

**FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018**

A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:30pm on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the township board room.

Members Present: Heidi Tice, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, clerk; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Trustees Jeff Jacobs, and Greg Hulka
Members Absent: Denise Winebarger & Ron Becklin, both excused

At 7:00pm, Heidi Tice opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

Also Present: 5– residents; 0– employees; 8- guests; Director of Public Safety, Brian Michelli; and Director of Public Utilities, Ron Langlois.

A Guest presentation was given on benefits of medical marihuana, new licensing/regulations available from the State of Michigan, and different aspects involved in medical marihuana operations. Presenters include: Jamie Cooper, Marketing; Kathleen Graham, RN working with Hospice; Ted Daniels, National Cannabis Security Services; Bob Hendricks, attorney; Mark Fenlon, Spring Lake resident looking to operate a marihuana growing and processing facility in Fruitport.

The motion by Rose Dillon, supported by Jeff Jacobs, was **carried unanimously**, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017 as presented.

The motion by Jeff Jacobs, supported by Rose Dillon, was **carried unanimously**, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 08-B: Ron Becklin resignation.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

1. Prein & Newhof newsletter
2. Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot newsletter
3. Andrea Anderson shared that insulation was added in the ceiling in town hall. Employees from the fire and water departments completed the job. The effort to reduce heat loss and ice build-up along the roofline was successful. The project was completed within the budget.
4. Heidi Tice shared about Burning of the Greens that occurred on Saturday.
5. Brian Michelli reported that the month of December brought many traumatic calls for the public safety department, of which included a Christmas morning fire where the department was able to contain the fire and save many family memories and Christmas gifts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

18-001 Walker Rd./Parkland Dr. street light resolution

Rose Dillon moved, Andrea Anderson seconded, to adopt the resolution approving the addition of a street light on the NW corner of Walker Rd. and Parkland Dr, which makes a change in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between Fruitport Township and Consumers Energy.

Ayes: Hulka, Dillon, Tice, Anderson, Jacobs Nays: none

NEW BUSINESS:

18-002 Employee handbook discussion

The creation of an employee handbook, as recommended by liability specialists, was discussed. Existing policies will be added to the sample. The supervisor will ask the attorney for clarification on his recommendations. After reviewing the handbook, it is asked that members of the board bring any ideas or requested changes to the next meeting.

18-003 Ron Becklin Resignation

Fruitport Township trustee, Ron Becklin, submitted a letter of resignation on January 8, 2018.

Greg Hulka moved, Heidi Tice seconded, to accept Ron Becklin’s resignation effective immediately.

Ayes: Hulka, Dillon, Tice, Anderson, Jacobs Nays: none

The board will have 45 days to appoint a new trustee. Letters of interest should be submitted to the township supervisor.

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18-004 Payment of bills

Jeff Jacobs moved, Greg Hulka seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills as presented for payment in the following amounts: General Fund \$18,892.57; Public Safety \$54,383.84; Water \$22,017.29; Sewer \$45,902.62; Trust & Agency \$3,123.00 Totaling: \$144,319.32

Ayes: Hulka, Dillon, Tice, Anderson, Jacobs Nays: none

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Andrea Anderson spoke regarding agenda posting. Fruitport Township meeting agendas will be posted on the township's website as well as the front of the building. If any particular individual would like an advance copy they may provide the clerk with their email address to join the email subscription list.
2. Jeff Jacobs spoke about zoning in regards to a proposed marihuana facility, mentioning that industrial properties may be best suited for this use.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PART II: none

The motion by Andrea Anderson, supported by Greg Hulka was **carried unanimously**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

ANDREA ANDERSON, CLERK

HEIDI TICE, SUPERVISOR