

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 18, 2005

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

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Chris Ostrowski.

Roll call: Donna Pope, Chris Ostrowski, DeVere Bendixen, Ken Johnston, Carolyn Lemler, Jerry AJger, Dawn Osborne, Bruce Raymond.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from February 21,2005 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Bendixen. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Lion's Club Restroom Project: Attorney and clerk researched Pomona Park's deeds and past meeting minute books and it has been found that there are no restrictions to the project being done. Mike Johnson, Brian Werschem and Russ Stressman presented conceptual drawings of the project and delivered a letter of commitment on behalf of the Fruitport Lions Charities to undertake and direct the project at Pomona Park (see attached). The proposal is to do the work in two stages: (1) Demolish the old restroom prior to Old Fashioned Days and construct the new restrooms after Old Fashioned Days. Lion's Club will furnish porta-johns until the new restrooms are finished. (2) Remodel the existing pavilion as soon as time and money allow.

No work or demolition will be started until all permits and approvals for the project have been obtained.

Fund raising will be done during Old Fashioned Days.

Motion by B. Raymond that the Fruitport Village Council allow the Fruitport Lion's Club to:

- 1) Demolish the existing restrooms in Pomona Park, haul away all debris and level the site.
- 2) Provide and maintain porta-johns in the park until new restrooms are completed and occupancy permits are issued.
- 3) Provide plans for new ADA compliant restrooms to the Village Council and Michigan Township Services for approval.
- 4) Construct and pay for the new restrooms per approved drawings.
- 5) Require all contractors to submit proofs of insurance to the Village prior to demolition or construction.
- 6) Co-ordinate work with Park Chairperson to minimize on going Park use.
- 7) Adhere to any other terms in the letter from the Fruitport Lion's Club dated April 18, 2005.

Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Raymond and C. Ostrowski will be Village liaison contacts for this project .

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance): Added the Peach Tree Sculpture to insurance policy.

Chris Ostrowski (DPW & Streets): Workers have been patching potholes; slurry seal coat will be done very soon and lines will be painted on streets and crosswalks within the next two weeks. Hired a street sweeping company to do cleanup of Village streets; a drain has been installed on Bridge Street. DPW workers have finished boat launch dock; have received three bids for new swings in Pomona Park will report at May meeting.

DeVere Bendixen (Health & Welfare): Have sent out postcards for Spring Cleanup Days. Garbage rates for the upcoming year will remain the same as current year. Had unlicensed cars towed with the assistance of Township Police. Working on another junk car issue with attorney; have sent registered letters to homeowner with no response. Will turn this matter over to Township Police to see what can be done.

Jerry Alger Special Parks Projects): Peach Tree Project is on schedule; site work has been started in Pamona Park. Unveiling is scheduled for May 28th.

Dawn Osborne Social Projects): Attended the Historical Preservation Conference in Lansing. Several sessions were based on making informed decisions about our historical buildings. Talked to several people who said the research being done is what is needed to file for historical status.

Bruce Raymond (Parks & Public Safety): Talked to the Township Chief of Police -he said Village is a quiet place. February reports included 37 incidents and March reports included 34 incidents. About one third of incidents were reported at the schools. Boat Launch is open for business. DPW workers and community service workers have been clearing brush and scrub trees to reclaim some of the Park property and to clean up along shoreline.

New signs have been made for Park and Boat Launch.

Ken Johnston (Zoning) : Spring Lake Lake Board has reported the alum treatment for Spring Lake will be done in September 2005. April 19, 2005 will be the roll out of the Muskegon Area Master Plan; will report on the plan at later date .

Carolyn lemler Clerk Treasurer: Village books will be delivered to auditor on April 20, 2005 for yearly short audit .

Village received a dividend check from MML Workman's Comp in the amount of \$550.00 and a credit of \$431.00 to be applied to the Village's annual premium of \$3,619.00. This premium is less than last year's premium of \$3,809.00.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Library update: Next meeting Thursday, April 21, 2005. Group for District Library is back to original 21 participating municipalities. New District Library agreements and resolutions will be distributed to participating municipalities; these must be returned by June 30, 2005.

Village Hall update: Survey results have tallied: 429 postcards were sent out; 176 have been returned as of April 18, 2005. Continue to seek historic site status: 71 ; repair the building to contemporary standards: 6 ; demolish the building: 81 ; no opinion: 14 ; misc: 4. Council members have a print out of the comments to read and decision will be done at May meeting.

Peach Tree Project: Pad has been poured and work is continuing.

## NEW BUSINESS:

8TH Avenue dead end: This area needs some attention to take care of hazards presented by condition of retaining wall. The area is under Village control as road right of way. Some suggested uses were to build a fishing pier but this would likely result in opposition from the surrounding property owners and there isn't enough area for facilities and parking. The Village has already built another fishing pier at the end of 4th Avenue next to Pomona Park. Council consensus is that a railing needs to be installed for safety purposes and possibly installing rip rap to shore up the area. Research will be done for a DEQ Hazardous Condition Grant to repair the area; but for now a fence and warning signs will be installed.

Old Fashioned Days Traffic Ordinance; Motion by B. Raymond in accordance with Ordinance No.100, as amended, the undersigned, after advisement from the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, the Fruitport Township Police Department and the Village of Fruitport Police Committee Chairperson, does hereby direct that:

1) There shall be no parking allowed from 6am to 5pm on either the east or west side of 3RD Avenue from Pontaluna Road south to Park Street during the Old Fashioned Days' Parade on May 30, 2005 (memorial Day Parade).

2) Violators will be towed away at their own expense.

This traffic control order shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Village Clerk and shall expire on May 31, 2005. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call:

All ayes. Motion passed.

Labor Day Walk: Received information from Governor's Council for Physical Fitness, Health and Sports encouraging local participation with local events to tie into the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk. D. Pope will research this and report at May meeting.

Street Administrator: Resolution offered by D. Pope -Whereas, Section 13(7) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance and traffic

operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act." Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designate Christopher Ostrowski as the single Street Administrator for the Village of Fruitport in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act .

Supported by the Councilperson B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Temporary dosing of Regular Session at 9:08pm. Opening of Closed Session at 9:08pm

Closing of Closed Session at 9:50pm. Re-opening of Regular Session at 9:50pm.

Motion to approve warrants by D. Pope. Motion seconded by K. Johnston. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Pope. Motion seconded by K. Johnston. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn A lemler  
Village Clerk  
865-3234

Attachment:

