

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, November 21, 2022, at 8:00 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 8:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kathy Erlich, David Goldberg, Mark Hanke, Pam Hansen, Trustee-Elect David Sahli, and Bill Lamott

Absent: Mike Seltzer

Present: Dan Roberts, Police Chief; Roger Fraser, Village Administrator, Susan Goldstrom, Assistant Administrator; Peter Gojcaj, Village Attorney; and Dana Hughes, Village Clerk

III. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Hughes administered the Oath of Office to Trustee David Goldberg, Trustee Pam Hansen and Trustee David Sahli

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Discussion:

- **Hanke questioned the agenda item involving the purchase of a new police vehicle. He stated that it was not appropriate for this meeting.**
 - **Fraser explain why the Council was asked to consider this item in a memo sent on the previous Friday.**

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Erlich to adopt the Agenda, with the following change to move Item 10 (X) to just after Adoption of Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

V. Consider the Purchase of a 2022 F-150 Police Responder Vehicle

Chief Dan Roberts

He explained that the purchase would not be an expense to the Village. Every four years Bingham Farms purchases a new police truck, it is in their budget. The Village of Franklin is reimbursed for that cost. He added this item was added to the organization meeting due to difficulties obtaining police vehicles. Currently Gordo Ford is holding the vehicle for the Village and the police

department does not want to lose that vehicle.

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Sahli to approve the purchase of a 2022 F-150 Police Responder for \$44,823.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

VI. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Public Comments were opened by President Bill Lamott at 8:09 PM.

Natalya Shub, 32334 Franklin Road

She congratulated elected Trustee David Goldberg and Pam Hanson, and Trustee-elected David Sahli. Hard work and commitment paid off well done. She said how proud and grateful that they ran their campaigns with integrity and civility despite all the false, baseless and disgraceful allegations brought by the Responsible Franklin, ~~created by President Lamott designed to mislead the residents.~~ The residents have spoken, and it is clear what kind of government and leadership they want. They know that Trustees Sahli, Goldberg, Seltzer, Hanke and Hansen will bring the leadership to the beautiful Village and that they will work on behalf of all residents. ~~The majority of our residents also have spoken that they do not want what Responsible Franklin proposed and promised once again by misleading our residents.~~

~~President Lamott created and ran this campaign. He has been disrespectful to the council members and candidates once again election after election. Once again, he tried to divide the village instead of bringing everyone together. He ran a shameful campaign against three great respected individuals and Trustees. Trustee Erlich also supported his campaign Responsible Franklin and his false misleading statements and shameful tactics. But this is not surprising because Trustee Erlich has previously attacked Trustee Seltzer on social media. She did it right when Yom Kippur started which is the holiest day in Judaism. It is disturbing that she knows that Trustee Seltzer is Jewish, but she does it anyway. And when I expose her, she instead of saying sorry, she attacked or assaulted me again. Trustee Erlich also verbally attack my mom and my youngest son, she finally addressed this at the October meeting, even though she has been asked to explain herself for about two years now. Conveniently Trustee Erlich addressed this incident when she was not present at the meeting and right before the election, she did not say simple sorry, it seems this word is not in her dictionary and called her a liar. She has experienced a lot of inappropriate behavior and attacks from Trustee Erlich, and she has seen how she treats others who disagree with her or who tells the truth about her. This is not how anyone but especially a Trustee should behave. Both of you either need to start respecting the other Trustees, treat all residents equally and work on behalf of all residents and obey the Oath. If you cannot, you need to resign immediately.~~

Public Comments were closed by President Bill Lamott at 8:21 PM.

VII. FILE ELECTION RESULTS

President Lamott read the Official Results.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEE

David Sahli	996
David Goldberg	877
Pam Hansen	803
Fred Gallasch	686
Nena Downing	653

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Richard David	948
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MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL

Yes	989
No	891

Motion by Goldberg, seconded by Hanke to accept the official election results from the 2022 November 8th Election as it pertains to the Village of Franklin.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

VIII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Motion by Sahli, seconded by Hanke to approve the appointment of Mark Hanke as the President Pro Tempore.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

IX. APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL

A. Village Treasurer

Discussion:

Hansen stated the treasurer has specific duties. Lance because of his profession, is not able to carry out the full scope of the Treasury duties as outlined in the village charter. What we've done for several years because the Village has attempted to recruit a treasurer, but have not

been successful. is we have a series of volunteers acting as deputy treasurers.

Goldberg asked if this has been posted. The answer was it has off and on over the years.

Lamott asked if the Council wanted to appoint Lance as interim until someone could be found.

Hansen thinks it would be insulting to appoint Lance as interim, she does not want to lose him.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Erlich for approval to reappoint Lance Vainik as the Village Treasurer.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

B. Village Deputy Treasurer(s)

Discussion:

Fraser stated the Village has had three at one point in the last year but have not had to call on any of them. So, it is not critical.

Sahli would like, moving forward that we treat these appointments like our other appointments, where we're doing posting, so that people who are interested parties can submit their names for our consideration.

Motion by Sahli, seconded by Erlich for approval of Mark Hanke as the Village Deputy Treasurer.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

C. Council Liaison to Fire Department

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Erlich for approval to reappoint Kathy Erlich as the Council Liaison to Fire Department.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

D. Village Representative to the Birmingham Cablecasting Board

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Lamott for approval to reappoint Richard David as the Village Representative to the Birmingham Cablecasting Board.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

E. Village Representative to Birmingham NEXT

Motion by Sahli, seconded by Erlich for approval of Mike Seltzer and Pam Hansen as the Village Representatives to Birmingham NEXT.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

F. Village Representative to Main Street Franklin

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Goldberg for approval of Pam Hansen, David Sahli and Mike Seltzer as the Village Representatives to Main Street Franklin.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

G. Council Liaison to Historic District Commission

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Sahli for approval to reappoint Pam Hansen as the Council Liaison to Historic District Commission.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

H. Council Liaison to Planning Commission

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Sahli for approval of Kathy Erlich as the Council Liaison to Planning Commission.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Seltzer
Motion carried

I. Village Finance Committee

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Erlich for approval of Pam Hansen, Mark Hanke, Bill Lamott and Lance Vainik as members of the Village Finance Committee.

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

J. Village Legal Committee

Motion by Sahli, seconded by Hanke for approval of David Goldberg, Bill Lamott and Mike Seltzer as members of the Village Legal Committee.

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

K. Village Liquor Control Committee

Motion by Goldberg, seconded by Hanke for approval of Kathy Erlich, Mark Hanke and David Sahli as members of the Village Liquor Control Committee.

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

L. Village Personnel Committee

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Goldberg for approval of Mark Hanke, David Sahli and Mike Seltzer as members of the Village Personnel Committee.

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

M. Road and Streetscape Committees

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Sahli for approval of Pam Hansen, David Goldberg and Bill Lamott as members of the Streetscape Committee and Kathy Erlich, David Goldberg and Bill Lamott as members of the Road Committee.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

N. Birmingham Youth Assistance

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Erlich for approval of Mike Seltzer and David Sahli as Liaison to the Birmingham Youth Assistance.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

IX. CONSIDER the Attached Calendar for the 2023 Meetings of Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning/Sign Board of Appeal

The Council had quick review of the calendar of meeting dates.

Motion by Goldberg, seconded by Hansen for approval for the 2023 Meetings of Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried

X. CONSIDER the Purchase of a 2022 F-150 Police Responder Vehicle

This agenda item was moved to right before Public Comments on the Agenda.

XI. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTS.

- Hansen stated that she was curious about what the residents thought about the millage proposal, given it was a close vote. She was not expecting it to be that close.
- Hanke know it was not going to be easy, with the confusing messages about what the purpose of the millage was and why it was important.

- Erlich became concerned about it passing during the Village's Town Hall meeting.
- Sahli was expecting it to be close, based on the feedback he received knocking on doors. We need to be diligent, not only about the management of the budget, but explaining to people how we manage the budget along the way. ~~And I think everyone did a good job for it being somewhat of a first time doing it. But at the same time, we asked the village to meet us where we were at. And if we make transparency along the way, and we can have conversations about the management of the budget, for instance, the impact of the new police contract right on the budget, then we're meeting the people at least, maybe not where they are at.~~
- Erlich asked, how do we honor those concerns of the public and educate them along the way?
- Hanke stated that he thinks as a finance committee, we need to meet in December in January, to start working on the budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

William Lamott, President

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk