

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, March 9, 2015, 7 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 7:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Gallasch, Pam Hansen, Jim Kochensparger, Judy Moenck, Mike Seltzer
Absent: Brian Gordon, Tom Morrow
Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator
Chief Dan Roberts, Police Department
Chief Tony Averbuch, Fire Department
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk
Lance Vainik, Treasurer
John Staran, Village Attorney

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gallasch requested adding under **VIII. NEW BUSINESS, J. Discussion about Process for Home Inspections.**

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hansen to adopt the Agenda, as amended.

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer

Absent: Gordon, Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, February 9, 2015

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer

Absent: Gordon, Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief, referred to his written submitted report and requested any comments or questions. Averbuch reported that the regular inspections and apparatus maintenance will begin shortly. Adding that the Fire Department is trying to inform all residents who have renovation or construction projects that the alarm systems should be properly maintained during those times so as not to cause any false alarms. Dust created during those times can make the alarm systems inoperable. Averbuch pointed out that

the Department had sent out larger than normal postcards reminding the residents of the precautions necessary to avoid difficulties with the systems.

Chief Averbuch also noted that with the cold weather water pipes are breaking. Residents should understand the workings of their water system in case it ever needs to be turned off.

Dan Roberts, Police Chief, referred to his written report, provided an overview of the submitted monthly report and highlighted that the crime rate in the Village was very quiet during February. Traffic accidents related to the weather have occupied most of the officers' time. In terms of personnel related matters: Part time Officer Denis Berry has been offered a full time position; Patricia McCray, a retired Dispatcher from Birmingham has been hired as a part time Police Clerk.

Seltzer acknowledged the great organizational efforts on the part of the Franklin Police and volunteers, as well as 6 or 7 area police departments, that, on short notice, worked together to facilitate an unprecedented funeral procession from a local Temple to a cemetery in Ferndale.

Chief Roberts added that staffing is at a point where the police department can hire two (2) more part time officers, if desired.

Barry Silverstein, Main Street Franklin Chairman, recapped recent and future activities, as follows: February 20, 2015, Main Street Oakland County and National Main Street conducted its annual evaluation for MSF's annual accreditation which was successful; on June 4, 2105 all those Oakland County communities which also passed the accreditation will assemble in Franklin for an acknowledgement and celebration; March 17, 2015 is a Merchant Mixer at Yanke Designs noting that hopefully these mixers will be more frequent; "Paint the Town" event in conjunction with the BBAA, more information will be forthcoming; a community newsletter will be created and sent out to the residents.

Katherine White, MSF Executive Director, briefed the Council on new businesses in town and the commercial vacancies.

VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the Bill's List as presented.

Lance Vainik, Treasurer, referred to his submitted monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending. The expenditures are generally consistent with the FY2014-15 budget. It includes a large entry for salt, cold patch, and milling materials paid to the Oakland County Road Commission. The list provided of account balances is as of March 6, 2015 and held at Level One Bank. The Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations.

Council inquired about the salt usage this year compared to last year at this time. Vainik will provide those figures at next meeting.

TOTALS

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| General Administration | \$ | 5,346.78 |
| Building | \$ | 4,421.88 |
| Insurance | \$ | 42,395.20 |
| Legal | \$ | 414.00 |
| Police | \$ | 25,090.23 |
| Pressure Sewer | \$ | 2,657.50 |
| General Debt Service | \$ | 20,325.00 |
| Major Roads | \$ | 34,153.32 |
| Local Road | \$ | 34,153.32 |
| Rubbish | \$ | 17,519.94 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ | 5,400.00 |
| Tax Fund | \$ | 1,550.84 |
| Waste Water | \$ | 2,254.05 |
| ALL FUNDS | \$ | 195,682.06 |

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer

Absent: Gordon, Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

A. Birmingham Area Cable Board Report

A representative from the Cable Board could not be at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

B. Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council (BASCC) Report

Cris Braun, new Executive Director, introduced herself to the Council. She noted that the new changes at BASCC, including a new name and logo which will be unveiled Thursday, March 12, 2015 at a special celebration. She also highlighted some of the new programming.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

None

B. Council Report

Seltzer shared news about the health of a Franklin resident.

