



VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2023

1. Call to Order – President Roger Vanderstelt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Council Present: Roger Vanderstelt, President; Bill Overkamp; Chris LeFaive; and Jeff Guiles.
Absent: Carl Rothenberger (excused)
Staff present: Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Amy Haack, Clerk.
Others in attendance: Joe Kuerth from Kuerth’s Disposal.
3. Approval of March 6 Budget Council Meeting Agenda – Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to approve the agenda. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
4. Approve the Minutes of the February 20th Budget Council Meeting – Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to approve the minutes. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
5. Public Comment – Joe Kuerth from Kuerth Garbage Disposal spoke of the service his company offers and the interest in expanding into unserved areas.
6. Kayak Launch MDNR Amendment Resolution – Haack explained the amendment resolution to allow for time extension on the kayak launch project to complete the scope items listed in the grant. Motion made by Guiles and supported by Overkamp to allow for President Vanderstelt to sign the resolution. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
7. Personnel Committee Recommendations – LaCroix explained that Personnel Committee Chairperson Rothenberger is ill and therefore cancelled the Personnel Committee Meeting that was scheduled to take place prior to this Budget Meeting. The meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.
8. 2023-2024 Budget:
 - a. Boat Launch Rates – Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Overkamp to keep the boat launch rates the same as last year. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 - b. Garbage Service – LaCroix summarized a conversation she had the Village attorney regarding the reasons the Village has historically contracted with one provider on behalf of residents to reduce traffic on roads, noise, etc. She also explained it is the Village attorney’ recommendation to continue to contract with one provider. Haack explained that the Village’s longtime residential waste hauler, RMS, retired and sold their company to Republic. Republic honored the 2022/2023 RMS contract with the Village. In preparation for a 2023/2024 waste hauler contract, the Village reviewed service pricing from several waste hauler services and found Republic to be the lowest price while offering the most service options. Haack summarized the past fee and billing structure with RMS and a proposed fee and billing structure for Republic and suggested that a new billing structure would help to streamline the process for residents. Haack explained that the Village ordinance regarding garbage service would need to be updated. Motion made by Guiles and supported by Overkamp to move forward on a

contract for residential garbage service for one year with Republic with Republic to directly bill residents. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vandertelt. No: none. Motion carried.

- c. Next Fiscal Year Budget Discussion – LaCroix led discussion about projects and activities for FY23-24, regular maintenance items, pending and potential funding, personnel funding, and fund balance. Discussion ensued.
9. Public Comment – Joe Kuerth from Kuerth’s Disposal spoke about his interest in expanding his service into the Village of Fruitport in the future.
10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Haack, Clerk