

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

**1. Call to Order**

President Roger Vanderstelt called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**2. Pledge**

**3. Prayer**

**4. Roll Call**

Present: Roger Vanderstelt, Amy Haack, Carl Rothenberger, Jeff Guiles and Ann LaCroix. Absent: Bill Overkamp (excused)

**5. Approval of December 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda**

Motion made by Amy to approve the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda, supported by Carl. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**6. Approval of the November 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Amy to approve the November 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting minutes, supported by Carl. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**7. Public Comment**

None

**8. Correspondence**

Ann advised that the Earthcam Camera is now live at the Park. She continues to work on some of the setting for the camera. Ann advised that the lawsuit is still pending against the Village for the Greenspace on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**9. Reports from Officers**

**Amy** advised that she applied to the Community Foundation Wish list and the Village received \$1500.00 towards the flower pots on Third Avenue. Ann advised that a thank you card was sent to the donor who has donated multiple times to the Village through the Foundation.

Amy advised that she along with Roger attended the Prein & Newhof Christmas party. Amy and Ann continue to work on the remaining kayak launch details for the grant reimbursements. Amy and Roger are meeting with the Ottawa County Road Commission this week about the intersection at Apple and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**Jeff** gave an update on the Planning Commission's last meeting. A site plan for the veterinary clinic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was approved. They are adding a vestibule.

**Carl** advised that our DPW Worker Seth has resigned without notice. Motion made by Amy to allow the Personnel Committee to hire a new worker in the hourly rate range of \$15- \$19 per hour, supported by Jeff. Roll Call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Absent: Overkamp. Ann will post on Indeed tomorrow.

**Roger** updated the council on the Greenspace project. It is on the contractor's schedule for next spring. Two new electrical outlets are requested by the DPW crew and will be installed at the garage. Roger advised that he met with the Lions Club about the new window at the picnic shelter that they requested. He asked that they pay for half of the costs. They declined.

#### **10. Open Council Position**

We received 3 resumes for the open council position. A review of all candidates took place by the council. Motion may by Roger to appoint Chris LeFaive a current Planning Commission member to the council replacing Amy Haack, supported by Carl. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Ann will reach out to the other candidates about the vacated Planning Commission position.

#### **11. Foreclosed Property**

Ann advised that she received correspondence from Muskegon County that a foreclosed property in the Village will be transferred to the Village unless the council refuses it in writing. The lot is very small and not buildable. Ann spoke to the Village attorney who said it would be in the Villages best interest to accept the property and transfer it to one of the adjoining neighbor lots. Currently the foreclosed property is part of the fenced in lot of the adjoining property on Oak Street. Motion mad by Roger to accept the transfer of the property from Muskegon County, supported by Jeff. Roll Call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Absent: Overkamp. Our attorney will contact the homeowner to discuss the transfer of the property.

#### **12. DPW Loader**

Roger shared multiple quotes for a new loader. Due to the exorbitant cost, It was determined by council to have the loader repaired. Motion made by Carl to repair the loader in a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, supported by Amy. Roll Call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Absent: Overkamp.

#### **13. Traffic Study for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

The Village contracted with AECOM recently to do a traffic study on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue regarding left turn movements at both signaled intersections. It was noted within the traffic study findings from consulted transportation professionals that under the Section IV, Adjusted Signal Timings that the AECOM model showed an improvement to Level of Service C during the peak hours by changing the cycle length on the controllers from 60 seconds to 70 seconds, with all of the extra 10 seconds assigned to the green time for northbound/southbound. The Village has been encouraged to firstly try that simple change to both signal controllers before possibly moving on to adding left turn signals. Windemuller Electric Contractors was then contacted to program the controller to make this change. The change was made on December 7, 2022. The timing change and left turn movements will be monitored for traffic efficiency and safety. Windemuller was also asked to provide a quote for left turn traffic signals and their connection fees in the case signals are found to be needed to be installed at a later date.

#### **14. Public Comment**

None

**15. Warrants**

Motion made by Carl to approve the warrants, supported by Jeff. Roll Call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Absent: Overkamp.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion made by Amy to adjourn at 7:00pm, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann LaCroix  
Clerk/Treasurer