C. Administrator's Report

Creech stated that on Tuesday March 10, 2015 Franklin's Master Plan will be considered at the Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee which is the normal step in the process. Creech noted that he was part of the MSF accreditation. He also clarified the different steps involved with the adoption of the Master Plan and where in the schedule the Master Plan presently was.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Scheduling Budget Workshop

Creech noted that normally a workshop would be scheduled for the Tuesday prior to a regular Council meeting and proposed one for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7PM so as to provide information on the millage renewal. A proposed budget will be sent to the Council prior to the meeting. It was also requested that he send out a reminder email with the appropriate date and time.

There was a discussion as to whether there would be an informational mailing to the residents with regards to the millage renewal, in addition to Pulker's weekly email blast and the FCA email blast. Creech will put the information on the Village website.

B. Consider Arbor Day Proclamation.

#2015-10 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as part of the annual Tree City USA application, as follows: Arbor Day and Earth Day observation will be April 22, 2015.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
Whereas, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, James Kochensparger, Village Council President of the Village of Franklin, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2015 as Arbor Day in the Village of Franklin, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this, 9th day of March, 2015.

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer
Absent: Gordon, Morrow
Nays: None
Motion carried.

C. Consider Appointment to the BASCC Board of Directors.

Creech volunteered to be the Council representative.

#2015-11 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to appoint Administrator Creech to be Franklin's temporary representative to the BASCC Board of Directors, pending any resident volunteering for such position.

Kochensparger announced that if any resident is interested in the position to contact the Village Clerk.

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer
Absent: Gordon, Morrow
Nays: None
Motion carried.

There was a discussion and a mutual agreement to bundle and consider **D., E., F., G., and H.** in one motion.

D. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society Run, Walk, Dog Walk, and Pancake Breakfast, on June 6, 2015, 7AM to Noon.

E. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Questors, "Riders-Up" Horse Race Game and Dinner, September 25, 2015, 5PM to 10PM.

F. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society, "Ming the Magician" Show, Saturday, September 26, 2015, Noon to 3PM.

G. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society, "Build a Scare Crow" Workshop, Saturday, September 26, 2015, 2PM to 4PM.

H. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society Dinner & Entertainment, Saturday, September 26, 2015 6PM to 10PM.

#2015-12 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck, as amended, to approve the Civic Event Applications for Franklin Historical Society Run, Walk, Dog Walk, and Pancake Breakfast, on June 6, 2015, 7AM to Noon; for Questors, "Riders-Up" Horse Race Game and Dinner, September 25, 2015, 5PM to 10PM; for Franklin Historical Society, "Ming the Magician" Show, Saturday, September 26, 2015, Noon to 3PM; and for Franklin Historical Society, "Build a Scare Crow" Workshop, Saturday, September 26, 2015, 2PM to 4PM; Franklin Historical Society Dinner & Entertainment, Saturday 26, 2015, 6PM to 10PM, pending Franklin Community Association (FCA) approval.

Pulker, as a representative of the Franklin Historical Society, was asked to comment on several of the activities, especially the new ones. All appropriate Village Departments have signed off on each of the applications.

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer
Absent: Gordon, Morrow
Nays: None
Motion carried.

I. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society, “Flea Market”, Sunday, September 27, 2015, 11AM to 4PM.

Discussion ensued with regards to the wording, “Flea Market” and its possible precedence. The wording, to be changed to highlight that participation is to be exclusively for Franklin residents, and to be more specific regarding the event.

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

J. Discussion about Process for House Inspections.

Gallasch related a discussion he had had with a resident regarding the scheduling of house inspections. Lack of notification, security, identification of the Inspectors, and the responsibilities of the contractors are concerns.

Creech will talk with Bill Dinnan, Village Building Official for suggestions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer
Absent: Gordon, Morrow
Nays: None
Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

James Kochensparger, President