

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
January 20, 2026 MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT** – Trustee Holman

**ALSO PRESENT** – 8 Interested Parties

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 20, 2026, Work Session Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 20, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Kim Cyr- Muskegon County Commissioner District 1- Discussed a press release from 1/5/26 from Consumers Energy regarding Muskegon Solar.

Brent Wolffis- 3350 Orshal- Asked the board to reconsider putting the WLAA Millage on the ballot.

Terri Hampel- 6171 Duck Lake Rd- Announced the FFTT is hosting a DCNA Walkabout on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Inquired if the township has any records of who owned land around the Natural Area in the early 1900s. Suggested an upcoming township hall be dedicated to the history of Fruitland Township.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Master Plan survey post card went out last week – invoice for \$1,391.71 is funded by reimbursable grant**
- b. **Mileage Reimbursement Form with updated 2026 reimbursement rates**
- c. **Email from Ian Orr-** Scenic Pathway Appropriation was included in the FY26 THUD bill and is expected to be approved by the House and Senate
- d. **Land Division Act-** Amended to increase the number of resulting parcels for the first 10 acres of a parent parcel from 4 to 10.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **December 2025 Treasurer reports – Fund 101 Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$192,489.23; Expenditure \$93,168.16; Fund 120 (Public Roads Fund) Revenue \$6,214.45; Fund 130 (Public Works Fund) Revenue \$950.00; Expenditure \$300.00; Fund 160 (Park & Recreation Specialty Fund) Expenditure \$7,500.00; Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement) Revenue \$50.00; Fund 213 (American Rescue Plan Act) Revenue \$6,545.30**
- b. **December 2025 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments**
- c. **Minutes – December 15, 2025, Work Session; December 22, 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**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero, **AYE** – **motion carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Maintenance Truck – Equipment Fund \$114K – MIBid quote \$46,817.00**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to accept the bid from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$46,817.00 for a 2026 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado to be used by Maintenance Staff.

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

- b. **Road Project – Tranquil Trail** – petitions due January 30, Supervisor Marcinkowski advised he has received 16 or 17 petitions back so far.
- c. **Town Hall Style Community Discussion – Tax rates – The board agreed on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ZBA Alternate**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Hoyt Fonger as ZBA Alternate.

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

- b. Poverty Exemption Policy** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will speak with the Township attorney to clarify their memorandum and put together and updated Poverty Exemption Policy.
- c. Water Rate Ordinance – Article 4**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to approve the proposed amendments to Article 4- Water Rate Ordinance.

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

- d. Road Project** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the board to consider a road project for Scenic Drive from South Shore Drive to White Lake. The board agreed to allow Supervisor Marcinkowski to approach the road commission for an estimate.
- e. Ordinance R63 – Board discussed requested changes and agreed to consider the revision at the February meeting.**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to Suspend Roberts Rules.

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

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

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

- f. Primary Professional proposals – DNR Passport Grant**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve OCBA Landscape Architects to manage the DNR Passport Grant for Accessible Pathways in Nestrom Park.

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

- g. DCNA – Simonelli Rd parking area – quotes**

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from Ryerson Brothers for \$5295.00 to resurface the DCNA parking lot on Simonelli Rd.

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

**h. Pitney Bowes Lease**

Motion by Trustee Cross, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve the updated lease from Pitney Bowes.

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

**i. Letter from Living Word regarding funding for snow plowing for seniors. Clerk Steffes advised we have approximately \$3500 of funding left in the Senior Millage Grant that could be reallocated for senior snow removal.**

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to reallocate the remainder of the Senior Millage Grant funding to go to Living Word for senior snow plowing services.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Kim Cyr- County Commissioner- Discussed the benefit of having graphics and charts for understanding financial information like taxes and budgeting.

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to Suspend Roberts Rules.

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

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

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

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –**

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Trustee VanOosterhout discussed the need to be proactive about the possibility of Data Centers in Fruitland Township. Trustee Cross stated there are other municipalities that are being proactive and creating resolutions or ordinance pertaining to Data Centers.

Supervisor Marcinkowski stated there are rumors that Michigan's Adventure will be up for sale in the near future. The Planning Commissions from Dalton and Fruitland Township will be meeting to discuss the future of Michigan's Adventure and the utilization of that property.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, second by Trustee Brower, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:33 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland