

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, February 13, 2023, 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, David Sahli, Mike Seltzer, and Bill Lamott

Absent: None

Present: Dan Roberts, Police Chief; Roger Fraser, Village Administrator, Susan Goldstrom, Assistant Administrator; Monika Koleci, Village Attorney; and Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Hansen asked to add an item under Old Business – A Subcommittee Report on the Cellular Services. Lamott stated he would have an update under his President’s Report. Also stated he and Trustee Goldberg are prepared to talk on this matter. Hansen stated she would like the next steps as the result of this discussion. It was decided to add item under Old Business.

**Motion by Hanke, seconded by Erlich to adopt the Agenda.**

**(Motion was Withdrawn)**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to adopt the Agenda, as amended to include Action Item A, under Old Business – Report on Cellular Services.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Sahli, Seltzer, and Lamott**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Special Organizational Meeting of November 21, 2022**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Hanke to adopt the Minutes for the Organizational Meeting of November 21, 2022.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Sahli, Seltzer, and Lamott**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **B. Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022**

Lamott asked if the corrected Minutes would include the stricken text. Erlich added on page 5 under the discussion about the role of the Planning Commission, the sentence starting with “Hanke questioned again whether” is not complete, add the word “Burn Ordinance” to complete the sentence. Hansen wanted it added to be the Minutes that ~~she~~ under Council Report on page 4, that the council agreed to add cell services to the February workshop.

**Motion by Hanke, seconded by Seltzer to adopt the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022, as amended.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Sahli, Seltzer, and Lamott**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

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

**Public Comments were opened by President Bill Lamott at 7:07 PM.**

Sara Covatta, 30405 Stonegate

- She is a local composting educator and member of the US Composting Council. She works to educate on best practices for properly composting food scraps and organic material. She would like to connect with the local leaders and provide the Village with companies and resources that can help residents. She would like to start a program here in the Village. She would be willing to teach classes or demonstrations.

Hanke suggested that she use the Village’s newsletter to get her message out sharing an article or website. The Village Administrator could help with using our emails so people could contact her.

John Simon, 30320 Kincardine

- At the last October Council meeting, he expressed his concerns that during the recent election, Trustee Seltzer, violated Main Street tax exempt code. The IRS 501C(3) exempt organizations are prohibited from participating in any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for elected public office. Main Street status as a tax-exempt organization is in jeopardy. He also requested the Village Attorney review his complaint.

Sahli asked Mr. Simon to have the business owners that were impacted by these statements attend the next ~~Council~~ Main Street Franklin meeting.

Angelina Sulaka, 26172 Meadow Drive

- She stated that her neighbor was sentenced for malicious destruction of her and her husband’s property. His sentencing included six months of probation, six weeks of anger management classes, a \$2,000 restitution, and all court fees. She then played a recording from the October 10<sup>th</sup> Village Council meeting where she and her husband were accused of fabricating this event for political reasons.

Natalya Shub, 32334 Franklin Road

- She was there to address an issue she has with one of the Trustees.

Mark Ziessow, 32695 Redfern

- He questioned, where the Village stands on the money its spent on water testing? Also, he questioned, where does the Village stand with its drainage issues? He stated that DTE has been tagging trees for a January start date and the trees have still not been trimmed. He also stated his concerns regarding ditches, culverts and wells.

Goldberg stated, at the workshop earlier, the Council just prioritize storm drainage is its number one item, it will be working on.

Lamott also stated that there is an ongoing program to work on drainage issues. The Village has already completed work off 14 Mile and Franklin Court. He also stated that HRC is assessing each property individually.

Dan Ferris

- He stated that he and his wife are new to the Village. He added that he is in support of the pedestrian trails, so he would be able to ~~with other neighbors and~~ walk the community.

**Public Comments were closed by President Bill Lamott at 7:29 PM.**

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

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

Dan Roberts, Police Chief

- Dan Roberts, Police Chief reviewed with Village Council his submitted report.
- Roberts stated a couple of serious incidents occurred last week. One was a road rage incident involving a gun. The other was a armed home invasion involving a stalker.
- He mentioned House Bill 4012 that would allow the Village to work in conjunction with Oakland County and the Michigan State Police to lower the speed limit on the dirt portion of 14 Mile Road from 55 mph. This bill is endorsed by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.
- His proposed budget for next year will be a 7% increase over last year's budget.

Lamott stated his support for House Bill 4012.

Sahli would like to do something more for the officers that the awards and recognition at a Village Council meeting. ~~He~~ would also like a separate email to go out to the community for those recognitions.

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

No report.

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

**Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer**

- Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer reviewed with the Village Council his treasurer’s report.
- There was a large entry of \$37,600.00 for the roof replacement on the police building.

**Discussion:**

- Some expenses were questioned.
- There were discussions regarding the Bingham Farms and Village of Franklin’s police service contract.

**VII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS**

<b>Totals: 2-12-2023</b>	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUB TOTALS</b>
General	\$ 130,112.83
Major Streets	\$ 219,492.73
Local Streets	\$ 32,300.87
Police	\$ 243,403.11
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 31,371.04
Building Dept.	\$ 21,305.85
Library	\$ -
Street Project	\$ -
Road Millage	\$ 11,850.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 960.74
Tax Collection	\$ 35.94
Wastewater	\$ 52,328.85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 743,161.96</b>

**It was moved by Seltzer, seconded by Hansen to approve the submitted bills.**

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

**VIII. PRESENTATION**

Rana Emmons of PSLZ presented the Village of Franklin’s Council with its Audited Financial Report.

**IX. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. President’s Report**

Lamott spoke on deer management and the Oakland County Deer Coalition. He reported the results of the deer survey and where they are in the process. He stated that the Coalition is working with Department of Natural Resources to come up with a way to quantify the impact of the deer overpopulation. That is the next step in the process.

## **B. Council Report**

Hansen stated that she and Lamott attended a luncheon given by Rashida Tlaib.

Seltzer explained his position regarding the political signs during the last local election.

Erich wanted clarification on the comments made during public comments.

Hansen would also like guidance on appropriate campaign practices. Attorney Koleci stated she could not give a definite answer during this meeting but would research an answer for the Council for the next meeting.

Sahli took a moment to recognize Black History month. He also questioned how the agenda items were determined and the lack of time to review the agenda packets.

Seltzer stated the legal committee meets the Monday before Council meeting and they review the items to be placed on the agenda. But does not know why the agendas go out on Fridays.

Fraser stated it is to allow people to bring in permits. It was decided to send Council agenda packets out on Thursdays and email Council a copy of the agenda when it is sent to the Legal Committee.

## **C. Administrator Report**

No report.

## **D. Planning Commission Report**

Pete Halick, Chairperson

The Planning Commission is currently working on the following:

- Two public hearing are scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting.
  - Horse and Other Equine Ordinance
  - Open Burn Ordinance
- Reviewed Trustee Sahli comments regarding the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance and made some revisions.
- Received the updated Master Plan from McKenna and will be reviewing it at the next meeting.

## **E. Main Street Franklin Report**

Fraser update the Council on the interviewing process for the Economic Development Director position.

Hansen informed the Council that the Oakland County communities that are part of Main Street Oakland County will have recertification on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lamott stated that there is an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Cellular Services**

Lamott stated the cellular service committee spoke with the wireless services in the last six months. He provided the Council with coverage maps provided by Gunnerson Consulting. Currently, the Village is served by two distributed antenna networks and each network has six nodes.

Discussion followed.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consider the Chickens & Ducks Ordinance.**

#### **Pete Halick, Planning Commission**

He stated that the Village has residents who currently own chickens. But there is not an ordinance to allow for the owning of chickens and ducks. This ordinance would make it legal.

- It includes the number of female chickens and/or ducks to be allowed.
- A coop is required.
- They must be supervised if they are allowed to be free.
- They are subject to the setback requirements.

Discussion followed.

### **B. Consider the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance.**

**It was moved by Seltzer, seconded by Sahli to approve the First Reading of the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance as presented.**

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Sahli, Seltzer, and Lamott**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**AYES: Erlich, Goldberg, Hanke, Hansen, Sahli, Seltzer, and Lamott**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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William Lamott, President

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Dana Hughes, Village Clerk