

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION AND VARIANCE HEARING
APRIL 21, 2008

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

Minutes: Motion made by B. Raymond to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Dan Start, Eagle Scout Candidate, addressed the Council regarding his Eagle Scout Project. He wants to work on cleaning and restoring the old swimming hole at the end of Pine Street into a small neighborhood park. Motion made by B. Raymond to allow Dan Start to proceed with plans to work on the old swimming hole area and to develop the area into a small park. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed. Work will be coordinated with the Village Parks Department.

West Michigan Burners, asked for permission to use Pomona Park and the Band shell for a show on Saturday, May 31, 2008. They are planning an event to showcase local talents and to spotlight the work of the Special Olympics, Hospice, and St. Jude's Hospital. The event will feature a pyrotechnics show, dance performers, martial arts demonstrations, and magic show. Council raised questions on security, fire safety, and clean-up. The group is working with local police and fire departments, and carries liability insurance to cover the event. The pyrotechnics are all 'class 'c legal and will be detonated by a certified technician. Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to allow West Michigan Burners to proceed with plans for the event in Pomona Park on Saturday, May 31, 2008, contingent upon having the proper insurance, security and fire department approvals. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

8:00PM REGULAR SESSION CLOSED VARIANCE HEARING OPENED

Marian Van Wert, 44 N 7TH Avenue, Village of Fruitport, has requested a variance to install a handicap ramp at her residence. The ramp would be closer to the road than is currently allowed by Village zoning and building regulations. She is asking for a set back variance from the current 30 feet from road right of way to 20 feet from road right of way: the ramp would be removed when no longer needed.

Property description is Lot 7, Block 24, Village of Fruitport; #61-41-150-024-0007-00: 44 N 7TH Avenue, Village of Fruitport.

Property owner within 300 feet of the described property have been notified and the notification of

the hearing has been posted. One resident, J Schippers, had a positive comment to allow the project to proceed.

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

8:05PM VARIANCE HEARING CLOSED REGULAR SESSION REOPENED

Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to allow construction of ramp and to grant set back variance from 30 feet from road right of way to 20 feet from road right of way. Ramp is to be removed when no longer needed. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: B. Raymond received a phone message and e-mail regarding a change in the timing of the traffic signal at Park Street and 3RD Avenue. Street Department will check into this and report at May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Absent.

Joe Vanderstelt: Working on Tree City program, nothing to report at this time.

DeVere Bendixen (Ordinances and Garbage Service): Have received complaints about recreational fires at a house on 4TH Avenue; noise complaint about parties at a house on Peach Street; complaint about the condition of a house/porch on Peach Street. Am working to resolve these issues. Have talked to T. Tubergon, Fruitport Township, regarding the Township offer to help with Ordinance enforcement by having the Township Police deliver citations to the offending parties. Will continue to do follow up on these issues.

Jerry Alger (DPW & Streets): Guard rails are being replaced as necessary. Work dates are being scheduled for road projects, most will be done in May and June. Street sweeping will be done in May; catch basin cleaning is being scheduled.

Washout on west Park Street has been repaired.

8TH Avenue Park will have sod installed in May. Neighbor to the west of the park has offered to allow the Village to use his pump for sprinkling the park once the sod is installed. The Village would need to purchase the supplies and install the sprinklers and he would then take care of watering the area. Motion by J. Alger that the Village of Fruitport accepts his offer and installs the necessary sprinkler line to maintain 8TH Avenue Park. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: Ayes - J. Alger, D. Bendixen; R. Sottovia, J. tletsrednov R. Vanderstelt. Abstain: B. Raymond. Motion passed.

Randy Sottovia: Report in Old Business.

Bruce Raymond (parks/Public Safety): Plumbing in the restrooms is being worked on this week. Fishing Pier is getting final work done.

R. Mergener walked the drainage/waterway upstream from Park Street (parallel to 4TH Avenue) for

two blocks and found no drainage violations at this time.
Boat Launch is open.

OLD BUSINESS:

NPED Stormwater Project: R. Sottovia reported work is progressing. He has set up a system for labeling the drainage out falls in the Village. He will try to find a person, possibly an Eagle Scout candidate, to help with making and installing the needed signs.

Master Plan: D. Bendixen is working with M. Lee, Prein & Newhof to finalize the Village's updated Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Truck Purchase: J. Alger is working on the purchase of a truck to replace the old blue plow truck.

Old Fashioned Days Traffic Order: Motion made by B. Raymond: The Village of Fruitport in accordance with Ord No 100, as amended, the undersigned, after advisement from the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, the Fruitport Township Police Department and the Village of Fruitport Police Committee Chairperson, does hereby direct that: There shall be no parking on either the east or west side of 3RD A venue from Pontaluna Road south to Park Street during the Old Fashioned Days' Parade on May 26, 2008 (Memorial Day Parade). Violators will be towed away at their own expense. This Traffic Control Order shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Village Clerk and shall expire on May 27, 2008. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Delinquent Garbage Bills: Motion made by D. Bendixen to direct the Village Clerk/Treasurer to assess all delinquent 2007-2008 garbage service bills and delinquent fees against the premises served and collect in the same manner as other taxes for 2008 are collected. Motion seconded by J. Vanderstelt. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Spring Cleanup: Dates of cleanup are May 9 and 16, 2008. Post cards are being sent to residents.

Motion made by R. Sottovia to approve warrants. Motion seconded by J. Vanderstelt. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn made by J. Vanderstelt. Motion seconded by R. Sottovia. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler, Village Clerk
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