



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 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; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer, Jake Griffis, DPW Supervisor
Public Present – Fred Keena, Ottawa County Road Commission; Matt Lubbers-Moore, Fruitport District Library Director; Matt Slagle, 158 Lake Street; Karla Brown, 6630 S. Brooks Road; Wayne, Zach, and Jordan Kohley, owners of Excel Propane; Rich Houtteman, External Communications Director for Consumers Energy; Bill Rosel, 191 8th Avenue.
5. Approval of the Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the November 20, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda, the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Wayne, Zach, and Jordan Kohley (owners of Excel Propane) voiced concern for the safety of the vehicles entering and exiting the driveways of their business which is located near the new all-way-stop. Matt Lubbers-Moore, Fruitport District Library Director thanked the Village for quickly taking care of a tree that fell on library property and he also spoke in support of the new library concepts.
7. Report from Clerk / Correspondence – Haack reported on Fruitport Area News articles she wrote, attendance at LGROW and WMSRDC MPO meetings, etc.
8. Report from Treasurer – LaCroix reported the Village is doing well on budget items. She also reached consensus to schedule three budget meetings: February 19 and March 25 both at 4pm before the regularly scheduled council meetings and a stand-alone budget meeting on March 11 at 5pm.
9. Reports from Officers
 - a. LeFaive reported the mural budget was well received by the Planning Commission. LeFaive also asked about a Village drop box for file sharing.

- b. Guiles had no report.
 - c. Overkamp had no report.
 - d. Rothenberger reported that DPW team is on pace with projects.
 - e. Vanderstelt offered a list of completed and ongoing projects as his report.
10. Library Concept Presentation – Matt Slagle, a volunteer architect, presented his concepts and budget for the building of a new library in several locations.
 11. Park Improvements Request for Proposals – Haack went over the engineering and design RFP for improvements to the newly acquired property in Pomona Park. The RFP includes scope items such as walking trail, benches, hammocks, parking, etc. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Rothenberger to distribute the RFP to qualified consultants and make available on the Village website. The motion carried unanimously.
 12. Updated Speed Study on Bridge Street – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to contract with the Muskegon County Road Commission in the amount of \$865.00 (Major Street Fund) to conduct an updated speed study on Bridge and Park Streets that includes the review of signage on Bridge Street regarding the curve. Roll call vote - Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 13. New Furnace for DPW Garage – Vanderstelt presented several quotes for a new and more energy efficient furnace and the electrical work needed for installation. The council decided not to obtain new furnace at this time since the current furnace is working properly and it would take several years to recoup costs of new furnace.
 14. New Drinking Fountains in Park – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to purchase two ADA drinking fountains with pet station and bottle filler for Pomona Park in the amount of \$3,311.00 each for a total amount of \$6,622.00 (General Fund.) Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 15. New Vehicle (2024 Chevy Silverado w/ Aluminum Dump) – Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to purchase vehicle in the amount of \$63,527.00 (Equipment Rent Fund). Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 16. Boat Launch Improvements – Griffis reported on proposed improvements to the boat launch such as a kiosk payment system and installation of entrance and exit gates. This was for informational purposes only and the council agreed to have Griffis move forward with obtaining quotes for all infrastructure needed for these improvements.

17. Public Comment – Bill Rosel, 191 8th Avenue, commented that speed limits are too fast on Third Street and it is difficult to pull out of boat launch. Rich Houtteman from Consumers Energy said they are repairing and replacing legacy infrastructure in the area and are available to do energy efficiency audits for homes and businesses. Karla Brown, 6630 S Brooks Road, commented that the library is here to serve the entire township and that should be kept in mind when deciding on location.
18. Adjournment – Vanderstelt adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy Haack, Clerk