

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017, 7:00 PM
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Hansen, at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon, Pam Hansen, Judy Moenck, Mira Stakhiv, Mike Seltzer (arrived at 7:02 PM)
Absent: Tom Morrow (excused)
Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator
Chief Dan Roberts, Police Department
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk
Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer (arrived at 7:02 PM)
John Staran, Village Attorney

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Moenck, seconded by Stakhiv to adopt the agenda, as presented.

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

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017

Motion by Stakhiv, seconded by Moenck to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September 11, 2017, as presented.

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

(Seltzer and Vainik arrived.)

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Dan Roberts, Police Chief, referred to his written report and noted that September was a good month in terms of crime as it was fairly quiet. He mentioned the positive status of hiring part time officers: this last round of interviews has been good and they will be extending a formal offer to a candidate. He had an update on Bill Castro, who retired from the Franklin force. A lot of his family resides in Puerto Rico and Chief Averbuch who was presently in San Juan with the Federal Medical Response Team was able to connect with his family and bring some batteries and other supplies. He also updated Council on Officer Goodroe and his medical situation, his hope

of returning by mid-December, and his financial situation. The Department will be buying a new vehicle which was a yearly budgeted item. Gallasch asked for a clarification of the misdemeanor incident involving an assault on a police officer. Hansen inquired about the process of purchasing a police vehicle and the Chief explained. Now that the Cider Mill is open Moenck was curious about any vehicular incidents in the immediate area. Roberts commented that there was always the usual busy traffic but over the past weekend a tree had fallen in the parking lot, due to the winds, and totaled a parked car. This incident was handled by the Bloomfield Township Police. Hansen related an incident she personally had experienced just today as the sun was setting. Even though walkers use the sidewalks and crosswalks, she expressed her concern about the safety of the walkers at the corner of 14 Mile and Franklin Roads. Roberts reminded her that in previous years the Village would put portable signs at that corner during Cider Mill season but they would eventually disappear. Roberts will speak with Bloomfield Township about different remedies and related costs. Moenck thought that the crosswalk was more of an “education” issue. Gordon brought up a discussion that had been on “Nextdoor Franklin” about the excessive speeds of cars traveling through the neighborhoods and questioned what the legal speed limits were. He wondered about the feasibility of placing portable electronic speed signs in those neighborhoods. Roberts stated that Bingham Farms Council had approved such a sign and was willing to split the cost with Franklin. It is estimated that for good equipment the cost might be around \$1,000. Since the cost might be an issue, the Chief will do some research on the subject. Gordon encouraged the Chief to present a proposal to Council. Vainik related his recent encounters with deer crossing along 14 Mile Road.

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief, was not in attendance but submitted his monthly report to Council members. It was noted that as a member of the Federal Medical Response Team, he was in Puerto Rico helping with the recovery from a hurricane.

Lance Vainik, Treasurer, referred to his monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending. Vainik stated that the expenditures are generally consistent with the new FY 2017-18 Budget. The Bills List for this month includes a large entry to Hubbell, Roth & Clark for Road Project Engineering. Vainik added that the list provided of account balances, at Level One Bank, is as of October 5, 2017. He concluded by stating that the Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations. Gordon inquired if the total for insurance included the retirement contributions and Blue Cross. Stakhiv inquired about the difference between last month’s and this month’s cleaning bill for the Village Hall and Kreger House. Creech explained that it varied depending on how many weeks were in the month. She also had questions concerning the two (2) bills from Great Lakes Internet and Consulting under General Fund and Building. Creech responded to Gordon’s inquiry that there were about 140 people who took advantage of the Hazardous Waste Day and a bill would be forthcoming.

A. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Bill’s List, as submitted.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer, Stakhiv
Absent: Morrow
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Addressing Creech, Hansen expressed her thoughts that Council Members continue to have concerns and some serious questions about the benefits of BS & A system. She requested that he come to the next meeting with information about the advantages of this software and what Council can expect on the monthly financial sheets.

TOTALS

General Administration	\$	28,746.37
Building	\$	8,779.32
Insurance	\$	142,057.60
Legal	\$	1,385.75
Police	\$	13,440.67
Pressure Sewer	\$	-
General Debt Service	\$	-
2017-2018 Road Project Bond Fund	\$	97,255.40
Major Roads	\$	761.27
Local Road	\$	-
Rubbish	\$	14,946.70
Trust & Agency	\$	2,300.00
Tax Fund	\$	35,229.04
Waste Water	\$	51.47
ALL FUNDS	\$	<u><u>344,953.59</u></u>

A. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Hansen opened the meeting for public comments on non-agenda items, outlining the normal procedures with no one from the public responding.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

Hansen expressed the Council's and Village's condolences on the passing of Creech's mother. Services were this week with Council members and staff attending.

B. Council Report

Stakhiv, Franklin's representative to the Birmingham Area Cable Board, reported that the Village received a grant totaling \$13,600 to cover the new website and to cover the Comcast internet, cable, and phone services for the Village Hall and Kreger House. She expressed her appreciation to Creech and Marion Phillips, intern, who worked on the website project, for coming to the very early morning Cable Board meeting and presenting the proposal. She detailed an issue a Franklin resident was having with Comcast when he wanted to switch his telephone service from AT&T to Comcast. This issue was still pending. She announced that the Library and Mobile Watch would be holding a presentation on Cyber Security Awareness on November 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Library. Hansen suggested that the presentation be videotaped and put on the Village website.

Stakhiv will speak with Steve Rota at BCTV about the possibility. She also reported that the Library Octoberfest was a great success with over 100 people attending.

C. Administrator Report

Creech thanked everyone for their condolences and sympathy cards. They were very much appreciated. He hopes to begin the new website conversion this week as he wants to get it online by the end of November. He has been working on the RFP for the grant to cover the exterior windows in the Broughton House which needs to be submitted to the state for its review and approval. A contractor has been picked and hopefully, the project will begin in late spring of next year.

Gallasch referred to last month's meeting minutes and Hansen's request that he provide Council with information about BS & A software, including the monthly financial costs. Creech replied that he would have that information for the next meeting. Moenck mentioned the "For Rent" sign in the storefront where the healing store used to be located and Creech replied he did not have any information but would ask about it and let Council know. Hansen commented that she had looked at the BS & A program and liked what she saw. She added that Creech was preparing a "live" demo for everyone's benefit and he further explained some of its advantages for his own usage.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for FranklinStein Frenzy, October 21, 2017.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gallasch to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for "FranklinStein Frenzy" by Main Street Franklin, on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Moenck inquired about the length of time Franklin Road would be closed. Pulker stated that in the past it was usually 15 minutes. Hansen suggested that the Village Clerk follow up with the Police Chief and amend the document with the requested time.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer, Stakhiv

Absent: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. Consider Setting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing for November 13, 2017.

Motion by Moenck, seconded by Seltzer to set the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing for November 13, 2017.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer, Stakhiv

Absent: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. Consider Appointment of Deputy Treasurer.

Hansen updated Council on this issue, including the decision that the Deputy Treasurer and Village Administrator would co-manage the investments due to the current situation with our present Treasurer. Since Deputy Treasurer Gallasch has opted out of this particular responsibility, she suggested that Council appoint Brian Gordon as a second Assistant Treasurer. With Council's approval and support, Gordon has agreed to perform the functions which had already been discussed within the guidelines established by the Finance Committee. He and Creech have had a chance to talk about the responsibility.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to consider the appointment of Brian Gordon to the position of Deputy Treasurer.

Gallasch confirmed that Council was still looking for a full time Treasurer adding that Bill Lamott has expressed an interest in the position.

Moenck clarified that Gallasch would continue as Deputy Treasurer and Gordon's responsibility would be in the investment activities. Gordon would also be the second "check signer". There was a question about the role of Jim Zack with regards to the investments. Zack declined that role but was still Deputy Treasurer with check signing responsibilities. The Village would have three (3) Deputy Treasurers. Hansen further stated that she would like to keep looking for more candidates for Treasurer. The item of filling the Treasurer position will be put on a later agenda when there are more candidates to present to Council.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer, Stakhiv

Absent: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

X. PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- A. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Sections 1268.19 and 1268.28 of Chapter 1268 Supplementary Regulations, of Part Twelve, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Regulate Construction Fencing, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations. (second reading).**

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Stakhiv to accept the second reading of the Ordinance to Amend Sections 1268.19 and 1268.28 of Chapter 1268 Supplementary Regulations, of Part Twelve, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Regulate Construction Fencing, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Moenck, Seltzer, Stakhiv

Absent: Morrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Gallasch, Hansen, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer, Stakhiv

Absent: Gordon

Nays: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Pamela Hansen, President