

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
ORGANIZATION MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020, 8:00 PM**

**The Village Council will not be assembling to meet at a physical place;  
the meeting will be held electronically via “Zoom.us®”,  
in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended by 2020 PA 228.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Bill Lamott on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 8:00 PM, via ZOOM.us.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Seltzer-Scottsdale AZ; Mark Hanke-Franklin, MI; Ed Saenz-Franklin, MI; Brian Gordon-Los Angeles, CA; Kathy Erlich-Franklin, MI; Pam Hansen-Franklin, MI; Bill Lamott-Franklin, MI

Absent: None

Also, Present: Roger Fraser, Village Administrator; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer

**III. CONSIDER VILLAGE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

Lamott explained that the position left vacant on the Village Council by the Election of Bill Lamott as the Village President, needs to be filled sometime in the next thirty (30) days.

**#2020-93 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to consider Pam Hansen for the Village Council Appointment.**

Seltzer, Hanke and Gordon commented that Hansen was the best and most experienced choice.

Lamott acknowledged that the majority were leaning toward Hansen. He stated that Hansen lost the election, and that Lawton should be considered as he had more votes than Hansen. He pointed out that there is an opportunity for diversity and inclusion. He also mentioned that the Streetscape Project could have been handled better. He suggested that the trustees continue to consider all candidates for the appointment.

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mike Seltzer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mark Hanke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Bill Lamott</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>Ed Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Kathy Erlich</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Motion Carried.**

Pulker administered the Oath of Office to Hansen.

Hansen thanked the Council for the appointment. She also mentioned she is in full support of the Council President and Trustees.

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to adopt agenda as presented and published.**

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mike Seltzer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mark Hanke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Bill Lamott</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Ed Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Kathy Erlich</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Pamela Hansen</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Motion Carried.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments.

**VI. FILE ELECTION RESULTS**

Pulker read the Election Results.

Village President

Pamela Jane Hansen (write-in)	531 votes
William L. Lamott	1141 votes

Trustees

Katherine Erlich	1145 votes
Fred Gallasch	769 votes
Mark Hanke	1000 votes
Joshua Lawton	770 votes
Michael Seltzer	946 votes

Library Board Member

Janice Meyer Cherkasky	1235 votes
Susan Stevens	1141 votes

Renewal of Special Millage for Police Services and General Fund

Yes	1809 votes
No	425 votes

**VII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

**#2020-94 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to approve the appointment of Brian Gordon as the President Pro Tempore.**

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mike Seltzer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mark Hanke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Bill Lamott</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Ed Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

### **VIII. BANK RESOLUTION**

Pulker stated that the Village primarily uses Level One Bank. She stated that the Bank Resolution Draft is the same that is used in prior years.

She stated that past appointees had been Fred Gallasch as a Deputy Treasurer, Brian Gordon as a Deputy Treasurer and James Zack as a Deputy Treasurer. Roger Fraser, Village Administrator was listed as a signer also.

Lamott mentioned that the appointees were listed further down the Agenda.

Saenz read the Resolution.

**#2020-95 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Seltzer for approval of the Bank Resolution, as follows.**

#### **BANK RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion by Saenz, seconded by Seltzer to approve Level One Bank (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank") be it hereby designated as a depository of the Village of Franklin and authorized to accept for its credit and/or for collection, any and all checks, drafts and other negotiable instruments when endorsed in its name by rubber stamp or otherwise, and that its treasurer be and as he is authorized to open with the bank such accounts under such captions as may be determined to be necessary or desirable and, that any and all funds credited to such accounts with the bank may be paid out or withdrawn upon by the following:**

(as determined later in the meeting)

**H. Frederick Gallasch, Deputy Treasurer**  
**Brian Gordon, Deputy Treasurer**  
**James Zack, Deputy Treasurer**  
**Mark Hanke, Deputy Treasurer**  
**Roger Fraser, Administrator**

**Whose signatures shall be duly certified to the bank and the bank thereby is authorized to honor and pay any and all checks so signed, without inquiry as to the circumstances of issue or the disposition of the proceeds thereof and with the transfer of funds from savings to checking accounts, any two signatories among the mentioned individuals; and Eileen Pulker, the Village Clerk shall act for that purpose. Those banks with which the Village of Franklin has accounts are: Level One Bank, Bank of America, Chase Bank, US Bank, Main Street Bank and other depositories including CDs, as comply with the Village's Investment Policy.**

#### **Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**               **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**           **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**      **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**IX. PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT**

Lamott asked the Council to consider the adoption of a code of conduct in order to work together with maximum efficiency and adopt a benchmark for appropriate interaction.

**X. DIVERSITY TRAINING**

Lamott proposed that the Council consider attending a short, online course for Diversity Training. He added that it would be a benefit to the Council to better understand the issues.

Saenz agreed and asked that the class be available to fit everyone's individual schedule. Lamott agreed and said he was wanting the Group to take the course together but was open to the Council attending separately too.

**XI. SEVEN HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE**

Lamott discussed the book the "Seven Habits of Successful People". He mentioned the "Seek first to understand" and the "Win-win process" and how they could be of benefit if put into practice by the Council.

**XII. APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL**

**A. Village Treasurer**

**#2020-96 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke for approval of Lance Vainik as the Village Treasurer.**

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mike Seltzer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mark Hanke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Bill Lamott</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Ed Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Kathy Erlich</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Pamela Hansen</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Motion Carried.**

**B. Village Deputy Treasurer (s)**

**#2020-97 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Erlich for approval of Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon, and Jim Zack as the Village Deputy Treasurers.**

Hanke expressed interest in becoming a Village Deputy Treasure. Gordon agreed and amended the motion to include Hanke.

Hansen questioned Zack's availability and Lamott stated that he is.

**Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz for approval of Mark Hanke, Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon, and Jim Zack as the Village Deputy Treasurers as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**                **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**         **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**C. Council Liaison to Fire Commission**

**#2020-98 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hanke for approval of Brian Gordon as the Village Council member on the Fire Commission.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz** **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**         **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**      **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**D. Village Representative to the Birmingham Cablecasting Board**

**#2020-99 Motion by Hanke, seconded by Saenz for approval of Heather Mydloski as the Village Representative to the Birmingham Cablecasting Board.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz** **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**         **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**      **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**E. Village Representative to Birmingham NEXT**

**#2020-100 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Erlich for approval of Eileen Pulker as the Village Representative to Birmingham NEXT.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz** **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**

**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hanse**        **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

Seltzer had lost his internet connection and reentered the meeting. He mentioned that he had interest in being the Village Representative to Birmingham NEXT, but he would support the vote for Pulker.

Hanke asked if the motion could be amended to include Seltzer along with Pulker for the Village Representative to Birmingham NEXT.

Lamott Agreed.

**#2020-101 Motion by Hanke, seconded by Erlich for approval of Eileen Pulker and Mike Seltzer as the Village Representatives to Birmingham NEXT as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**            **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**F. Village Representative to Main Street Franklin**

**#2020-102 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hansen for approval of Mike Seltzer and Mark Hanke as the Village Representatives to Main Street Franklin.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**            **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**G. Council Liaison to Historic District Commission**

**#2020-103 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hanke for approval of Pam Hansen as the Council Liaison to Historic District Commission.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**

**Ed Saenz**                 **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**         **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**           **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**H. Council Liaison to Planning Commission**

**#2020-104 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz for approval of Kathy Erlich as the Council Liaison to Planning Commission.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**           **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**           **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**           **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**               **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**         **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**           **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**I. Village Finance Committee**

**Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz for approval of Bill Lamott and Mark Hanke for the Village Finance Committee.**

Hansen expressed interest.

**#2020-105 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz for approval of Bill Lamott, Mark Hanke, and Pam Hansen for the Village Finance Committee as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**           **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**           **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**           **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**               **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**         **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**           **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**       **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**J. Village Legal Committee**

**#2020-106 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hansen for approval of Bill Lamott, Mike Seltzer and Brian Gordon for the Village Legal Committee.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**           **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**           **AYE**

**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**             **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**       **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**        **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**     **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**K. Village Liquor Committee**

**#2020-107 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hansen for approval of Seltzer, Kathy Erlich and Ed Saenz for the Village Liquor Committee.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**        **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**        **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**        **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**           **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**      **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**       **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**    **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**L. Village Personnel Committee**

**#2020-108 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz for approval of Mark Hanke, Ed Saenz and Mike Seltzer, for the Village Personnel Committee.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**        **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**        **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**        **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**           **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**      **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**       **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**    **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

**M. Road and Streetscape Committee**

Discussion whether or not the Road Committee was still needed.

**#2020-109 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz for the approval of Pam Hansen, Bill Lamott and Brian Gordon for the Streetscape Committee.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**        **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**        **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**        **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**           **AYE**



**Brian Gordon**            **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**        **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

#### **N. Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Discussion ensued on how to proceed with the Committee.  
Seltzer stated there has been no response from the community.  
Lamott asked the Council to think about ways to work together and figure out how to move forward.

**#2020-110 Motion by Saenz, seconded by Seltzer for the approval of Kathy Erlich, Mark Hanke and Pam Hansen for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.**

#### **Roll Call Vote**

**Mike Seltzer**            **AYE**  
**Mark Hanke**            **AYE**  
**Bill Lamott**            **AYE**  
**Ed Saenz**                **AYE**  
**Brian Gordon**        **AYE**  
**Kathy Erlich**            **AYE**  
**Pamela Hansen**        **AYE**

**Motion Carried.**

### **XIII. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTS.**

Erlich praised Pulker for her expertise and faithful service to the community. She thanked Lamott for his leadership. She thanked the Council for their service to the community and let them know she appreciated them. She thanked Hansen for her leadership and level headedness. She apologized for the harmful words on social media outlets and identified that neither herself nor Lamott had anything to do with hurtful comments, nor do they condone or encourage negative comments or aggressive attacks on anyone. She apologized to Seltzer for her father's political intensity that was directed at specifically at him. She praised him for his service to the Council and to the Franklin Community Association. She stated that she wanted to correct misinformation from the October 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes; in that the minutes were simplified and incorrectly stated that she disagreed with the recent, processed Charter Amendment, stating that she has her opinion, but ultimately is in full support of the vote of the Villagers. She asked that she be contacted privately if any Council member had an issue with her so she could have an opportunity to resolve it.

Hanke praised Pulker for her 21 years of service to the Village. He urged the Council and the Public to patronize our Franklin Merchants for the Holidays.

Saenz talked about the press release draft for water and stated it should be within the Village. Lamott agreed. Hanke asked what the goal of the press release was. Fraser stated that he was working with Karen Cohen to develop a survey for our residents that will identify their needs and understanding of water in the Village. Gordon asked Saenz if he had any concerns about the press release. Saenz stated that the mechanism was the issue adding that he recommended it stay concentrated within the Village. Lamott and Gordon agreed that it should stay local. Fraser stated that his strategy included all aspects mentioned and was open to the Council's suggestions. Hansen stated she knew firsthand from her campaign that it is difficult to get to residents

directly. She asked that we consider using a local news article to get the word out to our resident. Seltzer agreed and asked that we hold off on a press release. Hanke agreed with Hansen and reiterated that some residents feel out of contact with the Village and we need to address that so that everyone feels adequately represented. Lamott pointed out that a press release needed to be positive not negative as to avoid negative public relations. Fraser asked for a schedule that brings the issue to resolution before the next council meeting. Lamott agreed that more discussion is necessary to expedite the process. Roger suggested that the Council designate a few members to work with him directly. Kathy Erlich, Ed Saenz and Mark Hanke asked to be a part of the team and Lamott agreed.

Fraser updated the Council on the new restrictions mandated that are now in place at the Village Hall to Accommodate the COVID-19 pandemic as requested from the Michigan Health Department.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn Hanke, seconded by Hansen.**

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mike Seltzer</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mark Hanke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Bill Lamott</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Ed Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Kathy Erlich</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Pamela Hansen</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Mydloski, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Village Clerk

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Bill Lamott, President