

**VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

1. Call to Order

President Roger Vanderstelt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge

3. Prayer

4. Roll call

Present: Roger Vanderstelt, Donna Pope, Carl Rothenberger, Bill Overkamp and Jay Bolt.

Absent: Jeff Guiles Also present: Jeremy Statler, DPW Supervisor

5. Approve the agenda for the February 11th Public Information Session

Motion made by Bill to approve the agenda, supported by Donna. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

6. Opening Statement

President Roger Vanderstelt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Roger advised that we will conduct a presentation then proceed with Public Comment. Roger turned the floor over to Jay Bolt.

7. Presentation

Jay gave an overview of what has transpired and why we are here today. He displayed a power point presentation. The presentation included:

Utility History Including Water, Sewer and Road Projects

Master Plan Survey Results

Project 2020 Proposed Special Assessment Sewer Service Area

2020 Project Estimated Timing and Costs

8. Public Comment

Several residents and business owners made comments. See attached.

9. Closing Statement

President Roger Vanderstelt thanked everyone for coming and for their comments. He advised that if you would like more information about the projected sewer costs for your property to contact the Village Office. He advised the office information is listed at the bottom of the agenda that was distributed to all in attendance.

Jay also gave a short closing statement.

10. Adjourn

Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, supported by Donna. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann LaCroix
Clerk

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Jerry Lundberg, 88 S 3rd, questioned the REU distribution and the engineering cost. Jay explained that the REU's are determined based on individual parcels. The engineering projected costs include a 30% contingency rate.
2. Tonika Ohan, 130 N 3rd, questioned why are we doing this. Roger explained that 3rd Avenue is being reconstructed and while the road is being redone sewers could be installed.
3. Randy Klingle, 2850 Roosevelt Rd, stated he is a real estate broker. He doesn't see a big demand for commercial property. He shared information about a property in another community that the expense for the sewer exceeded the value of the property.
4. Eli Cooper, 142 N 3rd, questioned the petition, questioned if you get more than one vote if you own more land or have a higher REU than others.
5. Eric Klingle, 68 S. 3rd, discussed his REU value, questioned the petition and votes, reviewed the quoted monthly and yearly breakdown stating they didn't include the interest. He questioned the water and sewer usage bills. He expects the water bill to double.
6. Jason Kolkema, 153 3rd, questioned the language of the petition and if it was approved by the board.
7. Jim Pansy, 10 S 3rd, stated he is in favor of the project. It is building for the future. We need to expand our tax base or cut back on services. He will start the petition and would like a person who is not in favor of the sewer to accompany him while he solicits signatures.
8. Randy Klingle, returned to the podium, he questioned is the sewer designed for expansion. He said the council needs to consider if expanding they designed it with all the burden on the property owners. Feels the whole community should share in the expense.
9. Jim Luben, 185 N 3rd, questioned about ground water.
10. Shawn Arvey, 205 N 3rd, stated he appreciates the open mindedness of the council. Questioned if we have checked with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for funding. Roger advised we have not but will check into it.
11. Doug Himebaugh, 239 N 2nd, said people are asked to decide without all the monetary costs.
12. Eric Klingle, returned to the podium, again stated the monthly and yearly breakdown didn't include the interest.