



**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Amy Haack, Clerk; Ann LaCroix, Treasurer; and Jacob Griffis, DPW Supervisor.
Public present: Robert Jados representing the Fruitport Lions Club.
3. Approve Consent Agenda – September 21 Council Meeting Agenda, August 17 Council Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Bills – LeFaive motioned to approve the consent agenda and supported by Overkamp. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – No public comment was made.
5. Staff Reports – Clerk Haack received confirmation from council that Halloween Trick or Treating in the Village is October 31 from 6 to 8pm every year. Haack also stated incumbent candidates are the only candidates running for November 2026 election in the Village. Haack received feedback from the council that no further research needs to be done on insurance, etc. for staff to deny the request for a private tribute fireworks display in Pomona Park on a date that falls outside of state laws for fireworks displays. Treasurer LaCroix stated boat launch proceeds have increased since this time last year. DPW Supervisor Griffis reported on the cleaning of all Village storm drains, trimming complete of low hanging branches that may impede snowplowing efforts, and the mural expansion on the bandshell will be completed likely in October.
6. Officer Reports –
 - Guiles asked about sealcoat on section of bike path near park, former street exit at Odd Side Brews, object on property near Bridge Street curve, etc.
 - LeFaive, Planning Commission liaison, stated the planning commission continues to research the ability to change the color of the 3rd Avenue bridge lights.

- Overkamp, library board liaison, reported the library board has been working on internal documents, is researching bonds, etc. and has selected Kyle Osterhart of Concept Design Studio as the design engineer for the new/renovated library design.
 - Vanderstelt reported on several infrastructure and equipment maintenance related activities.
7. Lions Club Request for Old Fashioned Days in Pomona Park – Jados, representing the Fruitport Lions Club, presented details of the event and stated the Christmas parade is not a Lions Club activity. Jados also stated the Lions Club will put up winter panels in picnic shelter on or near October 17. Rothenberger motioned to approve the Old Fashioned Days Christmas event based on details presented and supported by Guiles. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 8. Airline Road Study– Rothenberger motioned and supported by Vanderstelt to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Muskegon County Road Commission and the Village regarding a traffic study on 3rd Avenue/Airline Highway for the Village share amount of \$20,500. The study will be performed by Spalding DeDecker. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 9. Bank Accounts
 - a. Positive Pay – Guiles motioned and supported by Rothenberger to approve the positive pay function as explained by Treasurer. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 - b. Remote Deposit Capture – Guiles motioned and supported by Rothenberger to approve the remote deposit capture up to a \$500,000 daily limit as explained by Treasurer. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 10. Request Planning Commission to Review Ordinance for ROW Tree Removal – Vanderstelt motioned and supported by Guiles to request the Planning Commission to research an ordinance for tree removal in the road right of way. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.
 11. Temporary Sidewalk Barrier Edgewood Elementary – Rothenberger motioned and supported by LeFaive to allow the temporary barrier during

construction of new school as presented by Vanderstelt. Roll call vote – Yes: Guiles, LeFaive, Overkamp, Rothenberger, and Vanderstelt. No: none. Motion carried.

12. Flag Display at Boat Launch – Discussion ensued regarding flying a large American flag near boat launch. Cost, location, and supplier will be researched by staff during the upcoming budget process.

13. Public Comments – No public comment was made.

14. Adjourn – LeFaive motioned to adjourn supported by Rothenberger and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Haack, Clerk