

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 15,2006

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 March 20, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Bendixen. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Ed Bayne, Peach Street. presented the Council with a proposed ordinance to regulate vicious dogs. There was recently a young person attacked by a dog and Muskegon County Animal Control and police were called. B. Raymond has talked to the involved parties. K. Johnston will talk to Village attorney regarding the passing of an Ordinance to regulate dogs in the Village. Lynn Kalfsbeek. Nature Express Landscaping, proposed to Council to do a cleanup and natural landscaping of the lakeshore at the end of Pine Street (old swimming hole). She has presented a plan to the Spring Lake Lake Board and now to the Village to use the site as a demonstration area to show lakefront landowners how native plants can be used to landscape hillsides .and waterfront areas to provide low maintenance yards that would be better for the environment and easy to care for. Spring Lake Lake Board has expressed an interest in her project and may commit some funds towards the project. K. Johnston asked Lynn to work up a budget and present it to him prior to the June meeting for Council consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Village insurance bill has been received and is far less than budgeted.

Chris Ostrowski (DPW /Streets): Worked with DPW workers to set up maintenance schedules for Village vehicles and equipment. Have received quotes for street repairs; work will start this week. Parking lot lines, crosswalks and intersections will be painted this month. General maintenance is being done.

DeVere Bendixen (Health/Welfare): Several of the properties in disrepair within the Village have been taken care of. Working with MTS and attorney to get other houses in the Village repaired and cleanup done.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): Adopt a Truck has been a success; several residents have used the

service. Looking for future dump sights for the yard waste. C. Ostrowski is checking rates for truck load dumping of yard waste.

Special Projects: None.

Bruce Raymond (Parks/Public Safety): Received a letter from Mike Dykhouse, Circle Drive, regarding a noise problem from a house party that recently occurred at a rental property on Lake Street. Was advised the next time this happened to call 911 and have police take action and file a complaint which can be dealt with.

Police report for April will be available next meeting.

Park equipment in Tot Lot needs repair; will check into replacing Little Digger with another kind of toy since this toy seems to break most often and repairs are costly.

Ken Johnston (Zonine): Park area on 3<sup>RD</sup> Avenue should be finished by Old Fashioned Days.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Garbage bills will be mailed out June 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fruitport District Library: Tim Tubergen, County Library Representative, updated Council on proposed time line for the set up of the District Library system. By October, 2006 all expenses to run the Library branches should be covered by the money collected from the millage passed for that purpose. The District Library system will be independent from Muskegon County Commission control on January 1, 2007. The District Library Board is considering a new office space in a building on Airline Road.

Pomona Park Restroom Update: Will be open for Old Fashioned Days. B. Raymond will check on the unlocking/opening and locking/closing of restrooms on a daily basis. D. Pope reported that the Spring Lake police provide this service for Spring Lake Park.

8<sup>TH</sup> Avenue Break wall Update: Project is not eligible for Coastal Zone Grant from the State of Michigan. Prein & Newhof has submitted an estimate to complete this project for \$19,500.00. K. Johnston will ask Prein & Newhof to apply for necessary MDEQ and USCOE permits and to then get a firm bid price from the contractor.

Circle Drive Drain Update: Cost of this project is estimated at \$5,000.00 for engineering; \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00 for construction and road repair; \$200.00 for obtaining easement rights. Money is available in street budget to fix this problem of overflowing drains and flooding of yards with gray water. Application will be made for the DEQ permits for the discharge of the storm water.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Opening: Tabled until June meeting.

Library Board Opening: Tabled until June meeting.

West Nile Virus: Muskegon County Health Department has sent out a letter concerning West Nile Virus Surveillance. B. Raymond will scan this letter and information into Village WEB site.

MML Alert: Cable Companies in the State of Michigan are trying to get a bill passed to cut local control of cable franchises. Michigan Municipal League is asking members to write letters in opposition of this bill.

DEQ Storm Water Systems: K. Johnston attended a seminar in 2000 regarding the set up of local municipalities' plans to handle storm water runoff. At that time he was told the Village of Fruitport due to its low population did not need to set up a plan. He has now received notification that the Village is in noncompliance. There are two ways the Village can approach this problem: 1) Jurisdictional based permit or 2) Watershed based permit. Attorney is researching the issue and will report to Council.

Delinquent Garbage Bills: Motion by D. Bendixen to direct the Village Treasurer to assess all delinquent 2005-2006 garbage service bills and delinquent fees against the premises served and collect in the same manner as other taxes for 2006 are collected. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

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. Pope. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
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