

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABESNT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (18) Eighteen interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Cross, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the amended September 15, 2025 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES— motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Rice- 4047 Nestrom Rd- Expressed his confidence in the WLAA and stated they did a great job at the town hall meeting and he would like to see the board seriously consider contracting with them. Stated the DCNA was not in the 2020 Master Plan and would like to see that and Marcus Park included in the new Master Plan. Asked the board to consider updating the hunting ordinance due to the high traffic in DCNA to have clearer language about what is and isn't allowed.

Gary Greiner - Presented about a resolution regarding the sovereignty of the State of Michigan and preventing unauthorized use of the National Guard in Michigan. He asked the board to adopt the resolution and forward it to state level and recommend adoption at that level.

Colleen Serkaian- 6555 Sheltering Way- Expressed her support of contracting with WLAA as it is imperative to quality of life to have highly trained emergency services available.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Eric VanDop – Brickley DeLong** – Presented the Township Audit results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **CAC – No Spray in the Road ROW** – Will be meeting at the Township Hall on 9/17 at 6pm
- b. **August Ordinance Enforcement Report**- Will be placed on file
- c. **DCNA Update**- All 3 bridges are completed, there are 2 areas with wetlands where they will be building boardwalks.
- d. **Scenic Drive Non-Motorized Path Update**- Nothing has been decided yet.
- e. **DNR Grant Preliminary Score**- Fruitland's preliminary score is 100, we need to get it to 190 to be in the "funding range." Supervisor Marcinkowski is getting more wording and explanations submitted to increase the score.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **August 2025 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$39,332.00; Expenditure \$112,799.71; Fund 130 (Public works) Revenue \$950.00 Expenditure \$300; Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement) Revenue \$50.00**
- b. **August 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – August 11, 2025, Work Session; August 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, 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 Brower, **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout, **AYE** – **motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **TextMyGov**- Clerk Steffes submitted 60-days cancellation notice and sent payment for the period of time they provided service since the renewal date (99 days)
- b. **Transfer Station office** – BLOX revised quote to increase concrete pad from 10x8 to 17x30 to account for portable restroom and snow removal. Trustee Brower expressed the desire to know where the funding will come from, but would also like to see this completed this year, inquired about a special meeting once Supervisor Marcinkowski determines the funding. Supervisor Marcinkowski will determine the GL that it will come from and have it at the October work session.

NEW BUSINESS –

a. Ambulance Services RFP –

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to send RFP to Life EMS, Trinity EMS and White Lake Ambulance Authority with a due date of October 1, 2025.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

b. Dead Tree Removal – Lamos Road End – Quote approval - Action item

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Jelinek to remove the dead tree on Lamos Road End.

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

c. Earned Sick Time Policy

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Earned Sick Time Policy as written.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

d. Approve L-4029 millage form

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the presented L-4029 and submit it to the County.

Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES, 1 NAY– motion carried

e. Rescind Regulatory Ordinance Article R58 Fire Code – Supervisor Marcinkowski advised he is waiting on an opinion from the Township Attorney before taking action.

f. Independent Contractor Agreement – Jim Hoppus – Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to accept the proposed Mechanical Inspector contract for Jim Hoppus.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES— motion carried

g. New Regulatory Ordinance – Article R 22 – PARKING ON LAMOS AND SOUTH SHORE DRIVE

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, ADOPTED, to approve Ordinance R 22- PARKING ON LAMOS ROAD AND SOUTH SHORE DRIVE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kathy Pellerin-Mahoney- 8008 Old Channel Trail- Spoke about reaffirming State Sovereignty and supported putting the resolution presented in the first public comment on the agenda next month for board vote. Stated in Montague they have a National Guard post, and they are trained to be utilized for emergency relief. Encouraged collaboration in the local areas rather than having troops from out of state without communication with the Governor and local leaders.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Treasurer Roggero discussed his intent to utilize KCI to send out tax bills.

Supervisor Marcinkowski advised the Williams & Works Consultant is available October 8th at 6 PM, he will let the other boards know. Advised the millage rate on the L-4029 has been lower than we are able to take and is on the lower end in the county. He brought up that the board has not approved anything for a community center other than having a citizens advisory committee.

Trustee VanOosterhout explained that he voted no on the L-4029 because we have one opportunity a year to adjust the rate and he couldn't vote yes without digging in more on if we could balance the budget with a lower millage rate.

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Clerk Steffes expressed that the board should discuss reducing the millage rate during budget considerations prior to the next fiscal year so we can anticipate taking in lower revenues and maintain a balanced budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:29 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland