

**FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the township board room.

Members Present: Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Carol Hulka, Clerk; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Trustee Ron Becklin, Dave Markgraf, Marjorie Nash, and Chuck Whitlow. Member Absent: No one

At 7:00 p.m., the Supervisor opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer.

Also Present: many-employees; many-residents, Attorney Bultje; DPW Director, Farrar; Public Safety Director, Doctor; and Deputy Public Safety Director, Michelli

The meeting minutes of January 25, 2016, regular meeting, were approved as presented.

Rose Dillon moved, Carol Hulka, supported, **MOTION DENIED**, to remove Item C (Under New Business: Consideration of Township Superintendent) from the February 8, 2016 agenda.

Ayes: Dillon, Hulka, Nash Nays: Becklin, Markgraf, Whitlow, Werschem

The meeting agenda for February 8, 2016, was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

The Board received the following:

1. MTA Legislative updates
2. Fruitport drinking water- lead information sheet
3. Michigan Liquor Control Commission- transfer of ownership and location of 2015 SDD License: Wal-Mart Stores, 1879 E. Sherman, Muskegon
4. Muskegon Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association meeting will be held at Fruitport Township Hall on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS –

Many township residents were in attendance and asked questions concerning the consideration of a Township Superintendent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16-013 Ken Doctor Retirement Resolution

The motion by Marjorie Nash, supported by Dave Markgraf, was **carried unanimously**, to adopt a Board resolution that was read by Supervisor Werschem to Public Safety Director Ken Doctor in recognition and profound appreciation of distinguished service.

16-014 Public Safety Director Contract

With the retirement of former Public Safety Director Ken Doctor . . .

Ron Becklin moved, supported by Rose Dillon, **MOTION CARRIED**, to enter into a Public Safety Director Contract with Brian Michelli.

Ayes: Becklin, Dillon, Nash, Hulka, Markgraf, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

16-015 Fire Department Battalion Chief

An announcement was made that Dave Mayette was promoted to fire department Battalion Chief.

16-016 Fire Department Vacancy

Dave Markgraf moved, supported by Rose Dillon, **MOTION CARRIED**, to hire part-time fire fighter Adam Morse to full-time fire fighter. Fire fighter Morse will fill a vacancy left by the retirement of Ken Doctor and subsequent promotions.

Ayes: Markgraf, Dillon, Becklin, Nash, Hulka, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

16-017 Adoption of Cemetery Rates - 2nd Reading

Ron Becklin moved, supported by Rose Dillon, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Cemetery Charges Amendment Ordinance #793. The Ordinance will amend the Fruitport Charter Township Code of Ordinances, specifically by amending the cemetery charges in Chapter 14. The new cemetery rates go into effect on April 1, 2016. This constitutes the second and final reading.

Ayes: Becklin, Dillon, Nash, Hulka, Markgraf, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

16-018 2016-2017 Budget

The 2016-2017 budget discussion continued. The Truth in Taxation hearing will take place at the meeting held on February 22, 2016, with adoption of the budget on March 14, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

16-019 Library Ballot Proposal Resolution

Dave Markgraf moved, supported by Carol Hulka, **MOTION CARRIED**, for the adoption of a resolution that approves the library ballot proposal and requests the County Clerk to place the following millage proposition on the May 3, 2016 Election ballot:

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Charter Township of Fruitport, Michigan County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for three (3) years, 2016 to 2018 inclusive, to provide funds for all library purposes authorized by laws? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year is approximately \$352,000. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to other local governments for library purposes authorized by law as the Township Board determines appropriate.

Ayes: Markgraf, Hulka, Whitlow, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: None

16-020 Public Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017

The motion by Rose Dillon, seconded by Ron Becklin, was **Carried Unanimously**, to adopt the board and committee meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as presented, with cancellation of board meeting on December 26, 2016.

16-021 Consideration of Township Superintendent

Chuck Whitlow moved, supported by Rose Dillon, **MOTION CARRIED**, to table the consideration of township superintendent discussion until the 6:00 p.m work session at the board meeting to be held on February 22, 2016.

Ayes: Whitlow, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Hulka, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: None

16-022 Payment of Bills

Dave Markgraf moved, seconded by Carol Hulka, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills in the following amounts: General Fund (including Parks) 54,208.94; Public Safety \$12,771.22; Water \$; Sewer \$ = Grand Total \$66,980.16

Ayes: Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS / REPORTS –

ADJOURNMENT

The motion by Marjorie Nash, supported by Dave Markgraf, **Carried Unanimously**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

CAROL HULKA, CLERK

BRIAN WERSCHEM, SUPERVISOR