

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan 48025**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Brassfield, Alek Kokoszka, Angie Nagle, Gary Roberts, Alex Stchekine, Gayle Timmis and Laury Witty

Absent: None

Also Present: Bill Dinnan, Administrator, and Dana Hughes, Village Clerk

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Timmis, seconded by Kokoszka to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Brassfield, Kokoszka, Nagle, Roberts, Stchekine, Timmis and Witty

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VI. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of December 6, 2023

Motion by Brassfield, seconded by Witty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: Brassfield, Kokoszka, Roberts, Stchekine, Timmis and Witty

Nays: None

Abstain: Nagle

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss 32767 Franklin Road, Franklin the Village Dental Office's Barn.

Thomas Tolka, architect, detailed the renovation plans for historic barn, including recladding and infill studs. He stated that the property owner wants to renovate the dentist's office and create a courtyard feel with adjacent buildings. Preservation of exterior is the focus, with approved floorplan and elevation for barn. They did some research to try to see what the best material in

terms of historical likeness would be and what is readily available. They are still trying to source plywood. Also, they are trying to source whether it is going to be cedar or another similar wood.

Discussion included:

- Dinnan discussing the permits for a historic barn, which have expired but are still being pursued.
- The barn's exterior can be saved, but there is work to be done on the interior, including deconstruction for unpermitted work.
- Dinnan mentioned that the concept presented is acceptable, but there may be issues with using newer materials to match the original 200-year-old wood.
- Witty suggested sourcing old barn wood from a warehouse in Waterford.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider the Bicentennial Signs Application.

Motion by Witty, seconded by Timmis to approve the Bicentennial Sign Application submitted on December 5, 2023, with the five life-size portraits and five ground signs in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standard Number Nine (9).

Ayes: Brassfield, Kokoszka, Nagle, Roberts, Stchekine, Timmis and Witty

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Roberts mentioned that the design guides are outdated and suggested updating them with new information. He also asked if there was any money left in the budget for McKenna to update the map and the context on the back of the guide.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roberts, seconded by all to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Submitted,

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk