



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 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. Excused absent: Bill Overkamp.
Staff Present: Amy Haack, Clerk; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
Public present: Tracey LeFaive, 281 Elm Street and Matt Lubbers-Moore, Fruitport District Library Director.
3. Approve Consent Agenda – July 20 Council Meeting Agenda, June 15, Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills – Rothenberger motioned to approve the consent agenda and supported by Guiles. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – Matt Lubbers-Moore spoke about the recent location survey for building, renovating, expanding the Fruitport District Library. He reported that the survey, like the first survey, showed most survey respondents want the library to build, expand, and/or remodel in current location in Pomona Park. The library board would like to break ground in the year 2027.
5. Staff Reports – Clerk Haack reported on federal and state grant progress and possible road improvements that coincide with a new Fruitport elementary school being built. Treasurer LaCroix reported on boat launch proceeds surpassing last year's to date, met with MML insurance agent and reviewed our annual policy, and is in process of researching employee healthcare insurance options. DPW Supervisor Griffis reported on landscaping improvements near the Peach Tree in Pomona Park, restroom renovations complete and restrooms are open, trimming of brush on Bridge Street by curves, future fencing improvements, and update on Pontaluna road project.
6. Officer Reports –
 - LeFaive, planning commission liaison, said the planning commission chairperson is researching in contract if bridge lighting should be multicolor and reported that the next planning commission meeting will be in September.

- Rothenberger, chairperson of the Personnel Committee, mentioned staff is working well as a team.
7. Bank Account/Credit Cards – Motion by Rothenberger and supported by LeFaive to adopt a Village of Fruitport credit card policy as presented by LaCroix. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. Motion by Vanderstelt and supported by Rothenberger to allow the holders of Consumer's Credit Union credit cards to be the DPW Supervisor and Treasurer with a limit of \$5000.00 each. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 8. Truck Upgrades – Rothenberger motioned and supported by Guiles to approve truck upgrades as presented in the quote from Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$5,082.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 9. Storm Drain Cleaning – Rothenberger motioned and supported by Guiles to approve storm drain cleaning of the village's identified approximately 42 drains as presented in the quote from Greenscape General Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried. After completion, it will be decided which funds (major or local streets) will be appropriately charged.
 10. Bandshell Mural Expansion – Motion by Guiles and supported by Vanderstelt to extend the mural to include the wingwalls based on artist's rendition and cost estimate and also for the artist to blend, do touchups, etc. of current mural to match coloring, etc. of new wingwall design extension in an amount not to exceed \$3,625.00. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 11. Public Comments – No public comment was made.
 12. Adjourn – LeFaive motioned to adjourn supported by Rothenberger and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Haack, Clerk