

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION AND BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 16, 2009

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, Carolyn Lemler, Donna Pope, Bruce Raymond, Carl Rothenberger III, Jacob Wier, Joe Vanderstelt, Roger Vanderstelt.

Minutes: Motion made by D. Pope to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion seconded by J. Alger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Ed and Yolanda Bayne, Peach Street, addressed the Council regarding the clean up work their family has been doing at the 8TH Avenue Park. They are volunteering to 'adopt' the 8TH Avenue Park as an ongoing family project - help maintain the grounds and clean up litter. Council thanked them for their efforts. B. Raymond will get a garbage receptacle installed this spring.

CORRESPONDENCE: R. Vanderstelt received a letter about the upcoming 2010 Census; letter was passed to interested Council members.

R. Vanderstelt received a letter from Gary Zang regarding the timing of the traffic signal at Park Street and 3RD Avenue now that daylight savings time has begun. The Council has in the past been asked to consider resetting the timing of the night flashing signal. Do to the expense involved with resetting the clocks and only one request to change the clocks the consensus of the Council is to not change the timing of the traffic signal.

BUDGET TRANSFER MOTIONS:

Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to transfer from General Fund Line Item DPW Equipment Purchase to General Fund Line Item street Lights \$800.00. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to transfer from Major Street Fund Line Item Supplies to Major Street Fund line Item Fringe Benefits \$250.00. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to transfer from Local Street Fund Line Item Sidewalks to Local street Fund Line Item PCS/Repairs \$600.00. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): None.

Joe Vanderstelt: None.

Carl Rothenberger III (Ordinances and Garbage Service): Will be working with D. Bendixen to get Spring Clean up scheduled and review Village Ordinances.

Jerry Alger (DPW & Streets): Hopefully the snow plowing season is over; all went well. Ken Pollidan, Breakaway Bicycles, is willing to donate a bike rack to be installed near the Peach Tree.

Bruce Raymond (Parks/Public Safety): WEB Site is having problems; working to resolve these. Pine Street Park: Do to the permit requirement at this time; this project doesn't qualify as a project for the Eagle Scout Program. It could take two years to obtain the necessary permits

from DEQ and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Pine street Park will be cleaned up; cat tails can be trimmed back, the grounds leveled across the hill side above the retaining wall and a bench will be installed. The Eagle Scout candidate will, however, work on installing the electrical service in Pomona Park and setting up the hillside light. New benches will be installed along the hillside in Pomona Park. Boat ramp dock will be cleaned and readied for installation.

Jacob Wier (Special Projects): Reports that the cat tails should not be totally cleaned out since they provide a habitat for spawning fish and the area of Pine Street Park is a very good fish habitat area.

Roger Vanderstelt: R. Mergener asked for permission to use eighty (80) hours of vacation from his time off bank for the upcoming year prior to the start of the year. This request is noncompliant with the Union Contract.

Motion made by B. Raymond the request to borrow eighty (80) hours of vacation from next year's allotment be granted as a one time only request. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by C. Rothenberger III that J. Remwolt be allowed to carry forward, as a one time only occurrence, his unused vacation time to be used by April 30, 2009 if do to scheduling restrictions J. Remwolt is unable to use his vacation time prior to the end of March 2009. Motion seconded by D. Pope. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

D. Pope will discuss the changes with R. Mergener and J. Remwolt and stress that these are one time only events. J. Alger and D. Pope will set up the work schedule for the DPW workers as specified in the Union Contract. D. Pope will go over the schedule with DPW workers and inform the workers the Union Contract will be followed.

8:15PM REGULAR SESSION CLOSED; BUDGET HEARING OPENED

President R. Vanderstelt read the Budget Summaries for General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, and Debt Service Fund. Discussion followed and questions were asked and answered.

8:25PM BUDGET HEARING CLOSED; REGULAR SESSION REOPENED

Budget Resolution proposed by R. Vanderstelt:

It is hereby resolved that the budget presented and discussed on March 16, 2009, at a meeting of the Fruitport Village Council, be adopted as the official budget and financial guide for the General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, and Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010. FURTHER: This resolution, when adopted, shall become an Appropriation Authorization whereby the Village Council shall take the necessary steps to receive and raise funds required to pay the financial obligations of the Village of Fruitport as spelled out in the aforementioned budget. Further: This resolution, when adopted, shall be the authorization for the Clerk/Treasurer to spread against the assessment rolls of the Village of Fruitport, a levy of 5.5000 mills for general operating funds, to be collected in the normal manner of collecting taxes. Said taxes shall become part of funds appropriated by this Council to help pay the financial obligations of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2009/2010. FURTHER: This resolution shall declare Carolyn Lemler as the Chief Financial Officer of the Village of Fruitport for the fiscal year 2009/2010. As such, she/he shall be charged with the responsibility of overseeing the budget to maintain control of both expenditures and appropriations and to make the necessary recommendations to avoid deficits.

Resolution seconded by: D. Pope Roll call vote: All ayes. Resolution passed.

R. Vanderstelt: I move that the Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to transfer funds as necessary to pay garbage bills, utility bills, Fuelman bills, insurance bills, wages, FICA, Federal withholding, state withholding, other bills that would result in late fees, when due, plus the purchase of postage stamps, office supplies, and extra costs for mailing correspondence.

Motion seconded by: D. Pope Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Muskegon County Signal Maintenance Group: R. Vanderstelt has not received any new information from the group.

3RD Avenue Sidewalk Handrail: R. Vanderstelt is checking into who is responsible for the repairs; if the area in question is in the Village right of way the Village will work on getting the safety issue resolved. B. Raymond will check with the property owner for boundary lines according to the plat map and report to Council at April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Old Fashioned Days: Lions Club has the permit form; Council is waiting for the Lions Club to return the permit and proof of insurance to the Village.

Township/Village Sewer: At this time there is no money to install the sewer lines; Mark Lee, Prein & Newhof is researching other possibilities for the Township. Sewer grants are being reviewed to see if grants would be available to install sewer lines on Pontaluna Road and 3RD Avenue. A public meeting would have to be held prior to any serious planning to see of residents affected would want to participate.

B. Raymond has information about PA495 Section 2845, fire insurance withholding program to allow the Village to escrow a percentage of the fire Insurance settlement to assure cleaning up of the property if it were abandoned or not rebuilt. D. Pope asked for time to study the issue and to table it until April meeting.

B. Raymond reported the Village is on the US Department of Justice list to get a grant to be used for police department work. He would like permission to pursue these funds and be able to allow the Fruitport Township Police Department to benefit from the grant.

House in the Dennis/Douglas Subdivision is allowing sump pump water to drain into the road way. C. Rothenberger III will talk to homeowner about this problem.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler
Village Clerk
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