



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

1. Call to Order – President Vanderstelt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge
3. Prayer
4. Council Present – Jeff Guiles, Chris LeFaive, Bill Overkamp, Carl Rothenberger, and Roger Vanderstelt
Staff Present – Amy Haack, Clerk
Public Present – Fred Yonkers representing the Fruitport Lions Club
5. Approval of the Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda, the September 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – No public comment was made.
7. Report from Clerk / Correspondence – Haack reported on a new Village website that recently went live, code of ordinance updating, household waste update, Fruitport Area News article, speed study memo from Vanderstelt, library meeting, etc.
8. Reports from Officers
 - a. LeFaive asked about resources for the Planning Commission to research regarding attached accessory building zoning regulations. Haack directed him to Greg Mason at Michigan Township Services. LeFaive also reported the Planning Commission has received positive feedback regarding the all-way-stop at 3rd/Apple/148th.
 - b. Guiles asked about schedule of sidewalk repairs/replacement and trimming of trees on Bridge Street.
 - c. Overkamp reported on the library meeting on October 4th. Proposals for a new library were presented at that meeting by professional architects volunteering their time to assist the library to move forward with a new library building. Bill reported that Matt Slagle, one of the architects, will attend the November Village council meeting to present his architectural ideas to the council. Matt was unavailable to attend this meeting. Currently the library is researching multiple locations and building ideas.

- d. Rothenberger reported that as chair of the Personnel Committee he will be scheduling a meeting within the next couple of months to discuss wage increases, etc. for employees. He encouraged the council to offer any feedback on this topic now or in the near future. His goal is to have all information regarding staff ready for Village budget to be approved in April 2024. He stated DPW supervisor has been tasked with performing and submitting personnel evaluations regarding the DPW team members.
 - e. Vanderstelt reported on sidewalk replacement going on now on 3rd Street, E. Pontaluna slope erosion project, new streetlight on Maple at dip, October DPW task list, removal of docks for the season, etc.
9. Lions Club Request to Utilize Pomona Park for Old Fashioned Christmas - Fred Yonkers was in attendance on behalf of the Fruitport Lions Club. Yonkers asked for approval based on letter of request sent to the Village. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Guiles to approve the request based on information in request letter. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Permanent All-Way-Stop at Apple/3rd/148th – Haack gave background of project that was more recently initiated by a request from MDOT to lessen traffic congestion caused by the shutdown of US31 due to culvert replacement. It was agreed upon by the Village in partnership with the Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) to install an all-way-stop and to monitor the flow of traffic to ascertain if this should be a more permanent solution for traffic congestion after US31 is reopened. The approaches and boundaries of the intersection include Ottawa County as well as the Village. Haack reported that several emails were received from the public in favor of keeping the all-way-stop as a more permanent solution. Both the Village and OCRC feel after monitoring traffic that this would be a positive more permanent solution. Rothenberger noted that he would like to see a red flashing light over the intersection or the addition of flashing lights on the stop signs and approaching signs as an extra safety measure. Haack was tasked with contacting the OCRC to get their guidance on this request. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles in partnership with the OCRC to install a more permanent all-way-stop based on a labor/equipment/material estimate provided by OCRC for the Village share of this project at the cost of \$1,030.76 from Major Street Fund. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
11. Set Budget for Mural on Bandshell –Motion made by LeFaive and supported by Guiles to cap the budget at \$8,000. Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

12. Greenspace Project in front of Norms and Village Inn – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the bid from West Michigan DirtWorks in the amount of \$48,118.37 (Local Street Fund - \$17,819.89, Major Street Fund - \$22,659.98, General Fund - \$7,638.50) to perform the needed infrastructure work in the Village right-of-way. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
13. Public Comment – None.
14. Adjournment – Vanderstelt adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy Haack, Clerk