

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026 MINUTES**

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

ABESNT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – Attorney McGahan and (3) three interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended April 14, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Sapita- Grand Rapids- Comcast- discussed the upcoming Franchise Agreement that is coming up in the next year and introduced himself.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski asked Mr. Sapita about underserved residents in regard to broadband internet. Mr. Sapita advised Comcast applied for BEAD funding for West Michigan and most allocations have gone out.

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES– motion carried

Tyler Grove - 5373 W McMillan Rd- Proposed a resolution in support of House Bills 4163 and 4164.

Gary Griner- 6250 Blank Rd- Stated his agreement with Mr. Grove and the resolution proposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Planning Commission- 4/2/26 Meeting Update-** Supervisor Marcinkowski gave a brief update regarding language changes being considered
- b. **Letter to Vertical Bridge from TWP Attorney-** will be placed on file
- c. **Letter to Dan Allen (White Lake Log Cabins) from TWP Attorney-** will be placed on file
- d. **Letter from Frank and Rita Lundell- PINS Deputy Amy Fekkin-Ottinger-** will be placed on file
- e. **March Zoning Report-** will be placed on file.
- f. **March Ordinance Report-** will be placed on file
Supervisor Marcinkowski proposed having the ordinance enforcer drive through the township quarterly to review for violations rather than solely operating on a complaint basis. Trustee Brower stated he is against the idea. Trustee VanOosterhout asked if there is a specific problem the township would be trying to address and stated he is against using drones for ordinance enforcement in the township. Clerk Steffes stated there are conflicting points of view- ordinance are laws and there is the expectation that they are followed, but residents also move to Fruitland Township for the rural feel and would be unhappy with it feeling more like and HOA community. The board discussed the prospect and did not come to an agreement in favor or opposed. Supervisor Marcinkowski will inquire about any additional costs and how other municipalities handle ordinance enforcement.
- g. **March PINS Report-** will be placed on file
- h. **Landowner Agreement- MACD- HWA- DCNA-** will be placed on file
- i. **Muskegon County Free Dump Day and Electronics- May 16th**
- j. **Tranquil Trail Road Project**
- k. **Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting- 4/27 at 3 PM-** They will be discussing the results of the survey
- l. **Drain at Weber and Bard- Email from Water Resources Commissioner-** will be placed on file
- m. **Fruitland Drain #1- Email from Water Resources Commissioner-** will be placed on file
- n. **Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Update-** the variance request was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. **March 2026 Treasurer reports – Revenue and Expenditure - Fund 101 Revenue \$101,414.45; Expenditure \$386,512.00; Fund 120 Public Roads Revenue \$2,468.91; Fund 130 (Public works) Expenditure \$300.00; Fund 145 Equipment Replacement Revenue \$25.00; Fund 160 Parks and Recreation Specialty Revenue \$245,000.00; Fund 180 Community Building Revenue \$50.00; Fund 213 American Rescue Plan Act Revenue \$2,100.31; Expenditure \$1,515.00; Fund 703 Tax Collection Fund Revenue \$2,737.37; Expenditure \$6,631.43; Cash & Investments Report January, February, and March 2026**
- b. **March 2026 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement**

c. Minutes – March 9, 2026, Work Session; March 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting; March 30, 2026 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **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. **Citizen’s Advisory Committee – No Spray in the Road Right of Way-** No one from CAC present to discuss progress. Clerk Steffes stated she is working on a web page for No Spray in the Right of Way.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Transfer Station- June “Any Size Load” increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to increase the June “Any Size Load” cost from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Rice- FFFT- Advised the parking lot was completed by Ryerson Brothers and he will be working on putting posts up to mark the parking areas. They are looking at putting boot scrapers at the parking lots and adding some benches in the Natural Area. They have been working with local schools and are considering building a circle of benches to provide a classroom setup for students. FFFT is purchasing a roller to firm the gravel trails, and the maintenance supervisor will pull them through the trails. They will allow them to be used by the township for the ball fields and cemetery as well.

Tyler Grove- Advised they are doing a Duck Lake State Park cleanup on May 1st, 2nd, 3rd from 8AM- 4 PM.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee VanOosterhout mentioned new stop signs on McMillan.

ADJOURNMENT

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP APRIL 14, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Brower,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the
Township of Fruitland at 7:06 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland