

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
April 16, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Roger Vanderstelt at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Randy Sottovia.

Roll call: Jerry Alger, Donna Pope, Bruce Raymond, Randy Sottovia, Joe Vanderstelt, Roger Vanderstelt, Carolyn Lemler.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve minutes from March 19, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by J. Vanderstelt. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: DeVere Bendixen, 8th Avenue, had questions regarding the progress of the shoreline improvements/repairs for the end of 8th Avenue. J. Alger said the necessary permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has been applied for and as soon as the permit is received the work will begin. The contractor is holding the cost estimate to the approved amounts from last fall.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk has received a letter from Ledford & Associates representing Norman Cruthers, 63 Bridge street, Fruitport. N. Cruthers wants the Village Council to vacate the road and road right of way for 2nd Avenue that is south of Bridge street and adjacent to his property. Motion made by D. Pope that the Village Council does not consider vacating of 2nd Avenue and road right of way for the portion of 2nd Avenue south of Bridge Street to Norris Creek. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

J. Alger received a letter from James Essenberg about a possible zoning violation in a residential neighborhood. J. Alger talked to the property owner and clerk will send a follow up letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Working on spreadsheets for Village Liability and Property Insurance renewals.

Joe Vanderstelt: None.

Jerry Alger (DPW & streets): DPW has been busy cleaning ditches, doing culvert repairs, and sweeping bike path. Pick up truck and loader has been serviced.

Randy Sottovia : Working on storm Water Project; have called Jenny Bolt, DEQ, Prein & Newhof, Britton & Bossenbroek and Norton Shores to gather information. B. Raymond did receive a call from Jenny Bolt, DEQ. and she reported the DEQ is reconsidering the requirements for the Village to comply with a storm Water Drain Plan.

Bruce Raymond (Parks/Public Safety): Police reports for contained 44 reported incidents; 11 of the

reported incidents were at the school. Most incidents reported were for minor offenses. Boat Launch season permits have arrived from the printers and will be available for sale. Working with Consumers Energy to have heavy duty clips installed on park power service boxes.

Roger Vanderstelt: None.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Clean up Days have been scheduled for May 11 & 18, 2007. Postcards will be sent out before May 1, 2007. Village books will be taken to auditor within the week. Variance hearing requested by D. Rust was not needed because property was previously zoned multi family. A list of zoning areas has been given to the assessor to update the Village records.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circle Drive Improvements: Contractor should resume work when asphalt for paving is available.

Fruitport District Library: Drainage problems will be worked on by regarding the landscaping around the building and removing overgrown shrubs.

3rd Avenue Banner Poles: Consumers Energy disconnected the power to the poles and removed the cable across 3rd Avenue; will return at a later date to help DPW workers with the removal of poles.

West Mi Concert Winds Concert: J. Alger has been researching this event and the Council consensus is to not have the concert this year. J. Alger is looking for other groups/organizations that may want to sponsor events at the band shell. B. Raymond said a local church has contacted him about using the band shell for Sunday evening community services.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Council Member: Three resumes were received for the vacant Council position. Jason Epplert has asked to remove his name from consideration due to a change in his job.

Motion made by R. Sottovia to appoint Scott Simot to vacant Council position for term to end November 2008. Motion seconded by J. Vanderstelt. Roll call: Ayes - R. Soffovia. J. Vanderstelt. Nays - J. Alger. D. Pope. B. Raymond. R. Vanderstelt. Motion not carried. Motion made by D. Pope to appoint DeVere Bendixen to vacant Council position for term to end November 2008. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: Ayes - J. Alger. D. Pope. B. Raymond. R. Sottovia. J. Vanderstelt, R. Vanderstelt. Motion carried. Oath of Office was administered by clerk.

President Pro Tempore: Motion by R. Vanderstelt to appoint J. Alger as President Pro Tempore for term to end November 2008. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Picnic Pavilion/Catering Kitchen: B. Raymond is working on the written agreement and will soon have it completed.

Street Administrator: Motion by R. Soffovia to appoint J. Alger as Street Administrator for the Village of Fruitport. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Pope to approve warrants. Motion seconded by J. Vanderstelt. Roll call: All ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler.
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