

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, August 8, 2022, at 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 Bill Lamott, at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Present: Dan Roberts, Police Chief; Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief; Roger Fraser, Village Administrator, Susan Goldstrom, Assistant Administrator; Peter Gojcaj, Village Attorney; and Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Hansen proposed a change of order to the agenda due to guests from Oakland County and anticipating discussion under Old Business. Also, would like to move the Main Street Accreditation Report and combine it with the update. Then move it under Special Reports as Item #5. Lamott that it should go Special Reports as Item #5 Main Street Report.

Goldberg stated that an agenda regarding charter amendment issue needed to be added. Lamott agreed that it should be considered under Old Business as item b Consideration of Millage Levy.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of July 11, 2022

Erlich stated there were a few typos. Also, on the bottom Page (1) her statement should be changed to read "the lack consistency of the minutes. We want to have it be consistent in the

future". On Page (2) change "chucking hen" to "clucking hen". On Page (3), it needs what to state what the resident was requesting, a drinking "fountain" with a dog bowl. The next resident statement should read that "He would like the Village to set a time". Finally on Page (4), the second bullet point should be change from "apply for grant money" to "applied for grant money".

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Saenz to adopt the for the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022, as amended.

AYES: Erlich, Hanke, Hansen, Saenz, Seltzer and Lamott

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Goldberg

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Public Comments were opened by President Bill Lamott at 7:04 PM.

Nena Downing, 30645 Bruce Lane

- She stated she has two public announcements.
 1. The first was she received a call from a representative from Bingham Farms, extending a warm welcome to all Franklin's residents and an invitation to attend Bingham Farms' Family Fest on Saturday. It would be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They were going to have a petting farm, a climbing wall, and all sort of fun activities.
 2. Secondly, if you're pre planning in September, they are going to have a special presentation from the police department called humorous tales of crime and punishment. The library will be hosting it for the September meeting, and it is at seven o'clock, September 29th.

Michelle Saulson, 26410 Irving Road

- She wanted some consideration to be made for the people that live on Drummond Court, Scenic Lane, and Irving Road. They are very concerned that this proposed dog park will greatly decrease the property value of all their homes. She really loves her house and she have been here for 22 years. In a quick examination of the few dog parks that are in existence in Oakland County, not one of them is in a neighborhood they are all located on parklands. When she moved in when the

park was used as a dog park unofficially. And is aware that there was an incident with someone that wasn't a resident of Franklin bringing their dog to the park that injured a woman.

- She hopes that during this process, the Village can take some serious examination of other possibilities that might enhance that because there's parking issues, obviously all the issues that you could potentially see.

Adam Scheinfield, 26480 Irving Road

- Just heard about the proposed dog park as well. Not only is it proposed, but it's the fact that the neighbors on the street weren't notified. ~~And the neighbors were the park with about two on the top of the street were notified either not only.~~ From a safety standpoint, for the cars are coming up and down the street during baseball season, which they do speed and park on the street, which would cause issues with a fire truck or other emergency vehicles getting through. That was one of the issues with a fire truck being able to go around the circle, but the amount of traffic that we already have due to baseball, due to other events that are in the park. And to add a dog park to that would not only take away his safety net with his young children, because he does have a seven-year-old and a 11-year-old, they are always playing not only the driveway but up and down the street. But the proposed dog park would have a huge impact on the house values.
- His concern isn't just much the dog park and the house value, but the safety of his children with more cars and more foot traffic, especially with strangers. He doesn't think there's one person on this panel that had young children that would allow a public park to be set right across from their house that wasn't there initially. And suddenly have all these people that are not normally around, their personal safety would feel threatened. He would do is sell his house.
- Also, he commented about the baseball fields. He states it could be an amazing draw. It could be used to draw new people to the Village. The problem is the state of the fields. He is wondering if the Village would do some improvements to the park and the baseball fields.

Richard Herman, Drummond Court

- He doesn't know a lot about this proposed new dog park. This is the first he has heard about it.

Council Comments:

Seltzer stated that don't jump the gun, this item was just a discussion last month. The Village has not made any commitments. The Village is nowhere near kind of plan or decision.

Hansen stated it was a public comment. Maybe a better option is to allow a couple hours on a weekend where they could let their dogs run loose.

Hanke recommended that Mr. Scheinfield work with the Franklin baseball league.

Public Comments were closed by President Bill Lamott at 7:18 PM.

