

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Fruitport Village Planning Commission was called to order on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:01 PM at Fruitport Township Hall, 6543 Airline Rd.

Present: Commissioners Sam Ajwah, Jen Cross, Jeff Guiles, Matt Kotecki, & Kathy Freberg

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Cross moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Guiles and carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Kotecki moved to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2023 meeting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cross and carried unanimously.

Public Comment Agenda Items: None.

Correspondence, Reports, & Communication:

1. Beautification, All -

- Commissioner Kotecki reported that he has been in contact with the local Fruitport native who is a mural artist to discuss the possibilities of commissioning a Fruitport-themed mural in the Village. 2 locations have been of interest one measuring 50' x 8' the other 80' x 13'. Depending on size, scope of project including details, the estimate is between \$4,000- \$10,000. Commissioner Kotecki to request timeline and pricing from artist. Commissioner Freberg introduced a competition for grant award from Abby Mural Prize from the National Academy of Design that may be an option for applying to cover the cost of the mural. She will reach out to Village Clerk to discuss applying for this grant. The possibility was discussed to get feedback from the community and ideas and inspiration for elements of the mural as well as engage the community in the actual painting process.

-Commissioner Kotecki reached out to local electrical contractors exploring different ideas and options (such as solar) to light up the welcome to the village signs that are not currently lit up. The cost looks to be roughly \$2,700 with solar lights. Commissioner Kotecki to get quotes that may be presented to the council.

- Commissioner Kotecki reached out to local contractors to explore ideas and possibilities for lighting the Third Ave. bridge as well as street lighting that may flank the bridge beginning at the Village entrance. Much discussion ensued about possibilities including running electrical underground and installing a phase 1 of decorative street lighting. Commissioner Kotecki to request rough estimates for a high level concept that includes lighting the bridge and various decorative street lamp needs and concepts that may also include removal of the larger, unsightly, crooked, street poles currently in place.

Pending Business: None.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Items For Review or Action:

- Confirm Next Commission Meeting. Tuesday, April 11, 6:00PM, at Fruitport Twp Hall. - Acting Secretary to send attendance sheet to Village Clerk.
- Acting Secretary to submit approved Meeting Minutes and Agenda to Village Clerk for public posting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Guiles and supported by Commissioner Kotecki. Carried unanimously.

Prepared by Acting Secretary: Jen Cross