

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 21,2007

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 Bendixen, Donna Pope, Bruce Raymond, Randy Sottovia, Roger Vanderstelt, Carolyn Lemler. Absent: Joe Vanderstelt.

Minutes: Motion made by B. Raymond to approve minutes from April 16, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by D. Bendixen. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Rob Rance, The Democracy Initiative Kodiak, Alaska, was visiting family in the area and came to observe our meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk has received a letter from Blue Lake Township explaining the court case contesting the zoning of property located within Blue Lake Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Have returned the Insurance Survey to MML and a representative will visit the Village to help update insurance coverage.

Joe Vanderstelt: Absent.

Jerry Alger (DPW & Streets): DPW has been busy cleaning installing two spillways. The culvert grate for drain on Park Street near bike path has been installed.

Randy Sottovia: Working on Storm Water Project; have not had response from Jenny Bolt, DEQ. B. Raymond will also try to get in touch with the DEQ.

Bruce Raymond (Parks / Public Safety): Police reports for contained 42 reported incidents; mostly suspicious situations.

Band shell has been rewired to bring up to code, awaiting final inspection. Bulletin boards were ordered for Picnic Pavilion and boat launch.

Randy Mergener has repaired the sign board at the boat launch and installed buoys. Park restrooms have had guards installed around hand dryers. Park and waterfront areas have been cleaned up; one tree was removed from the park.

Village should start a tree replacement plan for Pomona Park and other areas of public property around the Village. Need to set up a multi year plan to remove and replace aging/diseased trees. Park and Band shell reservations are being set up.

Roger Vanderstelt: None.

DeVere Bendixen (Ordinances and Garbage Service): Have hand delivered a 'junk car' notice to resident on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, should be taken care of this week.

Carolyn Lemler (Clerk/Treasurer): None.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Circle Drive Improvements: Pavement damage caused by contractor building a house has been repaired. J. Alger will check with M. Lee, Prein & NewhoL on the schedule of the paving needed to finish last year's drain project.

Fruitport District Library: Library Committee would like to have Park restrooms open until 10 pm on the nights the library basement is rented for concerts. Group renting the library will provide two people to monitor the restrooms to help avoid damage problems that have occurred in the past.

8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Wall: Permits have not come in.

Planters for flowers: D. Pope asked if the plan for planters at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Park Street could be done at this time. She will find planters and get this done.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Old Fashioned Days: Signed agreement and insurance proof have been received by the Village from the Lions Club.

D. Bendixen received a request from Jim Feldt, Lake Street, to obtain a permit to put a twelve foot addition on his existing garage. D. Bendixen researched the request and applicable zoning and set back issues and found there were no restrictions to the project. J. Feldt also sent copies of letters/petitions signed by his neighbors stating they had no objections to the proposed project. Motion by D. Bendixen to accept plans and allow the construction of a twelve foot addition to existing garage since the proposed construction does not cause and zoning or set back conflicts. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

D. Bendixen has received complaints on condition of yards in the Village. He has talked to the attorney and researched the Village Ordinances on file and at this time it would be hard to make the property owner clean up because technically there is no violation of existing ordinances. Options include drafting a new ordinance, checking with County Health Department to see if they can help. He will check on further steps and report back to Council.

R. Vanderstelt has been contacted by Pam Traver regarding the water runoff problems on Brooks Road. He will meet with the property owners and follow up on the complaint.

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 R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn A. Lemler, Village Clerk  
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