

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025 MINUTES**

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

ABESNT – Trustee VanOosterhout

ALSO PRESENT – (6) Six Interested Parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the November 17, 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 November 17, 2025 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gary Griner- 6250 Blank Rd- Spoke regarding the resolution he is proposing regarding the National Guard. Expressed that he does not want the National Guard at polling places during the midterm elections and that he feels this resolution could be a step towards protecting against that. Asked to hear from Supervisor Marcinkowski regarding why the board chose not to put the resolution on the agenda.

Dave Rice- 4047 Nestrom Road- Shared about his experience accompanying the 2nd Graders from Reeths Puffer Elementary on a walk through DCNA. Announced that he created the David E. & Georganna M. Rice Duck Creek Natural Area Preservation Fund to help cover the costs of preserving the DCNA in years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Master Plan Steering Committee – 11/13 meeting update-** The steering committee went through the draft of the community survey and made changes.
- b. **Berry Junction Trail Meeting – 11/12 update-** Tom Lindrop, who was a driving force for the BJT, passed away. A memorial is being put together, it will likely be in Dalton Twp’s portion of the trail. Appointed officers and approved meeting schedule for next year.

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- c. **FFTT – 11/13 agenda and update-** Will be placed on file.
- d. **Ambulance Services** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will be meeting with WLAA Board on 11/19 and spoke with Trinity and they are working to come up with options to improve service for Fruitland Township.
- e. **Clean Boats Clean Lakes letter-** Supervisor Marcinkowski authorized the White Lake Association to replace the invasive species removal tools at the Fruitland Township boat launch.
- f. **Whitehall Rd/Riley Thompson Rd intersection – Traffic Analysis and Safety Review (draft)-** If approved by the board, the study can be used to approach the state and ask for funding and approval for a roundabout. Will be placed on file.
- g. **ZBA meeting 11/10** – Both variance requests were approved.
- h. **Passport Grant- Final Scores-** Feedback was that the final score puts Fruitland in a good position to be selected, selections will be made in December.
- i. **DCNA Preservation Fund-** Supervisor Marcinkowski read the letter from Community Foundation for Muskegon County announcing the David E. & Georganna M. Rice Duck Creek Natural Area Preservation Fund to help cover the costs of preserving the DCNA in years to come.
- j. **White River Township Master Plan Update-** Notice from White River Township with a link to the draft of their Master Plan. Will be placed on file.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **October 2025 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$439,956.02; Expenditure \$362,247.33; Fund 120 Revenue \$300,058.07; Expenditure \$346,689.82 Fund 130 (Public works) Expenditure \$300.00; Fund 145 Equipment Replacement Fund Revenue \$50.00; Fund 470 (Building and Site) Expenditure \$5,721.00**
- b. **October 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – October 14, 2025, Work Session; October 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **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 Holman **AYE**– **motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Additions to Maintenance Staff** – Treasurer Roggero asked for a way to track the time spent on different activities and ensure accountability for time and actions.
- b. **Parks & Recreation Commission – Restroom at Nestrom Park**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Winberg Construction for \$367,883 to build the restrooms at Nestrom Park.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

a. Consent Judgment – Beck Residence- 3319 Scenic Dr –

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **second by Treasurer Roggero**, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Judgement provided by the township attorney.

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

- b. Planning Commission definition of a basement-** a basement – story or stories of a building constructed partially or entirely below ground and semi-basement – a habitable single story with up to three walls constructed partially or entirely below ground, this being particular relevance where structures are built on sloping sites. This can also apply when there are a number of subfloor voids/walls below ground level.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve the definition of a basement that was approved by the Planning Commission.

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

c. Planning Commission Zoning Change – Mark White – MHP to HDR

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve changing the zoning for Parcel # 61-06-400-0001-10 to Residential, which was approved by the Planning Commission.

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

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- d. **FFTT – R63 changes** – Trustee VanOosterhout and Trustee Holman will meet with Dave Rice to work on clarifying the language regarding hunting in Ordinance R63.
- e. **Parks & Recreation Commission** – Heard from interested candidates and asked to fill vacancy with Doug Potts

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to approve the appointment of Doug Potts to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Upon Voice Vote: 6_AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Treasurer Roggero thanked Dave Rice for everything he has done with DCNA.

Supervisor Marcinkowski spoke on why the board has not taken action on the resolution regarding the National Guard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:01 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6_AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland