

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, 8:00 PM
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Kochensparger, at 8:00 P.M. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Gordon, Jim Kochensparger, Judy Moenck, Tom Morrow, Ed Saenz, Mike Seltzer
Absent: Pam Hansen (excused)
Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator
Daniel Roberts, Police Chief
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Lance Vainik, Treasurer
John D. Staran, Attorney

Motion by Moenck supported by Seltzer to excuse Pam Hansen from the meeting.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Moenck supported by Seltzer to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

A. August 6, 2013, Special Village Council Meeting

Motion by Gordon supported by Saenz to approve the minutes for the August 6, 2013, Special Village Council Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. August 12, 2013, Regular Village Council Meeting

Motion by Gordon supported by Moenck to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2013, Regular Village Council Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Abstain: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Daniel Roberts, Police Chief, referred to and provided an overview of the submitted monthly report and recent Dept. activity in the Village. Roberts noted the Labor Day festivities went very well with the only item of note being parking complaints which they have every year – with multiple tickets being written on Romany Way. Discussions are ongoing as to how to improve that next year with the goal being to find a happy medium between FCA and Village residents and to keep the public safe. Roberts advised the search for a replacement part-time officer is ongoing and will hopefully reach some resolution fairly quickly and he assisted with the 19th Annual Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association Golf Classic which he noted supports public safety officers in the area who have suffered serious injury in the line of duty or the families of police officers/fire fighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. Discussion ensued relative to the parking discussions/suggestions with Roberts noting a potential solution would be to utilize the Village Green as has been done in the past with the art fair moved to the FCA property. Moenck inquired as to who is sponsoring “Cops and Cups” with Roberts advising it is sponsored by the Franklin Police Officer’s Association working in conjunction with Farmhouse Coffee and he will provide more information next month.

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief, Kochensparger noted Chief Averbuch was not able to attend, referred to the submitted report, and suggested questions be directed to Chief Averbuch.

Lance Vainik, Treasurer, referred to his written report and noted there is a large entry for the pressure sewer interest payment and the list of account balances held at Level One Bank is as of September 6th. Discussion ensued regarding the pressure sewer interest and principle payment and tax distributions with it being noted interest on the sewer payment is paid semi-annually while the principal is paid annually and tax distributions are tied to tax collections and are based on actual payments received.

V. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Gordon supported by Saenz to approve the Bill’s List as submitted.

Moenck inquired as to the 2013 pavement striping line items with Sullivan noting the striping only applies to Major Roads which will be corrected.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Abstain: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

TOTALS

General Administration	\$	40,321.47
Building	\$	8,285.62
Insurance	\$	35,601.41
Legal	\$	1,500.00
Police	\$	17,807.36
Pressure Sewer	\$	729,366.88
General Debt Service	\$	-
Major Roads	\$	12,291.27
Local Road	\$	16,189.78
Rubbish	\$	17,519.94
Trust & Agency	\$	2,700.00
Tax Fund	\$	365,380.20

Waste Water	\$	36.64
ALL FUNDS	\$	1,247,000.57

VI. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Kochensparger opened the meeting for public comments on non-agenda items.

- William Dwyer, Oakland County Commissioner, District 17, provided an overview of the Farmington Hills Police Association Benevolent Fund noting it is a 501c3 comprised of volunteers, with 100% of funds received benefitting the cause. Commissioner Dwyer noted the Public Services Committee will be meeting to discuss how to facilitate implementation of some of the recommendations in the Gun and Violence Report and the County's three (3) year budget is approved, balanced, and is based on one of the lowest millages in the State. Kochensparger advised there was some digging on the pipeline in the Village and noted the Village can best be prepared if the County alerts the Village when these kinds of projects are going to be occurring with Commissioner Dwyer noting he will look into why the Village wasn't alerted and request notifications in the future

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

None.

B. Council Report

Seltzer thanked the Franklin Community Association and President Jane Polan for a record-setting wonderful Labor Day Round Up.

C. Administrator's Report

None.

D. Special Reports

1. – Community of Character Presentation

Bloomfield Public Schools representatives, Don Tobe, Greenfield Elementary Principal, and Birmingham Covington Counselor, Tamra Nast, provided a presentation on the District's Character Education (nationally recognized as one of the leading districts in character education) focus as well as the need for a community-wide focus noting that while academics continues to be important, teaching and promoting a high level of character is also important. Nast noted a community steering committee as well as focus groups are being formed with a goal to infuse in the community the teaching of character and requested community members participate in this community-wide initiative by participating in one of the focus groups, attending one of the community-wide activities, or serving in a leadership capacity, and to spread awareness of the importance of this initiative. Bill Sheppard inquired as to how this ties in with the District's civics curriculum with Nast noting the District's civics curriculum is elementary through high school and character education is a good fit when teaching about government and rules.

VIII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

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

Sullivan provided a brief overview noting this is the annual codification of ordinances adopted in 2012. Discussion ensued relative to annual costs and timing with Pulker noting the annual cost varies and the codification will update the ordinance book with ordinances adopted in 2012 which will not be updated again until after 2013 has ended.

#2013-81 Motion by Morrow supported by Saenz 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.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- B. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Section 1474.12 of Chapter 1474, Signs and Outdoor Display Structures, of Part Fourteen, Title Six of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Modify Regulations Governing Temporary Signs, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations (*first reading*)**

#2013-82 Motion by Morrow supported by Moenck to approve in first reading an ordinance to amend Section 1474.12 of Chapter 1474, Signs and Outdoor Display Structures, of Part Fourteen, Title Six of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify regulations governing temporary signs, repeal conflicting ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations..

Sullivan provided a brief overview advising the amendment is a relatively simple change which will allow businesses to temporarily put banners on their buildings with some limitations. Morrow noted this is effectively correcting an oversight as this was in the prior ordinance. Discussion inquired as to procedure with Sullivan advising these will be handled administratively and as to timing with Staran advising the signage would be allowed for thirty (30) consecutive days per a six (6) month period. Trustees also inquired as to the existing banner for the preschool with Staran advising he will review.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- C. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Sections 1265.02, 1265.03, 1265.04, and 1265.07 of Chapter 1265 Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, of Part 12, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations (*first reading*)**

#2013-83 Motion by Morrow supported by Gordon to approve in first reading an ordinance to amend Sections 1265.02, 1265.03, 1265.04, and 1265.07 of Chapter 1265 Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, of Part 12, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to repeal conflicting ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations.

Sullivan/Staran provided a brief overview noting the amendment incorporates recent changes to the Zoning Enabling Act in terms of restricting fees, shortening the timeframe for approvals, and collocation on existing facilities and will bring the ordinance into compliance with State law. Discussion ensued as to whether this had been approved at the Planning Commission with Sullivan answering in the affirmative.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gordon supported by Moenck to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer

Absent: Hansen

Nays: None
Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rich, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

James Kochensparger, President