

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020, 7 PM**

Held remotely via “ZOOM.us”, per the Governor’s Emergency Order #2020-75

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Hansen, at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon, Pam Hansen, Bill Lamott, Ed Saenz, Mike Seltzer, Mira Stakhiv

Absent: None

Also Present: Roger Fraser, Village Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk
Doreen Martin, Deputy Village Clerk
John Staran, Village Attorney
Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer
Dan Roberts, Police Chief
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

Roll Call Vote

Seltzer	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Gordon	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Hanson	Aye
Gallasch	Aye

Hansen explained the process for the public to access this electronic meeting.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Gallasch would like to delete **X. ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS, B. Consider a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day** as he thought it was inappropriate to address this item. The meeting was to work on Franklin’s issues, not national issues. He thought that both sides on this political issue would need to be heard. He felt it to be above the level of where the Village should be operating and opened up advocacies for other groups.

Motion by Gallasch, seconded by Lamott to amend the agenda by removing X. B.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Nay
Hansen	Nay
Lamott	Aye

Seltzer **Nay**
Saenz **Nay**
Gordon **Nay**

Motion failed.

Hansen invited those residents to speak to this issue later in the meeting when it comes up later in the agenda.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Seltzer **Aye**
Stakhiv **Aye**
Lamott **Aye**
Gordon **Aye**
Saenz **Aye**
Hanson **Aye**
Gallasch **Aye**

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 13, 2020

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2020, as presented.

Staran advised that per the Governor's orders a Roll Call Vote was needed for every motion.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch **Aye**
Stakhiv **Aye**
Hansen **Aye**
Lamott **Aye**
Seltzer **Aye**
Saenz **Aye**
Gordon **Aye**

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Hansen explained the normal procedures for Public Comments. Each respondent would have two (2) minutes to respond.

Doreen Martin, Deputy Clerk, helped with recognizing those who wished to speak during the Public Comments section.

John Simon, Kincardine, stated that he was concerned that Trustee Gordon and Trustee Seltzer have been disrespectful to Trustee Lamott on numerous occasions adding that this conduct has also been seen on social media. He further commented that he found them to be unprofessional and requested that the Village President develop a code of ethics for all Council members in maintaining proper decorum. Dr. Erlich finished reading Simons comments regarding the role that the Franklin Historical Society plays in preserving the rural character of Franklin.

Greg McComas, Franklin Road, a resident for over 10 years, noted his view of the lack of communication regarding the sidewalks and streetscape plan and referenced a letter that he had sent to the Council members prior to the meeting. McComas stated that he would like to see the course on the sidewalks changed, noting that he and his neighbors reside in a residential area. He concluded stating that he would recommend that this be voted on to allow he and his neighbors to decide about this project.

Hansen acknowledged the difficulties of last month's meeting with "call ins".

VI. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief, referred to his written report for March 2020. With the numbers being down, he thanked the Villagers for following the posting of when to use 911 and emergency services. A number of residents had used the "Nurse on Call" feature, as well as their own personal physicians, with medical questions and other needs. He, however, was concerned about those residents who don't call 911 when in an actual emergency. He stressed that hospitals were available to support such needs and urged residents to call when in need of urgent and emergent medical care. Acknowledging there was a stigma and social unease about going to the hospital, he stated that the hospitals were taking every precaution in disinfecting and sanitizing. His second (2nd) concern was the increase in false alarms the department had been receiving. This was mainly due to residents' DIY projects in the home and contractors who were not covering up alarm sensors and/or notifying alarm companies. He urged people to be as careful and safe as possible during these unusual times in preventing false alarms.

Dan Roberts, Police Chief, reported on package thefts from the mail and from the front porches. Arrests had been made and the Dept. was very grateful for those living on Cheviot Hills who had immediately called the police about some suspicious activity. He requested that residents be on the lookout. The police had been getting good feedback on the Birthday drive-byes for the young children. Normally at this time of year he would be honoring police officers with awards and having the presentation at a Council meeting. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this would be postponed until the June or July Council meeting for these very important in-person recognitions. Today he received the HRC Sign Study which was very extensive and quite voluminous. Roberts summarized the first pages of the high, medium, and low risk signs which indicated their priority of needing to be addressed immediately. He spoke with the lead Engineer who agreed to come in and discuss the report once the quarantine had been lifted. Jerry Johnson and his crew would probably be involved in the replacing of the signs. If signs were needed to be purchased, the costs

would need to be budgeted. Responding to Gallasch's question, Roberts said that depending on if the department had the signs in stock, the replacement of the "high risk" signs could begin immediately. He anticipated that many would have to be ordered. Gallasch also inquired about whether there was a choice of sign designs? Roberts replied there was no choice for traffic control signs; however, there were options for the street name signs.

Hansen was in agreement with Gallasch in pursuing immediate sign replacement; however, she asked Roberts if he agreed with HRC's findings or did he have any recommendations which were different? Roberts stated that he was in accordance with the high priority signs. Hansen also wanted to know about the finances for the signs. Roberts confirmed that Council had authorized \$10,000 for HRC to do the study. Hansen stated she was interested in knowing what was in the report and the prioritization according to the budget. Fraser had a copy and would send it out to the Council members. Roberts commented that it was very detailed and gave some examples.

Jason Dickman, acting Interim Executive Director, Main Street Franklin and owner of "Just Guys", referred to a handout which he had given to Pulker for the Council. He had been the acting Executive Director since February and updated Council on Main Street's activities. The overall objective for MSF in 2020 was to re-establish Main Street Franklin and its Board to become more efficient and successful, all of which it had struggled with over the years. The keys would be communication, organization, and collaboration. Within the last 8-10 weeks he had been working on grants from Oakland County (ultimately Franklin received 6 grants), applying for matching grants from Flagstar Bank and Genesis, and a fundraising campaign for \$10,000 through [Patronicity.com/Franklin](https://www.patronicity.com/Franklin) which would help the Franklin merchants during this pandemic; \$4,000 of which would be matched by Oakland County. Also funded by Oakland County would be "re-open" kits with masks, gloves, and sanitizers for the store owners and businesses.

Gallasch complimented Dickman on a job well done. He has picked up Main Street and made it active and positive. Dickman appreciated the feedback and would have further updates for Council. Saenz stated he had been in contact with Dickman and it was good to see the new and re-invigorated enthusiasm in that role. From his perspective as Council representative to MSF, he told Dickman there was a need for communication with the Council and the need and the ability to recruit and engage volunteers to help with some of MSF's activities. Dickman replied that the goals of more fundraising and volunteering were key discussion points when the MSF Board had its 2 day retreat in February. Stakhiv also thanked Dickman. She had been in contact with him because she had been concerned about the businesses and personally started reaching out to them and buying gift certificates. She urged people to do the same and to donate to [Patronicity.com/Franklin](https://www.patronicity.com/Franklin) because of Oakland County's matching grant of up to \$4,000.

In these last few months he had been in contact with and been getting to know John Bry and many other members at Oakland County Main Street and other area Main Street Directors. Hansen asked if he would comment on his sense of Franklin's business environment and what the business owners were saying and what they were worried about. He commented on the application process and how the Board would decide on the distribution of the monies from some of the grants. As to how the merchants were reacting, he explained that he usually sent out weekly emails to them. There had been a lot of concern expressed by the merchants especially the apparel and retail businesses. He detailed what some were doing to encourage business and what

the future might look like for them and the “new normal”. He added that, “Glamour Puss”/”Party Girls” would be closing due to the owner’s retirement. Kathy Mamat, who had been operating “Bead Works” and owned “Kathy Mamat Designs” would not be re-opening after the pandemic.

Lance Vainik, Treasurer, referred to his monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending for a total of \$ 801,925.47. Vainik stated that the expenditures are generally consistent with the FY2019-2020 Budget. The Bills List for this month included a large entry of \$20,289.50 to Nowak & Fraus Engineers for engineering services. Vainik concluded by stating that the Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations. The list of account balances in your packets was as of May 7, 2020 held at Level One Bank. A Balance Sheet was also provided from the interest bearing CD’s held at Multi-Bank Securities.

VII.SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Catogory	sub totals
General	\$ 142,335.90
Maj Streets	\$ 16,337.52
Local Streets	\$ 16,889.53
Police	\$ 33,785.39
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 14,978.90
Building Dept	\$ 8,927.83
Street Project	\$ 7,347.67
Road Millage	\$ 561,200.00
Pressure Sewer Tax Collection	
Waste Water	\$ 122.73
totals	\$ 801,925.47

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz to approve the Bill’s List, as submitted.

Gallasch stated he had asked this question several times and hadn’t received an answer. The Village continued to have a number of bills from Land Design and Nowak & Fraus. He would like to see an accumulation of what had been spent relative to what had been accomplished. It was his opinion that the Village needed to keep track of the details.

Hansen was aware that Gallasch had brought up this item before. She questioned Fraser if he could provide a running report of what was being spent on the Streetscape project? Fraser proposed that Council receive copies of the bills from Land Design and the engineering firm, Nowak & Fraus so it could have a better financial perspective of the project. Gallasch inquired if there was an estimate of the cost for the project? Fraser stated Council had received one and there was a more recent one in the last few days which was within \$7,000 of what had been estimated earlier. He, personally, looked over the figures and would provide them to whomever was interested. Hansen identified the detailed budget document with those figures prepared by Krear and by Novak & Fraus. Those who would like a copy should contact Pulker. Gallasch confirmed that Fraser had been checking the accumulation against that budget and requested a copy.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch **Aye**
Stakhiv **Aye**
Hansen **Aye**
Lamott **Aye**
Seltzer **Aye**
Saenz **Aye**
Gordon **Aye**

Motion carried.

VIII.SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President’s Report

1. Downtown Discussion/Franklin Road

Hansen acknowledged and thanked Dickman for stepping up, becoming involved with MSF, and representing Franklin as one of the districts in Oakland County receiving financial support for the businesses.

The Village received a “construction calendar” in its first draft from the engineer at Novak & Fraus and she felt everything was on track to go out for bids. Hopefully, construction could start in mid-June and wrap up before the middle of November, which was a little longer than initially estimated. An extra month had been added due to the difficult times we were in at the moment. Council and Fraser would be kept up-to-date. At this point Fraser would be “information central” as he would coordinate the Village efforts of the engineering and HRC.

Hansen reminded Council and the public there was scheduled a “Closed Session” on the agenda which would be at the end of this meeting. The Council meeting would then re-convene very briefly to adjourn this Council meeting.

B. Council Report

Seltzer said a few words about the FCA (Franklin Community Association) regarding upcoming events which were questionable due to the pandemic; there had been a discussion about having a Drive-In movie to replace the Movies on the Green. His other news about the FCA was that Jane Polan had stepped down and Al Beke had taken over as President and Kathy Erlich continued as Vice President. Support of the FCA and its volunteers was very important to the Village. Responding to Simon’s earlier comments, Seltzer stated he had no other agenda than working for the best interest of the entirety of our community. He publicly apologized to Council member Lamott because he didn’t believe in bullying or intimidation. He stated that we all were passionate people in our community and had very strong beliefs. He felt there had been a lot of misinformation over the past several months on Social Media about the Streetscape plan, as well as other things. He felt it was important as a Council person who knew the details and facts and also as a taxpayer who had an invested interest in the betterment of the community to say his “peace”. When incorrect information was “put out” there he felt it to be important to rectify that. He had no intimidation plan and re-iterated he had no agenda with regard to Lamott. He noted

that he respected him and they had been colleagues for years. Seltzer stated that he was one of the architects of the Kreger campus moving and was proud of the work they had done. He was very happy the Village had that campus, the restrooms, the barn, and was very supportive. He said he was a “preservationist”, as well, looking at the progressive needs of the community. To Dr. Simon, he noted he had sent an email to his daughter (Kathy Erlich) with his cell phone number and asked that Simon call him. He was an “open book” and would be happy to talk with him and/or anyone else about their opinions and beliefs and would have healthy conversations with any member of the community.

C. Administrator Report

Fraser stated there were a number of things which went on during the week which had already been discussed. Last week there was a preliminary meeting about the Budget and there were a lot of details that needed to be worked on. At the meeting there was a question about the Water Study. He has pulled together some information from HRC and was waiting for information from AKT on some environmental issues to the south. He spent a number of hours listening to webinars about how to recoup some money from some of expenditures the Village had had from the Emergency Responders associated to COVID-19.

He acknowledged and thanked Martin and Pulker for their help with everything.

Answering Hansen’s inquiry about the due date for the AKT report, Fraser replied that due to the pandemic and no one being in offices the availability of information had been restricted.

D. Clerk Report

Pulker stated that the State Attorney General’s office had approved the proposed Charter amendment to change from an elected to an appointed Village Clerk. She had also received a letter from the Governor’s Office. This amendment would be put on the August ballot which would allow the Council to appoint a Clerk rather than having a Village-wide election. She was reiterated that she was retiring in November and supported the amendment. This ballot question would be given to the County tomorrow which was the due date.

Saenz noted that in the past the Planning Commission had been on the agenda. David Goldberg, PC Chairman, was “in attendance” and would like to be acknowledged.

David Goldberg, Willowgreen Ct., Planning Commission Chairman, noted that the PC meetings had been cancelled since the COVID-19 outbreak began. The first PC virtual meeting would be Wednesday next week. At this point there was nothing to report or ask questions about; however, he anticipated at the next meeting there would be some items which he could report on at the June Council meeting. At their upcoming meeting the Commission would continue to work on the Master Plan Review, the sub-committee review of the sidewalks along the main roads which they would bring back to Council, and the on-going discussion with the cemetery. He anticipated a Public Hearing on the cemetery issue would be scheduled.

Saenz had a question for Fraser regarding any backlog created for the Council due to the virtual meetings. Fraser responded that there had been a lull in activity in all respects and as such the absence of those meetings had not impacted the Council.

Gordon referred to McComas' earlier comments and letter he had sent in regarding the Village's maintenance and liability obligations with the sidewalks. Fraser stated that he assumed the Village would have the responsibility for the snow removal on the sidewalks in the downtown area and the Historic District. At the moment he could not speak to how far the responsibility extended. He referred this issue to Staran to respond. Staran agreed with Fraser in that the proposed sidewalks would be located in the public right-of-ways and just like anything else in the right-of-way they would be the Village's responsibility. They, like the public roads, would be under the Village's control to be kept safe and maintained. The only reason a private property owner would have a liability would be if the private property owner had been negligent which might have caused an injury.

Stakhiv confirmed Staran's statement that because they were public, all sidewalks would be maintained. However, Staran clarified that how the Village chose to maintain them, how frequently, and by what means would be administrative decisions. Therefore, Stakhiv stressed the need to create a maintenance account in the Budget for those sidewalks. Fraser pointed out that some of the Act 51 Local Street Funds could be used for that maintenance and the General Fund, if Council so desired. He had increased the General Fund budget so as to include the general maintenance with the expectation that Johnson Landscaping would have more responsibility for the sidewalks, among other things.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Adoption of Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, beginning July 1, 2020.

Fraser walked through the 2020 Tax Rate Request Table based on the taxable value of all Village properties as of May 25, 2020 (\$363,441,770.00). This was almost a 10% increase from last year.

Gallasch stated that the Finance Committee did not oversee this at all and it was done without any input from the committee. To him ignoring a Village committee was inappropriate. It was his opinion that the budget should be looked at first and then the millage rate determined. He saw this as taxing the citizens at maximum rates even though they might not be needed. He also noted that in 2015 the Village had asked the residents for extra money of almost 4 mils and they agreed, but it would go away next year. That would be a substantial amount of money the Village would not have next year and the Budget needed to be managed with that in mind.

Fraser responded to Gallasch's comments by saying that on the Millage worksheet, the Charter Amount and Library were approximately the same amounts as last year. The General Operating number was lower than last year. He saw no attempt to max out the revenue dollars the Village would be getting. He addressed and explained each relevant "Source". Gallasch gave examples of the Village charging the maximum amounts and Fraser agreed and brought up the subject of the "Headlee" amounts that have been limited.

Lamott, also on the Finance Committee, stated he was confused at the Budget meeting because there had been questions but no final decisions as to what Council was going to spend.

Pulker stated that this form, L4029, needed to be completed and delivered to the County by the end of May in order for the Tax Bills to be printed in June. To Gallasch this showed that the process had been broken. Unfortunately, this was the situation that Fraser had walked into. Again, Gallasch noted there was never an attempt to sit down with the Finance Committee to discuss these numbers. From Fraser's perspective, he thought that that had been accomplished at the meeting last week. Gallasch supported Lamott's viewpoint that the Council had not seen the millage rates. Fraser agreed and apologized and added the worksheet had been developed this last week. Hansen acknowledged that at the Finance Committee meeting the millage rate had not been discussed and reminded everyone that Fraser had only been in the Village since Dec. 9. She had never heard anyone guiding him through the Finance Committee responsibilities and that was what was needed for the Council meeting. She admitted to being at the Finance Committee meeting and not directing him and would share that lack of responsibility. She was concerned about pointing fingers at employees for dropping the ball when he didn't know what the "ball" was. Hansen acknowledged that Fraser needed some help with the Budget and made a recommendation that those on the Finance Committee meet with him and a Council meeting be scheduled to approve the millage rate.

Motion by Stakhiv, seconded by Seltzer that the Finance Committee meet to finalize the Budget and then make a decision about the millage rate.

Pulker stated that sometimes the millage rate was approved before the Budget was finalized and Staran concurred. He further explained that the completion and submission date of Sept. 30, 2020 printed on the Tax Rate Request form was typically for those communities which have calendar-based fiscal years and the first levy would be going out on the December bill. Therefore, if the Village was going to levy the approved millage on the July 1, 2020 bill the deadline was imminent for the County to review and approve it, and for tax bills to be printed and issued. If the Village wanted to levy the millage in December the approval date would be December 30. Saenz questioned what would be the effect if the tax bill was delayed until December. Staran further explained the ramifications of the "Headlee" reduction. Pulker reminded Council that the Village only sends out one tax bill a year, which is mailed June 30th and is payable July 1st thru August 30th.

Gordon inquired about how this year's millage would impact the property owners in comparison to that of previous years. Fraser pointed to columns 5 and 9 of the 2020 Tax Rate Request which indicated a reduction from the 2019 millage and column 10 which had some minor adjustments from column 9. Staran summarized that the millage rate to the individual taxpayers would be going down as the result of "Headlee"; however, the Village, as a whole, would benefit from having the additional taxable value which would offset the overall "Headlee" reduction. Directed to Fraser, Gordon was curious if the line item millage amounts he (Fraser) proposed covered the range of the budget on which Council had been working. Fraser answered that they were based on the figures he had been given. Gordon stated he did not have any objection to the proposed motion. Saenz was in agreement with Gordon and supported his proposed motion, citing Fraser's newness to the Village, the valid points he made, and the expertise he demonstrated.

After the discussion Stakhiv withdrew her motion.

#2020-29 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz to approve the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, beginning July 1, 2020, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

Hansen clarified that the Budget Workshop would be scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM, giving staff the time to make corrections where necessary. The next Council meeting and Public Hearing would be a week later. Stakhiv proposed the Finance Committee meet prior to the Budget Workshop to work on the details.

B. Consider Additional Service Request No: 02, NFE Proposal #9-D155.

Hansen stated this request was from Nowak & Fraus Engineers regarding the additional sidewalk work at the 13 Mile Rd. and Franklin Rd. intersection, the modifications of which Oakland County Road Commission stated would involve a traffic signal. All of those and the additional light poles and lighted bollards were not part of the original contract. She referred to the letter, dated May 7, 2020; Council received detailing the scope/design of the additional work.

#2020-30 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Seltzer to approve the Additional Service Request No: 02, NFE Proposal #9-D155.

Fraser pointed out that normally the Road Commission would have provided the engineering drawings of the pedestrian crossing at 13 Mile and Franklin Rd. This was not the case for this project and he was not uncertain as to why. The Engineer at Novak & Fraus did not have that expertise; therefore it had requested additional funds to hire subconsultants for the traffic signal and electrical designs. Responding to Gordon's inquiry about the final word from the Road Commission about not doing some of the drawings, it was Fraser thought that they did not have that capacity and would need to contract it out as well.

Lamott wondered about the engineering cost of having the actual work done. Fraser stated it would be subject to the bids and assumed it would be included with the bid for the sidewalks and crosswalks construction. The signal design would also be included. Fraser mentioned that the revised budget which Council had received had been updated to include the extension of the sidewalk to 13 Mile Rd., lowering the slope on the northeast corner of Franklin Rd. at 13 Mile Rd., and the work needed to construct the improvements of the signal. Gordon explained the signal would be a crosswalk signal for pedestrians.

Gordon provided some background information from the Design Committee regarding the Road Commission. The Commission had weighed in on several of the Village's projects and had requested more work on 13 Mile Rd. and Franklin Rd. The Commission also requested the crosswalk the Village proposed at 14 Mile Rd. and Franklin Rd. at the Cider Mill be changed from the west side of the street to the east and the removal of the sidewalk from the last block south of 14 Mile Rd. Due to the changes at the north end of the project and the south end of the project, the Design Team did not feel it was changing the expenses by a significant amount.

Stakhiv asked for an explanation about having a signal at Franklin Rd. and 13 Mile Rd. since at this juncture there wasn't an actual plan for a sidewalk down to 12 1/2 Mile Rd. Eventually, there would be one, but why put in a signal now? That would be "a signal going nowhere". Gordon explained there would be a pad on Franklin Rd., south of 13 Mile Rd., which would make it safer for a pedestrian crossing 13 Mile Rd. to get to the sidewalk which would bring people north to the downtown.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Nay
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

C. Consider Scheduling a Budget Public Hearing for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

#2020- 31 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to schedule a Budget Public Hearing for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

This would be part of the regular Council meeting.

D. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the Friends of Mak-a-Dream, on June 13, 2020, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Yoga in the park.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Friends of Mak-a-Dream, on June 13, 2020, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Yoga in the park.

Stakhiv had a concern about the group’s liability and having insurance. Saenz thought the Village might be premature in approving this due to the pandemic and the Governor’s orders.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Friends of Mak-a-Dream, on June 13, 2020, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Yoga in the park, subject to any orders that might be in affect otherwise limiting the event and applicable to Social Distancing as required by the Governor, as amended.

Gallasch recommended the Village notify the groups about these limitations.

Cassius Drake, Forest Dr., stated he was concerned about large gatherings of 75-100 people but this point had already been addressed.

Fraser suggested than when this request was sent back to this group that a document explaining the current restrictions on group gatherings be included. Whatever the group decided would be subject to that and/or any other regulations that may come into play prior to the date of their event.

In response to Stakhiv’s concern about opening up the Village and the Village’s liability of having a group gathering so early, Staran commented that he didn’t think this exposed the Village to liability; however, it would potentially expose the sponsor of the event. As of now, on May 28 all restrictions were off; however, it appeared that the majority of the yearly summer events had been put off until late September at the earliest or had been cancelled. In the future he expected the Governor would still have limitations going forward on the number of people allowed in a public group gathering.

Seltzer took his motion off the table and suggested this request be tabled.

#2020-32 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gallasch to deny the Civic Event Permit Application for the Friends of Mak-a-Dream, on June 13, 2020, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Yoga in the park, and request that the sponsor re-apply at a later date.

Angelina Sulaka, Meadowdale, Secretary of the FCA accepts reservations for the FCA gazebo. On May 7 she had been in contact with Peter Grimes, who was in charge of this event. He cancelled his reservation for the gazebo due to the COVID-19, as he did not intend to hold the event.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch Aye
Stakhiv Aye

Hansen **Aye**
Lamott **Aye**
Seltzer **Aye**
Saenz **Aye**
Gordon **Aye**

Motion carried.

**E. Consider Scheduling Special Village Council Budget Workshop, Monday
June 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM.**

**#2020-33 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to schedule a Special Village Council
Budget Workshop, Monday, June 1 2020 at 6:00 PM.**

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch **Aye**
Stakhiv **Aye**
Hansen **Aye**
Lamott **Aye**
Seltzer **Aye**
Saenz **Aye**
Gordon **Aye**

Motion carried.

Open Comments

David Goldberg, Willowgreen Ct., Planning Commission Chairman, had a question regarding the roads which were done in Phase 1. From what he remembered there had been nine (9) roads which were supposed to be re-done due to the way they had been re-surfaced. The list had included Willowgreen Ct.; however, he had been unable to attend the final meeting when this issue was addressed. He posed the question if the work had been done and if it had been done was there a particular reason why Willowgreen Ct. had fallen off the list? He understood that research was probably needed to find the answer. Hansen requested that Fraser look into this and the warranty process.

X. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

A. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Section 1042.3 of Chapter 1042, Sewer Use and User Charges, of Part Ten, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Modify Sewage Disposal System Rates and Charges, and Repeals Conflicting Ordinances (first reading).

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz to amend Section 1042.3 of Chapter 1042, Sewer Use and User Charges, of Part Ten, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, in the first reading to Modify Sewage Disposal System Rates and Charges, and Repeals Conflicting Ordinances.

Staran explained these were “pass through” rates and agreed with Stakhiv that the Village didn’t have a choice. This was a yearly process for the Village.

#2020-34 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz to amend the original motion to forego the usual procedures and waive the second reading, to amend Section 1042.3 of Chapter 1042, Sewer Use and User Charges, of Part Ten, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Modify Sewage Disposal System Rates and Charges, and Repeals Conflicting Ordinances and adopt it on the first reading.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

B. Consider a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Natalie Robinson, Hawthorne Dr., as a member of the National movement group “Moms Demand Action” which worked towards the prevention of gun violence, she brought this Proclamation to the Village Council. The group was about 6 million volunteers strong and she requested that the first Friday in June be recognized as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day”. This year would be June 5, 2020. She provided some history about the group and some facts and figures demonstrating the importance of such recognition and named those neighboring communities which had approved the proclamation.

#2020-35 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz to approve the 2020 Proclamation declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Hansen stated she had met the women who ran this organization in Pontiac and she was happy the Village was going to support this.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

XI. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Whether to Convene in Closed Session to discuss Confidential Attorney/Client Privileged Communication.

#2020-36 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to convene in Closed Session to discuss Confidential Attorney/Client Privileged Communication.

Roll Call Vote

Gallasch	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Saenz	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

Pulker explained the process of logging out of this session and then logging into the Closed Session.

Hansen explained to the public that the current meeting would remain open during Council's Closed Session but would reconvene briefly after Council had adjourned its Closed Session.

8:52 PM Council meeting went into a Closed Session.

10:20 PM Council meeting reconvened.

B. Reconvene Regular Village Council Meeting

C. Consider Village Administrator Employment Agreement

#2020-37 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to approve the Village Administrator Employment Agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Saenz	Aye
Gallasch	Aye
Seltzer	Aye
Stakhiv	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Gordon	Aye

Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Pamela Hansen, President