

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
February 17, 2026 MINUTES**

PRESENT – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Treasurer Roggero, Trustee Cross (arrived late), Trustee Brower, Trustee VanOosterhout

ABSENT – Clerk Steffes, Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – 3 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 Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 17, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 4 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Rice- Asked if the Scenic Pathway is moving forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting 2/16** – Trustee VanOosterhout expressed that they have received a good amount of feedback from the survey. Stated the next event will be a public forum in May.
- b. **Town Hall Style Community Discussion – Taxes and Assessing – February 26 – 7PM**- graphics and documents created by the Clerk will be placed on file
- c. **BS&A – Migration from .Net to the Cloud** – the consensus is to wait until 2027 to make the change
- d. **VAC Use Report**- will be placed on file

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **January 2026 Treasurer reports – Fund 101 Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$191,457.46; Expenditure \$96,457.79; Fund 130 Expenditure \$600; Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement) Revenue \$50.00**
- b. **January 2026 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement and 4th qtr. (January 2026) Budget Amendments**
- c. **Minutes – January 12, 2026, Work Session; January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY 17, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines that were provided by the township attorney.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried**

b. Article R 63 – DUCK CREEK NATURAL AREA CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the recommended changes to Article R 63- DUCK CREEK NATURAL AREA CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE.

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

~~c. Road Project – Tranquil Trail – next phase of approvals~~

- d. **Budget update-** Supervisor Marcinkowski presented the current budget status and advised the Revenues and Expenditures balance, but there will likely still be some changes as more figures come in over the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Lot Split Application – Mitch and Chris Bakker

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to accept the lot split application for Mitch and Chris Bakker at 5612 Duck Lake Rd.

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

- b. **Road Project** –The board agreed to allow Supervisor Marcinkowski to speak to the Road Commission regarding reconstructing the small portion of road on Scenic Driver from South Shore Dr to White Lake as it is deteriorating from frequent use with the new homes and the boat launch.

PUBLIC COMMENT – there was none.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee Brower brought up a phishing email he got, it was reported to VC3.

Supervisor Marcinkowski advised the appropriation for the Scenic Pathway was approved. They are working on getting more information from the Department of Transportation. The DNR Passport Grant for the Accessible Pathway was supposed to release funding in January but there is a holdup with their system, so it hasn't been released yet.

Supervisor Marcinkowski is applying for a grant for a camera to cover the ballot box.

Treasurer Roggero advised the board that he entered the incorrect due date for online tax payments so any payments received between 2/14/26 to 2/17/26 were charged a late fee, which will be refunded.

Trustee Cross asked if we are all set for the Town Hall. She and Trustee Brower will not be present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 6:39 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland