

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
November 13, 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, Nancy Stebbins, Bruce Raymond.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from October 16, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by C. Ostrowski. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Mike Johnson, President Fruitport Lion's Club will address the Council under New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE: Village Council received a thank you card from Bonnie Smith for the nice tree and plaque put in the Memorial Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): None.

Chris Ostrowski (DPW /Streets): Bike path repairs are finished: drain cover for the newly installed drain has been ordered. Adopt a Truck program has been suspended until a new dump site can be found. Snow plow trucks have been checked over and are ready for plowing. Plow routes have been driven by Chris and DPW workers; stakes will be put in to mark some of the driveways and road edges.

DeVere Bendixen (Health/Welfare): Condemned house on 3RD Avenue has been torn down and lot cleaned up.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): Veteran's Park is finished and dedication was done on Saturday November 11 .

Bruce Raymond (parks/Public Safety): Police reports for October: 72 incidents reported. The most reported incidents fall into the categories of general assistance, larceny, traffic accidents, civil matters and property damage.

D. Bendixen, J. Alger and B. Raymond attended a wrap up meeting with Lion's Club regarding Old Fashioned Days. Four areas of concern were discussed: 1) There will be a stricter observance of the ban on alcohol within Pomona Park; 2) Discussion was held about the Flea Market. Village will send a letter to Lion's Club asking the location of future Flea Markets not be on 3RD Avenue and not be in conflict with Village merchants; 3) Barricades used during Old Fashioned Days belong to

the Lion's Club but are available for Village use during the rest of the year; 4) J. Alger asked if it was possible to set up smoke free areas; more 'Butt Buckets' will be placed around Park area. Fishing pier roof is being worked on - materials have been purchased: roof is ready to be finished; Goll's is welding the brackets and beams.

B. Raymond received a request to reserve/rent the picnic shelter for an evening to have a small band play. Caller indicated he usually rented the Library basement but it wasn't available for the evening in question. B. Raymond asked if the caller didn't mean he wanted to use the Band shell: caller responded he wanted the pavilion so he could control the audience and collect admissions easier. B. Raymond responded that the park didn't host events that those in attendance had to pay for admission and that the restrooms were closed for the season. Caller ended the conversation at that point. B. Raymond asked if the Library Committee was aware the bands renting the Library basement were possibly charging admission; D. Pope will ask the Library Committee at the next committee meeting November 29.

Several problems have been reported with dogs in Pomona Park. The new Muskegon Animal Control Ordinance has more specific language on the control of dogs; Council should take a more pro-active stance on publicizing the Ordinance.

Grants are available for park improvements; Village needs to update the Recreational Plan.

Ken Johnston (Zoning): Village has received a cost estimate from Fishbeck/Thompson to update the Village Master Plan. K. Johnston is trying to get a third estimate for the Council to consider. A BIG THANK-YOU to J. Alger for all his work on the Veteran's Park Dedication!

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Council members have updated spreadsheets showing budget balances for the rest of the fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circle Drive Improvements: Thompson Brothers are working on punch list items; some paving will have to be repaired in the spring. On recommendation of engineers Village will withhold final payment until work has been completed and inspected next spring.

Fruitport District Library: Letter has been sent to Muskegon Area District Library Board. MADL Board meets November 15; Local Library Committee hopes to have response when Committee meets November 29.

Damaged Wall Update: B. Raymond will try and get contractors to give quotes for repair work.

8TH Avenue Breakwall Update: Contract award was contingent upon all permits being granted; US Corps of Engineers wanted some modifications to plan. Prein & Newhof modified plan and Corp approval is expected soon.

Phase II Storm Water Regulations Update: K. Johnston met with Norton Shores to collect whatever data they have that may be applicable to help Village in getting the project done. Village representative will meet again with Norton Shores after the Holidays.

Budget Motions: Motion made by K. Johnston to increase Local Street Expenditures for Capital Improvements from \$0.00 to \$30,000.00 in order to accept funds from General Fund to pay for Circle Drive improvements. D. Pope seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Johnson, President Fruitport Lion's Club, presented a proposal that the Village Council and Lion's Club form a joint committee to investigate forming a partnership between the Village and Lion's Club to handle the rental of the Pomona Park Pavilion and catering kitchen. He hopes to develop a Master Plan for Pomona Park for use and generate revenue for future improvements and repairs to Park facilities.

Mike said he was at this meeting to plant the idea seed and will return to a future council meeting to discuss the idea with the Village Council.

C Ostrowski received a letter from Muskegon County outlining a new service being offered through the Community Service Program. Muskegon County Community Corrections. Sheriff and Muskegon county Veterans Association have developed a program called Community Service Work Crews to work with local municipalities to provide crews to do community service work such clean-up, yard work, etc. Members of the crew would be pre-screened for participation in the program. Cost of crew would be \$50.00 per day; local oversight is required; County provides transportation. C. Ostrowski will research this further.

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

Ken Johnston made some comments to the Council members regarding his past service to the Village and how much he enjoyed the privilege of serving as Council member and President.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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