

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING  
MARCH 28<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, Jeff Guiles and Ann LaCroix. Absent: Carl Rothenberger (excused).

**5. Approval of March 28th Meeting Agenda**

Roger requested that 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue paving be added to the agenda under New Business. Motion made by Amy to approve the agenda with the addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue paving, supported by Bill. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**6. Approval of the February 21st Council meeting minutes**

Motion made by Amy to approve the February 21st council meeting minutes, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**7. Public Comment**

None

**8. Correspondence**

Ann advised that the person wanting to hold an event to honor Veterans at Pomona Park has postponed the event until 2023 and will attend a council meeting next year for approval. Ann advised that she received letters of support from the Fruitport Area School Director and Fruitport Public Safety Director for the AAA Traffic Safety Grant requesting three radar signs. The grant will be submitted this week. Lastly, Ann advised that a lawsuit against the Village has been filed by the owner of a business on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Ann submitted a claim to our MML insurance group, and it was determined that the Village attorney would need to represent the Village in the lawsuit.

**9. Reports from Officers**

Amy advised that the playground equipment is arriving in April. The Community build dates are June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Contact with the Fruitport High School Athletic Director to have help from the high school teams with the Community Build. To date approximately \$70,000.00 in donations and grants have been received. Amy advised that we have received our Senior Millage funding in the amount of \$7399.00 for this year. Amy gave an update on the kayak launch. A meeting took place in attendance was Prein & Newhof, West Michigan Dirtworks, Roger, and Amy. The anticipated start date of the project is April 4<sup>th</sup> with a completion date of May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff advised that he is working with the DPW Supervisor for quotes on two stretches of sidewalks in the Village.

Bill had nothing to report.

Roger will report under agenda items.

#### **10. Harbor Transit**

Three representatives from Harbor Transit attended the meeting. A proposed Lakeshore Trolley Route that would include a stop at Pomona Park was presented. The trolley would run from May 31<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day. The cost to the Village would be \$4255.40. Motion made by Amy to approve the cost of \$4255.40 for the trolley service pending the Harbor Transits approval from Muskegon County, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

#### **11. Pine & Lake Street**

Roger explained a possible solution to the water issue at Pine and Lake Street. It would be necessary to receive permission from the property owners Jamie and David Garzelloni, 329 Pine Street to grant the Village an easement for the drain solution. The Garzelonni's gave support for the easement document creation but refrained from granting permission for easement until a drainage solution is agreed upon. This item will be tabled until the next council meeting.

#### **12. Lions Club OFD Fireworks Permit**

Ann advised that she received a request from the Lions Club for council approval of a fireworks permit for OFDs. Ann advised that she received the appropriate certificate of insurance for the fireworks. Motion made by Amy to approve the fireworks permit, supported by Bill. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **13. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Greenspace Project**

Sam Ajwah, Village Planning Commission Chairperson, presented the council with the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Greenspace Project, Flowerpots and USPS Mailbox Relocation. A discussion took place. Motion made by Amy to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Greenspace Project in the amount of \$17,812.46, supported by Bill. AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None Motion made by Jeff to approve \$6000.00 for an additional ten flowerpots and flowers for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, supported by Bill. AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None Motion made by Amy to approve the cost of relocating the USPS Mailbox pending approval from the USPS in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00, supported by Jeff. AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

#### **14. 2022-2023 Garbage Rate**

Ann advised that Republic Services is honoring the Village contract with RMS Disposal. The garbage rate for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, will be \$139.58 for residents that pay by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and \$174.48 for residents that pay after July 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion made by Amy to approve the presented rates, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

**15. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Paving**

Roger provided a quote to have 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Bridge to just North of Park Street paved.

Motion made by Roger to approve the bid in the amount of \$38,740.00 to pave that portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

Motion made by Amy at 7:28pm to close the Council meeting, supported by Jeff, with a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion made by Amy to open the Budget hearing at 7:28pm, supported by Jeff, with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**16. Budget Hearing**

Roger asked if anyone had any questions about the 2022-2023 budget. No one had any questions or comments.

Motion made by Amy to close the Budget hearing at 7:32pm, supported by Jeff, with a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion made by Amy to open the Council meeting at 7:32pm, supported by Carl, with a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**17. 2021-2022 Budget Adoption**

Motion made by Roger to approve the budget as presented, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

Budget resolution offered by Roger, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None (Resolution attached).

**18. Bridge Street Bridge Grant**

Ann gave an update of the Bridge Street project and will be sending out Request for Proposals this week. Ann recommends that council approve the cost of contracting Brechting Bridge to review any of the RFPs that are received and make a recommendation at the May council meeting. The anticipated cost of the service is \$1040.00. Motion made by Jeff to approve the cost for assistance with the RFPs in an amount not to exceed \$1040.00, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Ann advised that a performance resolution for municipalities is required by Michigan Department of Transportation for our bridge grant. Ann requests that she along with Council Member Amy Haack be authorized to apply to the MDOT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the Village. Motion made Jeff to approve the resolution as presented, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

**19. Playground**

Ann spoke with our attorney about the old playground equipment. The playground has value since she has received calls of interest for the purchase of the old equipment. Ann requests permission to publish a request for bids for the purchase of the old equipment. Motion may by

Amy to approve the publication and sale of the old playground equipment, supported by Jeff.  
Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

**20. Handicap Parking Lot**

Bruce Callan from Callan Engineering presented a diagram of the proposed handicap parking lot. A review of the change order for the additional items needed for the parking lot was discussed. The costs have increased significantly. A discussion took place and Bruce will provide an alternate concept for handicap parking in the park.

**21. 7<sup>th</sup> & Peach**

Bruce Callan from Callan Engineering presented a diagram of the proposed solution to the 7<sup>th</sup> & Peach water issue. A discussion took place. The cost from the original bid has increased significantly. Council would like to table approval of the project until the next council meeting and proceed only with the permit process. Jeff made a motion to approve Callan Engineering to start the permit process with the State of Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

**22. Public Comment**

None.

**23. Warrants**

Motion made by Amy to approve the warrants with the addition of a bill from HRC in the amount of \$712.00, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Guiles and Vanderstelt. NAYS: None

**24. Adjournment**

Motion made by Amy to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ann LaCroix  
Clerk/Treasurer

