

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, May 9, 2011, 8:00 PM
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
26425 WELLINGTON, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Gallasch at 8:00 P.M. at the Franklin Community Church, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Lew Eads, Fred Gallasch, Brian Gettel, Jim Kochensparger, Bill Lamott, Steve Rosenthal, Mike Seltzer

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Patrick Browne, Police Chief
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief
John Staran, Hafeli Staran Hallahan & Christ, P.C., Village Attorney
Vivian Carmody, Administrator, Main Street Franklin

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Kochensparger supported by Lamott to approve the Agenda as revised.

Gallasch suggested reversing 10 E and 10 F with the consensus of Council in agreement.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. April 11, 2011 Regular Village Council Meeting

Motion by Kochensparger supported by Seltzer to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011, Regular Village Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. April 14, 2011 Special Village Council Meeting

Motion by Seltzer supported by Eads to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011, Special Village Council Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. April 28, 2011 Special Village Council Budget Meeting

Motion by Eads supported by Seltzer to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011, Village Council Workshop Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Patrick Browne, Police Chief: Browne provided an update as to recent activity in the Village noting that for the Telegraph Road incidents, property managers were notified, the Village's e-mail notification system has switched to the County with sign up information available on the Village's website, there is an increase in larceny from automobiles in the evening hours in the surrounding area, and training with the Farmington Hills Police Department is almost completed. Browne thanked the Birmingham Area Cable Board for its approval of a grant to benefit the Department to cover its Comcast costs for FY 2011-2012. Discussion ensued regarding timing of the grant with Browne advising the check has been received but will not be utilized until FY 2011-2012 and the County's e-mail notification system with Browne advising Franklin's e-mail notifications will target Villager's but may include an option to receive alerts outside of the Village.

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief: Averbuch noted the first phase of scheduled apparatus maintenance has been completed with all equipment in order, phase two will be conducted around July-August, three probationary members of the Department are nearing the conclusion of their probation the final phase of which is an apparatus testing program for which they are training in order to do the best they can for the Village, and referred to the submitted report.

Thomas Morrow, Treasurer: Morrow referred to the submitted report noting the list includes the release of funds to the fire fund and the packet includes a list of revised account balances as well as a quarterly update on the retirement medical account.

Vivian Carmody, Administrator, Main Street Franklin: Carmody noted that exciting things are happening in the Village with three façade designs in the works with MSOC, Comerica allowing the use of its parking area for the Farmer's Market, the upcoming Great Lobster Drop, and Main Street will be partnering with the Michigan Apple Council and the DIA on two exciting events which should result in great exposure for the Village. Discussion ensued regarding the DIA public art partnership with Carmody advising public art is a huge economic development tool, HDC is supportive, and Main Street will work with Village staff in placing the art.

VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Gettel supported by Eads to approve the Bills List as submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding Major Roads – OCRC – Traffic signal maintenance with Sullivan advising she will look into it and get back to Council.

TOTALS	
General Administration	\$ 37,689.61
Building	\$ 3,653.58
Insurance	\$ 50,781.88
Legal	\$ 2,926.50
Police	\$ 11,212.97
Pressure Sewer	\$ 10,080.00
General Debt Service	\$ 425.00
Major Roads	\$ 5,034.98
Local Road	\$ 7,012.97
Rubbish	\$ 18,435.15
Trust & Agency	\$ 200.00
Tax Fund	\$ 11,620.33
Waste Water	\$ 1,343.77

ALL FUNDS	\$160,416.74
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Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VII.PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Gallasch noted this comment period is non-budget.

- **Marcia Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner, District 17**, congratulated Clerk Pulker on being named to the 2011 Diversity Champion Honor Roll for her outstanding contributions to diversity to the Franklin Community and the Women Officials' Network, and the Kreger Team for its recent ribbon cutting that opened the restrooms, reminded as to the upcoming Run/Walk/Strut your Mutt/Pancake Breakfast, and noted that Oakland County's recent economic forecast presented by U of M was upbeat with the County's long-term prospects looking good, Oakland County is in the 1% of counties that have a AAA bond rating, and that there are 2 volunteer openings with the Friend of the Court.
- **Chuck Moss, State Representative**, noted the state budget process is ongoing with the legislature on track to get it passed by June 1st though not without controversy, and revenue estimates will be received soon. Moss opined every dollar possible should be used for structural impact and while there are positive things occurring there are still areas that are problematic state-wide such as the rising cost of gas, commercial real estate, foreclosures, and housing values. Moss noted there is no real appetite in Lansing at this time to reconsider the smoking ban.

