



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AMENDED
MAY 18, 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, Carl Rothenberger, and Roger Vanderstelt. Bill Overkamp was absent excused.
Staff Present: Amy Haack, Clerk and Jake Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
Public present: Dr. Joy Jackson, owner of Pomona Park Animal Urgent Care; Tracey LeFaive, 281 Elm Street; Randy Johnson, 5090 Pontaluna; and Jeremy Johns, 129 E Beech. Also present were Bruce Gaultney and Kevin Nelund representing the Fruitport Lions Club.
3. Approve Consent Agenda – May 18 Council Meeting Agenda, April 20, Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills – Rothenberger motioned to approve the consent agenda with a change to the meeting agenda of moving Officer Reports to after Old Business to compensate for the early meeting departure of the DPW Supervisor to attend child’s choir concert. Supported by Guiles. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – Dr. Joy Jackson introduced herself as the new owner of the Pomona Park Animal Urgent Care and said she is interested in learning about and participating in the community. Randy Jackson asked for permission to block roads for a 5K foot race to be held on May 23, 2026. He has previously gained permission for township roads. Council required Randy to send insurance information to the Village before the race. Gaultney and Nelund spoke of Lions Club related activities during OFD.
5. Staff Reports – Haack reported on upcoming new trolley signage and a possible future road project collaboration. Haack gave the treasurer report at the request of LaCroix who was absent. Haack stated on behalf of treasurer that the audit went well. Calvin Meeusen, auditor, will review audit with council at the June meeting. Rose Dillion has resigned as township treasurer, and the new township treasurer is David Jacobs. DPW Supervisor reported that the library will allow the village to utilize their outdoor water spicket to irrigate the old playground area that is being converted to a grassy area. Village will be billed by library for water

usage.

6. Fruitport Lions Club OFD Activities – Representatives spoke about this during the public comment portion of the agenda.
7. ZBA Appointment – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to appoint Fred Wilks, 35 7th Avenue, to the vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
8. Third Avenue Engineering – Motion by Guiles and supported Rothenberger to approve the Preliminary Data Gathering & Design portion of the estimate from Westshore Engineering in the amount of \$6,100.00 for Third Avenue. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
9. Stormwater Infrastructure Engineering - Motion by Rothenberger and supported Guiles to approve the Preliminary Data Gathering & Design portion of the estimate from Westshore Engineering in the amount of \$5,300.00 for storm drainage design. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
10. Auction of White Truck – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by Guiles to change the minimum bid for the auction of the white truck. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
11. Officer Reports –
 - Guiles asked about crosswalk line striping at 4th and Park.
 - LeFaive, planning commission liaison, stated there is a Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for June 11. LeFaive attended the library public meeting on May 14 informally as a resident and summarized the meeting. Discussion ensued.
 - Vanderstelt shared updates on several projects and activities.
12. Public Comments – Tracey LeFaive spoke of a few details of the library board public meeting of which she was in attendance.
13. Adjourn – Rothenberger motioned to adjourn supported by LeFaive and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Haack, Clerk