

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2026 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – 1 interested parties + 3 on zoom

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 16, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none

PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the March 16, 2026 Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT-
Carlet Mitenbuler- stated she was concerned about PFAS but she had her wells tested and one well was perfect and the other had trace amounts.

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to close the March 16, 2026 Budget Public Hearing at 6:24 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Matt Biolette- Fleis and VandenBrink-** Provided update about the congressional appropriation for the Non-Motorized Pathway on Scenic. He spoke about searching for additional funding for the feasibility study to take the pathway from Duck Lake Road to the Duck Lake State Park entrance.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **MSU Extension letter – Mike Baker – Zoning Administrator Certificate and Master Citizen Planner-** will be placed on file
- b. **MCRC Brining Program Opt-out-** Supervisor Marcinkowski advised the tentative date for the first brining will be the second week of May
- c. **BOR 3/11 and 3/12 – 20 petitions reviewed**

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **February 2026 Treasurer reports – Fund 101 Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$313,729.80; Expenditure \$76,090.47; Fund 120 Public Roads Revenue\$2,063.80; Fund 130 Revenue \$950.00; Expenditure \$\$300.00; Fund 180 (Community Building Capital Improvement) Revenue \$50.00; Fund 213 American Rescue Plan Act Revenue \$1,913.58; Expenditure \$10,000.00; Fund 703 Tax Collection Fund Revenue \$3,112.13; Fund 990 Special Contingency Fund \$591.03**
- b. **February 2026 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**
- c. **Minutes – February 9, 2026, Work Session; February 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Taylor Beaune – ZBA Alternate**

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to appoint Taylor Beaune as an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

b. RESOLUTION 2026-02 ESTABLISH SUPERVISOR SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-02 ESTABLISH SUPERVISOR SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.

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

c. RESOLUTION 2026-03 ESTABLISH CLERK SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-03 ESTABLISH CLERK SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.

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

d. RESOLUTION 2026-04 ESTABLISH TREASURER SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-04 ESTABLISH TREASURER SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

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

e. RESOLUTION 2026-05 ESTABLISH TRUSTEE SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-05 ESTABLISH TRUSTEE SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.

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

f. RESOLUTION 2026-06 SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION ON ALL FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BANK, CREDIT UNION AND MICHIGAN CLASS ACCOUNTS

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-06 SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION ON ALL FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BANK, CREDIT UNION AND MICHIGAN CLASS ACCOUNTS.

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

g. RESOLUTION 2026-07 PERFORMANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-07 PERFORMANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

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

h. RESOLUTION 2026-08 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DAYS

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-08 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DAYS.

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

i. RESOLUTION 2026-09 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-09 MEETING DATES AND TIMES.

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

j. RESOLUTION 2026-10 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-10 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

k. RESOLUTION 2026-12 RESOLUTION REGARDING BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WHITE LAKE AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-12 RESOLUTION REGARDING BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WHITE LAKE AMBULANCE AUTHORITY.

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

I. RESOLUTION 2026-13 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE OLD ORCHARD SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to have the petitions be received by the township board and the report pertaining thereto be filed as a part of the minutes of the meeting.

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

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to direct the Muskegon County Road Commission to proceed with the plans for the improvement, the location thereof, and an estimate of the costs of the same.

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

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to order the plans and estimates to be filed with the township clerk for public examination.

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

Motion by Clerk Steffes, seconded by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-13 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE OLD ORCHARD SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

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

Board discussed the date for the hearing and decided on April 13th at 5:30 PM.

m. April Meeting Dates

Motion by Trustee VanOosterhout, seconded by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to cancel the April Work Session on 4/13/26 at 10:00 AM and the April Regular Board Meeting on 4/20/26 at 6:00 PM and schedule one meeting on 4/13/26 at 6:00 PM.

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

n. Feasibility Study – Extension of Scenic Drive NMP – F&V proposal

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee VanOosterhout, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Feasibility Study for an extension of Scenic Drive NMP from F&V for \$4900.

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

o. FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending – WIFI, lights, cameras for Nestrom Park

Motion by Clerk Steffes, seconded by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to direct Supervisor Marcinkowski to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending to put in Wifi Lights and cameras for Nestrom Park.

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

p. STG Website Development Proposal - Handicap Accessibility

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, seconded by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to approve the Platinum Package from STG for \$3195 to update the township website.

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

q. Cell Tower GL Buyout – Vertical Bridge – Township Attorney is reviewing

r. Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day- The board agreed to let the office staff determine the date.

- s. **White Lake 4th of July Fireworks-** Trustee Cross advised the City of Whitehall contributes \$5K, City of Montague contributes \$4K and White River Township contributes \$600 for the White Lake Fireworks.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to contribute to the White Lake Fireworks in an amount not to exceed \$400.

Trustee Cross asked to increase the amount to \$500.

Supervisor Marcinkowski amended his motion to contribute to the White Lake Firework Show in an amount not to exceed \$500.

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

- t. **RESOLUTION 2026-14 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT RP25-0029 FOR NESTROM PARK ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS**

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, seconded by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-14 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT RP25-0029 FOR NESTROM PARK ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Carlet Mitenbuler- expressed her concern about cell towers and questioned if we will even have cell towers in the next 11 years.

Taylor Beaune- VIA ZOOM- Said great job to Mike Baker. Asked for the meeting recording to be emailed to her.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

ADJOURNMENT

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP MARCH 16, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Treasurer Roggero
ADOPTED, to adjourn the March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting of the
Township of Fruitland at 7:47 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

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