

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
July 1, 2014, 6:30 PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD
FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

WORKSHOP

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Kochensparger, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Gordon, Jim Kochensparger, Judy Moenck, Tom Morrow, Ed Saenz, Mike Seltzer (arrived at 6:35 P.M.), Pam Hansen (arrived at 6:37 P.M.),

Absent: None

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Clerk; Jim Creech, Village Administrator; John Staran, Village Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Kochensparger to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

III. DISCUSS CHAPTER 666 PEACE DISTURBANCES, SECTION 666.02, NOISE REVISIONS

There was a discussion comparing the hours of Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup Village, Birmingham, West Bloomfield, and Farmington Hills.

Staran suggested that under 666.02 NOISE (b) Construction, (last sentence) states "...a permit therefor(e) has first been obtained from the Village ~~Clerk~~." Should be corrected to read, "...Village Administrator."

Planning Commission suggested the change of Saturday hours be 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Gordon suggested the hours of 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

IV. DISCUSS FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER, RENTAL AGREEMENT

John Pulker, member of the Kreger House committee, stated that the agreement is essentially the same as that of a few years ago.

Discussion ensued regarding alcohol issue, i.e. insurance, which still needs clarification. Staran confirmed that as long as there is not a "cash bar" or a "fee to enter", the host of a private function does not need a liquor license. Gordon, member of the Kreger House committee, asked for Council guidance with regards to insurance considerations that are not included in the document. The committee felt that with the Village's insurance policy in force no additional insurance was needed.

Staran suggested that the Committee write an alcohol policy, taking into consideration the risk of liability. An idea mentioned was to require that all events be catered by a company that has such protective insurance and an alcohol license.

Morrow suggested that “alcohol” be omitted on the rental request. The committee will discuss this issue.

Saenz suggested that the application include the relationship of the applicant to the organization be included, as well, as the organization’s address.

Moenck asked if the House had been assessed for occupancy capacity and been issued an approval? Has it been posted? Rental rates for different categories of groups were discussed. Creech confirmed there is a list of local organizations and donor categories which are exempt from rental fees. Staran stated that such a fee schedule was legal.

Pulker provided an update about the installation of air conditioning and landscaping.

Hansen questioned the handicap accessibility of the House. Clerk Pulker stated that because it is an historic house, it is possible to obtain waivers from SHIPO for some requirements. Kochensparger asked about a central fire alarm.

V. DISCUSS FOREST DRIVE DEDICATION

Creech will talk to the Fire Chief concerning the cul-de-sac and get his approval if it is sufficient for the department’s fire trucks to drive around, as per the letter from Hubbell, Roth & Clark dated May 14, 2014.

VI. DISCUSS NON-MOTORIZED, ACT 51 PROJECTS

Creech, referred to an email from Eddie Zmich of Hubbell Roth and Clark, stating two (2) options for work that could be performed using the non-motorized funds as required.

There was a discussion about the meaning of ACT 51 and what materials would be used for the crosswalks. Creech stated that he believes that the state merely needs a resolution and has promised MDOT one would be forthcoming at the July 14, 2014 meeting.

Kochensparger proposed that the resolution state that the sidewalk will be in the downtown area and be vague as to its exact location.

Creech was asked to request more information from MDOT about the resolution explaining that a plan is in the works but not finalized.

**VII. SITE PLAN EXTENSION APPROVAL FOR DARE STRATEGIES
32749 FRANKLIN ROAD**

#2014-64 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Moenck to extend the site plan approval date for 32749 Franklin Road.

The purpose of a “Council Workshop” being a discussion period (“Workshop”) vs. “Regular

Council Meeting” during which action can take place (vote). Staran explained the ramifications.

Gordon was respectfully asked if he would withdraw his motion. He respectfully declined.

Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer

Nays: Kochensparger, Morrow, Saenz

Motion carried.

Morrow and Saenz expressed their concerns that action on this matter was not postponed until the next Regular Council Meeting (July 14, 2014). Both Hansen and Gordon noted that they see this matter as an administrative formality.

VIII. DISCUSS BROUGHTON HOUSE MAINTENANCE PLAN

Creech referenced an email he and Kochensparger received from Gary Roberts concerning this matter. There was a discussion about the condition of the building and the need to renovate vs. maintain the building’s aesthetics. Additional funding for such a project was discussed, such as the Franklin Foundation.

Creech was given the directive to do further research on the subject. Moenck suggested that Ron Campbell from Oakland County be contacted as a resource adding that he might be able to provide the Village with some recommendations.

IX. DISCUSS JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Creech is following through on updates that Mr. Murphy, Interim Administrator, began during his tenure. He referred to a website from Municipal Consulting Services, an organization that analyses the operations and efficiencies of municipalities.

Moenck suggested that the subject be referred to the Personnel Committee.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Jim Kochensparger, President