



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2025**

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: Dan and Holly Heil, 7080 Leisure Lane, Fruitport and Jeremy Johns, DPW team member.
3. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda includes the August 18, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda, June 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Vanderstelt and supported by Guiles to amend the meeting agenda to remove agenda items (Fire Safety Services Agreement and Law Enforcement Services Agreement) as they are scheduled for next month's agenda and to approve the consent agenda with that change. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Dan and Holly Heil spoke about the recent truck accident on the curve on Bridge Street. Council members explained that no truck signage is in place and will keep signs trimmed of brush and will continue to work with law enforcement regarding the no truck route enforcement.
5. Reports from Staff – Report from Clerk: Haack spoke of upcoming LGROW Board meeting, scheduled workshop with library board, and police and fire agreements to be on next month's agenda. Report from Treasurer: LaCroix stated she has reviewed employee benefits and there have been no increases in rates except for medical so the switch was made to a different medical BCBS package. LaCroix also stated proceeds from the boat launch are doing well utilizing the new kiosk, etc. Report from DPW Supervisor: Griffis reported on trimming the sight distance at all major street corners, eradication of cattails at boat launch, retaining wall at DPW built, all signposts on main streets painted, plans to attend the upcoming Lions Club meeting, and plans to bid of truck at upcoming auction.
6. Reports from Officers –

- a. Guiles asked about the remodeling of the building at 227 W Park Street and the vegetation in Spring Lake near Pomona Park
  - b. LeFaive asked for update on bridge lighting project and asked a procedural on behalf of the Planning Commission regarding ordinance updates. Haack stated question about planning commission procedures will be placed on next month's agenda.
  - c. Overkamp reminded group of library workshop meeting next month and asked about left hand turn signals on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Haack stated funding has been obtained for signals for FY29 through the MPO process.
  - d. Vanderstelt reported on successful Slip and Slide event in Park and distributed a report regarding various infrastructure projects, etc.
7. Electrical for Storage Unit – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the quote from Duell Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,560.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
8. Park Kitchen - Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the purchase of a refrigerator/freezer from Menards as presented and the quote from Sun Down Sheet Metal for park kitchen counter updates as presented with the addition of a counter backsplash in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
9. DPW Staffing – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to layoff DPW team member Gary Goerbig. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to offer open position to DPW seasonal/temporary team member Jeremy Johns at \$18 hourly wage that includes a 90-day probationary period that begins with the first day of temporary/seasonal employment. After successful completion of probationary period the wage will increase to \$19 an hour and after completion of Village sponsored CDL certification, the wage will increase to \$19.50 an hour with a re-evaluation in 2026. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
10. Public Comment – None.
11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Haack, Clerk