

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
November 15, 2004

Meeting called to order by President Ken Johnston at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance given. Prayer offered by Chris Ostrowski.

Roll call: Chris Ostrowski, Devere Bendixen, Marge Sorensen, Ken Johnston, Carolyn Lemler, Jerry Alger, Dawn Osborne. Absent: Donna Pope.

Minutes: Motion made by J. Alger to approve minutes from October 18, 2004 meeting. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Bruce Raymond, Lake Street, has concerns with the test probes being left by Aquila, the gas company, as they finish the updating of pipelines in the Village. J. Alger will contact Aquila and find out if these are just temporary and can be removed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance): Absent.

Chris Ostrowski (Parks & Boat Launch): Consumers Energy is scheduling the installation of seven new lights for the park. Tree planting will be done in park this fall; Dr. Pierce wants to donate some trees for the park. Getting bids for replacing swings and slide to bring equipment up to code; basketball hoops are being repaired for installation next spring.

DeVere Bendixen (Health & Welfare): Working on 'Junk Cars' violations by calling owners and sending registered letters. Trying to co-ordinate efforts of ordinance enforcement with the police department.

Jerry Aiger (DPW Dept): Have had JAWS Program workers cleaning and raking leaves in park and public areas for two Saturdays. Working on converting lean to on back of salt shed into a covered storage area for lawn equipment. Installed two more spillways, fixed terrace along 3rd Avenue to aid in drainage; will work on temporary patching of old township hall this week.

Dawn Osborne (Special Projects): Report under Old Business.

Public Safety: No report.

Ken Johnston (Zoning): Attorney has approved wording of METRO Act application by SBC. Ron Cooper wants Village Council to participate in the swearing in ceremony this Saturday as he takes over the duties as Fruitport Charter Township Supervisor. Spring Lake Lake Board has had the

special assessment district approved for the collection of monies to fund the Alum Project. This district only affects lakefront and lake access property owners.

Marge Sorensen (Treasurer): None.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk): DPW Building has been paid off at a savings of \$4947.14 in interest. Budget requests sheets have been handed out; these are due back in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer update: Have talked with Senator VanWoerkom's office; he is aware of the problems with the State Revolving Fund requests for extra data. Will be meeting with the new Fruitport school superintendent to discuss data, plans, schedule, etc., so they will know how to plan for project. Have talked to Ron Cooper and he favors a co-operative working toward extending sewer and water lines.

Village Hall update: D. Osborne has found documentation needed to get the site on Historical Register. She has forms to be filled out and is working on collecting other documents and filing these forms. D. Bendixen and J. Alger will help Dawn research documents. D. Bendixen has called Past Perfect, Inc. to get a quote for costs for this company to help fill out application for Historical Designation for the old township hall.

Library Board update: Received new information from library board on November 12, 2004. Attorney is reviewing documents and has questions regarding wording of contracts, etc. He has asked for clarification; Village Council should have documents to consider at December 20, 2004 meeting.

Council Opening: Have not received any applications; will repost opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning / Zoning Workshop: MCC is sponsoring a workshop on November 30, 2004, dealing with planning and zoning issues. K. Johnston and C. Ostrowski wish to attend. Motion by Devere Bendixen to have K. Johnston and C. Ostrowski attend the Planning and Zoning Workshop on November 30, 2004, and have the Village pay for the fees of \$33.00 per attendee. Motion seconded by d. Osborne. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Adopt A Truck Program: Program proposed and explained by J. Alger: The purpose of the Adopt A Truck program is to encourage neighbors to work together and facilitate the clean up of residential and commercial properties by offering the use of a village owned truck. Residents would request the use of truck for off duty times from the DPW department. Village employees are the only persons authorized to drive vehicles. Residents can load yard waste only into the truck. DPW workers will remove truck and dump the yard waste. Resident would be responsible for costs incurred from placing garbage in the truck. Attorney has read and approved the agreement form for resident to sign. Scheduling the use of trucks is done thru the DPW Department. Motion by D. Bendixen to proceed with the Adopt A Truck Program. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Tree Program": Proposal presented by J. Alger to have made and installed in Pomona Park a "tree" and historical monument telling about the Village and its history. "Tree" would be made of metal and be fashioned after the tree that is in the Village logo. Size would be approximately ten feet high with a spread of ten feet. Red Ridge, metal artisans, would design tree and build it for the cost of materials. Total cost would be in the \$2000 to \$3000 range. C. Ostrowski will ask for donations from different businesses and organizations to help with the costs. J. Alger will work on getting further details.

DPW Temporary worker: Pete Fonkert has been hired as a temporary worker for the DPW to help with special projects and to work on a call in basis as needed for emergencies. At this time he will not be covered by Union contract nor be eligible for full time hours and/or benefits.

Holiday decorations: Decorations will be installed along 3rd Avenue, in front of businesses, and in park before Thanksgiving.

Motion to approve warrants made by D. Osborne. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Bendixen. Motion seconded by C.. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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