

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM  
Franklin Community Church  
26425 Wellington Road, Franklin, Michigan 48025**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Lamott, at 7:00 P.M.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Kathy Erlich, David Goldberg, Mark Hanke, Pam Hansen, Ed Saenz, and Bill Lamott

Absent: Mike Seltzer

Present: Dan Roberts, Police Chief; Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief; Roger Fraser, Village Administrator, Susan Goldstrom, Assistant Administrator; Meg Schubert, Economic Development Director/MSF; Peter Gojcaj, Village Attorney; Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer, Dana Hughes, Village Clerk and Ed Zmich of Hubbell, Roth, and Clark

## **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Lamott requested that the agenda be amended to move Item IX. J. Consider Resolution for Next to Item IX. A to accommodate Don Brundirks from Birmingham Next.

**Motion by Hanke, seconded by Hansen to adopt the Agenda, as amended.**

**AYES:** Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Seltzer

**Motion carried.**

## **IV. MINUTES**

### **A. Regular Meeting of February 14, 2022**

Erlich requested the name of resident mentioned in the February 14<sup>th</sup> Village Council meeting be removed.

**Decision:** To rollover the February Minutes to the May Village Council meeting for approval.

### **B. Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022**

❖ Lamott requested a correction of the date in the header be changed to March 14<sup>th</sup>.

❖ Goldberg requested on page 17 to change nine months to 90 days.

**Motion by Hanke, seconded by Saenz to adopt the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022, as amended.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

## **V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

No Comments

## **VI. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENT**

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENT**

#### **A. Police Report**

##### **Dan Roberts, Police Chief**

- Dan Roberts, Police Chief reviewed with Village Council the submitted report.
- Roberts stated that most of the investigations are centering on traffic or identity theft and fraud.
- Roberts stated at the next Village Council he would like to bring his officers to be presented with awards, to highlight the great work those officers do throughout the year. Last year, a few of the Village's officers were recognized for catching a group of porch pirates in a subdivision in the 13 Mile and Cheviot Hills area.
- The body cameras the council approved should be arriving next month. We were able to identify available grant money through MMRMA and should get about \$10,000 to offset the cost.

##### **Discussion:**

- ❖ Is identity theft happening over the internet?
  - Lot of elderly residents are getting caught up in telephone call scams
    - Scammers are asking for identification claiming to be bankers or stating problems with their Amazon order. The scammers then ask for detailed information like social security numbers, or date of birth
- ❖ What type of public education can the Village do to protect our residents? Maybe something on social media or Birmingham Next or the Village newsletter?
  - We provide information through our social media platforms and printed booklets

#### **B. Fire Report**

##### **Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief**

- Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief reviewed with Village Council and stated that the only thing he would like to add that the fire department is planning on participating in the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade. But due to the pandemic we are not allowing kids to go in the trucks.

#### **C. Treasurer Report**

##### **Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer**

- Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer reviewed with the Village Council the treasurer's report.

## VII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Totals: 4-10-2022	
CATEGORY	SUB TOTALS
General	\$ 42,145.08
Major Streets	\$ 722.20
Local Streets	\$ 773.33
Police	\$ 106,376.75
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 15,112.57
Building Dept.	\$ 7,523.57
Library	\$ -
Street Project	\$
Road Millage	\$
Pressure Sewer	\$
Tax Collection	\$ -
Wastewater	\$ 4,076.39
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 182,729.89</b>

### Discussion:

- ❖ There was a \$2,500 bill for natural features inventory and assessment marked for a wetland survey.
  - That is an item for the Planning Commission to understand the condition of the village owned properties. It is one piece of a three-part study including: a wetland study, a tree study and a natural feature study.

**It was moved by Saenz, seconded by Erlich to approve the submitted bills.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

## VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

### A. President's Report

Lamott discussed the wireless communications problems in the Village. The Village last month approved funds to a consultant to develop a benchmark of level of service. It was decided that Gunnerson Consulting would best serve the Village's needs. The Village is in the process of working on a contract.

### B. Council Report

Hansen noticed in the Franklin Cemetery newsletter a paragraph regarding the negotiations that have been going on for years about a piece of land. In the newsletter it state the land was too expensive

and they were not going to purchase that piece of property. Is it a problem with the Village, why is the Cemetery Association abandoning that land?

**Discussion:**

- ❖ It was stated the Village worked with the Cemetery Association for over a year. The negotiation over that time were identifying the location of the area that would be suitable for their needs. It was decided on the top of the hill. There was never a discussion to charge them, it was going to be a donation. The expense the newsletter may be referring to is the cost of flattening the hilltop. It didn't make sense to them economically.

**C. Administrator Report**

**Roger Fraser, Village Administrator**

- Fraser shared that the grant application was submitted to Oakland County Parks and Recs for the Irving extension was denied. The Village was asking for \$49,500 on a \$66,000 trail project. Other issues with this project included. The easement was granted for a pedestrian walkway, when that property was split, it was down the center of the easement. The trail doesn't follow the center of the easement. It would wind up acquiring easements from the property owners who just had their split. Finally, the feedback from the residents was they would rather see a five-foot wide parcel and not a 10-foot wide parcel.

**D. Main Street Franklin Report**

**Meg Schubert, MSF/Economic Development Director**

- This past month Main Street, Franklin was recognized at the Main Street Oakland County Summit, and they highlighted some of the achievements that Main Street had accomplished during the pandemic. Those achievements were providing funding for the Grill to expand and create their patio. Also, Main Street provided over \$9,000 in crowd funding matching grants to our local businesses. Each business of the retail businesses was able to receive a portion of that grant. In the past year, Mainstreet received a \$2,500 grant which they gave to Tangerine Wine for their expansion.
- Van Every building project is coming along. Met with the new owners and the contractors and will continue to work on a grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. This is for federal funds. It will be used for the restoration and redevelopment of this property.
- In this past month, Les Gorback received a \$2,500 grant from Main Street, that will go towards the renovations on the old icehouse that's behind the Tangerine Wine. This was Franklin's last icehouse.
- Finally, Main Street has finalized all their dates for their upcoming events. This summer, the Village will have sidewalk sales, a Summer Black Party. All that information is out on our website, now. Volunteers are needed, but those dates have been decided, finalized, and shared in the community and is on the calendar as well.

**Discussion:**

- ❖ The dentist office and their coffee shop plan, is there any activity? What about the space adjacent to Tangerine Wine?
  - The plans are moving forward with the opening date for the coffee shop sometime in June. The other accessory building plans will take place longer into the summer. The priority is the dental office and coffee shop.

- That adjacent space is for the expansion of Tangerine Wine.

#### **E. Planning Commission Report**

##### **Chairman Peter Halick**

- The Planning Commission started discussion on the cellular service in term of an ordinance.
- The building height revisions were finalized.
- Discussed the sign ordinance and the use of any type of registration or permitting process. If there is no monitoring process in place, it will make it to have any limits on the duration of signs.

#### **F. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report**

##### **Chairman David Sahli**

- Not present, no report

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Consider Resolution for Next**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Next, a non-profit 501-(c)3, is our area's version of a Senior Center serving 2,250 50-plus area residents from Birmingham, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Franklin and the surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS**, Next, is housed at Midvale School at 2121 Midvale St., Birmingham, Michigan, and;

**WHEREAS**, Next has occupied, without a written agreement, approximately 10,000 square feet or 1/3 of the square footage of Midvale School, since 1995 provided through the generous support of Birmingham Public Schools;

**WHEREAS**, Next resulted in large part from a progressive vision of the Birmingham Public Schools in the 1990s endorsing a public school philosophy of lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, the relationship between BPS and Next has proven most beneficial to both Next and BPS, by contributing to a stable tax base, providing assistance as caregivers and tutors, fostering civic involvement and stability with strong support for school bonds and millages supported by our senior population;

**WHEREAS**, the four communities of Birmingham, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills and Franklin recently entered into an inter-local agreement pledging continued financial support in addition to the in-kind assistance providing the use of Midvale School by BPS;

**WHEREAS**, local demographic trends are similar but occurring much earlier than national demographic trends which project double digit increases in the 65 and over population resulting for the first time in our history, with people 65 and older outnumbering those 17 and younger;

**WHEREAS**, locally the four funding communities households with seniors will increase by more than 50% by 2045 with a significant percentage of 65+ residents living alone;

**WHEREAS**, Next is close to capacity in the use of their space at Midvale School;

**WHEREAS**, the Next Executive Director, the Birmingham Public Schools Superintendent and Birmingham City Manager have been discussing the need for a long-term written agreement (lease) between Next and BPS;

**WHEREAS**, the BPS School Superintendent has advised Next and the City that she would hope to address this issue during discussions expected to come about while updating the BPS Strategic Plan and would then advise us of their position regarding a long-term written agreement (lease);

**WHEREAS**, the BPS School Superintendent has advised Next and the City representatives that we should expect a response in May of 2022;

**WHEREAS**, Next and the City believe a long-term written agreement (Lease of Midvale Space) would allow Next to develop long range plans for making physical improvements to the existing building, expanding the footprint of the Midvale space for the growing demands of the Next services and to start both fundraising and financial requests to the four communities for increased financial for such;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Trustees of the Village of Franklin supports Next in their request to BPS for a long-term written agreement (lease) for the use of space for the Next operation and services at Midvale School and encourages the citizens of Franklin to communicate their support for a long-term written agreement (lease) to the Birmingham Public School Board and Superintendent, and further direct to Village Clerk to forward this resolution along with an appropriate cover letter to the governing boards and chief administrative officers of Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills and Birmingham to also consider approving a similar resolution and sending it to the School Board and School Superintendent and to encourage their citizens to communicate their support as well.

Approved by the Franklin Village Board of Trustees this 11th day of April, 2022.

**Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hansen to approve the resolution of support for Birmingham Next in their request a long term written lease.**

**AYES:** Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Seltzer

**Motion carried.**

**B. Consider 2nd reading of proposed amendment to Section 1262.02(a) of the Zoning Ordinance titled “Desirable Parking Layouts”**

**Discussion:**

- ❖ The “Desirable Parking Layouts” was supposed to go back to the Planning Commission to discuss the application of compact parking standards.

**Decision: Table the second reading of proposed amendment to Section 1262.02(a) of the Zone Ordinance titled “Desirable Parking Layouts”.**

**C. Consider Resolution for Crestwood Drive Intersection Improvement Project**

**Roger Fraser, Village Administrator**

An amendment is needed to our original agreement and their site plan. The agreement for pressure sewer connections needed to be modified for them to be able to move ahead with their improvement project.

**It was moved by Saenz, seconded by Erlich to amend the 13th and Inkster Farmington Hills pressure sanitary sewer agreement.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**D. Consider Resolution for West Nile Fund Program 2022**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**West Nile Virus Fund Program 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established a West Nile Virus Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages and townships in addressing mosquito control activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with personal mosquito protection measures and mosquito larvicide distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland County has allotment of \$493.33 in funds for the Village of Franklin to spend on West Nile Virus prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan plans to incur expenses in connection with mosquito control activities believed to be eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Franklin intends to implement a program for individual-sized, personal insect repellent distribution to residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village of Franklin authorizes and directs its Administrator, Roger Fraser, as agent for the Village of Franklin, in the manner and to the extent provided under an Oakland County Board of Commissioners Resolution, to purchase and request

reimbursement for eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program for 2022.

Approved by the Franklin Village Board of Trustees this 11th day of April, 2022.

**It was moved by Saenz, seconded by Hanke to approve the resolution for the West Nile Fund Program 2022.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**E. Consider Resolution for Arbor Day 2022**

**RESOLUTION**

**Arbor Day 2022**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Bill Lamott, Council President of the Village of Franklin, do hereby proclaim, Friday, April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day in the Village of Franklin, and further, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Approved by the Franklin Village Board of Trustees this 11th day of April, 2022.

**It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Saenz to approve the resolution for Arbor Day 2022.**



**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**F. Consider Resolution for Mental Health Awareness Month**

**RESOLUTION**

**Mental Health Awareness Month May 2022**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a reminder of the importance of integrating mental health into preparedness and public health response plans; and

**WHEREAS**, younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and adult caregivers reported having disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use, and elevated suicidal ideation associated with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the World Health Organization: as many as one in six U.S. children ages 6-17 has a treatable mental health disorder such as depression, anxiety problems or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), between 2016-2019, approximately 5.8 million children ages 3-17 years were diagnosed with anxiety and 2.7 million were diagnosed with depression; and

**WHEREAS**, May 5, 2022 is designated the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and May 1 through May 7, 2022, is designated as Children's Mental health Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is committed to being a Zero Suicide organization and cultivate a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through "will power" and is not related to a defect in a person's "character" or intelligence; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health recovery not only benefits individuals with mental health disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn and fully participate and contribute to our society, but also enriches the culture of our community life; and

**WHEREAS**, improved systems of care for children and families; enhanced and expanded access to non-emergent and crisis services; advanced integrated physical and behavioral health care, collaborative provider relations; and a strengthened workforce are identified priorities for OCHN; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), and its service provider

agencies, are committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 11th day of April 2022, that the Franklin Village Council hereby recognizes May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month and calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses to promote recovery.

**It was moved by Saenz, seconded by Erlich to approve the resolution for Mental Health Awareness Month May 2022.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**G. Consider Franklin Grill Liquor License Renewal**

**Bill Lamott, Village President**

Stated this renewal doesn't require a meeting of the liquor control committee. The state is responsible for certifying that their laws are met. it's the Village approval for their license renewal.

**It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Saenz to approve the liquor license renewal for the Franklin Grill.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**H. Consider Tangerine Wine Liquor License Renewal**

**Bill Lamott, Village President**

This one is the owner has changed but the owner has been approved by the state.

**It was moved by Erlich, seconded by Goldberg to approve the liquor license renewal for the Tangerine Wine.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**I. Consider Zoning Ordinance Amendments Involving Maximum Height of Buildings in the RO-1 and C-1 Districts**

**Bill Lamott, Village President**

The zoning ordinance amendment which involves maximum heights of buildings in the downtown area is outdated. It states the building cannot exceed 14 feet high. And buildings like Perlmutter and Howard Hanna are 33 feet high. It is proposed that we change the height from 14 to 35 feet to accommodate those buildings.

**Peter Halick, Planning Commission Chairman**

Recommendation is the 35-foot height. Chris Doozan, our planner, took the measurements for how the Howard Hanna and Perlmutter which appear to be the tallest houses. It will bring the ordinance up to current standards so keeping with other ordinances. So, Franklin won't have these non-conforming buildings.

**It was moved by Saenz, seconded by Erlich to approve the zoning ordinance amendments for maximum height of buildings.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Seltzer**

**Motion carried.**

**J. Discussion of Lighting Ordinance**

**Bill Lamott, Village President**

There is a need to look at the lighting ordinance and update the Village's outdated ordinances. This is something to refer to the Planning Commission to come up with a proposed ordinance that is more objective. But be mindful of what we're trying to do in Franklin with the dark skies initiative.

**Discussion:**

- ❖ What type of lighting will be included in the new proposed ordinance and where?
  - All kind of lighting and the area to include both commercial and residential.
- ❖ With the new streetscape, there is a vision for lighting in the downtown that included overhead lighting and pedestrian lighting, because people need to be able to navigate sidewalks safely. Another element is lighting the buildings. It's hard for a business owner to know how to light their building, because there aren't guidelines.
- ❖ Robert White who worked on the lighting and the streetscape project has some material that he is prepared to share with and work with the planning commission on.

**Decision: Referred to Planning Commission**

**K. Discussion of Sign Ordinance**

**Bill Lamott, Village President**

The Village's outdated lighting ordinance needs to be update. This is needs to be refer to the Planning Commission to come up with a proposed ordinance, that is more objective. But be mindful of what we're trying to do in Franklin with the dark skies initiative. The four concerns about temporary signs 1) election time 2) if you have a cause that you want to publicize 3) how far should those signs be from the road and 4) How many signs should be allowed?

### **David Goldberg, Trustee**

The biggest issue is location. Timing and registration go hand in hand. If you just eliminate timing entirely, then there is no need for registration, and it would just be strictly the question of the number of signs permitted.

The Village could rely on the disrepair section of our ordinance that states if a sign falls in disrepair, it becomes blight and needs to come down. There's no time limit on it. a time limit is added, then it will require some registration process. or else the time limit. The registration should be from the beginning, or you don't register at all. This is going to lead to problems.

If the Village decides to add a timeframe on the signs, a registration process would be needed. as much as it might upset those that have to do the registering. Then all that must be registered and monitored, but according to the ordinance, it's supposed to be an online registration system.

### **Discussion:**

- ❖ Duration, placement in the right of way and the complaints Chief Robert received during the last election were discussed.

## **L. Discussion of Wetland Map**

### **Pam Hanson, Trustee**

The Village is doing work on drains on the village, trying to manage the ditches and culverts. Also the Village is trying to manage the long-term effort of water in the village. One source of water is wetlands. The Village has a wetlands ordinance, the state regulates wetlands over a certain size. The village offices don't have good visual guidance for the residents who want to look and see an accurate wetlands map. They are being given inadequate information that they are using to make decisions. And they're relying on faulty information from the village to make big decisions about land use, and land and property use.

Bryana Guevara, a wetland specialist she says if you have a wetlands ordinance, many municipalities have what they call a desktop aerial map that they can easily prove, reproduce, and give to people who want information. If you agree, then my request would be that our village engineers or the same consultant that the Planning Commission used to advise us on how we can improve.

### **Discussion:**

- ❖ What would it cost to construct such a map? Where do we start, with Hubbell, Roth, and Clark? What is our village position on wetlands preservation? Do we have to have a map? Can we have an ordinance without a map? The third issue is legally can we just use the EGLE map as a reference?
  - The wetlands map is a guide and does not create any legally enforceable presumptions regarding whether property that is or is not included on the map is or is not, in fact, a wetland. One suggestion would be really to look at this ordinance and change the wording where it is needed. Don't have to mention your old map. Just say there are resources to determine whether there's a wetland on or near your property.

## **M. DTE Update**

### **Roger Fraser, Village Administrator**

The Village recently received maps that were shared with council and the community two weeks ago when they asked to do trimming of trees on, particularly on the west side of town. But there has

also been some work going on the east side. When better picture of the work being done it known the Council will be informed.

#### **N. Consideration of Consent Agenda**

##### **Bill Lamott, Village President**

There is a process where the legal committee can put three or four items in what we call a consent agenda. We then send that agenda out and if all council members agree, we just vote on the consent agenda. Each member would have the ability to have an item removed from the consent agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Is this something the Council want to let the legal committee do? Just looking for your feedback

#### **O. Discussion of Residence Building Ordinance**

##### **Bill Lamott, Village President**

Discussion of the residents building ordinance as a concern that some new buildings are being built that really don't fit in the context of the neighborhood, even though they're they either comply with setbacks, or they've gotten a ZBA exception. The Planning Commission needs to look at this contextual issue. Is there a different way that we should write our setbacks and our zoning ordinances to prevent a 5000 square foot house being built in a neighborhood with 2000 square foot houses?

##### **Discussion:**

- ❖ The Village has contextual zoning, all our setbacks are based on contextual zoning. The concern is some house are towering over others.
- ❖ Part of the problem is homes that were built in the 40s 50s 60s 70s, a floor was eight feet. Now in a new home of floors are 12 feet. So just building a two-story house next to an existing two-story house, it will tower above it.
- ❖ It is worth looking at the village center, that area where it is all small lots and what we're talking about is people putting giant houses on small lots. If they follow the contextual zoning algorithm, they wouldn't be able to build houses on those lots.
- ❖ How about if we take the issue and send it back to Planning and ask them to evaluate it given the context?

#### **P. Consider Resolution for Support of Grant Application for Renovation of Historic Building**

##### **Bill Lamott, Village President**

Council is asked to consider a resolution to support a grant application for renovation of historic building at 32751 Franklin Road. There is a potential of obtaining a grant from Federal Housing Urban Development Department. This grant would require a 501 C three nonprofit, like the Historic Society, to administer the grant. The grant would provide money to buy the building, renovated, and put it into commercial service. It also would help if the village supported the grant application.

##### **Discussion:**

- ❖ Questions asked: Is this tied to the Economic Development Department? This is a privately owned property, are they interested in selling?
  - Those negotiations are just started to see if the owners would sell.
- ❖ What is our role here?

- The grant application from Andy Levin’s office and it states that the chance of success are better if you have support from local government, the application will include very specific information about buying the building, specifically what's going to be spent on the roof and the foundation. The purchaser would be the Franklin Historical Society.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the historic commercial building at 32757 Franklin Road is and has been primarily vacant for several years while also in need of repairs and updating, and

**WHEREAS** the economic well being of the historic Franklin downtown is diminished by the ongoing debilitated condition of this building, and

**WHEREAS** unprecedented amounts of grant funding are available for a limited time which may be used for renovation of historic properties such as this.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Franklin Village Board of Trustees hereby expresses its support of the Franklin Historical Society efforts to acquire and improve the physical structure and economic performance of the building at 32757 Franklin Road, and

**IT IS ALSO RESOLVED** the trustees supports the application for currently available grant funds to facilitate the completion of these improvements.

Adopted this eleventh day of April, 2022.

**It was moved by Erlich, seconded by Saenz to approve the resolution for the support of the grant application for the renovation of historic building with the following modification: “the Franklin Village Board of Trustee hereby expresses its support of the Franklin Historical Society efforts to acquire and improve”.**

#### **Roll Call Vote**

<b>Erlich</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Goldberg</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Hansen</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Lamott</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Saenz</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Hanke</b>	<b>NAY</b>

**ABSENT: Seltzer**  
**Motion carried 5:1.**

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Saenz, seconded by Erlich to adjourn.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Lamott and Saenz**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Seltzer**  
**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

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William Lamott, President

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Dana Hughes, Village Clerk