

**SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD
FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN
6:30 PM, APRIL 5, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Gallasch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Seltzer, Lew Eads, Fred Gallasch, Bill Lamott, Jim Kochensparger,
Absent: Brian Gettel (excused), Steve Rosenthal (for partial meeting on speaker phone via "Meeting to Go")

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Administrator; Eileen Pulker, Clerk, Tom Morrow, Treasurer;
Pat Browne, Police Chief

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Special Meeting to Discuss Preliminary Budget FY2011-2012

For those Council Members who were not at the March 31, 2011 Budget Meeting, funding options, alternatives, and processes were summarized.

Morrow emphasized that even when property taxes go up we won't see an increase in revenue because of the Headlee amendment which will cap the increase to 3% per year.

Morrow advised the Council of the possible tax increase per household with both the pressure sewer tax and millage.

Sullivan provided the Council with a list of possible cuts which had been suggested at previous budget meetings. The Council proceeded with a line-by-line analysis of those items. Clarification of the Unemployment regulations was requested.

Gallasch pointed out that the Council needs to show the residents that every attempt has been made to reduce the budget. Morrow made mention that this process is a very important due diligence step so the Village can look at whether there is any alternative to the Headlee override without significantly impacting the service levels of the Village.

The subject of how to approach the Villagers with the budget cuts was discussed.

Morrow reported that the Blue Ribbon Budget Committee wanted to see: 1) Use some of the General Fund fund balance; 2) Cut everything that is possible; 3) allow Villagers to vote on it. He felt it was necessary that the Council demonstrate that it was doing just that. If it doesn't, it might be more of an uphill battle to get the Headlee override.

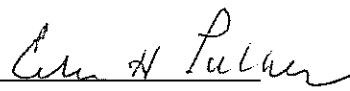
The various schedules and deadlines for the Public Hearing date, final approval of the Budget, the final decision concerning the Headlee override were discussed. The approval by the Attorney General of the basic language for the tax ballot wording, and the formal adoption of it by Council were discussed.

There was a brief discussion about the property along Telegraph Road. The subject of the possible proposed wireless tower was also brought up.

IV. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke



Eileen H. Pulker

H. Frederick Gallasch, President