



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING AND  
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
MARCH 30, 2026**

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: Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; Amy Haack, Clerk; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor. Public present: Kevin Nelund, 139 E. Maple.
3. Approve Consent Agenda for March 30 Council Meeting and Budget Hearing – Guiles motioned to approve the consent agenda supported by Rothenberger. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – Nelund commended the DPW team on a great job of plowing roads throughout the harsh winter.
5. Staff Reports – Haack reported on becoming the new chairperson of the Lower Grand River of Watershed Organizations (LGROW) public education committee and stormwater infrastructure grants being pursued. Griffis stated the white truck will soon be listed for auction on April 21 or 22. Griffis is also working with engineers to get estimates on needed repairs for the southern portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
6. Officer Reports –
  - LeFaive, planning commission liaison, stated a planning commission meeting including a public hearing for a special land use permit is scheduled for April 7.
  - Overkamp, library board liaison, reported on an upcoming public comment meeting regarding the library board.
  - Vanderstelt shared updates on several projects.
  - Guiles asked about housing occupancy.
7. Fruitport Lions Club Request for OFD Parade Including Road Closures - Motion by Vanderstelt and supported by Rothenberger to allow the OFD parade and necessary road closures as presented by Nelund who attended the meeting on behalf of the Fruitport Lions Club. Rothenberger also stated that it is very important that the Lions Club have adequate staffing for all events. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

8. Pavement Markings and Curb Painting – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the quote from PK Contracting in the amount of \$8,990.00 as presented by Griffis. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
9. Close Council Meeting – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to close the council meeting.
10. Open Budget Hearing – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to open the budget hearing.
11. Budget Hearing – LaCroix presented the budget. There was no public comment.
12. Close Budget Hearing – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to close the budget hearing.
13. Open Council Meeting – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to open the council meeting
14. 2026-2027 Budget Adoption – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to approve the budget through a budget resolution presented by Vanderstelt. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
15. Public Comments – None.
16. Adjourn – Rothenberger motioned to adjourn supported by LeFaive and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Haack, Clerk

## **BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

It is hereby resolved that the budget presented and discussed on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. 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 2026/2027. FURTHER: This resolution shall declare Ann LaCroix as the Chief Financial Officer of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2026/2027. 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: Rothenberger

Motion made by R. 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: Guiles

Roll Call: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, Vanderstelt