

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
November 15, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Roger Vanderstelt at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Prayer offered by Jerry Alger.

ROLL CALL: Jerry Alger, Frank Durante, Donna Pope, Bruce Raymond, Carl Rothenberger III, Roger Vandersreht. Jacob Wier, Carolyn Lemler.

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

VISITORS: Fred Younkens and Jim Schippers, Fruitport Lion's Club, are attending the meeting to update the Council on the plans for the Old Fashioned Christmas to be held on December 15th and 16th in Pomona Park. They also wanted to thank the Village for allowing this event to take place.

Sandy Hippchen, Pine street, asked if the minutes for September 20, 2010, meeting were corrected to clarify her statements made at that meeting. Corrections are noted in the October 18, 2010, meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): Library Committee is working on the appointment of a Village Representative for the Muskegon County District Library Board. Flag in the window of the library building facing 3RD Avenue will be removed due to its poor condition and will be possibly replaced.

Frank Durante (Special Projects, Stormwater Drain Project): The 'Rake & Run' cleanup was held on November 6, 2010; volunteers raked terraces along 6TH and 7TH Avenues. J. Remwolt helped by removing the leaf piles.

Carl Rothenberger (Ordinances, Garbage Service): Report in Old Business.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): Showed a picture of the proposed plaque for Veteran's Park; working on donations. Should be able to cover the cost of the project with donated funds.

Jacob Wier (Special Projects/Grants): Received information in installing as electric vehicle recharging station in the Village. One source researched will install and operate the station with the Village to receive a percentage of the revenue. Will continue to research this project and report back to Council.

Bruce Raymond (Parks, Public Safety): The eight foot, five hundred pound bench that was installed on the fishing pier has been thrown into Spring lake. A police report has been made. DPW workers will retrieve and repair and store the bench until it can be reinstalled next spring.

Roger Vanderstelt: See New Business.

7:30PM CLOSE REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN VARIANCE HEARING

Dan Callan. 356 Lake street is asking for a set back variance from the established 20 feet to 10 feet for the construction of a garage and house on his property. The existing house foot print had the garage set approximately 10 feet from the property line and the new garage will be between 10ft and 12 ft from the property line. The proposed building will basically follow the existing house footprint as far as set backs are concerned.

Notice of Variance Hearing was published in the Muskegon Chronicle November 3, 2010. Letters were sent to property owners within 300 feet of the property at 356 Lake Street. The responses received to allow the variance were from Bill and Cindy Knape, 368 Lake Street; Marcus and Cindy Veatch. 270 Pine Street; Jackie Taylor. 295 Pine Street; Mel and Shaun Raliegh, 282 Pine street. No negative responses were received.

Dan Callan has obtained a Muskegon County DPW Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit and has also received approval from the Muskegon County Health Department for septic system.

7:35PM CLOSE SPECIAL HEARING AND REOPEN REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by D. Pope to grant a variance from the established 20 foot from property line setback to 10 foot from property line setback for the construction of a house and garage at 356 Lake Street (Parcel ID 61 41 500 016 0003 00). Motion seconded by C. Rothenberger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Decorations: C. Rothenberger has been working with R. Vanderstelt and DPW workers on relighting the old decorations and getting new frames fabricated by Gall Welding. The project will have thirty eight poles decorated along 3RD Avenue and lights installed on the trees in front of the stores across from Pomona Park on 3RD Avenue. Hope to have everything done and installed by the first or second week of December.

Tree update: Tree on north side of Pontaluna west of 3RD Avenue will be trimmed next spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Maintenance and Brush Cleanup: J. Alger has checked with four municipalities in the area as to who is responsible to clean up when property owners brush and trees fall into Village streets and right of ways. Most Municipalities have a 'common sense approach' to first get the rood open by having DPW push the debris out of the street. it is then the property owners' responsibility to clean

up the area. There is no set Ordinance but this is handled thru a Village Policy. Will get with Attorney for help in writing a Policy for the Village to handle this kind of cleanup.

DPW Building, Park Restroom and Kitchen lights: J. Alger is working on costs to replace the existing lights with energy efficient lights that would qualify the Village to participate in Consumer's Energy rebate program and save the Village on utility costs.

Sidewalks: Side walks need to be checked along Pine Street east of 8TH Avenue. Council members are to check this area for discussion at December meeting.

Gary Sloan, Brooks Road has asked Village to research the placement of an accessory building in the easement he has granted to Village of Fruitport. This will be researched and reported on at December meeting.

Oath of Office: Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Roger Vanderstelt for Village President; Carl Rothenberger. Frank Durante. Jacob Wier for Council persons.

Motion made by R. Vanderstelt to appoint C. Lemler as Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Fruitport for a two year term November 201 O-November 2012. Motion seconded by F. Durante. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed. R. Vanderstelt administered the Oath of Office to Carolyn Lemler for Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by D. Pope. Motion seconded by C. Rothenberger. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 17pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn A Lemler
Village Clerk
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