FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2026 MINUTES

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

ABESNT –Trustee Holman, Trustee Brower

ALSO PRESENT – (8) eight interested parties

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED,*** to accept the amended October 19, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES– motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –
Bert T left a comment on Zoom urging the board to vote against adding Flock cameras in Fruitland Township.

Judy Marcinkowski- commended Bert T for his comments and stated her agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

a. **Fruitland #1 Drain-** maintenance work has been completed
b. **Ackerberg Drain culvert – Weber and Bard –** installation expected by the end of October
c. **Vegetation Growth along the White Lake Pier/Channel-** comments and pictures from boaters have come in. The Army Corps of Engineers will be removing some of the growth along the pier.
d. **Removal of library lockers at Fruitland Township Hall expected to be completed by November 13**
e. **Lake Michigan Use-** Glaas v Goeckel establishes members of the public may walk along the shoreline below the ordinary high-water mark
f. **Nestrom Drain-** the structures is installed, there is some additional work to be done.
g. **Re-TRAC EGLE Authorization Program-** required annual report has been completed

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CONSENT AGENDA –

a. **September 2026 Treasurer reports – Fund 101 Revenue $41,933.92; Expenditure $103,833.61; Fund 120 Public Roads Fund Revenue $2,256.71; Fund 130 Public Works Expenditure $300.00; Fund 160 Parks and Recreation Specialty Expenditure $59,768.31; Fund 180 Community Building Capital Improvement Revenue $50.00; Fund 213 American Rescue Plan Act Revenue $2,144.76; Fund 990 Special Contingency Fund Expenditure $0.00; September Bank Reconciliations; Cash and Investments Report**
b. **September 2026 Clerk reports – Check Disbursement, Budget Amendments and Payroll Check Register**
c. **September Minutes – September 14, 2026, work session; September 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting; September 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting**

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a. **VC3 – alternatives to server purchase**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to approve the proposal from VC3 for $21,106.88 to purchase a new server, to be paid out of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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

b. **Planning Commission –** Tablet/Ipad and separate email addresses request, more information coming next month

NEW BUSINESS –

a. **Audit – Deficiencies – State Letters – Corrective Action Plan –** additional costs associated with bank reconciliation and audit services
b. **Ambulance Service Agreement-** pending review, no action taken
c. **WRLS – Concession Agreement-** pending review, no action taken
d. **Flock Cameras – Policy, Resolution or Letter –** attorney will look into township's authority regarding Flock cameras. Supervisor Marcinkowski will put together a Resolution opposing Flock cameras for the board to consider at the next meeting.
e. **Accept the WRLS Year End Report for 2026**

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Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee VanOosterhout, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the WRLS Year-End Report for 2026.

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

f. Michigan Adventure – change of liquor license classification

Motion by Treasurer Roggero, second by Clerk Steffes, ***ADOPTED***, to approve the change of liquor license classification for Michigan's Adventure to a Class C license.

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

g. MOU with GMED - CPF grant through HUD – being reviewed by GMED
h. Scenic Drive Road End – Road project, parking and ramp issues
i. RESOLUTION 2026-23 HISTORICAL MARKER WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-23 HISTORICAL MARKER WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION.

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

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

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

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

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

j. Accessible Paths – Nestrom Park – approval of DNR award and Township match

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to increase the Fruitland Township match for the DNR Passport grant to $27,882 for the Accessible Pathways in Nestrom Park.

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

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Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, ***ADOPTED***, to approve the bid for $46,780.20 for parking spaces and bench reinstallation in Nestrom Park to be paid out of the Road Specialty Fund.

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

k. Settlement Agreement and Consent Judgement for 3881 Orshal

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED***, to direct the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Settlement Agreement for 3881 Orshal Road.

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

l. Planning Commission – Zoning changes – parcels 61-06-113-200-0001-00 and 61-06-113-200-0002-00 – also Article language changes

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to approve the proposed zoning changes to parcels 61-06-113-200-0001-00 and 61-06-113-200-0002-00 to Rural Residential and approve all of the language changes proposed by the Planning Commission, with the exception of Article III General Provisions Section 3.08 (Letter H8) Accessory Buildings and Uses.

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

m. Policy to restrict Non-Disclosure Agreements related to township business- pending review

n. Novotny Electronics Proposal- Access Control at Township Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Laura Hollister- stated she is interested in more information regarding the road ends. Expressed her opposition to Flock cameras.

Terry Oakley- Stated she is very concerned about the audit and would like to know what is happening to our Township's credit rating and how the township will be able to get things done. Stated she is concerned about the township spending $16,000 on extra assistance for the Treasurer. Asked what other inconsistencies there are and stated her disappointment.

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Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Treasurer Roggero, ***ADOPTED***, to go into closed session to consider material subject to attorney client privilege exempt from disclosure by statue MCL 15.243 (1)(g).

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

Closed Session Began at 7:57 PM
Closed Session Ended at 8:12 PM

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –
There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, ***ADOPTED,*** to adjourn the October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 8:14 PM.
Upon Voice Vote: **5 AYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland

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