

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 18, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Roger Vanderstelt at 7:35p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Jerry Alger.

Roll call: Jerry Alger, DeVere Bendixen, Donna Pope, Bruce Raymond, Roger Vanderstelt, Carolyn Lemler. Absent: Joe Vanderstelt, Randy Sottovia. Also in attendance Mark Lee, Prein & Newhof.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Bendixen to approve the minutes from May 21, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Bill Braun, representing Diane's School of Dance, has an option to purchase property on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Oak Street. He proposes to build a new studio for the dance school and a separate storage building behind the dance school. Jim Adams, contractor, presented preliminary plans for the building. Property is zoned commercial so no rezoning is necessary. Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to allow Bill Braun to proceed with his plans and construction as long as MTS approves the site plan and setbacks. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Cecil Colthorp, 275 Lake Street, asked what could be done with the yard at an empty house on 6th Avenue; house is in foreclosure, D. Bendixen will check and see if the mortgage company or realtor can be located to clean up the property. C. Colthorp also had questions on animal control issues pertaining to cats running free, was referred to Muskegon County Animal Control. Also wanted to know how long a building permit was valid due to the long time it is taking to finish the two new construction houses on Lake street: MTS is the authority for time extensions on building permits. Wanted to know if a street sign could be placed at the intersection of Lake Street, Elm Street and 6th Avenue designating each of the three streets. J Alger will check into this.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk has received a letter regarding a 'Road Repair Forum' to be held in July. Received from DEQ a Public Notice regarding the application for a permit to install docks at a waterfront property on Circle Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Received the insurance bill for property and liability from MML; rate for the next year is \$9,683.00, which is less than last year.

Joe Vanderstelt: Absent.

DeVere Bendixen (Ordinances and Garbage Service): None.

Jerry Alger (DPW & Streets): Cost for the spillway installed at Park Street and 2nd Avenue was \$725.00; clerk will send a bill for one half of the cost to Fruitport Charter Township Water Department since the damage occurred when the water main in that area burst. Street paving and resurfacing projects are completed. DPW will be doing patch work on street where necessary.

Randy Sottovia: Absent

Bruce Raymond (Parks/Public Safety): Police reports for May contained 79 reported incidents; mostly general assistance and suspicious situations.

Reservations for the Picnic Shelter and Bandshell are coming in. So far \$625.00 has been collected and if all reservations are confirmed the total receipts will exceed \$1,100.00. Two of the three new park benches have been installed. There has been no graffiti in the Picnic Shelter for over a year.

Attended a Lion's Club board meeting to let them know the Village is planning a tree replacement program for Pomona Park and asked their cooperation during Old Fashioned Days to not trim the trees to set up rides or concessions.

Received the new sign cases for the Picnic Shelter and Boat Launch; Picnic Shelter case has been installed. the case for the Boat Launch was damaged and we are waiting for new parts before installation can be done.

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

Roger Vanderstelt: Mark Lee, Prein & Newhof. checked the property at 7049 Brooks Road for drainage problems. M. Lee reported that over the past year not much change has occurred due to damaging erosion. M. Lee has communicated his findings to Village Attorney Dave Bossenbroek. The consensus of the Village Council is to have the attorney write a letter to the property owner letting her know the status of the reports.

R. Vanderstelt will be contacting the Village Attorney soon regarding the updating of the Master Plan.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): Budget pages for the adopted budget have been distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circle Drive Improvements: Thompson Bothers, contractors, have finished the repaving of a driveway and other finishing touches to the project. Motion made by D. Pope to pay Thompson Brothers the final installment of the contracted amount. Motion seconded by R. Vanderstelt. Roll call: All ayes.

Fruitport District Library: Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, June 20, at township hall. D. Pope will find a third person to represent the Village on the Library Committee. Drainage problems are being worked on; shrubs have been removed. fill dirt has been added and grading of the lawn done as well as reseeding of the grass areas.

8th Avenue Wall: Permits have not come in; Mark Lee will check on permit status. Contractor still available to do project and is holding the price estimate the same as last year.

Planters for flowers: D. Pope purchased and filled four planters - two are at the Post Office and two are at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Park Street.

Old Fashioned Days Follow-up: Clean up from the festival was done; minor things went wrong but can be corrected for next year. River Boat landing issues need to be addressed prior to next year. Mike Johnson. Lion's Club, reported that this was the best year in attendance and proceeds. R. Vanderstelt asked for a schedule to be developed to show what needs to be done and when to make the planning and setup and take down go smoother.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalks: J. Alger has received inquiries regarding the repair of sidewalks in the Village. One area in question is Peach Street. Council members questioned whether sidewalks were necessary in the residential areas of the Village and due to cost involved with replacing damaged sidewalks possibly it would be better to remove the damaged sidewalks and replace them with grass. Sidewalks would be maintained on the busier main streets and near the school. J. Alger will survey the property owners and see what their thoughts are.

Summer Schedule: R. Vanderstelt asked if a schedule of summer construction projects could be set up so people would know what is happening and when.

Crop Walk: D. Pope asked if the Crop Walk could be advertised on the Village event sign. She will set up times and messages with DPW workers.

Delinquent Garbage Bills: Motion made by D. Bendixen to direct the Village Clerk/Treasurer to assess all delinquent 2006/2007 garbage service bills and delinquent fees against the premises served and collect in the same manner as other taxes for 2007 are collected. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

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 B. Raymond. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn A Lemler, Village Clerk  
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