

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 18.2010

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 Vcnderstelt. Jacob Wier. Carolyn Lemler.

MINUTES: Correction to September 20, 2010,. minutes: Visitors: 'Sandy Hippchen. Pine Street. commented on the need for 'No Parking' signs on the curve where Pine Street. 6TH Avenue and lake street intersect. She also asked about having DPW clean the sidewalks on Pine Street and the possibility to get sidewalks installed on Pine Street.'

Motion made by D. Pope to approve the minutes from the previous meetings with noted corrections. Motion seconded by J. Wier. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Sandy Hippchen, Pine Street. asked the minutes for September 20.2010. be amended to clarify her statements made at that meeting.

Max Riekse. Fruitport VFW, addressed the Council regarding the Medal of Honor Plaque he would like to have installed In the Veteran's Park. Cost of the plaque would be \$1,000.00. Fruitport VFW will contribute \$100.00. D. Pope asked if a drawing of the proposed plaque was available for the Council to review. Max Riekse said he could bring a drawing to the November meeting. J. Alger said donations to help pay for the plaque should be asked for; he will contact people and see what the response is. Further action on the plaque has been tabled until the November 15,2010 meeting.

Dan Callan. 356 Lake Street. asked the Council to hold a variance hearing November 15, 2010, to consider his request for a ten foot setback variance for his garage. Clerk will notify neighbors of hearing and have notice published in the Muskegon Chronicle. Dan Callan wants to start demolition of the existing structure before the variance hearing and has said if the variance is denied he will then rework his planned location of the garage to comply with zoning requirements by using the existing garage footings. R. Vanderstelt will talk to MTS regarding the issuance of permit for the demolition.

Bill Braun is attending the meeting as an interested citizen.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk received a note from the Shermeta family thanking B. Raymond and the Village for installing the Pomona Park Bench in memory of their parents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Donna Pope (Insurance/Personnel): No committee report.

Frank Durante (Special Projects. Storm water Drain Project): Continuing to update Village Face Book page.

Coordinating the 'Rake & Run' cleanup for November 6, 2010; volunteers will be helping with leaf raking in different areas of the Village.

Carl Rothenberger (Ordinances, Garbage Service): Post cards for fall Village cleanup have been sent. Cleanup dates for household items is October 22 and 29, 2010. Yard waste cleanup will be picked up October 22 and 29 and November 5, 12, 19 and 27, 2010. Yard waste must be in paper bags.

Jerry Alger (Special Projects): Village needs to get grants to update the Village image and to work on installing Village pride in our community.

Jacob Wier (Special Projects/Grants): Have been checking on scheduling concerts/band competitions for the Band shell in Pomona Park. Would be family orientated events. F. Durante will help see what is involved.

Bruce Raymond (Parks, Public Safety): Old Fashioned Christmas: Planning is underway with the Lion's Club. It appears at this point after the two day event everything will be taken down except the trees and lights which will remain lighted in the evenings till after Christmas. Pomona Park: Restrooms have been closed and winterized as of October 15, 2010.

Boat Launch: Buoys have been removed from Spring Lake and stored for the season. I have talked with Mark Lee about repairs needed for the ramp plus the possibility of adding two small piers to assist boat launch and retrieval during busy times at the boat launch. Monies in the boat launch fund could be added to a grant for this purpose.

Roger Vanderstelt: See New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Decorations: Decorations for the lamp poles need to be replaced. C. Rothenberger is working with R. Mergener to find the best source for new decorations. Goll's Welding can fabricate the frames and brackets; Village workers and volunteers can attach the garland and lights. Each decoration would cost less than half of the ready made decorations offered by retailers for commercial use. The cost of installing more receptacles on poles along 3RD Avenue is being checked into. Costs for the project would be covered with funds left from savings on other projects.

Village Trees: Maple tree on north side of Park Street. across from the Tot Lot, is dying and branches pose a hazard if the branches were to fall into the street. Motion made by B. Raymond to remove the dying maple tree on the north side of Park Street across from the Tot Lot. Motion seconded by F. Durante. Roll call: All ayes. Motion passed.

Tree on north side of Pontaluna Road near 4TH Avenue needs to be trimmed. J. Wier will check into what needs to be done to trim this tree to make it safer and healthier.

Tree Maintenance: R. Vanderstelt will contact attorney with regards to residents' trees that fall into the road ways during storms and who is responsible for cleanup costs.

DPW: Employees have begun winterizing equipment and getting plows ready for the snow season.

METRO Act: Request received from Merit Network. Inc. to apply for a METRO Act permit to run fiber optic cables thru the Village of Fruitport road right of way along 3RD Avenue. Merit Network offers data services for schools, government organizations, health care organizations, businesses and households. Merit Network is providing a fiber optic network working to improve broadband in the State of Michigan. Clerk contacted Village attorney regarding this matter; contract is a standard form contract used for METRO Act requests. Motion made by D. Pope to grant a METRO Act permit to Merit Network. Motion seconded by B. Raymond. Roll call: Ayes: J. Alger, F. Durante, D. Pope, B. Raymond, C. Rothenberger, R. Vanderstelt. Nays: J. Wier. Motion passed.

Leave of Absence: R. Mergener, DPW leader, Has requested a leave of absence from November 1, 2010 thru January 8, 2011. This request complies with the terms set in the Union Contract between DPW Workers and the Village of Fruitport for leave of absence. R. Vanderstelt will check into hiring a Temporary Worker to help out at DPW during this time.

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 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by
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