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.
 - I have two quick personal items are personnel items. Today we started a brand new part time officer that we've been talking about for a while and he finally came on today and we swore him in and being in firearms and hope to swear him in and Franklin real soon he started working as name is Greg Hughes and he comes to us after almost 25 years of service at Farmington Hills police department where he retired just recently as a sergeant over there so a lot of great experience and we're thrilled to have him here part time to help fill the gaps that we've for quite a while. When his shift lineup with a Council meeting, I will bring him in so you can meet him.
 - Second personnel item is we are losing one of our reserve officers. reserve officer by the name of Al Neiman we just call ~~them big owl~~ him Big Al. He is a retiring from the Reserve Program. He has been with that about 10,11 or 12 years, volunteering his time, to our department on mostly on special events and things. But because of health concerns and family concerns, it's time for him to retire. So, he just let us know that last week, so we're going to have a little coffee in the office for him one day coming up in the next week or so when that happens.

Discussion:

- ❖ Mark Hanke questioned Chief Roberts about the fleet going electric. Because of the amount spent on gasoline. Have you ever thought about your next generation of vehicles being electric?
 - Dan Roberts replied, he has, there isn't a lot of widespread support in the police community.

B. Fire Report

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

- Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief reviewed with Village Council the submitted report. The department had a structure fire on Saturday about 12:30. Thanks to cooperation with the police department and surrounding communities. They were able to get the homeowner out. Farmington Hills and Beverly Hills sent personnel and apparatus that is part of our box alarm system. It is a mutual component. He asked the residents, if you live in the Village have an alarm system; one that covers the occupied and unoccupied areas of your house like attics or your garages.

Discussion:

- ❖ Michael Seltzer questioned if the fire got into house and if it had working smoke detectors.
 - Tony Averbuch stated that there were no heat detectors in the garage, but the house had smoke detectors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Kopelman, 30895 Oakleaf

- Stated his home is right behind the house that caught in fire. He wanted to say they did a fabulous job

C. Treasurer Report

Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer

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

There was a large entry of \$20,382.50 for landscaping services paid to Jerry Johnson.

VIII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Totals: -2022	
CATEGORY	SUB TOTALS
General	\$ 41,506.73
Major Streets	\$ 10,168.60
Local Streets	\$ 12,618.97
Police	\$ 68,511.52
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 14,951.75
Building Dept.	\$ 8,189.12
Library	\$ -
Street Project	\$ 196.25
Road Millage	\$ -
Pressure Sewer	\$ -
Tax Collection	\$ -
Wastewater	\$ 1,118.18
TOTALS	\$ 157,270.12

- ❖ How much time left before the project is completed?
 - About two weeks with some final landscaping work needed to be done.

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Goldberg to approve the submitted bills.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

IX. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. Franklin is part of a group of surrounding cities, looking at the deer population. We spent the last year or so working with the DNR and other communities and in September, October timeframe, we will have a questionnaire that will be to send out the people in town asking what's is there an issue if there's not an issue? Just trying to figure out exactly what's going on? It's a common question air for a lot of communities around us so. And based on what we get the feedback we get from that questionnaire; we'll figure is there something else to do or not?
2. Secondly, about a week ago, the consultant looking at wireless phone service in Franklin did a drive thru survey and they've concluded analysis, they haven't given us a formal report yet. But again, we will have something quickly here to discuss in terms of analysis

of the current service in recommendations for improving it. So just wanted to let you know that that's moving on. So that's all I have any council members have any comments?

B. Council Report

No report.

C. Administrator Report

Roger Fraser wanted to mention those last week working on analysis of the effects of the two millage proposals that we considered several weeks ago. Peter Gojcaj, Village Attorney, and I talked about the fact that the adjustment to our charter millage, which is three and a half ~~mils~~ mills was supposed to take that up to five years as a second part of the two-piece proposal, the first of which was to override Headley and bring our actual annual millage rate back up to three and a half ~~minutes~~ millages. It's currently just over two and a half ~~minutes~~ millages. What you have in the packet and the material, is a revised resolution and a revised ballot question that deals only with the Headlee override the movement to increase the charter language from three and a half to five Mills needs to go through the elaborate process of a charter amendment.

D. Planning Commission Report

Chairman Peter Halick

We continue to work on our light ordinance at our last Planning Commission meeting. We're finding that hopefully we'll have something soon because it is a straightforward ordinance. But it will be more up to date. We have also had discussions on the pathways behind the Derwich property the museum and we should have something for you soon, I think a recommendation to put some walking pathways in there, we must consider. We must consider ADEA related issues. We are going to look at that make sure that we don't have to include any special provisions for that. Then we are continuing our review of the master plan.

Discussion:

- ❖ Hansen asked when does Chairman Halick think the master plan will be completed?
 - Halick stated hopefully by the end year.

E. Main Street Accreditation Report

John Bri Bry, Program Coordinator for Main Street

1. I do have a couple of resources; I want to throw out to you that can be available through Main Street to assist one on the pathway connection. If you haven't been in touch with Kristin Wilfredo, from our office at the county. She's the trails coordinator for the county. She works with communities on all types of issues relate to parks, trails, pathways, she's been doing this work at the County for over 20 years. She's a great resource and contact that could help you kind of think through the planning process, and even potentially identify some funding resources if it gets to that.

2. About the baseball diamonds, Main Street is having a conversation with DTE and the DTE Foundation, about doing a sustainable main effort. That would include all the main street communities around the county. And what we're focusing on is doing some type of program around enhancing public spaces. So, in the downtowns, that could be the ball fields, as well as the village green, which to me, this is all the municipal complex for Franklin for everything from here to the ball diamonds to the village green all the municipal center. That's something that I'll keep you guys apprised on those conversations just started here in the last month. And I'm also talking to our new sustainability coordinator at the county about that as well.
3. And we're having some initial conversations with the county leadership of how this could maybe be an ARPA related funding piece to support public spaces. We're doing that through Main Street, and that would trickle to all the main street community. So that was the second thing and relate to the baseball diamonds as well. Or the public green or anything else.
4. We have a relationship with Patronus city, which is a crowdfunding platform that some of the other main street communities around the county have utilized. In fact, we helped Holly launch a crowdfunding campaign in the wake of their downtown fire that happened at the end of June. They set a goal of 25,000 to help rebuild battle alley, which is their sort of iconic public space and their downtown that was affected by the fire.
5. The real reason I'm here tonight is to present something we haven't done a while in Franklin. And that's your national ~~mainstream~~ main street accreditation. We took a pause from that for a couple years as everything was transitioning and kind of getting settled. And then of course, COVID on top of that, but a lot of progress had been made in the last year, with makes assistance that there hadn't really been a work plan in a long time and Main Street and everything was kind of fell into place. No Main Street Community in Oakland County is perfect, let me tell you that. But there had been marked improvement and along the 10 point criteria that we evaluate accreditation standards on provided by the National ~~mainstream~~ main street center, you guys hit on, you hit him up at the base levels, and you achieve that. So, you joined 12 Other Main Street communities around the county that also achieved that.

F. Main Street Update

Pam Hansen, Trustee

Mike Seltzer and I are the two Council liaisons to the Main Street board. There's a couple of things that Lisa Dunn asked us to comment on. A facade grant is a pile of money and it's in their account. Physical plants and businesses in the downtown area apply, because they want to check for some of these funds because they want to make some improvements in their building. Five businesses received grants from Main Street, Franklin, the gas station, the village Plaza, she's going to replace some facia, with a call that would the trim on top of her building. Dam Costello's building, he's going to do some repair and some parking event bliss, I think they're going to do a stereo or some other improvements on the entrance to the building. And Deja vu got a grant to put a new front door in because it's breezy. There. So those are all good news.

The coffee shop barn behind the Village Dental, they're waiting on a drainage plan and an approval from the health department. So, we should see something there, hopefully this season. And the other thing we wanted to make sure that to mention to the community particularly is on August 24th. The block party is going to happen from 5:30 to nine. This is the second block party, the street will be closed. They're waiting on a drainage plan and an approval from the health department. ~~So, we~~

~~should see something there, hopefully this season. And the other thing we wanted to make sure that to mention to the community particularly is on August 24. The block party is going to happen from 5:30 to nine.~~

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Appointment to the Planning Commission.

Natalya Shub

She lives at 32334 Franklin Road. She was born in Kyiv, Ukraine which at the time, was part of USSR and she immigrated to the United States in 1994. Her husband and their two sons purchased the historic house in the historic district in January of 2019. What sets her apart from other candidates is that she lives in the historic district. Life here and needs are different from other parts in the village. She believes with her experience in real estate, and being member of National Historic Preservation, and Michigan Historic Preservation can be an asset. She stated that regardless of who is appointed tonight, she believes that the President Lamott and all the trustees have three great candidates tonight, who are passionate and care very much about our village.

Anna Cangialosi

She lives at 25075 Devon Lane. In addition to what she said in her credential package, she has enjoyed being part of the FCA for the past two and a half years, it's been great networking meeting new neighbors being able to provide and maintain a green space and Franklin community park be a part of bringing the food trucks to the community and other events like music on the green in the round up. Her interest in applying to the planning commission is to further expand her network and to meet new people and have more exposure to just a larger network and planning in the future of Franklin to you know to ensure that it remains vibrant and unique, which is what draw which is what drew her and her husband to Franklin in the first place. So, they are hoping to stay here and enjoy a vibrant community.

Discussion

- Lamott stated that he is planning on nominating Anna Cangialosi.

Motion by Lamott, seconded by Seltzer to approve the appointment of Anna Cangialosi to the Planning Commission.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda.

Motion by Saenz, seconded by Hansen to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

B. Consider 2nd Reading of Proposed Amendment to Chapter 1474, Signs and Outdoor Display Structures.

It was moved by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to approve the second reading of proposed amendment to Chapter 1474, Signs and Outdoor Display Structures.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

William Lamott, President

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk