

VILLAGE Of FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION / BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 21, 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, De Vere Bendixen, Marge Sorensen, Ken Johnston, Carolyn lemler, Jerry Alger. Dawn Osborne, Bruce Raymond,

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from February 21.2005 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Osborne. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Mike Johnson, Fruitport Lion's Club, requesting permission to open Old fashioned Day's carnival on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, instead of the usual Wednesday opening. This would allow an extra day for the festival in case other days were cut short because of weather issues. K. Johnston: Existing contract for use of the park covers this time period so as long as insurance and inspections are done prior to the Tuesday opening there would be no problems.

Mike Johnson, Russ Stressman and Jim Skippers, Fruitport Lion's Club, presented a Pomona Park Pavilion Project which they hope to have the Lion's Club build in the park. The scope of the project includes new restrooms, addition to existing pavilion and enclosing part of the pavilion. The committee was looking for Council input before pursuing the project with the Lion's Club, K. Johnston will research Pomona Park covenants to see if a project of this type could proceed. Mike Johnson will present the proposal to the Lion's Club and report back to the Village Council at its April meeting.

Budget Transfer Motions: Motion by B. Raymond to transfer from General fund line Item Audit \$240.00 to General Fund Line Item Elections. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by B. Raymond to transfer from General Fund line item Public Safety \$200.00 to General Fund Line Item Building and Grounds Maintenance. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION CLOSED AT 8:00 PM
BUDGET HEARING OPENED AT 8:00 PM

K. Johnston read the proposed budget summaries for General Fund, Major Street Fund, and Local Street Fund.

BUDGET HEARING CLOSED AT 8:05 PM
REGULAR SESSION OPENED AT 8:05 PM

Discussion held on new proposed budget: Taxable value of property in Village has increased by approximately 2%; tax rate has been reduced from 7.6341 mills to 7.5000 mills; budget reserves are

within acceptable / recommended levels.

K. Johnston: It is hereby resolved that the fruitport Village Council accept and include in the 2005 - 2006 budget the cultural contribution to the Fruitport District Library in the amount of \$9,569.00. Resolution seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

K. Johnston: It is hereby resolved that the budget presented and discussed on March 21, 2005, at a meeting of the Fruitport Village Council, be adopted as the official budget and financial guide for the General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Boat launch Fund for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006. FURTHER: This resolution, when adopted shall become an Appropriation Authorization whereby the Village Council shall take the necessary steps to receive and raise funds required to pay the financial obligations of the ViUage of Fruitport as spelled out in the aforementioned budget. FURTHER: This resolution, when adopted, shall be the authorization for the Clerk/Treasurer to spread against the assessment rolls of the Village of Fruitport, a levy of 7.5000 mills for general operating funds, to be collected in the normal manner of collecting taxes. Said taxes shall become part of funds appropriated by this Council to help pay the financial obligations of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2005/2006. FURTHER: This resolution shall declare Carolyn Lemler as the Chief Financial Officer of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2005/2006. As such, she shall be charged with the responsibility of overseeing the budget to maintain control of both expenditures and appropriations and to make the necessary recommendations to avoid deficits. Resolution seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Resolution adopted.

K. Johnston: I move that the Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to transfer funds as necessary to pay garbage bills, utility bills, Fuelman bills, insurance, wages, FICA, Federal and State Withholding, when due, plus the purchase of postage stamps and extra costs for mailing correspondence. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: Atl ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to amend Village Ord. NO. 1: Motion by K. Johnston to amend Sec. 1.002 Additional salary for Trustees; each Trustee should receive an additional annual salary of \$720.00. This is to be paid quarterly on the last day of each quarter. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by D. Pope to amend Sec. 1.003 Additional salary for President; the President should receive an additional annual salary of \$1,600.00. This is to be paid quarterly on the last day of each quarter. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

This Ordinance supersedes all previous ordinances and becomes effective April 1, 2005, after adoption by the Village Council.

K. Johnston: I want to thank the Clerk and Treasurer for the work put into this and previous budgets. I have talked to the Village Auditor and he said we have a good record of keeping to our budget plans and are in good financial shape.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received letter from M. Sorensen expressing a desire to purchase the typewriter and calculator that she has been using. See new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance): None.

Chris Ostrowski (Parks & Boat launch): DPW workers are resurfacing boat launch dock. Have applied for permits to dredge boat launch area; waiting for testing to be done and approval or denial of permits. Received a \$600.00 grant for work in boat launch area, will be used for dredging if permits are issued. Lowe's will make a donation for second dock to be built in boat launch area.

DeVere Bendixen (Health & Welfare): Working on junk car issue with attorney: have sent registered letters to homeowner with no response. Will turn matter over to Township Police to see what can be done.

Jerry Alger (DPW Dept): Will be getting 3rd Avenue in shape as soon as weather permits: contractor who did work last year will return to repair the work done. Lady Lion's Club will be replacing flags along 3rd Avenue.

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

Bruce Raymond (Public Safety): Was not able to get monthly statistics due to technical difficulties. Apartment in Village that was a crime location problem has been vacated.

Ken Johnston (Zoning): Bridge inspections should have been done by Johnson & Anderson last October, received a letter from MDOT that inspection report was not received. Inspections will be done this month.

Proposed expansion of apartments at 271 3rd Avenue still need DEQ approval and health department approval for septic system; also need to redesign fire access per fire chief.

Charter Cable's new contract is being drafted by Varnum Attorneys: will be done soon, clerk will be contacted with details.

Aquila gas company is up for sale: easements within Village to stay the same.

Received a letter from Fruitport Community School Superintendent school wants to have a fire access drive to 8th Avenue from school property; have requested engineering and project cost detailing who pays for work.

Marge Sorensen (Treasurer): Sent out delinquent personal property tax notices. Will work with clerk during transition period.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk): None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library update: No March meeting was held; April meeting has not been scheduled. Muskegon Township is the only non-member at this time. Library Board is looking at a spring 2006 election.

Village Hall update: Survey format was presented; surveys will be sent out by month end, hope to have results by April meeting. D. Osborne is researching documents.

Peach Tree Project: Money has been coming in for the project; \$6775.00 collected thus far; \$9575.00 has been pledged. Pre-contractor meeting will be held the first week of April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic has been a problem at Pontaluna Road and 6th Avenue especially at school starting and ending times. B. Raymond will ask Muskegon County Traffic Services to do traffic study and make recommendations.

Motion by C. Ostrowski to donate used typewriter and calculator to M. Sorensen. This equipment has been depreciated from the Village books. Motion seconded by D. Osborne. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Muscular Dystrophy lock In: K. Johnston received information; no council member interested in participating.

Seminar: D. Osborne requested permission to attend a Historical Preservation Seminar to be held in East Lansing. Motion by D. Pope to allow D. Osborne to attend seminar at a cost of \$170.00. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau: Township has set up a bureau to collect fines for civil infractions of local ordinances. D. Bendixen asked Council if this was something the Village could participate in. K. Johnston will research this with Village attorney.

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

Temporary closing of Regular Session at 9:35pm.

Opening of Closed Session at 9:35pm

Closing of Closed Session at 9:45pm.

Re-opening of Regular Session at 9:45pm.

Committee Assignments:

DeVere Bendixen	Garbage and Recycling; Ordinance Enforcement
Dawn Osborne	Special Projects; Village Hall
Chris Ostrowski	DPW Streets; Park/Boat Launch
Bruce Raymond	Public Safety; Park/Boat Launch
Donna Pope	Personnel; Insurance
Jerry Alger	Special Projects; Peach Tree Project; furnace Town Project

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler
Village Clerk 865-3234