

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
February 9, 2026 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT –

ALSO PRESENT – 3 Interested Parties + Attorney McGahan

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the February 9, 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 February 9, 2026 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Park Commission 2/2/26 Meeting Update** – Lynn Knopf advised she was unable to attend the meeting, but the P&R Commission chose the colors for the exterior of the restrooms. She also stated she is in communication with the township attorney regarding hosting a charity run in the park. She discussed a peep diorama art contest, the potential of a bocce ball court, and cardboard boat races in the summer.
- b. **Mike Holman – 2/5/26 Planning Commission Meeting Update** – Trustee Holman advised there have been 580 responses to the Master Plan survey. The Planning Commission is discussing Short Term Rentals and there is a rough draft for proposed language change regarding Accessory Buildings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **January 2026 Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. **January 2026 Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. **January 2026 PINS report-** will be placed on file
- d. **January 2026 Revenue and Expenditure report-** will be placed on file
- e. **January 2026 Zoning Admin report-** will be placed on file
- f. **Master Plan Steering Committee** – Next meeting is February 16, 2026 at 3 pm
- g. **Nestrom Park Restrooms-** Bid opening was 1/28/26- Bid sheet will be placed on file

- h. **CAC No Spray in the ROW – Meeting was February 4, 2026-** They are putting together a volunteer program for residents to participate to avoid ROW spraying
- i. **Town Hall Style Community Discussions – February 26 – 7pm – Taxes and Assessing**
- j. **Senior Palooza Invitations to City of Whitehall and Whitehall Township-** will be placed on file
- k. **Constitutional Revenue Sharing Payments FY 2026 Projections-** will be placed on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY and GUIDELINES**
- b. **Article R 63 – Recommended Changes-** will be placed on file

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

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Lot Split Application – Mitch and Chris Bakker- 5612 Duck Lake Rd-** Zoning Administrator Mike Baker advised that the proposed split meets all requirements for a platted subdivision lot split. Mitch Bakker explained that they are looking to build a new dwelling closer to the lake without needing to tear down the existing dwelling that is closer to the road.

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Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

- b. **Budget** – First look and board discussion
- c. **Duke Schropp resignation from ZBA** – Supervisor Marcinkowski recommended Hoyt Fonger to fill the position and he will look for a new alternate
- d. **MTA Letter- Principles of Governance-** will be placed on file

PUBLIC COMMENT –

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Clerk Steffes advised she will be out of the office next week and will miss the meeting next Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the February 9, 2026 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:24 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

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