

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
June 26, 2006

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

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Jerry Alger.

Roll call: Donna Pope, Chris Ostrowski, DeVere Bendixen, Ken Johnston, Carolyn lemler, Jerry Alger, Bruce Raymond.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from May 15, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a copy of the meeting of the District Library Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/personnel): Received three applications for the Council vacancy. Have interviewed one applicant; others will be interviewed next week. Recommendation for candidate approval will be made at July meeting.

Chris Ostrowski (DPW/Streets): Two trees need to be taken down, bids are being received. Striping on 3RD Avenue from Pontaluna to Park Street will be repaired under the terms of the warranty issued by company that did the work last fall.

DeVere Bendixen (Health/Welfare): Working with the Fruitport Township Police to resolve two unlicensed vehicles in the Village. MTS is granting an extension for property repairs to 316 N 3rd Avenue because property is being sold and redeveloped.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): None.

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Bruce Raymond (parks/Public Safety): Police report for April contained 38 complaints from the Village. This amounted to 8% of police calls received for the month of April. May police report contained 85 complaints from the Village. This amounted to 16% of police calls received for the month of May. Increase is attributed to Old Fashioned Days celebration. The Village accounts for 10% of the total Fruitport Township population served by the Fruitport Police Department.

Band shell repairs have been started.

Signs are being made regarding the reservation policy for the Picnic Pavilion.

Working with C. Ostrowski to apply for state grants for shoreline/ seawall improvements along Pomona Park: asked K. Johnston how the work on the Master Plan updates was coming. K. Johnston is still collecting bids to have the Master Plan updated.

Ken Johnston (Zoning): Park area on 3RD Avenue is finished.

Received a packet from Ron Cooper, Township Supervisor, updating Council on the sewer project proposed by the Township; Will be discussed at July meeting.

Erosion is continuing as a problem on Brooks Road. Mark Lee is working on a plan that could help if the property owner is willing to work with the Village.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Have filed the L4029 report with the Muskegon County Equalization Board. New budget pages have been distributed showing the taxable value for the Village at \$27,547,956. The change in taxable value was due to the March Board of Review. Tax bills for 2006 will be sent out by July 1, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fruitport District Library: Elizabeth Winsche. District Ubrary, has requested a meeting with Village representatives regarding the lease arrangement for the library building. C. Lemler will set a meeting time and date and report back to the Council the items discussed.

Pomona Park Restroom Update: Restroom was opened for Old Fashioned Days: some vandalism occurred. Amount of water used was within the allowed limits per day for the septic system as set by the County Health Department. Bike rack has been installed along bike path near restroom. Building will be seal coated rather than painted. Cigarette disposal containers will be installed near restrooms and Peach Tree.

8th Avenue Breakwall Update: Prein & Newhof has ready for submission to the State DEQ the applications for permits and approval needed to repair the Breakwall. Motion by B. Raymond to submit application to the State of Michigan and indude the \$50.00 application fee. Motion seconded by D. Bendixen. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed. Clearwater Marine contractors have submitted a cost estimate/bid of \$9,900.00 to do the project. This is considerably lower than the projected cost estimate of \$19,500.00 that was calculated on an average of costs of similar projects done around the area.

Further consideration of project will be done once the permit/approval is obtained from theDEQ.

Circle Drive Drain Update: Questions regarding Village compliance with the State's Phose II Storm Water Regulaffons have to answer before any more work can be done on this project.

Dog Ordinance Update: Resident brought to the Council a proposed ordinance to control vicious dogs within the Village limits. David Bossenbroek, Village Attorney, reviewed the existing State Law and the Village would be duplicating the existing laws. Council by consensus decided to not pass a Village Ordinance different than the existing laws.

Old Swimming Hole Update: Retaining wall was damaged by a car that did not negotiate the curve from Pine Street to Lake Avenue. Police report has been obtained and the driver's insurance company will be contacted about the costs of repairs. B. Raymond is getting repair cost quotes.

Lynn Kalfsbeek. Nature Express Landscape Ecology Company. returned to give her costs estimates to the Council for the planting project discussed at the May Council meeting. Council agreed the project would be nice if it could be done but questioned whether it would be the best use of tax money at this time. The Village budget doesn't have the funds available this budget year. Resident Haold

Paulson, 308 Pine Street, spoke in favor of the project and said several neighbors in the area want to support the project. J. Alger asked if the residents would be willing to form a citizen's committee to help with private fund raising and support of the project. Harold Paulsen said he will contact neighbors to see if there is support and let the Council know at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Memorials: Max Riebe, Past Commander of the Fruitport VFW, presented the Council with a proposal to move and consolidate the area Veteran's Memorial Monuments to the new pocket park on 3RD Avenue and to install a sign naming the park Fruitport Veterans Memorial Park. He reported the VFW passed a resolution to support the consolidation of the area's monuments to help present a better image of the monuments. He proposed moving the Pomona Park Monument and the two monuments from the fruitport Township Hall property on Airline Road to the new park and helping to landscape around the monuments. He would like to have work done so the park could be dedicated November 11, 2006, on Veterans' Day. Council members supported his proposal: K. Johnston will work up a plan for the placement of the monuments: this will then be presented to the Fruitport Township Board for their consideration and consent to move the monuments from their property.

Recognition Plaque: J. Alger will order a plaque that will be installed in the pocket park to recognize retired Council members.

Boat Launch Workers: B. Raymond asked for Council input on the hiring of workers to patrol the Boat launch during the Coast Guard Festival to monitor compliance with boat launch rules/regulations. J. Alger suggested he check into the cost of hiring private security workers to fill the positions for that weekend and to see if it is cost effective to do so. B. Raymond will follow up on this and report to Council at July meeting.

Planters on 3RD Avenue: D. Pope and K. Johnston will get planters for two of the corners at 3rd Avenue and Park street.

OFD work Session: Lions Club is requesting a work session with the Council to discuss the Old Fashioned Days. Will try to schedule for sometime in August.

Motion made by D. Pope to approve warrants. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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