



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, and Carl Rothenberger.
Council absent – Bill Overkamp (excused) and Jeff Guiles (unexcused).
Staff Present – Amy Haack, Clerk and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
Public Present – Sue Halter representing Dancing into the Sunset and David Schultz and Alex Lehman representing Schultz Land and Water Consulting, Inc.
5. Approval of the Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the September 18, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda, the August 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Halter recapped the successful 2023 Dancing into the Sunset season and shared a poster and a book of comments.
7. Report from Clerk / Correspondence – Haack reported on a new boat mooring ordinance, Village banners, household waste update, and new website development, etc.
8. Reports from Officers
 - a. LeFaive reported on progress of bandshell mural and asked council to establish a budget for it. This will be an agenda item for next council meeting. He also reported on progress of street pole lighting over 3rd Avenue bridge that the Planning Commission is working on.
 - b. Rothenberger reported that Gary Goerbig accepted the permanent DPW team member position and is working out well. DPW supervisor is working on evaluations for DPW team members to get ahead of information needed for salary annual adjustments, etc. He also reported that DPW has new uniforms that they are required to wear while working.
 - c. Vanderstelt reported on new snowplow and truck safety lights. He also spoke of an expansion of the DPW building and the Circle Drive resurfacing project. Vanderstelt reported on the progress of an easement needed from Troy and Amy Wierenga, property owners of 400 1st Avenue, for the E. Pontaluna Road erosion project. The

Wierengas are agreeable to the easement and are expected to sign documents soon.

9. Schultz Land & Water Consulting, Inc. Presentation on Greenspace Project – David Schultz went over a preliminary schematic for the greenspace project in front of Norm’s Ice Cream and the Village Inn. Council requested Schultz to offer several scenarios while obtaining quotes for the project such as type of trees or shrubbery, types of curbs, with or without benches, etc.
10. Maple Street (at dip) Curb Replacement –Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Rothenberger to approve the quote of \$2,750.00 from M&M Concrete to do work needed to replace the curb from Major Street Funds. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
11. 7th and Peach Change Order – Rothenberger stated he does not like the Village having to discuss a change order on a completed project, but because the Village has a good relationship with this company, he will accept it but declared it is not standard nor good practice. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to accept the change order from Tiles, Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$8,549.82 from Local Street Funds. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
12. Public Comment – None.
13. Adjournment – Vanderstelt adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy Haack, Clerk