

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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 Pamela Hansen, at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon Pamela Hansen, Judy Moenck, Mike Seltzer, Mira Stakhiv
Absent: Tom Morrow (excused)
Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator
Chief Dan Roberts, Police Department
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk
Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer
Dan Christ, Village Attorney

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to adopt the agenda, as presented.

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

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting minutes for November 13, 2017, as amended.

Moenck pointed out two typographical errors on pages 4 and 7.

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

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief, referred to his written report and he commented that everyone should invest in a metal bucket to clean out their fireplaces. He was welcomed back from his visit to Puerto Rico as part of the Federal Government's Medical Response Team, helping with the recovery from a hurricane. Averbuch noted that most of his help had been with medical and prescription aid as a team leader, adding that individual emergency preparedness is important in

any type of a disaster and advised that everyone should visit the Ready.gov website for important advice on how to prepare.

Dan Roberts, Police Chief, referred to his written report and noted that in November, the biggest concern had been mail box thefts of outgoing bill payments. Roberts suggested that everyone should drop their outgoing mail at the post office to avoid thefts of this kind. Roberts added that Police Clerk Sue Schultz has accepted a full time position at a neighboring community, and a suitable candidate has been found for the part time position with Stephanie Longworth, the other part time police clerk, adjusting her schedule has worked out well in the interim. Roberts reminded everyone that if their winter or holiday plans include travel, to please complete a House Check form so that the Police Department can keep an eye on the property and know how to contact the homeowner should they need to.

Deanna Yow, Main Street Franklin Executive Director, reported that the annual Sip Shop and Stroll had been a success with even more businesses participating than in the previous year and all merchants reported good sales, with some merchants donating to Orchards Family Services. Discussion ensued regarding cross walk safety and whether or not more lighting could be provided especially across from the Franklin Grill, as it was quite dangerous that night. Yow continued adding that two Board Members were welcomed back, Maureen Movold and Lisa Dunn, the merchant liaison, which increased the board to eight (8) members. She announced that Main Street Franklin has now merged into one (1) 501(c) 3 organization, and that the Treasurer Harry Ellman has resigned due to an increase in his own business. Yow concluded by announcing that she was resigning as the Main Street Franklin Director, and was hopeful to serve in a board capacity instead. She advised that Council that she had applied for and received admission to a special program for small businesses provided by Goldman Sachs, which will occupy a good deal more of her time, making it impossible to continue as the director.

Lance Vainik, Treasurer, referred to his monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending for a total of \$780,255.93. Vainik stated that the expenditures are generally consistent with the FY 2017-18 Budget. The Bills List for this month includes a large entry to Cadillac Asphalt L.L.C. for the 2017-2018 Road Project Application #3. Vainik added that the list provided of account balances, at Level One Bank, is as of December 7, 2017. He concluded by stating that the Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations.

VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

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

TOTALS		
General Administration		\$ 37,640.56
Building		\$ 10,105.16
Insurance		
Legal		\$ 643.50
Police		\$ 61,117.77
2017-2018 Road Project Bond Fund		
2017-2-18 Road Project Fund		\$651,982.23
Major Roads		\$ 3,885.01

Local Road		
Rubbish		\$ 14,881.70
ALL FUNDS		\$780,255.93

Road Project change orders were discussed, and questions arose regarding details and what specifically was included. Creech advised that additional shoulder and drainage work was included as well as changes in materials used depending on different milling amounts necessary for various areas throughout the Village, all of which were authorized.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Morrow

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Hansen opened the meeting for public comments on non-agenda items, outlining the normal procedures.

Mr. Murray, Hersheyvale, requested help from Village Council for damage to his property and the road right of way, caused by landscapers and snow removal companies. Murray complained of broken sprinkler heads, garbage left behind from contractor lunch breaks, and lawn damage from snow plows pushing snow from across the street into his yard, blocking his mailbox. Discussion ensued and Mr. Murray was advised to contact the Village office and he and Creech could review the situation.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

Hansen reported that the Village Hall Open House on December 5th had been successful and well attended and that those visitors had been able to review the restoration work at the Village Hall, Kreger House and Barn, and she thanked all of those who had attended.

B. Council Report

Gallasch stated that he would like to see a higher building bond, currently \$5,000, for large \$1,000,000 and more homes being built to better protect the Village for any inabilities to finish the work. Gallasch cited the unfinished home at Crestwood and 13 Mile Roads, which has been left as is for many months. Christ stated that he would advise John Staran to review the current bond requirements and provide any possible solutions.

Stakhiv wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Stakhiv also noted her disappointment of the road work, including the length of time to finish and the lack of adequate communication with the contractors and engineers, and the conflicts with subcontractors that Villagers had been made aware of. She continued stating that they, the road committee, would be meeting in January to review the progress and plan the next phase. Hansen requested that Hubbell Roth and Clark (HRC) representatives be present at the January 2018 meeting to report on the project to the Village Council.

C. Administrator Report

Creech reported on recent legislative changes that affect Retirement and Benefits, and may help some communities and Emergency Managers. Creech noted that the Village is above minimum standards for both the OPEB (retiree health care) and Pensions. Discussion ensued regarding the need to additionally fund both of those items to guarantee that they will be adequately funded for the upcoming regulatory requirements.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Main Street Oakland County Presentation, John Bry

Hansen introduced John Bry of Main Street Oakland County, noting that he has been in this position for just over a year, and has worked with the Village, a select community, a number of times already, providing training and meeting with the Main Street Franklin Board. Bry provided an overview of the County's Program which works with 21 communities throughout Oakland County, calling it Main Street 101. Bry stated that their research has found that a Main Street program cannot be successful without the community's support, and that Main Street Oakland County is the only County run program in the country. Bry provided a short video outlining the advantages of the Main Street Program, and he mentioned future plans for pop-up businesses in the Village in response to questions regarding how to grow the commercial district when it is so small.

Dr. Elina Costello, the Main Street Franklin Chairman, requested that the Council consider an advance of the funding provided by the Village of \$18,000, as they begin their search for a new Director. Costello noted that fundraising had been sporadic and as such there was no financial cushion. Costello described upcoming fundraising plans including a pop-up Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise Dinner on what would have been Ben Franklin's 312th Birthday, January 20, 2018; a unique dining experience. Costello further explained the many advances that had taken place over the last few months.

#2017-93 Motion by Seltzer seconded by Gordon to approve the payment of \$9,000 in January 2018, in lieu of splitting the payment between the quarters occurring in January 2018 and April 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding matching funding provided by Main Street Franklin beyond what had been paid by the Village. Bry further stated several items that had been funded by the County that add up to the match amount already. Questions arose about the need for funding when there was not even a director to pay at this time, and it was determined that the funding from the Village did not exclusively provide the salary for the director. Pop-up stores and other ideas were discussed for fund raising ideas, and Costello noted that the Board is already at 60% of it's' goal.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Seltzer

Nays: Moenck, Stakhiv

Absent: Morrow

Motion carried.

B. Consider Audit FY July 2016-June 2017.

#2017-94 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Moenck to approve the filing of the Audit as provided by Rana Emmons of PSLZ for the Fiscal Year July 2016 to June 2017.

Pension and Retiree Health insurance payments and requirements were discussed, noting that the Village is currently above the minimum limits that are proposed by the pending legislation, which has been discussed just in the last few weeks at the State level. Emmons opined that the Village should increase payments for both funds in the upcoming years, suggesting that increasing one balance first, and then when adequately funded, begin to increase the other, noting that the reporting necessary will make this inevitable. Emmons stated that the decreased millage rate resulted in an approximate overage of \$8,500 for which there was adequate fund balance. Emmons noted that the State Historic Preservation Office Grant (SHIPO) is noted in the audit which enabled the much needed renovation and improvements to the Village Hall building, Broughton House. Further items discussed were the Police budget which had remained much the same as the previous year and the Road Project which was bid under budget. Emmons concluded stating that the staff was cooperative and accommodating which enabled her completion of the audit in a timely fashion.

Hansen requested that further discussions should be conducted regarding the health insurance for employees and retirees, and the pensions provided.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Morrow

Motion carried.

C. Consider Appointment to the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

#2017-95 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the appointment of Mira Stakhiv as the Franklin Village representative to the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a three (3) year term.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Morrow

Motion carried.

D. Consider PA 152 Exemption

Creech explained that this Exemption is common place among many communities, and while it is not necessary for the Village, it would allow for our participation in State of Michigan statutory payments for which we are not currently eligible.

#2017-96 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the PA 152 Exemption, to continue Village Employees 10% share of the cost of Health Insurance Premiums.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Morrow
Motion carried.

X. PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- A. Consider an Ordinance to Repeal Sections 610.03 and 610.04 of Chapter 610, Alcoholic Liquor, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, and Replace with New Section 610.03 to Modify and Update Regulations Relating to Purchase, Consumption, or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Minor; Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and to Prescribe a Penalty for Violations (second reading).**

#2017-97 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Moenck to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to Repeal Sections 610.03 and 610.04 of Chapter 610, Alcoholic Liquor, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, and Replace with New Section 610.03 to Modify and Update Regulations Relating to Purchase, Consumption, or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Minor; Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and to Prescribe a Penalty for Violations.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Pamela Hansen, President