

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018, 5:30 PM  
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE  
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Pam Hansen, at 5:37 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Fred Gallasch, Pamela Hansen, Judy Moenck, Mira Stakhiv  
Absent: Brian Gordon, Mike Seltzer  
Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator  
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. BUDGET REVIEW, FY2018-2019**

Creech provided an overview of the Budget and pointed out various items. Creech noted that even though the Finance Committee met, the Annual Budget Draft did not reflect any of the changes that were discussed; the meeting had been more philosophical in nature. He added that there was about a 5% increase in the taxable value from the previous year, which was substantial and unexpected. He pointed out the two (2) millage rates in the General Fund which needed to be accounted for, and highlighted the differences between last fiscal year's numbers for the Fire Fund, Rubbish Fund, the Library Fund, and the Debt Fund.

Gallasch noted that Council should be aware that with the Headlee rollback additional voted millage would be disappearing in 2020. Because of this, he thought it might be prudent for Council to take some type of precautionary measures of putting away some funds so that if it became necessary for a millage increase in the future, there would be sufficient funds available until a new millage vote could be sought.

On the explanation page opposite GENERAL FUND REVENUES, under TAX REVENUE, Stakhiv corrected the Property Tax mils to read 2.9980.

Creech projected future expenditures for the remaining fiscal year of 2017-18 for all funds. There was an in-depth conversation about the Police Department budget, including the Foundation Trust Fund established by former Council Member Tom Morrow and held by Alerus for the retiree healthcare fund/actuarial. The Fund is a line item and would show as expenditure; however, it was kept outside of the budgeting process. Future funding of the Trust was discussed, including the percentage of the retirement contributions needed by a particular target date. Two important items relative to the amount contributed and needed to be addressed was Bingham Farms

contribution and the impact of the labor negotiations with the Police Department. There was an informational discussion about past labor negotiations with the Police Department.

Stakhiv made corrections on the explanation page opposite EXPENDITURES Police Department, page 3 of 3, under FRINGES, Health Insurance, last sentence, noting that it should read, "... Ms. Nancy Crane of HUB International"; under Life & Disability Insurance, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence should read, "...Ms. Nancy Crane of HUB International the policy does not expire until July..."

Creech addressed the point that there was less revenue for FY2018-2019 in the Building Department (#249) budget due to a slowdown in the issuance of housing permits.

Expenditures for the computer software and supplies were discussed. A more detailed explanation for the amount was requested.

The 2017/2018 Road Improvement Program, Phase I and II, was discussed using the 3/26/18 updated figures from Hubbell Roth & Clark (HRC) and bonding figures.

Creech requested that at tonight's Regular Village Council meeting, Council will need to authorize additional bonds up to \$6 million for the Road Project.

Creech reminded Council that it had another two (2) months to work on the Budget. Council members suggested additional information be included in the report.

The Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission would be requested to review the pertinent estimate figures and goals pertinent to each and report back to the Council in writing.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Gallasch to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

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Pamela Hansen, President