLFA having the same attorney firm.

Trustee VanOosterhout discussed the regulatory ordinance regarding keeping animals and the arbitrary number of animals allowed. He stated will bring that to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:52 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland