

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2011, 5:30 PM
Held at Village Hall
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Fred Gallasch called the meeting to order at the Franklin Village Hall at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Seltzer, Fred Gallasch, Bill Lamott, Steve Rosenthal, Jim Kochensparger
Absent: Lew Eads (excused), Brian Gettel (excused)
Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Administrator; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; John Staran, Village Attorney; Tom Morrow, Village Treasurer, Pat Browne, Village Police Chief

III. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE REVIEW BOARD MEMBER FOR VILLAGE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Referring to her memo to the Council, Pulker explained the need for the alternate member to the Board of Review. She proposed that Marie Weiner be accepted as the additional/alternate member.

**#2011-92 Motion by Seltzer supported by Kochensparger to accept the recommendation of Marie Weiner as the additional/alternate member of the Review Board Member for the Village Election to be held on September 13, 2011.
Motion carried.**

IV. HEADLEE OVERRIDE INFORMATIONAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Seltzer recommended that this should be a village-led meeting and not a meeting of the two opposing viewpoints. He suggested several "ground rules" and that the meeting format would be as follows: Sullivan should run it and make her presentation on behalf of the Village. Tom Morrow, Village Treasurer, should be present to address any specific questions and the Villagers be given the opportunity for a 3-minute dissertation but no more than one (1) 3-minute dissertation. Thank everyone for their comments and questions and then if the Council needs to respond, that response could be provided at a later date. If need be, the Council can formulate one opinion about those items and address them. It should not be a debate between the Council and the Villagers. It should be an informational/educational meeting only, not a discussion and managed by Sullivan.

Kochensparger suggested that the Police and Fire Chiefs be present as well.

Lamott stated that he preferred the League of Women Voters format of questions and answers, with the Council responding individually or collectively.

Staran added that we, as a governmental agency, cannot conduct an informational meeting in the same manner as the League of Woman Voters. Because we are subject to the Michigan Campaign Finance law, the Village can not use funds or resources in order to advocate a position for or against any election issue or candidate. We can only present information; factual, objective and unbiased. However, Council members, being Village residents and voters, are free to have opinions and take whatever positions they want.

Staran will be present at the meeting and available to answer questions on behalf of the Council, as will the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

There was a discussion about whether a resident could comment or ask another question on a new issue after he/she has had his/her original 3 minutes. Seltzer emphasized his concern that the meeting might turn into a debate instead of an informational meeting.

Pulker will monitor the time; the Council will be at a table off to the side. Staran opined that because this is a Special Council Meeting, the President will need to formally open and close the meeting with a Roll Call being taken.

Dean Moenck, Meadow Drive, requested that someone monitor any and all personal and derogatory comments. It was agreed that this would be part of the "ground rules".

V.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President