VIII.SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

Gallasch congratulated Evan Weiner of Franklin on being named to Beaumont Hospitals Board of Directors, recognized Franklin Baseball League and in particular Jesse Polan for honoring Mark Jahnke by dedicating a memorial scoreboard to Mark, thanked the Eccentric for its recent article on the dedication, and noted that Erin McClarry, reporter, won a journalism award for an article she wrote on a homeless man in Birmingham.

B. Council Report

Seltzer thanked the Blanck family for hosting Franklin Community Association's wine tasting event and the attendees for supporting the FCA. Rosenthal excused himself from the meeting for a short time.

IX.FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

A. Open Public Hearing

#2011-35 Motion by Kochensparger supported by Seltzer to open the 2011-2012 Budget Public Hearing at 8:27 P.M.

Gallasch noted the three minute time limit will be enforced and encouraged those addressing Council to not repeat others' comments.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Seltzer

Absent: Rosenthal

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Sullivan provided a brief overview of the proposed budget and process noting the general fund millage remains at its Headlee cap, the fire department millage will remain at its Headlee cap, the rubbish millage not at its Headlee cap increased slightly, the library millage increased to the Headlee cap, the debt millage increased significantly, and a total levy of 9.3094 mills is proposed. (Rosenthal returned to the meeting during this overview).

B. Public Comments on Budget

- **Dominick Schiano, Oakleaf**, noted that unlike a business the Village knows what its revenue is likely to be and with a projected reduction in revenue for the general fund, expenditures should be reduced to mirror that reduction just as a business right sizes its operations to correspond with incoming revenues and as a family spends less, not more, when income is reduced.
- **Dr. Elina Costello, building owner as well as Smile Builders of Franklin dental office**, cautioned Council about being penny wise and dollar foolish in regards to funding the Main Street program and noted it is the only program of its kind that offers a return on investment ranging from rising property values to education from a collaboration with MSOC which is preservation based and will create a dynamic Village Center which can be appreciated for generations to come.
- **Charles Dunn**, thanked everyone involved for their work on the budget and the church for allowing the use of its facility, noted the assets the Villagers are enjoying due to vision and community support such as the baseball diamonds, Kreger House, and police station, reiterated the positive economic outlook for the county as mentioned by Commissioner Gershenson, and opined that cutting costs and/or the Main Street budget is a very big mistake in that the Village has to think about the “experience” of this community and the direction it is headed and while economic challenges exist, they are a bump in the road.
- **Mark Hanke, owner of Farmhouse Coffee and Ice Cream and resident**, noted Main Street has accomplished much in its first year, there is no greater leverage for bringing people to the Village than having a vibrant downtown which positively impacts revenue and he is 100% supportive of Main Street which will only get stronger and more effective.
- **Judy Moenck, Meadow Drive**, speaking to the possible amendments, noted she supports moving building clerk to part time, elimination of part time clerk, elimination of phone allowance, and funding of Main Street to its original budgeted amount of 19k. Moenck suggested elimination of clerk longevity bonus as this is an elected position, inquired as to funds allocated to elections under Council, and who has the authority to change the clerk’s position to part time (Council or the electorate), and suggested that eliminating funding for health insurance for the clerk’s position could be problematic as this is an election year.
- **Randy McElroy, Woodside**, strongly urged Council not to move the clerk’s position to part time.
- **Les Gorback, owner of Gorback Studio of Photography**, advocated in support of Main Street noting Main Street is making great progress, merchants are starting to come together, Main Street is the bridge between the community, administration, and the merchants, businesses are still trying to survive in these difficult times, and it would be a travesty to cut its funding now that the Village is beginning to see results.
- **Frank Yanke, owner Yanke Designs Fine Jewelry**, thanked everyone for being here and noted his strong support of Main Street as the current energetic core foundation of merchants working with Main Street is the best opportunity the Village has to polish the gem the Village is and regain its luster and bring back the Village visually and financially for everyone involved.
- **Joe Lampertius**, noted he is the newest attendee as he is bringing the new Spice Market to the Village, is fond of the character of the Village, and is fully supportive of Main Street as working together creates power.
- **Linda Deutsch, Evelyn Court, realtor at Cranbrook Real Living**, noted her support of and involvement with Main Street and noted its potential to drive improvements to the Village Center which will positively impact property sales.

- **Pam, owner Franklin Auto Service**, advocated in support of Main Street as it is addressing the needs of property and business owners.
- **Lisa Dunn, owner Deja Vu and resident**, noted she is in agreement with the prior comments, is supportive of Main Street and opined that Main Street creates a sense of place, a true hometown experience, and gathering place for the whole community.
- **Jim Zack, Wellington**, noted his support of and involvement with Main Street as it is a development tool and a great investment at a reasonable cost.
- **Linda Gee, owner Linda Gee Beauty Hair Salon**, advocated in support of Main Street noting the tremendous change in the downtown since Main Street came on board and the excitement that is building in the community as evidenced by the many comments from her patrons.
- **Dean Moenck, Meadow Drive**, clarified Judy's comments by noting her intent was to point out the Village needs to look at what the possibilities are, stated the Headlee override and changing the full time clerk position to a part time position are issues the electorate, not Council, would decide, supported Dom's comments, opined that it will be quite a challenge to get an approval on any tax increase as the economic challenges in place while the pathways millage request was being considered still exist, and noted he is not against Main Street.
- **Steve Showers, co-property owner of Market Basket, Farm House Coffee, and Fitness Driven**, advocated in support of funding Main Street, noted it is beginning to evolve and experience real success as evidenced by the refurbishing of Farmhouse Coffee and the ability to attract someone like Lisa into what used to be an office, and opined that while Main Street only has one person on its payroll, in effect every property owner and resident is as well.
- **Pat Burke, Franklin Ct**, noted Councils have done a good job of stewarding funds, advocated at maintaining a budget that presents the Village as first class rather than third rate by not cutting to the bone, and noted she does not view a Headlee override as a tax increase but a restoration of funds.
- **Tom Morrow, Oakleaf, Village Treasurer**, noted that since 2007-2008 Councils have worked diligently to reduce expenditures and funding for the fire fund is included in the budget which would remain in the general fund if the Headlee override passes and thanked Council for its hard work.
- **Pam Hansen, Wing Lake**, echoed prior compliments given to Council and staff for its work on the budget, requested Council to address during Council comments what their perspective is on the Headlee override issue, what is ahead for the Village in the next couple of years, and how many households need to pay taxes to get the budget where it needs to be (impact of empty homes), and noted she is supportive of Main Street as even in lean times the Village needs to invest in strategies to move the Village forward; it just needs to invest wisely.
- **Dominick Schiano, Oakleaf**, noted the out-crying of support for Main Street points to the validity of funding it, his concern is with the Headlee override as he believes this is a simple budgeting issue – take in less/spend less which can be accomplished by holding the line on costs, and challenged Council to present a budget that does not raise taxes despite the economic challenges just as the County has been able to do.

C. Council Comments

Trustee's individually voiced their comments as follows: **Rosenthal:** Jahnke always had the best interest of the Village at heart, increased spending reflects, for the most part, items outside of their control, increased understanding is needed, does not take cutting programs lightly, County reduced services to stay within budget (snow trucks from 400 down to 200 for example), it is difficult to predict what is going to happen in the next couple of years, it is difficult to quantify people moving into the Village and resulting generation of taxes, and noted expenses are going to increase. **Seltzer:** Admires the passion in

