

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18th, 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, Bill Overkamp and Ann LaCroix.

5. Approval of April 18th Meeting Agenda

Roger requested that two items be added under New Business: Bridge Street and Sidewalk Quotes. Motion made by Bill to approve the agenda with the two additions, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

6. Approval of the March 28th budget and council meeting minutes

Motion made by Amy to approve the March 28th council meeting minutes and the March 28th budget meeting minutes, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7. Public Comment

Dave Donont, a food truck vendor shared his schedule for the upcoming season.

Pat Stressman, Lions Club, requested that we order toilet paper for Old Fashioned Days and that the basketball hoops are taken down.

8. Correspondence

Ann gave an update on the lawsuit against the Village. There will be a status conference on August 19th and a bench trial set for September 30th. Our Village attorney is representing the Village in the lawsuit. Ann shared the LGROW newsletter. Our two-year audit will take place in the next couple of weeks. A variance hearing has been set for May 5th. Ann reviewed the meeting schedule for this fiscal year.

9. Reports from Officers

Amy advised that the kayak launch is on schedule. It was necessary for West Michigan Dirtworks to relocate the Bruce Raymond memorial tree.

Jeff asked that a pothole on Maple Street be repaired.

Bill advised that the library has candidates for the two open board positions. The library is waiting on the Governor's decision about the new casino before deciding on a potential new location. Bill will submit specifications for a new dump truck to Berger Chevrolet and utilize the MiDeal discount. He will share information with the council once received.

Roger will report under agenda items.

10. 7th & Peach

Bruce Callan from Callan Engineering advised that they have applied for the EGLE permits. This item will be tabled for the next council meeting to decide on the project.

11. Handicap Park Lot

Bruce Callan provided a drawing of an alternative to a new parking lot. A handicap ramp with a handrail and landscaping.

12. Pine & Lake Street

Terry Keil from West Michigan Septic Sewer and Drain presented his bid for a French Drain at Pine & Lake Street. A discussion took place. Motion made by Amy to accept the bid of \$5094.16 pending the approval of the easement by the property owners, supported by Carl. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

13. Bridge Street Bridge Grant

Ann gave an update of the Bridge Street Bridge project. She sent out Request for Proposals to six engineering firms. The deadline for the RFP is April 29th. The RFPs will be presented at the next council meeting for council approval.

14. Playground

Amy advised that the bids were opened today before the council meeting. Roger, Ann, and Amy reviewed the bids. Motion made by Amy to award the playground to Anchor of Hope Church in the amount of \$1000.00, supported by Jeff. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None Ann will contact the church for payment, liability waiver and have it removed by them within one week.

15. Bike Path Repair

Roger presented a quote from Asphalt Paving to repair a portion of the bike path. Motion made by Carl to accept the quote of \$4965.00 from Asphalt Paving to repair a portion of the bike path, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

16. Boat Launch

Carl suggested that we hire a boat launch attendant this year and research a pay station for next year. Ann gave an overview of the boat launch revenues for the last 5 years and the attendants hours for that period. A discussion took place, and a pay station will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

17. Bridge Street

Roger reviewed a problem on Bridge Street requiring a homeowner to put in a culvert under their driveway to resolve an issue of obstructing the water flow in the drainage ditch. Roger has had trouble identifying which resident would be responsible for the culvert. A discussion took place and will be investigated further.

18. Sidewalk Quote

Jeff presented a quote form M & M Concrete to replace sidewalks on 6th Street and 3rd Avenue. He made a motion to replace the sidewalk on 6th Street including removal and a ADA ramp on Park Street in the amount of \$20,059.00 from the Major Streets Fund, supported by Carl. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp, Guiles and Vanderstelt NAYS: None

19. Public Comment

Jason Kolkema addressed council. He is running for Circuit Court Judge. Jason distributed fliers and gave an overview of his experience.

20. Warrants

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

21. Adjournment

Motion made by Carl to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, supported by Bill. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ann LaCroix
Clerk/Treasurer

