



VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 17, 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 Jeff Guiles. Rothenberger was absent (excused).
Staff present: Amy Haack, Clerk.
Public present: Fred Yonkers on behalf of the Fruitport Lions Club.
5. Approval of July 17 Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the July 17 Council Meeting Agenda, the June 19 Council Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Bills. Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Yonkers thanked the Village Council and staff for the use of Pomona Park for this year’s Old Fashioned Days event. Yonkers stated Pomona Park is the best place to hold a carnival anywhere around and said attendance at Old Fashioned Days was excellent and so was feedback. Yonkers referred to the Lions Club request to utilize Pomona Park for the next five years for Old Fashioned Days. Vanderstelt stated this request is on the agenda and a separate item.
7. Report from Clerk – Haack reported on the Bridge Street bridge opening on July 7 which was four days earlier than scheduled, Slip and Slide Event at Pomona Park on July 22 and August 19, website development progress, and banners being purchased. Haack also spoke at Personnel Committee Chairperson Rothenberger’s request about upcoming Personnel Committee interviews for DPW Supervisor position scheduled for July 28. At Personnel Committee request, Haack will participate in the interviews and be a member of the candidate decision making process. Haack also asked the council at Rothenberger’s request to allow the Personnel Committee to hire the best candidate for the position at an hourly pay rate of \$20-\$25 based on qualifications and experience. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Guiles to allow Personnel Committee to offer the position to the most qualified and experienced candidate. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
8. Reports from Officers –
 - a. Guiles – no report.
 - b. LeFaive reported on getting public comment regarding what type of mural on bandshell. LeFaive will work with Haack regarding wording for a Facebook and website post regarding this. LeFaive also reported on progress of street lights and poles on the bridge on Third Street.
 - c. Overkamp – no report.

- d. Vanderstelt reported on DPW projects, bandshell new roof completed, infrastructure projects, and boat launch proceeds to date.
9. Lions Club Request to Utilize Pomona Park for next Five Years – Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to approve the Lions Club request to utilize Pomona Park for Old Fashioned Days for next 5 years (2024 – 2028 beginning the Monday of the week before Memorial Day and ending on the Wednesday after Memorial Day) utilizing space available in park. Roll call vote: Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
10. Power Poles – Vanderstelt stated five power poles do not currently have power. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Overkamp to accept the bid from Duell Electric, Inc. to make five power poles usable again. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
11. Volleyball Court Equipment – Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to purchase volleyball court equipment (poles, bumpers, boundary lines, etc.) from Volleyballusa.com in the amount of \$1,532.64. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none.
12. Oak Street Greenspace– Motion made by Guiles and supported by Overkamp to accept the bid from Schultz Land & Water Consulting in the amount of \$4,500 for a site survey, engineering layout & dimensioning, CAD drafting, clerical, misc. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried
13. Adjournment – Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to adjourn the meeting at 6:05p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Haack, Clerk