the Village as evidenced by support of Main Street which is supported by Council and himself personally, recognizes the challenging economic times, and noted change comes hard, no tax payer is supportive of a tax increase absent a sound rationale, discussion is on how to provide the level of services Villagers are accustomed to, Council has and continues to find ways to save dollars, supports bringing the issue to the Villagers and equipping them to make an informed, educated decision, concerned with kicking the can down the road, and Council has made cuts and wonders how many more things can be cut without impacting the level of service. **Gettel:** Council has the option to make drastic decisions, as a conservative person he supports letting Villagers decide whether the budget should be slashed or whether tax payers should pay a little more which will maintain the current level of services. **Eads:** Not necessarily in favor of paying more in taxes but in favor of having the level of services the Village has, views it as a rollback to his out-of pocket expense for property taxes in 2002, possibility of moving the clerk's position to part-time was presented as a possible option if there is insufficient revenue but is not Council's decision, if budgetary concerns are not addressed future Council's will be faced with some tough decisions, elimination of funding insurance for the clerk position is problematic if someone new is elected, Headlee override constitutionally cannot be imposed by Council, and placing a Headlee override on the ballot was recommended by an independent Blue Ribbon Committee that met several times to review the budget. **Kochensparger:** Supports educating the Villagers and equipping them to make a decision relative to the Headlee override, cutting the budget will result in cuts to people, probably in the Village office who are the ones backing up and supporting projects/programs, focusing on too low of a tax rate negatively impacts the Village as it slants the playing field by attracting those residents who choose to focus only on low taxes and move from one community to another to save on taxes which will continue to take the Village down. **Lamott:** Proposed about 25k in cuts at the budget session which he feels are still necessary to consider and could reduce the deficit without severely impacting services and quality of life, proposed establishment of a self-insurance plan should be considered, prudent to delay funding of retiree health insurance contributions for a year or two, supportive of funding fire fund from something other than the general fund, housing market is headed up with 5 properties under construction or in the works and fewer foreclosures, 5 officers slated to retire with new hires costing the Village less due to the two tier pay structure, supports funding Main Street, pursue a tax capture entity such as a DDA, does not support a general fund Headlee override at this point in time though in a year more will be known and he may think differently. **Rosenthal:** If Headlee override is approved, Council will have discretion on the amount of the levy up to the cap and will still focus on fiscal responsibility, appreciates work Lamott has done, risk in self-insurance, placing Headlee override on ballot is important as it gives a voice to those who elected Council. **Gallasch:** Budget for upcoming year will be a deficit budget, the real question is just how much of a deficit, Village has been running a deficit budget for some time, Headlee override if passed will have no impact on next year's budget as additional revenue would not be received until July of the following year. **Kochensparger:** Councils have forecast revenues, made cuts, and as the year evolves circumstances change and some of those require additional funds. **Seltzer:** Support Lamott's reduction strategy in theory, in practice it is the larger costs that have to be looked at, retiree health care will have to be funded at some point, Headlee override will have to be considered by the electorate at some point, recent millage requests in other communities were successful, not advocating increased taxes.

X. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Gallasch closed the Public Hearing at 9:27 pm

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Land Fill Permit Application for the Property Located at 25764 Franklin Park Drive.

Sullivan noted this is a landfill permit for addition of a swimming pool and is being recommended for approval.

#2011-37 Motion by Kochensparger supported by Lamott to approve the Land Fill Permit Application for the property located at 25764 Franklin Park Drive.

Felicia Molnar, Carol, inquired as to the clearing of trees on this property with it being noted a tree removal permit was pulled and approved by the Village's arborist, and replacement trees will be provided as required by the ordinance.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Abstained: Gettel

Motion carried.

B. Consider Proposed Bond Refinancing.

Gallasch provided a brief overview noting that bonds have been utilized to pay for the police station, sewer, streets and when the opportunity arises to save funds by refinancing a bond favorably, this is considered. Sullivan advised a resolution needs to be adopted and Council needs to provide direction on structuring the projected savings. Morrow, upon request, noted that spreading the benefits evenly affords each year's taxpayers to receive their share of the benefit. Discussion ensued regarding bond structure with it being noted that a present day evaluation was done, all fees are included, and projected savings are net of cost.

#2011-38 Motion by Kochensparger supported by Rosenthal to adopt the Bond Refinancing Resolution as submitted and direct Tom Traciak to pursue Alternative 2 that spreads out the projected savings over the life of the bond.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. Consider Bids for Rubbish and Yard Waste

Sullivan noted the Village bid this out, four bids were received, the recommendation is for approval of the low bid received from the current contractor, Waste Management, and Council needs to consider whether to contract for a three or five year term.

#2011-39 Motion by Eads supported by Kochensparger to accept the low bid received from Waste Management for a term of 5 years for the Village's Rubbish, Yard Waste, and Recycling Service.

