

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Trustee Holman

ALSO PRESENT – (3) Three interested parties + Attorney McGahan

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the June 8, 2026, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the June 8, 2026 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Stephanie Barrett- WRC- Provided update on the drain at Weber and Bard Rd. They are working with the Road Commission, they will need to put out a bid for the steel pipe, review the designs and once they order the pipe it will be an additional 14-28 weeks for it to come in. They do not have information about the cost split at this time.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Christine Anderson- MCC-** Spoke about the millage proposal that will be on the ballot in August. The last millage passed in 1993 and has been reduced by Headlee since then. They are asking for a .0298 millage restoration to get back to the original 2.4 mills. The increased funding would go towards security, classroom technology upgrades, and more.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to suspend Roberts Rules for the duration of Presentations.
Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

- b. Stephanie Barrett- Water Resources Commissioner-** Spoke about Fruitland Drain #1 maintenance. They are allowed to spend \$10,490 per mile or fraction thereof annually for maintenance without prior approval. They received 5 bids, the lowest and accepted bid was \$21,368.30, in addition to engineering costs. They are putting forth a resolution for Fruitland to approve the higher spending limit. 20% of the cost would be billed to the county, 10% to the township, and the remaining 70% would be billed to the property owners in the drainage district, which is apportioned based on acreage and use of the property. There are 170 parcels in the district.
- c. Park Commission Meeting 6/1 – update-** Carlet Mittenbuler- They elected Bob Murray as chairperson again, they have gotten 3 estimates for cleaning the restrooms at Nestrom Park. They proposed having a cleaning person on staff to clean both the office and the outdoor restrooms. They received quotes for a fence on the southside of the park to mark the property line. They discussed pickleball lessons, which will be scheduled for June 24th.
- d. Planning Commission Meeting 6/4 –** Carlet Mittenbuler was present at the PC meeting and provided an update. They discussed the language changes for some ordinances. Glen Hayden, resident, spoke against short term rentals and stated they are noisy and there are no rules. They also discussed businesses in the township- including Williams Automotive and PM Tires. They will be having a public hearing on 7/9.
- e. ~~WLFA update~~**

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

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. May 2026 Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. May 2026 Ordinance Enforcement report-** will be placed on file
- c. ~~May 2026 PINS report~~**
- d. May 2026 Revenue and Expenditure report-** will be placed on file
- e. May 2026 Zoning Admin report-** will be placed on file
- f. Memorial Day Service-** Supervisor Marcinkowski stated it was a great service and about 30 people were in attendance
- g. Master Plan – Community Workshop – 6/10 – cancelled – waiting on new date**
- h. 3319 Scenic Dr –** demolition is scheduled for June 15
- i. Township audit scheduled for June 15 and 16**
- j. Tranquil Trail Road Project – approved by Muskegon County Road Commission**
- k. Senior Palooza – June 27 – All Board members welcome to attend**
- l. GMED Developer Day-** Supervisor Marcinkowski attended and provided feedback
- m. Library Pop-Up Storytime – 11am to 1pm – Nestrom Park playground area – Beth Wise Hall(they/them)**

- n. WMSRDC applying for a grant – Todd Rd structures – NFWF-** Road commissioner is monitoring the process as well
- o. Cert of Ins – Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church –** A portion of the Blueberry Festival 5k will go through DCNA
- p. Road Work- schedule of work for week of June 8 for Whitehall District**
- q. FTTT Update**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. VC3 – Replace local production server – BS&A response**
- b. Solicitation Concerns in the Township –** Trustee VanOosterhout and Supervisor to look into options

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. RESOLUTION 2026-18 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TO FRUITLAND #1 DRAIN**
- b. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to authorize Moratoriums and impose temporary moratorium on data centers –** sent to Planning Commission for review.
- c. Cemetery Plots – Specialty Fund**
- d. Trailer quotes for new truck –** to be paid out of equipment fund
- e. Community Navigation 2-1-1 Email-** will be placed on file
- f. Charles Carson's property – 4270 Duck Lake Rd-** Mr. Carson passed away and his daughter asked if the township would be interested in purchasing it due to the location, next to the Fire Barn and next to DCNA. Supervisor Marcinkowski will be walking through the property today.
- g. VAC – Seniors –** the current contract with the VAC expires in August, discussion about continuing and funding for that

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Stephanie Barrett- WRC- Regarding the drain on Weber Rd, she corrected her previously mentioned timeline. After the WRC review, there's an estimate of 2 weeks for shop drawings, then 8-14 weeks to produce. She inquired if Fruitland Township has an ordinance regarding solar farms, and stated she has seen companies searching for parcels under 20 acres.

Carlet Mittenbuler- stated her concern about solar farms in the area.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Supervisor Marcinkowski provided an update about the Water System Policy Board. Dalton Township has grants through the hop project to get connected to the water system. There have been additions to the grant due to more wells containing PFOS.

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Treasurer Roggero spoke about resident comments about the flowers in the front of the township hall and the aesthetic of the garden.

Trustee VanOosterhout mentioned looking into a compatible renewable energy ordinance. He also stated that many of the things the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer do are non-statutory duties. He stated that Spring Lake splits the pay for statutory versus non-statutory duties and that it might be beneficial for the township for future elected officials. He also brought up looking into a policy for board members to report absences from board meetings.

Clerk Steffes stated she will be at Clerk Conference next Wed-Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the June 8, 2026 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 12:09 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland