

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
REGULAR SESSION AND VARIANCE HEARING  
JULY 9, 2007

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

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Jerry Alger

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

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve the minutes from June 18,2007 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Bendixen. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Council received a copy of the letter sent by Village attorney to Pam Traver, Brooks Road, regarding the drainage problems on Brooks Road. A copy will be sent to the neighbors also involved in this issue.

Spring lake Township has sent a copy of their Master Plan for Village Council review; copies of the disc are available to Council members to view.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): None.

Joe Vanderstelt: None.

DeVere Bendixen (Ordinances and Garbage Service): lawn mowing complaint for property on 6th Avenue has been resolved.

Jerry Alger (DPW & Streets): Damaged sidewalk on Peach Street has been removed and topsoil and grass seed installed. Streets that were blacktopped and slurry coated have been inspected. Permit for end of 8th Avenue work should be received by the end of this month. Circle Drive repairs have been completed according to contract and contractor has been paid. The one ton truck needs work done on it - have received two different assessments and estimates for costs of repairs; Will obtain a third opinion before work is done.

Randy Sottovia: Have obtained some information on Watershed Program; will be contacting other municipalities about procedures used and report back to Council at August meeting.

Bruce Raymond (Parks/Public Safety): Police reports for June contained 36 reported incidents; mostly general assistance and suspicious situations.

Reservations for the Picnic Shelter and Bandshell are coming in. So far \$900.00 has been

collected and if all reservations are confirmed the total receipts will exceed \$1 ,100.00.

Vandalism in restroom has been cleaned up.

Would like Council to consider a designated driveway for groups to access the Bandshell.

Have started checking with landscape supply company for tree prices to replace diseased trees in Village.

Boat Launch: Curb project begun last year will be continued around the south side of parking lot to 3rd Avenue.

Fishing pier roof brackets are being made so work: can continue on the installation of roof.

Have been approached by group young residents asking to use the basketball court area in Pomona Park for roller blade hockey games. Told them as long as they realized they would have to share time with others it would be ok.

Roger Vanderstelt: None.

Carolyn Lemler (clerk/Treasurer): None.

8:00PM REGULAR SESSION CLOSED  
VARIANCE HEARING OPENED

Randy Lutz, 16 N 7th Avenue, Village of Fruitport, has requested a variance to install a handicap ramp at his residence. The ramp would be closer to the road than is currently allowed by Village zoning and building regulations. He is asking for a set back variance from the 33 feet from pavement edge required by code to 21 feet from pavement edge; the ramp would be removed when no longer needed.

Property owners within 300 feet of the described property have been notified and the notification of the hearing has been posted. No comments were received either for or against this project.

Council members would like an addendum attached to his property description noting that the ramp would be removed when no longer needed.

8:12PM VARIANCE HEARING CLOSED  
REGULAR SESSION REOPENED

Motion by D. Bendixen to allow construction of ramp and grant set back variance from 33 feet to 21 feet from pavement edge. Ramp is to be removed when no longer needed. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Ron call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Fruitport District library: Concerts at library basement raise concerns regarding occupancy levels. R. Sottovia will attend a concert and check for violations.

Old Fashioned Days: D. Bendixen is working on a schedule to show what needs to be done and when to make the planning and setup and take down go smoother.

Sidewalks: B. Raymond asked if the Village is going to develop a policy on sidewalk maintenance and replacement. Council is to consider options and this will be discussed at next

meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers: J. Alger reported we do have volunteers working to make the Village a better place to live. He has submitted a list of volunteer opportunities to be printed in the new FAN.

Pine Street Cleanup: Cleanup has been started at the Old Swimming Hole; much more needs to be done.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by  
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