Discussion ensued with it being noted there is some savings to the Village and the current good services remain.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

D. Consider Budget Amendments, FY2010-2011.

Gallasch provided a brief overview noting that the budget needs to be balanced and throughout the year this means readjusting the categories as needed. Sullivan noted a series of adjustments have been recommended to both the revenue and expenditure side of the budget to bring it into balance, provided a brief overview, noted a goal is to close out the fire fund bank account in order to save on bank fees, and the building fund is being closely monitored but if there isn't an uptick in permits, additional adjustments may be necessary. Discussion ensued regarding the fire fund bank account.

#2011-40 Motion by Gettel supported by Kochensparger to approve the FY 2010-2011 Budget Amendments as presented, as follows:

General Fund

Whereas: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village's 2010/2011 General Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve the following budget amendments be made to the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.

Accounts:

- 000999 – Appropriation of prior year funds: Increase revenue account to a new total of \$35,689 (original \$20,689).
- 211826 – Legal and Related Services: Increase expense account to a new total of \$40,000 (original \$31,500).
- 305863 – Police Car Operation: Increase expense account to a new total of \$36,500 (original \$30,000).

Fire Fund

Whereas: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village's 2010/2011 Fire Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve the following budget amendments be made to the 2010-2011 Fire Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.

Accounts:

- 000999 – Appropriation of prior year funds: Increase revenue account to a new total of \$30,223 (original \$17,765).
- 336818 – Fire Protection Services: Increase expense account to a new total of \$322,453 (original \$309,995).

Building Department Fund

Whereas: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village's 2010/2011 Building Department Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve the following budget amendments be made to the 2010-2011 Building Department Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.

- 000475 – Engineering Income: Increase revenue account to a new total of \$10,000 (original \$8,000).
- 000576 – Building Permits/plan reviews: Decrease revenue account to a new total of \$48,000 (original \$70,000).
- 000704 – Clerical Salaries: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$6,000 (original \$12,000).
- 000705 – Group Health Insurance: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$500 (original \$1,000).
- 000706 – Life and Disability Insurance: Decrease expense account to new total of \$125 (original \$250).
- 000707 – Workers Comp Insurance: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$400 (original \$1,700).
- 000709 – Payroll taxes: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$400 (original \$800).
- 000811 – Building Plan Reviews: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$4,000 (original \$10,600).
- 000812 – Building Inspections: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$27,500 (original \$31,000)
- 000813 – Building Administration: Increase expense account to new total of \$14,200 (original \$10,000).
- 000830 – Engineering consulting fee/planning fee: Increase expense account to a new total of \$10,000 (original \$8,000).

Discussion ensued regarding the building fund with request to Sullivan to look into whether adequate funds have been set aside.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

E. Consider Adoption of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

Sullivan referred to the submitted documents and noted she has a running spreadsheet to assist in tracking Council approved changes. Discussion ensued by section as follows: Revenues: declining property taxes, no additional source of revenue, Franklin Subwatershed SAD (delayed billing by Oakland County by several years; negotiated the balance considerably down; SAD separate one year tax). Council Expenditures: possible amendments suggested by Lamott (pros and cons), concern with legal costs (may be underestimating), potential benefit of opening all contracts periodically for competitive bidding, Public Information (legal notice costs; bill in legislature for consideration to enable alternative notification methods; lowest it has been since 2002; consensus to keep funding as it is). Administration Expenditures: Sullivan explained the possible amendments; pros and cons of implementing minor amendments; Headlee override will drive these choices, Headlee will not impact this budget – this will be general fund, full-time building clerk position would be replaced with two part-time people (pros and cons). Clerk Expenditures: Sullivan provided a brief overview of possible amendments; pros and cons of considering and implementing amendments, longevity pay (written into non-union personnel manual; eliminated for new hires in police department), payroll taxes (rounded number; savings if not spent), consensus to incorporate the possible amendments presented for payroll taxes, office supplies, and contracted services into the budget, postpone fire fund (take out of budget), Kreger Fund (run bathrooms only; reduce line item; quarterly fund on grinder pump – build in 1k to cover costs, cost of cleaning bathrooms (increase to reasonable amount; fund line item at 2k), bank fees (reduction to 5k is realistic target). Fire Fund: Staran provided input, cannot loan to the Fire Fund, can postpone payment, eliminate general fund subsidy, Headlee override funds would be used and if not passed general fund would be utilized, Morrow provided input, discretion on the amount of levy up to the cap if override passes, consensus to remove fire funding from this budget. Police Expenditures: Reduction of part time officer – offset by decreased revenue, cuts in police department will be offset by a similar reduction in revenue due from Bingham Farms, Retiree Health Care (recommended funding level, pros and cons of reducing funding/eliminating funding for a period of time/unfunding for a period of time); overtime (assumption based on civil infraction strategy; coverage in Village if overtime reduced, pros and cons of implementing); health insurance reduction may be possible, cannot budget for uncertainty; salaries (department doing a good job of managing costs, keep as planned).

