



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

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; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
3. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda includes the February 16, 2026 Council Meeting Agenda, January 19, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills. Motion made by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to approve the consent agenda including the addition to the general fund of unpaid bills of an invoice from Muskegon County Road Commission in the amount of \$4,529.48. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – None.
5. Report from Clerk – Haack reported on correspondence received regarding electric bikes, zoning administration meeting, and grant announcements for new park property project. LaCroix reported on W2 forms completed, 457 plan changes by MERS, recent discussion with new park property donor who is pleased with grant announcements. Griffis reported on snowplowing activities and the development of a bi-yearly preventative truck maintenance schedule.
6. Reports from Officers –
 - a. LeFaive, planning commission liaison, reported that the planning commission is reviewing master plan for possible updates and a planning commission meeting is scheduled for April 7 at which a public hearing will take place for a special land use permit.
 - b. Vanderstelt reported on equipment and maintenance matters.
 - c. Overkamp, library board liaison, reported on newly appointed library board members and continued library board discussions regarding library expansion in Pomona Park.
7. Fruitport Lions Club Park Activities – A representative from the Lions Club was not in attendance although a representative from the Lions Club stated at

January council meeting that a representative would be present. Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to accept the activity dates in the Lions Club letter dated January 5, 2026 except for dates for corn roast and steak fry because they have not yet been finalized by the Lions Club according to the letter. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

8. Trolley - Motion by Vanderstelt and supported by Overkamp to accept the contract offered by Harbor Transit to provide trolley service to the Village of Fruitport through a stop in Pomona Park in the amount of \$4,014.00. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 9. Library Insurance - Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Overkamp to not seek reimbursement from the Fruitport District Library for payments previously paid by the Village for library building liability insurance and to seek reimbursement for future payments for existing building when the current policy expires in June and a new policy begins. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 10. New Park Property Project – Haack reported a state grant request the Village applied for through the MDNR has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$400,000. Haack also stated that a federal community grant award through Congresswoman Scholten has also been announced in the amount of \$464,000 to the Village. Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Vanderstelt to accept the contract and related letter dated February 13, 2026 offered by Westshore Engineering in the amount of \$81,210 for professional services needed to carry out the project through the final construction phase. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 11. Bandshell Improvements – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Vanderstelt to accept the estimate from M&M Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$21,690 for improvements to the bandshell dance floor, etc. furthermore senior millage funds of \$10,808 will be used toward this project. Roll call vote – Yes: LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 12. Public Comment – None.
 13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted, Amy Haack, Clerk