



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023**

1. Call to Order – President Vanderstelt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge
3. Prayer
4. Council Present: Roger Vanderstelt, Chris LeFaive, Jeff Guiles, and Carl Rothenberger. Bill Overkamp arrived during the first public comment portion of meeting.
Staff present: Amy Haack, Clerk.
Public present: Bruce Gaultney, Pat Stressman, and Fred Yonkers on behalf of Fruitport Lions Club. Tom Reyburn, 127 Maple, arrived near the end of the meeting.
5. Approval of May 15 Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the May 15 Council Meeting Agenda, the April 17 Council Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Bills. Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Pat Stressman requested a fence around the playground during Old Fashioned Days (OFD). Council agreed to erect signs around the playground during OFD stating, “Please do not leave children unattended.” Stressman said Fruitport Lions has requested the Muskegon County Road Commission to put a detour sign on the exit ramp of 96 and Fruitport Road during OFD. Gaultney reiterated the Lions Club wants Third Street closed beginning Monday, May 22 and requested Village DPW crew to be engaged and ready to close road which includes having all signage ready.
7. Report from Clerk – Haack reported on Craft Show at Pomona Park this Saturday, May 22. Haack also reported on contact from residents regarding the change in garbage pricing and billing procedures. LeFaive asked about prorated garbage bills for seasonal residents. Haack said she would look into it.
8. Reports from Officers –
 - a. Guiles – no report.
 - b. LeFaive reported on a mural the Planning Commission is working on for the back of the bandshell. He also reported on progress on wayfinding signs and asked about the ordering of banners with Village slogan and logo. Haack said she would order six large size banners soon. LeFaive stated these banners will be placed on the four corners of Park Street and Third Avenue and two additional in front of the business area on Third Avenue.
 - c. Overkamp requested barricades to be dropped off in front of the library by the DPW crew on Friday, May 26 so that the library will be able to block off two parking spaces on Third Street in front of the library for the book sale to happen on Saturday, May 27. Bill will set up the barricades on Friday night.

- d. Rothenberger reported on the seasonal DPW worker hired and began employment on Monday, May 15. DPW worker was hired at 32 hours minimum. Rothenberger reported the DPW crew is progressing well and getting ready for OFD. He also reported on the boat launch attendant being hired and will begin on May 17. Boat launch position is 32 hours minimum with max of 40 hours.
 - e. Vanderstelt reported on DPW crew member driving white truck in OFD parade with his family and friends walking alongside passing out candy and LGROW items. Roger advised council to on the acquirement of signs differentiating the fee and non-fee sections of the boat launch and kayak launch area. New roof for bandshell will be installed on June 5. Handrail will be installed soon on new sidewalk near bandshell. Roger reported on greenspace project near Norm's Ice Cream. Roger also reported on no longer allowing discounts to fishing groups at the boat launch.
9. Planning Commission Resignation and Appointment – Village Council Liaison and Appointee, Jeff Guiles resigned from the Planning Commission. Vanderstelt accepted his resignation. Vanderstelt appointed Chris LeFaive as new Village Council Liaison. Rothenberger supported both the acceptance of the resignation and new appointment. Roll call vote: Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt.
 10. Harbor Trolley – Motion made by Guiles and supported by Rothenberger to accept the Harbor Transit proposal in the amount of \$5,153.07 for Harbor Trolley Services this summer with expanded hours of operation seven days a week from noon to 10:00 p.m. Riders will continue to ride free this summer. Motion includes authorizing Vanderstelt to sign contract once revisions suggested by Village Attorney to the contract are made. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 11. Michigan Township Services Proposed Rate Changes – Motion made by Guiles and supported by Rothenberger to accept the proposed rate changes. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 12. Radar Speed Signs – Discussion took place about the effectiveness of these signs and the enforcement. Motion made by Guiles and supported by Overkamp to purchase one sign and bracket system in the amount of \$3,198 in the color of white with the stipulation that a conversation take place with Fruitport Township Law Enforcement about the sign location and enforcement of speed. Depending on outcome, more signs may be discussed for purchase later. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 13. Solar Lighting for Welcome Signs – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve up to \$3,000 maximum for four solar lights with canopy to be top mounted on Village welcome signs. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 14. Bridge Street Spillway – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to accept the quote from Tiles Excavating in the amount of \$13,895.05 for spillway on Bridge Street. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 15. Bridge Street Catch Basin - Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to accept the quote from Tiles Excavating in the amount of \$2,520.00 for concrete around catch basin on

Bridge Street. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt.
No: none. Motion carried.

16. Push Button Locks on DPW Entry Doors – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to purchase two new push button locks for DPW entry way doors at a maximum amount of \$1,500 total to be installed by a DPW crew member. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
17. Public Comment – Tom Reyburn, 127 Maple Street, spoke about the issue of woodchips and other debris put on his vacant property located across the street from the Village DPW. Vanderstelt stated DPW crew currently has nearly all wood chips removed from property. They will work to remove the remaining and put down grass seed after OFD. Reyburn asked about compensation for his attorney fees. Rothenberger suggested Reyburn submit invoice and Village will seek legal advice from Village attorney regarding payment.
18. Adjournment – Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Vanderstelt to adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Haack, Clerk