



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2025**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Vanderstelt at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Council present: Chris LeFaive, Bill Overkamp, Carl Rothenberger, and Roger Vanderstelt. Jeff Guiles was absent unexcused.
Staff Present: Amy Haack, Clerk and Ann LaCroix, Treasurer.
Public Present: Matt Lubbers-Moore, Fruitport District Library Director; Heidi Tice, 5110 S Carr Road; Matt Wakely, 158 Lake Street; Karla Brown, 6630 S Brooks; Travis Nadeau, 2198 Jem Pine Lane representing Tandem Electric; Gabrielle Miller, 12328 Wilson Road representing Fruitport Community Church; and Robert Jados, 3726 South Court representing the Fruitport Lions Club. The following members of the Fruitport District Library Board were also present: Nan Riekse, 136 Maple Street and Anna Dudas, 5900 Stringer Road. David Bossenbroek, village legal counsel, was also present.
3. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda includes the October 20, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda, September 15, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2025 Council Work Session Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Overkamp and supported by Rothenberger to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Tice requested council approval for the 2nd Annual Christmas parade down 3rd Avenue on December 12 between 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. to bring the arrival of Santa Claus for Old Fashioned Christmas in Pomona Park. Since this was not requested ahead of time as an agenda item a formal vote could not be taken so the council informally approved the parade and the closing of 3rd as needed for the short duration parade according to details presented by Tice.
5. Reports from Staff – Report from Clerk: Haack gave updates on both the state and federal grant applications for the new park property project, shared seasonal trolley ridership stating it was high as compared to others stops on the route, and stated park reservations are completed for the season and staff will be working on rental procedure recommendations for next year. Report from Treasurer: LaCroix stated 2025 season boat launch proceeds

exceed seasonal totals from last year and stated the bid for the new plow truck at auction was outbid by another agency.

6. Reports from Officers –

- a. LeFaive, planning commission liaison, stated planning commission will meet on November 12, 2025.
- b. Overkamp, library board liaison, reported on healthy library financial report.
- c. Rothenberger, personnel committee chairperson, reported staff are doing well and DPW is getting prepared for winter season.
- d. Vanderstelt had no report.

7. Fruitport Lions Club Use of Park for Old Fashioned Days Christmas – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to allow based on details presented by Jados. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

8. Bridge Lighting Expenses - Motion by LeFaive and supported by Rothenberger to accept bid increase as shown in quote presented by Nadeau not to exceed \$9,500 (major streets) and for Nadeau of Tandem Electric to recognize that if under budget occurs Nadeau will expense village accordingly. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

9. Resolution Requesting Letter of Intent from the Library Board – Resolution #s 091725 and 091725-1 received from the library board were discussed along with the request for a letter of intent resolution being considered by the council. Further discussion ensued regarding next steps for the possible modification of existing library building or construction of new library in Pomona Park. Library representatives present at the meeting stated they will contact their legal counsel to identify their specific needs, receive guidance on next steps of the library board, and will share those findings with the village to move forward. It was also discussed that the legal counsels of both entities may begin to work together to compile the needs of both entities to make progress. Motion by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to offer the presented Resolution #2025-2 titled Village of Fruitport Resolution Requesting a Letter of Intent from the Library Board. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

10. Lake and Pine Spillway Quote – Motion by Vanderstelt and supported by Rothenberger to approve the quote from West Michigan Dirtworks in the

amount of \$4,348.97 (local streets). Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – Miller, representing Fruitport Community Church, offered information on a live nativity scene to be in Pomona Park coinciding with Old Fashioned Christmas. This was intended to be presented with agenda item #7, but due to Miller's late arrival it was presented in public comment. Motion to approve made by Rothenberger and seconded by LeFaive to allow the live nativity scene as presented. Through a unanimous vote the motion passed.

12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Haack, Clerk

Resolution 2025-2

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Fruitport, Muskegon County, Michigan, held in the Village of Fruitport on October 20, 2025.

PRESENT: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, Vanderstelt

ABSENT: Guiles

The following Resolution was offered by Rothenberger and seconded by LeFaive.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fruitport, Muskegon County, Michigan is a Michigan general law village and has for many years owned property within the Village known as Pomona Park.

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes the importance of providing adequate library facilities to serve the educational and informational needs of its residents.

WHEREAS, the Village presently leases the existing library building located at Pomona Park to the Fruitport District Library (the "Library").

WHEREAS, the existing library building is in need of modifications or replacement to better serve the community.

WHEREAS, the Village has received information that the Library is considering alterations to the existing library building or the construction of a new library building at Pomona Park.

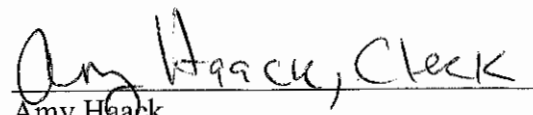
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fruitport hereby requests a letter of intent from the Library indicating its commitment to modify the existing library building or to construct a new library building on a portion of Pomona Park, which land they will lease from the Village.

YEAS: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, Vanderstelt

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly made and approved by the Village of Fruitport Council at their regular meeting held on October 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village of Fruitport.


Amy Haack
Clerk