

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
October 16, 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, Ken Johnston, Carolyn Lemler, Jerry Alger, Nancy Stebbins, Bruce Raymond. Absent: Chris Ostrowski, DeVere Bendixen.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from September 18, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by J. Alger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Gary and Keri Sloan, Brooks Road, Fruitport, had questions pertaining to the drainage problems for Brooks Road. K. Johnston stated he had just received notification for a November meeting with the Michigan Soil Conservation District representative and the involved neighbors, Village representatives and the Village engineer. Gary Sloan requested copies of correspondence that K. Johnston has and also to be notified of the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Working on an insurance claim from J. Skippers 'for damage done to his vehicle on Maple Street.

Chris Ostrowski (DPW /Streets): Absent.

DeVere Bendixen (Health/Welfare): Absent.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): Report under Old Business.

Bruce Raymond (parks/Public Safety): Police reports for July: 39 incidents reported; August: 50 incidents reported; September: 41 incidents reported. The most reported incidents fall into the categories of suspicious situations, general assistance, traffic accidents, civil matters and property damage.

A copy of the newly adopted Animal and Vector Control Ordinance from the County of Muskegon has been posted on the Village web site.

Ottawa County sent information on a child safety program to put stickers in car windows to let officials know if children usually ride in the vehicle. This would aid rescue personnel in the event of an accident.

Consumers Energy has put information about carbon monoxide detectors for home use in the new letter included in the customer's bills.

Restroom vandalism has been repaired and the Pomona Park restrooms are closed for the season.

Water use at the restrooms has been monitored for this past season and falls within the guidelines set by the Health Department for the septic system that was installed.

Fishing Pier roof repairs have been done; parts for the posts have been ordered. Installation will probably not be done until next spring.

Village web site has been opened for the posting of candidate biographies for the upcoming election. Hope to have updates done by Wednesday for those who have sent in information.

Ken Johnston (Zoning): Doug Himebaugh, Village resident, has requested a congratulatory letter be sent to his son to be read at his award of the rank of Eagle Scout. K. Johnston will send letter.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Resident at 152 4th Avenue called for contact information for Consumers Energy. Tree trimming was done by the utility sub contractor which left a badly damaged tree and mess in the yard. If any Council member has a contact please give information to R. Mergener.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circle Drive Improvements: Thompson Brothers has started work on drain improvements.

Fruitport District Library: Letter was sent to Village attorney outlining the lease proposals. He said concerns and proposals should be forwarded to Muskegon Area District Library. Have not received response from MADL as of today. Local Library Committee will meet Wednesday, October 18.

Memorial Park Update: Preparations are on schedule; monuments will soon be moved; program is coming together nicely.

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

8th Avenue Breakwall Update: Waiting for US Corps of Engineers permit. Engineers for the project, Prein and Newhof have solicited bids for the project and recommend the Village of Fruitport award the contractor the project to Clearwater Marine, LLC. Motion by J. Alger that the Village of Fruitport contract with Clearwater Marine, LLC, for 8th Avenue shore protection improvements per Engineer's plans and specifications for \$8,470.00 contingent on all required permits being received and submission of proofs of insurance. Motion seconded by N. Stebbins.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Phase II Storm Water Regulations Update: K. Johnston will meet with R. Schmeuller to collect whatever data he has that is pertinent to getting the project done.

Budget Motions: Motion made by D. Pope to move from General Fund Line Item DPW Equipment Purchase to General Fund Line Item Parks Administration \$6,500.00 for bike path repairs. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Pope to move from General Fund Line Item DPW Equipment Purchase to General Fund Line Item Transfers to Other Funds local Streets \$30,000.00. Motion seconded by N. Stebbins. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Pope to move from General Fund Line Item Contingencies to General Fund line Item Special Projects, 8th Avenue \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by J. Alger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Alger asked if there were ways the Council could help residents and business owners fix up and improve their property through grants or financial assistance. K. Johnston said the best way would be for the formation of a Business owners' group or Chamber of Commerce to be formed and the Council could help them achieve their goals.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler
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