

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, 8:00 P.M.  
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL - BROUGHTON HOUSE  
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Jahnke at 8:04 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Mark Jahnke, Randy McElroy, Dominick Schiano, Fred Gallasch, Alan Harnisch, Bill Lamott, Brian Coyer (arrived at 8:16 p.m.)

Also Present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator  
Eileen Pulker, Clerk  
Patrick Browne, Police Chief  
John Staran, Village Attorney  
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)

**Motion by Schiano, supported by McElroy, to excuse Coyer in his absence from the meeting due to his attendance at the Fire Commission meeting.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Coyer**

**Motion carried.**

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

Jahnke asked to add to New Business item **E. Consideration of a special council meeting with Huda School representatives to look at temporary conditions particularly as it relates to parking and drop off.**

**Motion by Schiano, supported by McElroy, to adopt the agenda with the change as proposed to include New Business item E to consider a special council meeting with Huda School representatives to look at temporary parking and drop off conditions during construction.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Coyer**

**Motion carried.**

**IV. Minutes**

**A. August 13, 2007 Regular Village Council Meeting**

**Motion by Harnisch, supported by Gallasch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting of August 13, 2007 as presented.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Coyer**

**Motion carried.**

**I. Reports of Village Officers and Agents**

Police Chief Patrick Browne referred Council to his written report and brought details for a few items to the Council's attention including:

- o A stolen bracelet on Willowgreen during an estate sale.
- o Two garages were entered on Helmsdale where golf clubs, a circular saw and a leaf blower were stolen. Browne cautioned the residents to keep their garage doors closed unless they are outside to keep an eye on it as an open garage is an easy target.
- o A serious injury automobile accident took place in Bingham Farms.

Browne reported again that he is starting to see more people breaking into cars that contain GPS systems. Browne advised motorists that own these units to hide them or remove them when they leave their vehicles.

Browne introduced Franklin's new Police Officer Mike Bastianelli to the council and explained that he comes to Franklin with many awards and accomplishments from the Detroit Police Department.

Bastianelli thanked Council for the opportunity to serve in the Village.

Jahnke noted that Treasurer Thomas Morrow was unable to attend the meeting and referred to his written report and paraphrased that the Bills List amount is significantly greater than most months because included in the total are a number of bond payments. The 2007 tax distribution for the fire department and the library are also included in the figure. The expenditures are generally consistent with the 2007-2008 budget and the Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations.

**II. Submission of Current Bills**

<b><u>TOTALS:</u></b>	
<b>General Administration</b>	<b>\$12,514.48</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>26,844.44</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>87,445.04</b>
<b>Legal</b>	<b>4,195.00</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>29,476.41</b>
<b>Pressure Sewer</b>	<b>179,484.26</b>
<b>General Debt Service</b>	<b>287,427.50</b>
<b>Major Roads</b>	<b>6,582.50</b>
<b>Local Roads</b>	<b>4,365.00</b>
<b>Rubbish</b>	<b>24,479.40</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>
<b>Village Hall &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Tax Fund</b>	<b>307,048.13</b>
<b>Waste Water</b>	<b>679.25</b>
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$974,241.41</b>

**Motion by McElroy, supported by Gallasch, to approve the bills list as submitted.**

Coyer arrived at 8:16 p.m.

Schiano asked that council receive a copy of the statements for the MERS retirement account as they are received.

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

### **III. Public Requests and Comments**

Marsha Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner, stated that she co-hosted a seminar on foreclosure with housing counselors. Gershenson added that the program was taped and will be broadcast Bloomfield Community Television. Gershenson also stated that she attended a Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting and heard about a Care Givers Expo that will be held Saturday, October 30, 2007 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi adding that it is geared for people who are caring for an aging parent, relative or friend. Gershenson advised that the home delivery meals program in several of the south Oakland County communities have lost their contract with the food delivery service and that the homebound citizens will only get food delivered every two weeks until the contract is resumed. Gershenson pointed out that this is an opportunity for any local organizations or high school students who need community service to reach out to the homebound residents in Oakland County. Gershenson reported attending a Community Health Parody Forum and announced that Michigan is one of only eight states that do not have Mental Health Parody. Gershenson announced that the Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council (BASCC) is holding their senior expo Thursday, September 27, 2007 at Midvale School where there will be free hearing screenings, nutritional assessments and cholesterol testing for a nominal charge. Gershenson also announced that the annual Bid and Breakfast program will take place on Oct 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. noting that it is an opportunity for businesses to meet the Oakland County Road & Drain Commission's purchasing departments to and to see what projects will be proposed in the coming year that the contractors can bid on. Gershenson noted that the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual NAACP Convention that will be Friday and Saturday at the Summerset Inn in Troy. Gershenson informed council that the Village of Leonard has become a mentor community with the Main Street Oakland County Program.

### **IV. Special Reports**

#### **A. President's Report, Mark Jahnke, Village President**

##### **1. Transition to President – Elect Gallasch**

Jahnke stated that since it was apparent in June that Gallasch would be the next Village President, he had asked that Gallasch be invited to all the Legal Liaison Committee meetings, which he has attended, additionally Gallasch has attended a Main Street meeting with Oakland County, has met with Staran, Stoppels and Jahnke on legal matters, and Gallasch has met with Jahnke to talk about the transition in general.

##### **2. "Main Street" Oakland County, status**

Jahnke noted that the Planning Commission has an item on their next agenda called Main Street Update to preplan a working group for formation and next step planning.

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. Consider Land Fill Permit Application for 31700 Nottingham.**

The applicant, Charles Whitelaw was present to address the questions and concerns of the Council. Discussion ensued regarding how much of a bond should be placed on this permit and it was determined that the bonds already collected for previous permits were sufficient and will

remain held until the Landfill Permit is completed and approved. No additional bonds would be necessary.

**#2007-71 Motion by Harnisch, supported by Schiano, to approve the Land Fill Permit Application for 31700 Nottingham and the release of any bonds are contingent upon fulfillment of adequate performance of the landfill requested.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**B. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Benefit Concert on Village Green to be held Sunday, September 23, 2007.**

Jahnke explained that this is for a benefit concert to be held at 4:00 p.m. and it is being organized by the Music on the Green crew to assist some long time residents of the Village. The Anderson's son Grant was involved in a very serious accident and this is another way for the community to come together and help Grant and his family. Jahnke added that donations can be sent to Hannah Anderson at the Music on the Green address and that a flyer for the event is posted on the Community page of the Village website.

**#2007-72 Motion by Schiano, supported by Gallasch, to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Benefit Concert on the Village Green to be held Sunday, September 23, 2007 including a sign to be placed previous to the event.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**C. Consider Options for Road Sealing Program.**

Stoppels explained that the sealing process is in an effort to prevent pot holes and maintain the roads for the longest period of time. Stoppels added that Hubbel, Roth & Clark will be taking bids Tuesday, September 18, 2007 and this program has been approved in the current year budget.

**#2007-73 Motion by Gallasch, supported by McElroy, to authorize Stoppels to make arrangements to accept bids and perform the work to do seal crack filling and to not exceed the amount that was budgeted in the current fiscal year budget.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**D. Consider Police Chief's Recommendation for Construction Parking at Huda School.**

Stoppels explained that in response to what has been seen and heard since school opened at Huda School on Franklin Road, Chief Browne and Stoppels have observed that situation. Browne put together a proposal to control the parking situation that occurs there during drop off and pick up of students.

Browne handed out a sketch of Romany Way to the Council and commented that there were some problems with parking on Romany Way. Browne recommended that they post it "No Parking"

on the south side of Romany Way from Franklin Road to Bowden, and then on the north side from Bowden to the eastern property line of Huda School post it “No Stopping, Standing or Parking”.

**#2007-74 Motion by Harnisch, supported by McElroy, to approve the traffic control order as recommended by the Police Chief by posting and enforcing the no stopping, standing or parking on both sides of Romany Way from Franklin Road to Bowden on the south side and from the eastern property line of Huda School to Bowden on the north side.**

Lis Knibbe, Architect for the Huda School project, opined that Wednesday’s traffic problems may have been caused by the high level of curiosity from the parents on the new renovations going on inside the school. Knibbe assured council that it will get better.

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**E. Consider a special council meeting with Huda School representatives to look at temporary conditions particularly as it relates to parking and drop off.**

Jahnke stated that the Planning Commission will address this topic as part of the site plan process before they make a recommendation to Council.

Stoppels explained that there have been some site improvements that have been undertaken that may be necessary for the safety of the occupants in the building that the Village will be pressing during the site plan review. Stoppels added that the architect is aware that the sidewalks are subject to removal if they are not approved during the site plan process. Stoppels also stated that he had spoken to Browne and Building Official Bill Dinnan, about what would happen if the school installed a temporary road that connects the two parking lots which would allow vehicles to enter onto the property and exit for a different place in an effort to alleviate the high traffic “clogs” due to the construction. Stoppels noted that it would be temporary and it would still be subject to site plan approval; meaning that they would risk having to remove it at a later time.

**#2007-75 Motion by Gallasch, supported by Schiano, to schedule a special public meeting for Council to discuss temporary thoroughway at the school.**

Dr. Anan Abdelrahman, President of the Huda School Board of Trustees, introduced himself to the Council and offered his help with any problems that exist or may arise during the school’s transition. Abdelrahman added that he is happy to cooperate in any way that he can with anything that the Council and the Community needs. Abdelrahman stated that he is glad to address anything that will make things good for Council, the neighbors, and for the community and will do anything to be good neighbors and good citizens.

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

Gallasch asked to make sure that the Historic District Commission and the Planning Commission get a copy of the agenda as soon as it is available.

**VI. Bids/Contracts**

**A. Consider Contract between the Village and the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**

Averbuch announced that the agreement received a unanimous decision to support its approval and was passed by the Fire Department board of directors. Averbuch added that there were three minor changes that were placed in it, as follows:

- In the middle of paragraph 8, include requirements that will be held to the fire department have to be agreed upon by the fire department.
- Grammar change on paragraph 16, fire department needs to be all caps.
- Add in to the first sentence in paragraph 16, that corporate assets would be divided under the Michigan Non-Profit Act.

**#2007-76 Motion by Coyer, supported by Schiano, that the Village of Franklin authorize its President to execute a contract with the Franklin Bingham Fire Department Inc and Fire Protection Contract as been presented to the Council at this meeting and approved by the Fire Commission subject to the final approval of the change in paragraph 8 as proposed.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

Averbuch referred the Council to his written report and updated Council on the status of the new ambulance and explained that the chassis was built and was shipped out. Averbuch added that everything was done very well and he looks forward to it as an excellent addition to the fleet and will also provide the additional service capability to the Villagers. Averbuch advised Council that he has been in contact with the State with regard to some fire protection issues at the Huda School project that they need to be aware of and noted that he expects cooperation with the school as had been provided in the past.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion by Gallasch, supported by McElroy, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: McElroy, Schiano, Gallasch, Harnisch, Coyer, Lamott, Jahnke**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angie Wicke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

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Mark W. Jahnke, President