



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024
5:00PM**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Vanderstelt at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Council present: Jeff Guiles, Chris LeFaive, Bill Overkamp, Carl Rothenberger, and Roger Vanderstelt.
Staff present: Amy Haack, Clerk; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Jake Griffis, DPW Supervisor
Public present: Chris Michner, potential business owner of 50 Park Street
3. Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes the approval of December 16, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda, approval of November 18, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – No public comment was made.
5. Staff Reports – Clerk: Reported on recreation plan 30-day public review period, informal MPO approval of \$120,000 for traffic signals, and attendance at Library Board Meeting. Treasurer: Worked with Council to schedule budget meetings: February 17 at 4:00 p.m., March 10 at 5:00 p.m. and March 24 at 4:00 p.m. with a budget hearing as part of regular council meeting at 5:00 p.m. on March 24. DPW supervisor reported repairs were completed on culvert on 3rd Avenue near Norris Creek, stop signs at 7th/Maple are in progress, and the planned flashing red light at 3rd/Apple/148th is being redesigned due to ROW locations.
6. Reports from Officers – Guiles asked about sidewalks being plowed. LeFaive reported a Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025. Overkamp reported Library Board has requested to meet with Village Council in January 2025 to discuss renovation and building of new library in Pomona Park. It was decided Overkamp will work with the library board chairperson to make initial offering of available dates. Rothenberger, speaking as chairperson of the Personnel Committee, reminded group that it is the time of year for staff performance appraisals, etc. Vanderstelt reported on Pontaluna slope erosion project and public access at Pine Street Park. During discussion it was decided by the Council for it to be mandatory to have an in-person

presentation at a council meeting by any group or individual planning a large activity in the Village where a road is being closed and/or the public is invited. This will allow for better communication and preparation.

7. Liquor License Consent for Potential Business at 50 Park Street– Motion by Rothenberger and seconded by Guiles to recommend to the State of Michigan a new on-premises liquor license to Chris Michner, potential owner of new business at 50 Park Street. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. Motion carried.
8. Movie Nights in Pomona Park – Vanderstelt reported the person who made this request will attend the January 2025 meeting instead of tonight.
9. Radar Speed Sign Data Renewal – Motion by Rothenberger and seconded by LeFaive to sell the radar speed sign at auction or directly to another municipality at a minimum bid/price of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. Motion carried.
10. Public Comment – No public comment was made.
11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Haack, Clerk