#2011-41 Motion by Gettel supported by Kochensparger to adopt Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget conditioned upon the changes as discussed by Council being incorporated into the final budget (reduce Kreger Fund by 2k, postpone Fire Fund payment, reduce bank fees to 5k, implement the possible amendments presented for Clerk expenditures (relative to payroll taxes, contracted services, and office supplies) and upon approval of Franklin Bingham Farms Volunteer Fire Department Board on the postponement of the payment.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: Lamott

Motion carried.

F. Consider Draft Headlee Override Ballot Language.

Motion by Lamott supported by Rosenthal to utilize separate ballot proposals for the Police and Administrative and Fire Services Headlee override requests.

Discussion ensued with it being noted that having two separate proposals runs the risk of splitting support with neither passing, joining them into one proposal carries risk as well because it can feel overwhelming, benefit of putting politics aside, Villagers have more control over the outcome if separated, importance of presenting a unified front which deals with the financial reality and provides enough information to equip the villagers to understand the complexity of the issues, and difference between the pathways request (choice) versus Headlee override (financial issue).

Roll Call Vote:

Kochensparger	No
Rosenthal	Yes
Lamott	Yes
Eads	No
Gettel	No
Seltzer	No
Gallasch	Yes

Motion failed.

#2011-42 Motion by Kochensparger supported by Eads to combine Police and Administration/Fire Services into one Headlee override ballot proposal, as follows:

The Franklin Village Council resolves to place the following Headlee Override Millage Proposal on the September 13, 2011 General Election Ballot:

Headlee Override Millage Proposal For Police and Administration and Fire Protection Services

Shall a "Headlee Override" be adopted to restore the maximum general tax rate of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the fire protection services tax rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) authorized by the Franklin Village Charter to be levied on the taxable value of real and personal property in the Village? Required millage rollbacks have reduced these tax rates, which fund police and administration of the Village and fire protection services, to their current levels of 2.7248 and .9586 respectively. If voters approve this "Headlee Override" and if the Village decides to levy the full amount of the restored tax rates, an estimate \$374,277 in additional revenue will be raised in the first year of levy.

Do you approve this Proposal?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Roll Call Vote:

Kochensparger	Yes
Rosenthal	No
Lamott	No
Eads	Yes
Gettel	Yes
Seltzer	Yes
Gallasch	No

Motion carried.

G. Consider Tri Party Funds Projects.

Sullivan provided a brief overview of three possible projects, noted Tri Party funds can only be spent on county roads (which includes 13 Mile Road) and requested Council input as to whether they are interested in pursuing Tri Party Funds and if so, on which project. Discussion ensued with Browne advising upon request that the signalization improvement at 13 Mile and Franklin would be his biggest priority and with the consensus being to pursue the funds and to rank signalization improvement of the light at 13 Mile and Franklin Roads as the top priority, passing lane along 13 Mile road second, and mill and overlay third. Gallasch noted that cold patching is needed and suggested Sullivan mention that to the County Road Commission.

H. Consider DPW Committee Appointment.

#2011-43 Motion by Lamott supported by Seltzer to appoint Gettel as the replacement for Kochensparger to the DPW Committee.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Abstain: Kochensparger

Nays: None

Motion carried.

I. Consider Dorchester Hills Civic Event Permit Application.

#2011-44 Motion by Gettel supported by Rosenthal to approve Dorchester Hills Civic Event Permit Application for their annual picnic on the Village Green, September 11, 2011.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

XII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Consider An Ordinance to Amend Section 1042.10 of Chapter 1042, Streets, Utilities and Public Services code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Prohibit Discharge of Sanitary Sewage, Industrial Wastes or Other Polluted Waters to any Natural Outlet in the Village, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations (*first reading*).**

Sullivan provided a brief overview noting this is recommended by the Village Engineer and is primarily housekeeping in nature.

#2011-45 Motion by Eads supported by Seltzer to approve in first reading the amendment to Section 1042.10 of Chapter 1042, Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan to Prohibit Discharge of Sanitary Sewage, Industrial Wastes or Other Polluted Waters to any Natural Outlet in the Village, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations, as submitted.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- B. Consider an Ordinance to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances and a Resolution as Parts of the Codified Ordinances (*first reading*).**

Gallasch noted this is to update the books and inquired as to whether there is any urgency to approve with Sullivan answering in the negative.

#2011-46 Motion by Gettel supported by Kochensparger to approve in first reading an ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and a resolution as parts of the Codified Ordinances, as submitted.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kochensparger supported by Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Eads, Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

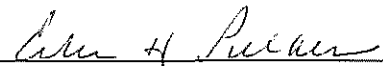
Nays: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rich, Recording Secretary



Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED FY 2011-2012 VILLAGE BUDGET
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011
8:00 PM**

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
26425 WELLINGTON
FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Franklin Village Budget, Monday, May 9, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM, and during the course of the Regular Village Council meeting, at the Franklin Community Church. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Village Clerk, at the Franklin Village, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan.

In order to maintain Village services, the Village proposed to levy a total operating rate of 9.3094 mills (\$9.3094 per \$1,000 taxable value). The proposed 2011 Village tax levy reflects a 1.9659 increase over the prior year, or an increase of \$1.9659 per \$1,000 taxable value.

Village of Franklin
Budget Highlights
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

	Budget <u>2011-2012</u>	Amended Budget <u>2010-2011</u>	2009-2010 <u>Actual</u>
I. Assessed Valuation			
Real	\$ 294,473,400	\$ 303,456,290	\$ 364,199,950
Personal	2,594,080	2,255,760	2,161,790
Total	\$ 297,067,480	\$ 305,712,050	\$ 366,361,740
II. Taxable Valuation			
Real	\$ 281,681,420	\$ 302,600,650	\$ 326,172,940
Personal	\$ 2,594,080	\$ 2,250,140	\$ 2,161,790
Total	\$ 284,275,500	\$ 304,850,790	\$ 328,334,730
III. Millage			
General Fund	2.7248	2.7248	2.7248
Subwater Shed	0.0674	0	0
Fire Fund	0.9586	0.9586	0.8528
Rubbish Fund	0.7739	0.7258	0.6344
Library Fund	0.639	0.4885	0.4538
Gen. Debt Service Fund	4.1457	2.4458	1.5967
Total	9.3094	7.3435	6.2625
IV. Taxes			
General Fund	774,594	830,657	894,646
Subwater Shed	19,160		
Fire Fund	272,506	292,230	280,004
Rubbish Fund	220,001	221,261	208,296
Library Fund	181,652	148,920	148,998
Gen. Debt Service Fund	1,178,521	745,604	524,252
Total	2,646,434	2,238,672	2,056,196
V. Total Revenues			
General Fund	1,670,058	1,647,410	1,845,331
Major Street Fund	175,430	284,633	121,875
Local Street Fund	140,536	237,383	121,373
Building Dept. Fund	93,400	132,600	116,362
Fire Fund	316,810	316,810	281,043
Rubbish Fund	220,301	222,471	209,430
Library Fund	182,652	150,000	149,502
Gen. Debt Service Fund	599,745	579,637	526,282
Waste Water	7,350	6,500	9,175
Pressure Sewer	651,234	609,551	642,295
Total	4,057,516	4,186,995	4,022,667
VI. Total Expenditures			
General Fund	1,670,058	1,647,410	1,839,211
Major Street Fund	175,430	284,633	162,538
Local Street Fund	140,536	237,383	120,462
Building Dept. Fund	80,750	132,600	151,113
Fire Fund	316,810	316,810	310,954
Rubbish Fund	218,666	222,470	203,129
Library Fund	182,652	150,000	149,502
Gen. Debt Service Fund	599,645	579,621	555,940
Waste Water	7,350	6,500	8,294
Pressure Sewer	632,836	609,551	922,470
Total	4,024,733	4,186,978	4,423,614
Unappropriated Funds	32,783	17	(400,947)