

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**January 21, 2015**  
**32325 Franklin Road – Village Hall**  
**Franklin, Michigan**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Village of Franklin Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman, Connie Ettinger at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI at 7:00 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Rajaei Abbass, Karen Couf-Cohen, Calvin Cupidore, Connie Ettinger, Peter Halick, Mike Heisel, Dean Moenck, Bill Sheppard

Absent: Bob Wilke

Also Present: Planning Consultant, Sarah Traxler, McKenna & Associates; Village Administrator, Jim Creech; Village Clerk, Eileen Pulker

**III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Cupidore to adopt the agenda as presented and published.**

**Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Cupidore, Ettinger, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Wilke**

**Motion carried.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting of October 15, 2014**

**Motion by Sheppard, seconded by Moenck to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2014, as submitted.**

**Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Cupidore, Ettinger, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Wilke**

**Motion carried.**

**V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Creech updated the Commission on several items:

- There will be a Village ballot issue on the May 5, 2015 state wide election and, as such, the Village Council has approved the language for a millage renewal of .3980 mills (the Headlee roll down of the original .4 millage increase approved in 2012 which was temporary and will expire after this year's July 1, 2015 tax levy), which if approved, will allow the Village to avoid a funding gap. The new term for this renewal will be for 5 years that will enable the Village to consider renewals as needed within the new election schedule.
- The Village Council has submitted the final documents necessary to the State of Michigan for the Village to be designated a "Certified Local Government" which will enable the Village to participate in grant funding, such as the recent grant applied for to renovate the Broughton House (Village Hall).

**VI. BUDGET EXPENDITURE REPORT UPDATE**

Ettinger stated that the Planning Commission is under budget. Cupidore voiced his concern about the Master Plan budget. Discussion ensued concerning the Master Plan expenses with regards to the possible on-going rewriting and/or editing of it.

Ettinger said she has received comments from several citizens and some of the Village Council members, and will follow up with those who have not responded.

A proposed Master Plan Procedure schedule was discussed.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ettinger opened the meeting for public comments with no one from the public responding.

## **VIII. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Proposed 2015 Village Master Plan**

Ettinger opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 P.M.

Ettinger noted that there would be another Public Hearing scheduled after the Village has received comments from neighboring municipalities.

There being no public comments and the Hearing was closed at 7:20 P.M.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consider 2015 Master Plan Approval.**

Ettinger stated that the subject was mute.

### **B. Consider DTE Ground to Sky Program.**

Ettinger remarked that due to the volatile nature of the subject and the recent events and press coverage this subject has received, the decision on this subject matter should be tabled.

A general discussion relative to the impact on Franklin, past and future, ensued. It was suggested that Creech contact the Bloomfield Township Supervisor about its procedures and request that he be kept informed of its dealings with DTE with regards to this matter.

It was also suggested that Bill Dwyer, Oakland County Commissioner, might be able to represent Franklin's interests and concerns when dealing with DTE and with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Village involvement was discussed.

Ettinger opined that at the next meeting the PC should form a committee to investigate the issues relative to Franklin.

**Motion by Sheppard supported by Heisel to amend the Agenda to include under IX. New Business, C. Consider Bingham Farms Master Plan.**

**Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Cupidore, Ettinger, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Wilke**

**Motion carried.**

### **C. Consider Bingham Farms Master Plan.**

Traxler explained the procedure and outlined details of the document. She provided the Commissioners with a copy of a letter that she had drafted to the Bingham Farms PC.

**Motion by Cupidore, seconded by Abbass to authorize Traxler to submit a letter as written to the Bingham Farms Planning Commission regarding its Master Plan, barring any additional comments she received from Planning Commissioners.**

**Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Cupidore, Ettinger, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Wilke**  
**Motion carried.**

Discussion ensued about elements of the Bingham Farms Master Plan and how it would relate to Franklin's.

## **X. UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

### **A. Next Regularly Scheduled meeting, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

Ettinger summarized those significant points and actions that were discussed in the meeting. She outlined items to be discussed at the February meeting: continuation of DTE Ground to Sky Program, further discussion on the Master Plan, timelines, and future projects.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

### **A. Motion by Cupidore supported by Halick to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Cupidore, Ettinger, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Wilke**  
**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk