

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 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, and Bill Lamott

Absent: Mike Seltzer

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

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sahli asked to add two items, debris pickup and the creation of a utility commission.

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Hansen to adopt the Agenda, as amended to include debris pickup and the creation of a utility commission under new business.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

State Senator Jeremy Moss

Senator Moss discussed Michigan's newly passed early voting bill, LGBTQ protections, the shooting at Michigan State University, and the recent ice storms.

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Erlich to adopt the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023, with corrections.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Public Comments were opened by President Bill Lamott at 7:21 PM.

Jeff Kopelman, 30895 Oakleaf Lane & Ann Lamott, 26475 Scenic Drive

- They were at the meeting representing the Franklin Historical Society. They announced next year would be the bicentennial for the Village of Franklin. They discussed the Historical Society's outline for the celebration. They were hoping the Council would be interested in making a financial contribution to the celebration.

Hanke suggested that a bicentennial committee with Council representation be created to organize the events and raise funds.

Connie Ettinger, 25600 River Drive

- She talked about the bad cell phone coverage problems.

Mark Ziessow, 32695 Redfern

- He stated that Edison started the tree trimming and are doing a heavy clearance, because it has been a couple of years of not doing anything. He also asked for a status on the debris cleanup.

Joan Miller, 31010 Oakleaf Lane

- She stated that 13 Mile Road and Oakleaf Lane is a bad location for a power line. She asked what to do with the limb debris from the storm. She also stated that there is a lot of wires that are still down.

Lamott stated that the Village is looking to add something into next year's budget to cover storm cleanup.

Sahli read a public comment from Matthew Pepin who was unable to attend. He would like to see the meetings available on livestream, so he could be a more involved citizen. He also stated his concern about the power infrastructure in the Village of Franklin.

Sahli also stated that downed power lines, active or not, is unacceptable. This needs to be a top priority.

Public Comments were closed by President Bill Lamott at 7:42 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 due to the recent storms, the police department has been busy with accidents and removing tree limbs from the roadways.
- He mentioned they were approved for a grant request for the reimbursement of training costs, totaling over \$4,000. This will be used to send one of the Sergeants to Staff and Command School. MMRMA will be reimbursing 75% of that cost.
- They also received a grant from the US Department of Justice to help offset the cost of bulletproof vests.
- He reminded the Council that the funds from the sale of the police vehicle will go to Bingham Farms, because they purchased the vehicle.

Hanke asked if the traffic stops could be broken down between the two villages.

B. Fire Report

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

- Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief reviewed with Village Council his submitted report.
- He asked the residents to prepare themselves for future power outages. The Federal government has a website: www.ready.gov. It provides suggestions for emergency supplies. He also stated it is important to have a three-day supply of water for everyone in the house. He asked the residents to be careful with down power lines.
- He stated there have been issues with generators and exhaust gases. Residents need to take steps to deflect those gases.
- He asked residents not to drive around during the storms. He stated if a resident drives over a live wire the fire department cannot help until Edison cuts off the electricity.

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 \$6,416.75 for salt expenses the Village paid to Oakland County Road Commission

Discussion:

- There were questions regarding the code enforcement vehicle and the completion of the Kreger House TV network.

VII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Totals: 3-12-2023	
CATEGORY	SUB TOTALS
General	\$ 33,729.14
Major Streets	\$ 3,977.79
Local Streets	\$ 3,647.63
Police	\$ 64,653.62
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 14,971.41
Building Dept.	\$ 4,751.09

Library	\$	-
Street Project	\$	-
Road Millage	\$	750.00
Sewer Fund	\$	-
Tax Collection	\$	-
Wastewater	\$	-
TOTALS	\$	126,480.68

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

No report.

B. Council Report

Sahli recognized March as Women's History Month.

Hansen wanted to acknowledge the hard work Chief Roberts, the police officers, and the Fire Department did to clear the roads the night of the storm.

Fraser added that Jerry Johnson and his crew were out on the road from 8:30 in the morning and worked throughout the night as well.

Erlich questioned the tree removal service the Village employed not showing up. Fraser explained they did not have any staff on hand.

Hanke recommended the Village publicly recognize the effort of Chief Tony Averbuch and Chief Dan Roberts. Hansen stated maybe with a letter from the Council.

C. Administrator Report

Fraser stated that the Village offered the position of Main Street and Economic Development Director to David Leclerc.

D. Planning Commission Report

Pete Halick, Chairperson

The Planning Commission is currently working on the following:

- A public hearing on the Horse and Other Equine Ordinance and Open Burn Ordinance

- The Master Plan has been sent to Council for review.
- Coming up will be a public hearing for the revised Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.
- They will also be reviewing the site plan for 30777 Telegraph.

Hansen stated her concern for the size of the building at 30777 Telegraph.

Hanke questioned the Village Attorney Koleci about the guidance on appropriate campaign practices involving the use of Village emblems, signs and police signage.

Attorney Koleci stated she did not have the information requested by Council but she would have the answer for the next Council meeting.

Hansen stated that Main Street Franklin will be recertified as a select community, having passed their checklist and examination.

E. Main Street Franklin Report

No report.

F. Cellular Service Report

Lamott stated the committee has had a couple of meetings. Also, he stated that Bloomfield has a distributed antenna system of about 20 nodes just 5 miles north of Franklin. The committee is trying to understand this system better and see if it can be duplicated in Franklin.

Goldberg stated the committee has to reengage communication with Verizon. It seems that a distributive system internal to the village, like the one Bloomfield has in a lot of its residential sectors, would be the Village's preferred route if the Village does not have to install a cell tower. If there were ways to enhance the cell towers that surround the village and have them help with service to its perimeters, that should be investigated as well.

Discussion followed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the Bring Your Own Dog on May 7th.**
- B. Consider Civic Event Permit Application of Oktoberfest on October 6th.**

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Sahli to approve the consent agenda items.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider the Second and Final Reading of the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Sahli to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

B. Consider Recommendation of Change Order for 2023 Culvert Assessment Program.

Ed Zmich, HRC

This is a proposal to extend Pipetek's contract that began last year with Carol Street and other stormwater investigations, televising, cleaning, and assessing the pipes. This extension is the continuation of the Village's project to review all storm-related issues and come up with ideas to improve the process. This is the next step in that process. It would include 80 additional culverts.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Hanke to approve the change order for 2023 Culvert Assessment Program for the price of \$47,900 with the recommendation of an additional contingency plan and an additional \$5,500 for engineering for a total of \$60,585.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Extension Date for the HDSC 2022 Report on modification to the Historic District.

Pam Hansen, HDC Liaison

She has spoken to Chairman Gary Roberts and they are recommending to Council to extend the previous extension for another three months. This is due to the fact that the title search and work to define the properties are not completed.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Erlich to approve the second 90-day extension for the HDSC 2022 Report on Modification to the Historic District.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

B. Consider Live Village Council Meetings via Cable.

It was moved by Sahli, seconded by Hanke to authorize the Village Administrator to pursue the ability to livestream Council meetings one way.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

C. Consider Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy.

The Council discussed the merits of the two candidates.

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Sahli to appoint Mark Ziessow to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Hanke to appoint Edward Albers as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by Mark Ziessow.

D. Consider Bid for Sale of Police Vehicle.

The Council discussed the sale of the vehicle.

It was moved by Sahli, seconded by Hanke to approve the sale of the police vehicle to Chicago Motor for \$6,207.00 with the proceeds going to Bingham Farms.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

E. Consider the First Reading of Chickens & Ducks Ordinance.

The Council discussed the ordinance and revisions to it.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Erlich to approve the First Reading of the Chickens & Ducks Ordinance subject to Planning Commission making the necessary revisions.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Seltzer
Motion carried.

F. Consider The First Reading of Horse and Other Equine Ordinance.

The Council discussed inconsistencies in the ordinance.

Tabled until next month's Village Council meeting, so revisions can be made.

G. Consider the First Reading of Open Burn Ordinance.

The Council discussed the Open Burn Ordinance.

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Hansen to approve the First Reading of the Open Burn Ordinance subject to Planning Commission making the necessary revisions.

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

Discussion on Debris Cleanup in the Village:

Sahli would like to give the Village Administrator the authority to work with Jerry Johnson to go out to bid for the next budget cycle for the following two items: emergency debris cleanup and one seasonal leaf pickup. He would also like to establish a utility commission or committee.

The Council discussed Sahli's suggestions.

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 9:55 P.M.

William Lamott, President

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk