

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
January 12, 2026 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee VanOosterhout

ALSO PRESENT – 2 Interested Parties + Attorney McGahan

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 12, 2026, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 12, 2026 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Parks Commission Update- Carlet Mitenbuler-** P&R discussed budget and the possibility of other events and a bocce ball court. They also discussed the potential of a land split between Fruitland and Duck Lake State Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **December 2025 Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. **December 2025 Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. **December 2025 PINS report-** will be placed on file
- d. **December 2025 Revenue and Expenditure report-** will be placed on file
- e. **RFP contract policy** – Supervisor Marcinkowski stated he is working with the township attorney on language for policy manual
- f. **Master Plan Steering Committee** – Next meeting is January 19 at 3pm
- g. **Letter from Senator Bumstead with Congratulations on Recreation Passport Grant-** will be placed on file
- h. **Nestrom Park Restrooms** – Advertisement for Bids is posted and published- Pre-bid meeting is Jan 14th at 10 AM, Opening bid date is January 28th at 10 AM
- i. **CAC No Spray in the ROW** – Next meeting is January 15th at 5:15 PM
- j. **2025 YTD Zoning Report-** will be placed on file
- k. **Email from WLAA-** will be placed on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Town Hall Style Community Discussions** – Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested setting dates and topics for 2026

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Poverty Exemption Policy**- In the past we have established a Poverty Exemption Resolution, however the state is now directing townships to create a policy rather than a resolution.
- b. **WATER RATE ORDINANCE – ARTICLE R 4**
- c. **ZBA Alternate**- Supervisor Marcinkowski stated Hoyt Fonger is willing to be an alternate for the ZBA.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Rice- Dave has worked on updates for the ordinance involving DCNA and has sent suggestions to Trustees VanOosterhout and Holman. He stated Friends of Fruitland Township Trails would like to purchase a commercial roller to pack down the stone at DCNA and store it at the township maintenance building.

Carlet Mitenbuler- Asked for differentiation between Duck Lake Natural Area and Duck Creek Natural Area in Master Plan. Supported the addition of Hoyt Fonger as ZBA Alternate.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Supervisor Marcinkowski advised Ryerson Bros completed the demo of the White Lake Cabins.

Trustee Brower advised he might not make to the meeting next week, depending on work travel.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the January 12, 2026 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 10:47 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland