

**SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD
DECEMBER 2, 2010, 6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of the Franklin Village Council to discuss items before the Finance, Legal, Personnel, Public Works, and Website Committees was called to order by President Gallasch at 6:00PM at the Franklin Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Seltzer, Brian Gettel, Lew Eads, Fred Gallasch. Bill Lamott, Steve Rosenthal, Jim Kochensparger (arrived at 6:30 PM)

Absent: None

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator; John Staran, Village Attorney; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk

WORK SESSION

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sullivan stated that the audit is being finalized. There were questions and a discussion concerning the Building Fund.

2. LEGAL COMMITTEE

A. Sign Ordinance

1. Political Signage

Sullivan stated that the Village does have a political sign ordinance that regulates the size and locations of such signs but the Village has not been enforcing it. The penalties for non-compliance signs were discussed. Staran summarized the legal ramifications of political sign enforcement. Ordinance comparisons among Franklin, Bloomfield Twp., and Birmingham were discussed.

2. Non-Conforming Signs

Sullivan explained that she's in the process of enforcing the non-confirming temporary signs amortization date. There is still a question as to how to handle the permanent sign amortization date. After a discussion it was decided that the issue would be put on the agenda for the January 2011 Council Meeting. Sullivan will put it on the December Planning Commission and Historic District Commission agendas for the purpose of input.

B. Committee Functions and Organization

Eads led a discussion about the Council "Work Session" vs. "Committee" organization. Mention was made about establishing an "Open Issues List" and "HR Goals". Gallasch will set up a sub-committee to formalize the HR Goals.

3. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A. Health Insurance Renewal, eff. January 2011

Sullivan summarized her memo to the Council and added that this will be on the agenda of the next Council Meeting. Sullivan will be looking into other alternatives which will be included with the budget discussions.

4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Sullivan said there was a productive meeting with the owner of Great Lakes that cleared up some of the Village's concerns. There was also a clarification of expectations.

5. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

A. Village Website Discussion

Sullivan summarized her memo to the Council, emphasizing 3 different options. Gettel made a suggestion that the Village find someone who would give a little more content to the articles that are supposed to be drawing people to the website.

Eads suggested someone look into Muniweb.com, a Birmingham company which specializes in municipal websites. Gallasch asked that members make a list of things that they would like to see on the site.

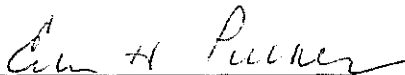
The issue will be put on December's Council agenda.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary



Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President