

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 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, Bill Overkamp and Ann LaCroix.

Absent: Jeff Guiles

5. Approval of July 18th Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Amy to approve the agenda, supported by Carl. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

6. Approval of the June 20th Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Bill to approve the June 20th meeting minutes, supported by Jeff. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Correspondence

Ann advised Planning Commissioner Jen Wolters Cross posted on Facebook to contact the Village in support of a beach. Ann advised that although not official correspondence, she received multiple calls, emails and Facebook messages from residents, non-residents and people that didn't leave their name all in support of a beach/swimming beach. The Old Playground area is on the agenda tonight for council discussion.

9. Reports from Officers

Amy advised the new playground is open and everyone is loving it.

Bill advised that a resident suggested hammock poles in the park. He asked that council consider it in the future. Bill has received concerns over the food truck in the park. Amy suggested that we work on a food truck ordinance over the winter.

Carl advised that the Personnel Committee met on July 12th. They discussed after hours texting and that it should be limited to the party involved and only if I can't wait until business hours.

Carl advised that Ann suggests an additional office employee. She would continue as the Treasurer and employ a new Clerk. Motion made by Carl to post the position on Indeed for 32 hours with benefits. Pay range between \$20-\$30 based on experience, supported by Bill. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp and Vanderstelt. Absent: Guiles

Roger advised that he has been in contact with the Lions Club about upgrading the kitchen. Previous talks took place prior COVID. He will keep council updated on the status. Roger advised council that a person made chalk statements and drawings in the park prior to Dancing into Sunset. He had checked with our attorney about how to handle it and if an ordinance was necessary. It is not necessary since state law prohibits the action. Roger gave an update on the 7th & Peach project.

10. Planning Commission appointment

Roger advised that the Planning Commission is in support of Matthew Kotecki being appointed to the Planning Commission. Roger appointed Matthew Kotecki to the Planning Commission.

11. Old Playground Area

Amy reported that she spoke to the Village attorney Dave Bossenbroek about moving the sand from the old playground to create a beach. Dave advised against it as it would be leading people to danger since the water area is where the old pavilion burned down in the 1960s and has never been fully or at all cleaned up. Amy referred to the Village 5-Year Recreation Plan and how the council had previously agreed to follow it regarding development of the new park property and trail system as a next project. In previous budget meetings, it was discussed that the new park property would be addressed after completion of the new playground and kayak launch in the 2023-2024 budget year. Amy suggested as the next step, a request for proposal process is needed to obtain conceptual drawings and construction estimates for a trail and boardwalk adjacent and in the new park property. A phase 2 part of the request for proposal would be a cleanup and development concept of the shoreline area where the old pavilion used to exist next to the new park property. This in-depth analysis would be necessary for any development in that area. She anticipates that it will be a major project with a three-to-five-year completion and will be budget dependent depending on grant money, etc.

A volleyball court was suggested for the old playground area. A quote was received for poles, netting, and hardware. Motion made by Amy to proceed with the quote and install a new volleyball court in an amount not to exceed \$298.00, supported by Carl. Roll call AYES: Haack, Rothenberger, Overkamp and Vanderstelt. Absent: Guiles

12. Bridge Street Grant

Ann advised that together with the Engineering Companies the MDOT Project Certification and necessary documents were completed. There will be a fall letting for a springtime completion of the project.

13. Bridge Street Drainage

Roger advised he is waiting on additional quotes for the work.

14. Kayak Launch

Amy gave an update of the kayak launch project. The EZ launch was installed Thursday. There have been many kayakers utilizing the launch. She thanked Roger and Ann for their assistance on the project.

15. Public Comment

Don Haack, 6771 S. Brook, commented that people are ecstatic about the new kayak launch. He thinks pickle ball courts would be a good idea.

16. Warrants

Motion made by Carl to approve the warrants as presented, supported by Amy. Roll call AYES: Haack, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. Absent: Guiles

17. Adjournment

Motion made by Amy to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm, supported by Bill. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ann LaCroix
Clerk/Treasurer

