

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2005

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

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Jerry Aiger.

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

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

VISITORS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Old Fashioned Days: Ron Cooper, Fruitport Lions Club, asked Village Council for permission for the Lions Club to use Pomona Park for the annual Old Fashioned Days Celebration. Contract was reviewed and concern was expressed that the bike path was blocked by a ride last year. Lions Club would like to adjust the closing times for the Carnival- close the ticket booth at 11 :00 p.m. and clear the park area within a half hour of ticket booth closings to allow patrons to use the last tickets purchased. Also requested was to be allowed to stay open until midnight after the Sunday night fireworks. The problems with horses and dogs and cleanup will be also taken care of. Motion by K. Johnston to allow the Fruitport Lions Club use of Pomona Park from noon May 21, 2005 through 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2005, with the contract changes being met. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance): None.

Chris Ostrowski (Parks & Boat Launch): Absent.

DeVere Bendixen (Health & Welfare): Absent.

Jerry Alger (DPW Dept): Keeping busy with snow plowing and cleaning. Furnace has been checked; gas usage for heat is down by about one third from last year.

Dawn Osborne (Special Projects): Absent.

Bruce Raymond (Public Safety): Did research on police calls within Village limits: average over

past six months is forty five calls per month; serious crime is low. January had thirty six calls. twenty two percent were school related. Two traffic accidents reported at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Park Street. Police and Fire millage vote is Tuesday. February 22, 2005, remember to vote.

Ken Johnston (Zoning) : Receiving quotes for the updating of Village master plan.

Marge Sorensen (Treasurer) : Sent out delinquent personal property tax notices.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk): Distributed preliminary budget pages for Council to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library update: Next meeting for District Library Planning Board will be March 14, 2005.

Village Hall update: J. Alger proposed the Village residents be surveyed to see if there is interest in preserving the old hall and supporting its operations in the future. K. Johnston will design a survey format to be sent to residents in the near future.

Peach Tree Project: Money has been coming in for the project; \$4200.00 collected thus far. Working on the wording for the plaque. Donor plaque will list names of donors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation: Letter received from Marge Sorensen, Treasurer: "After twenty-five years as Treasurer of the Village of Fruitport, I am resigning from the position effective April 1, 2005." Motion by D. Pope to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Marge Sorensen as Treasurer of the Village of Fruitport, effective April 1,2005. Motion seconded, with regrets by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Appointment of Treasurer: K. Johnston: I nominate Carolyn to the position of Fruitport Village Treasurer, beginning April 1,2005, through November 30, 2006, per Ordinance #33.

Motion by D. Pope: In accordance with Ordinance #33. I move that the Fruitport Village Council appoint Carolyn Lemler to the position of Village Treasurer. effective April 1,2005, through November 30, 2006. The Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of \$6,300.00 in addition to her current salary for Village Clerk duties. Only one meeting fee would be paid to the combined Clerk/Treasurer for each meeting attended. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Local 517M SEIU contract meetings will be scheduled by D. Pope

Budget Hearing for upcoming budget will be held during the regular March 21 , 2005, meeting. Hearing will be scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to approve warrants made by D. Pope. Motion seconded by J. Aiger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Pope. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler
Village Clerk
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