



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Vanderstelt at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Council present: Chris LeFaive, Bill Overkamp (arrived at 4:30 p.m.), Carl Rothenberger, and Roger Vanderstelt. Jeff Guiles was absent excused. Staff Present: Ann LaCroix, Treasurer, Amy Haack, Clerk; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
3. Approve agenda for February 16 Budget Council Meeting – Rothenberger motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by LeFaive. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – None.
5. 2026-2027 Budget
  - a. Park Reservation Deposit – Motioned by Vanderstelt and seconded by LeFaive to set cleanup deposits at \$100 for each amenity reserved for the park for both Village residents and nonresidents. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
  - b. Boat launch rates – Motion by Rothenberger and seconded by LeFaive to increase boat launch annual pass fee from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for everyone, to keep the daily pass rate at \$10.00 for everyone, and keep \$125.00 as rate for commercial pass. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
  - c. Review of current year budget items – Treasurer LaCroix disseminated a list of 2025-2026 budget items. Review of each item ensued.
  - d. Next Fiscal Year Budget – Treasurer LaCroix disseminated a list of budget items to discuss. A review of items began and will continue at the upcoming Budget Meeting on March 9, 2026.
  - e. Personnel Committee Recommendations – Rothenberger motioned to approve the following Personnel Committee recommendations with support by LeFaive. Keep current paid holidays and all benefits the same as currently in place for all staff with no recommended changes. Approve a five percent hourly wage increase beginning April 1, 2026 for the following staff members: LaCroix, Haack, and Griffis. Approve a \$2.00 hourly wage increase beginning April 1, 2026 for Johns. Approve that the

remaining staff member be evaluated at a later date. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

6. Public Comments – None.
7. Adjourn – Rothenberger motioned to adjourn supported by LeFaive and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.