



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2025**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Vanderstelt at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Council present: Roger Vanderstelt, Jeff Guiles, Chris LeFaive, and Bill Overkamp. Carl Rothenberger was absent excused.
Staff Present: Amy Haack, Clerk; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
Public Present: Bruce Gaultney, Fruitport Lions Club; Kevin Nelund, Fruitport Lions Club, and Chris Michner, Odd Sides Ales
3. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda includes the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda, the February 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Guiles to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Kevin Nelund asked about closing the boat docks after dark during OFD fireworks nights. Vanderstelt responded that can't happen due to boat traffic using the boat docks. Kevin Nelund also commented that he is very pleased with the Village snowplowing this year.
5. Reports from Staff – Report from Clerk: Haack reminded Council of upcoming Village clean up days on April 18 and May 16, a suggestion from a resident regarding the 3-way stop at Third/Apple/148th, and a possible community project with students and chaperones from Calvary Christian School. Report from Treasurer: No specific report as the budget will be discussed during this meeting. Report from DPW Supervisor: Griffis stated boat docks have been installed, DPW crew picked up trash in Village right of ways, and LED lights will arrive for DPW soon.
6. Reports from Officers –
 - a. Guiles reported on infrastructure issue, residents should be informed not to pile snow in sidewalks, and possible ADA issue on sidewalks near high school.
 - b. LeFaive reported that the Planning Commission will meet on April 2 at 6pm.
 - c. Vanderstelt reported on progress of various infrastructure projects and DPW activities and shared a newsletter from the Spring Lake – Lake Board.

7. Liquor License Recommendations for Potential Business (Odd Sides Ales, 50 Park Street) – Motion by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to approve two recommendations for two types of liquor licenses: 1) Local Government Approval for On-Premises Tasting Room Permit and 2) Local Government Approval for Off-Premises Tasting Room License. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
8. Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Motion by LeFaive and supported by Guiles to allow the Lions Club to utilize Pomona Park on Saturday, April 19 for an Easter Egg Hunt. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. Bruce Gaultney asked if the Lions need approval every year to use park for Easter Egg Hunt since it is an annual activity. Vanderstelt responded that a letter would be fine to gain approval.
9. Dancing into the Sunset Military Night – Motion by Guiles and supported by Vanderstelt to approve a firearm salute on July 3rd as a community honor and to allow Sue Halter, creator and organizer of Dancing into the Sunset, to have an annual firearm salute during Military Night Dancing event on an annual basis. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
10. 2025 Trolley Contract with Harbor Transit– Motion by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to approve the trolley contract which includes changes in service hours, fares, route, total contract amount, etc. from last year as presented in the amount of \$3,390.00 from Senior Millage funds. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
11. Resolution for MDNR Grant Application for New Park Property Project– Material changes for aspects of project were discussed and are included in the project cost total and grant application. Motion made by Overkamp and supported by LeFaive to approve a Resolution of Authorization for MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Village of Fruitport Shoreline Access and Trails for a total project amount of \$535,000. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
12. IBC Tanks and Containment – Motion by Vanderstelt and supported by LeFaive to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,200 for IBC tanks and containment from Uline to include shipping cost. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
13. Close Council Meeting – Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to close the Council Meeting at 5:36 p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

14. Open Budget Hearing – Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to open the Budget Hearing at 5.36 p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion passed.
15. Budget Hearing – Vanderstelt asked if anyone had any questions relating to the 2025-2026 Budget. No questions or comments were made.
16. Close Budget Hearing - Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to close the Budget Hearing at 5:38 p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
17. Open Council Meeting - Motion made by Guiles and supported by LeFaive to open the Council Meeting at 5:40 p.m. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.
18. 2025-2026 Budget Adoption – Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by LeFaive to approve the budget as presented by Treasurer LaCroix. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. Budget resolution offered by Vanderstelt and supported by Overkamp. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, and Vanderstelt.
19. Public Comment – No public comment was made.
20. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Haack, Clerk

BUDGET RESOLUTION:

It is hereby resolved that the budget presented and discussed on March 24th, 2025, at a meeting of the Fruitport Village Council, be adopted as the official budget and financial guide for the General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, and Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026. FURTHER: This resolution, when adopted, shall become an Appropriation Authorization whereby the Village Council shall take the necessary steps to receive and raise funds required to pay the financial obligations of the Village of Fruitport as spelled out in the aforementioned budget. Further: This resolution, when adopted, shall be the authorization for the Treasurer to spread against the assessment rolls of the Village of Fruitport, a levy of 7.000 mills for general operating funds, to be collected in the normal manner of collecting taxes. Said taxes shall become part of funds appropriated by this Council to help pay the financial obligations of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2025/2026. FURTHER: This resolution shall declare Ann LaCroix as the Chief Financial Officer of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2025/2026. As such, she shall be charged with the responsibility of overseeing the budget to maintain control of both expenditures and appropriations and to make the necessary recommendations to avoid deficits.

Support Resolution: Roger Vanderstelt, President

Motion made by Roger Vanderstelt that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer funds as necessary to pay garbage bills, utility bills, Fuelman bills, insurance bills, wages, FICA, Federal withholding, State withholding, other bills that would result in late fees, when due, plus the purchase of postage stamps, office supplies, and extra costs for mailing correspondence.

Seconded by Chris LeFaive. Roll call vote: Yes: Jeff Guiles, Chris LeFaive, Bill Overkamp, and Roger Vanderstelt. No: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT SHORELINE ACCESS AND TRAILS

WHEREAS, the Village of Fruitport Council supports the submission of an application titled, "Village of Fruitport Shoreline Access and Trails" to the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Program for development of new park property at Pomona Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Fruitport Council is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$135,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fruitport Council hereby authorizes submission of a MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for \$400,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$135,000 (25%) of a total \$535,000 project cost, during the 2026 -2027 fiscal year.

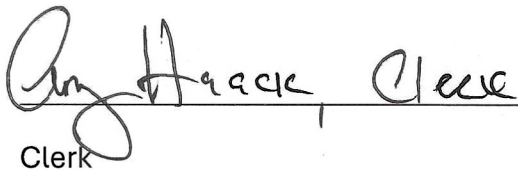
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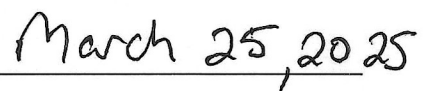
NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Village of Fruitport Council at their regular meeting held on March 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village of Fruitport, with a quorum present.


Clerk


Dated