



VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 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, Bill Overkamp, and Carl Rothenberger. Jeff Guiles arrived at 6:00 p.m. Rothenberger left for another obligation at 5:35 p.m.
Staff present: Amy Haack, Clerk.
Public present: Bruce Gaultney and Cindy Gaultney on behalf of the Fruitport Lions Club.
5. Approval of June 19 Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the June 19 Council Meeting Agenda, the May 15 Council Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Bills. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to amend the agenda by moving the closed session to after the first public comment agenda item and to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Bruce Gaultney thanked the Village Council and staff for the use of Pomona Park for this year’s Old Fashioned Days event. Bruce Gaultney also inquired about the use of Pomona Park for the next five years for Old Fashioned Days and submitted a formal request from the Lions Club with dates. Bruce Gaultney also stated that the Fruitport Lions Club Board approved to reimburse the Village for a needed new metal roof on the bandshell which is scheduled to happen within the next few weeks. Vanderstelt responded that the Village will put the requested dates to use the park on the agenda for the next Village Council meeting scheduled for July 17, 2023.
7. Closed Session
8. Closed Session Action – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to allow Personnel Committee to discuss employment issues with the DPW Supervisor at a meeting tomorrow, June 20. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt.
9. Report from Clerk – Haack reported on bridge construction project, successful MS4 stormwater permit audit, LGROW workshop, upcoming ZBA, park rentals, new website development, delivery of speed sign, trolley sponsor sign, household waste disposal service, etc.
10. Reports from Officers –
 - a. Guiles – no report.
 - b. LeFaive apologized for missing the June Planning Commission Meeting as he is the Village Council liaison. LeFaive also determined council’s choice is Option 1 as presented in emails for solar lights for Village welcome signs. LeFaive will contact Haack with details on ordering the lights.
 - c. Overkamp reported on continuing research of possible locations for Fruitport District Library.
 - d. Rothenberger – no report.

- e. Vanderstelt reported on equipment and park maintenance and repair, bridge construction, infrastructure projects, and DPW projects.
11. Mutual Aid Agreement with Muskegon County Road Commission – Haack explained the mutual aid agreement could be used for emergency snowplowing. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by LeFaive to allow the Village to enter into this agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 12. Norm’s Ice Cream Sign Relocation – Vanderstelt stated Norm Cruthers, owner of Norm’s Ice Cream stated he would donate \$3,500 to the Village after the relocation of his sign. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Overkamp to accept the bid from Advanced Signs to relocate the Norm’s Ice Cream sign not to exceed \$7,100. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 13. Oak Street Greenspace – Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Guiles to accept the bid from West Michigan Dirt Works in the amount of \$10,808.04 to extend the greenspace on Third Street in front of Norm’s to Oak Street as shown in diagram he offered. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. Vanderstelt also mentioned a land survey will be needed before the project can begin.
 14. Mural Project – Vanderstelt shared his thoughts on the mural project the Planning Commission is working on for the backside of the bandshell. Vanderstelt shared pictures of an art/mural project located in Charlevoix, Michigan and stated he would like to see the mural on the bandshell more mimic this art style as it timeless and will not go out of style. The Council agreed. Vanderstelt and LeFaive will convey this information to the Planning Commission.
 15. Public Comment – No public comment was offered.
 16. Adjournment – Motion made by LeFaive and supported by Overkamp to adjourn the meeting at 6:17p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Haack, Clerk