

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, October 9, 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 7:02 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; and Peter Gojcaj, Village Attorney

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023

Motion by Hanke seconded by Erlich to adopt the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

VI. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

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A. Police Report

Dan Roberts, Police Chief

- Dan Roberts, Police Chief reviewed with Village Council his submitted report.
- He stated that the Village had its first residential burglary in a long time. He believes this burglary may be connected to the burglaries in Bloomfield Township, Northville, and Bloomfield Hills. It is believed that there is a Chilean crew that has been working in the area.
- He mentioned the Deputy Chief interviews. He explained that Roger Fraser, Susan Goldstrom, Ken Marten from Bingham Farms, and himself interviewed the candidates. The goal is to narrow it down to two or three candidates. Then bring them before the Council for the final determination.

Discussion followed.

B. Fire Report

Tony Averbuch

- Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief reviewed with Village Council his submitted report.
- He thanked the Village for their support in getting the MI fire equipment grant. He stated the final paperwork was submitted last week. He also stated that they have applied for another grant program through MIOSHA.

Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer

- Lance Vainik, Village Treasurer reviewed with the Village Council his treasurer's report.
- There was a large entry of \$38,100.00 for Johnson Landscaping for mowing, tree trimming and various repairs.

Discussion:

- There was discussion regarding the Village's short-term investments.

Action Item: Vainik to provide the Council with a report on short-term investments.

Discussion followed.

VII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Totals: 10-08-2023	
CATEGORY	SUB TOTALS
General	\$ 785,101.00
Major Streets	\$ 14,965.40
Local Streets	\$ 24,419.26
Police	\$ 87,431.81
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 15,196.49
Building Dept.	\$ 12,631.15
Library	\$ -
Street Project	\$ -
Road Millage	\$ -

Sewer Fund	\$ -
Tax Collection	\$ 19,887.52
Wastewater	\$ 5,683.50
TOTALS	\$ 995,217.85

Discussion:

- Discussion involved bills from the Appletree Irving easements, vehicle stickers and the dehumidifiers for the Village Offices and the Kreger House.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Hanke 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

- Hanke questioned the display of scarecrows around the Village and asked why there wasn't a request for a permit.
 - Discussion followed if the scarecrows were signs or just displays.
 - It was decided that the Council would like the Historical Society to submit a Civic Event Permit application with the Village.
- Sahli thanked the Library for hosting the Oktoberfest. Secondly, he recognized the day as Indigenous People Day.
- Goldberg offered his thoughts and prayers to the Israelis, Americans and citizens of the other countries that have been and continue to be killed, tortured, or injured in the unprovoked attacks on Israel. He also mentioned the landscaping improvements to Main Street and Franklin Road look amazing.
 - Discussion followed.

C. Administrator Report

- Fraser commented that the Village has had a surge in activity regarding trees, trees dying and trees being removed. He mentioned an incident on Bowden between German Mill and

Carol as an example. He asked the Council for directions on how to handle trees' limbs from private property hanging over the right of way that could pose a safety hazard.

Discussion followed.

- Fraser stated they met with a gentleman regarding the problems with the Village's pedestrian lighting. The issue is when one of the pedestrian lights has broken off, it tends to short out all the lights.

D. Planning Commission Report

- Wooters stated the Commission is currently working on its ranking of planning priorities, the Master Plan's Goal and Objectives, and Lighting Ordinance. He mentioned that the Commission had an architect present a presentation at the last meeting. He stated that he may come back to Council and ask for an extension on the Pickering Barn.

Discussion followed on the Master Plan.

E. Main Street Franklin Report

- Goldstrom reported the ongoing work preparing for the Franklinsien Frenzy. She asked Hanke if he would be Frankenstein. She then announced it would be held on October 28th and the parade would start at 11:45 a.m.

Discussion followed on the position of Executive Director of Main Street.

F. Committee on Pathways Report

- Sahli stated that they have gotten all the previous findings and reports from the Planning Commission delivered today. He is now waiting to get a digital copy before taking possession, so that the Village has a record.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing was opened by President Bill Lamott at 8:06 PM.

A. Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map to Include Certain Properties in the Public Institutional Zoning District.

Public Hearing was closed by President Bill Lamott at 8:07 P.M.

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B. Community Development Block Grant Funding Plan, Year 2024.

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X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Community Development Block Grant Funding Plan, Year 2024.

It was stated that last year the funding was allotted to the Birmingham Youth Assistance program. It was also noted each year the same three organizations apply for the funding and they are Next, Birmingham Youth Assistance and Haven. There were no representatives in attendance for this meeting but Haven did send a letter.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Goldberg to allocate \$7,000 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Distribution for Program Year 2024 to Haven.

Roll Call Vote:

Erlich	Aye
Goldberg	Aye
Hanke	Aye
Hansen	Aye
Lamott	Aye
Sahli	Aye

Seltzer	Absent
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Motion carried.

B. Consider Village of Franklin's Property Status Report.

Gojcay stated that there were three properties at issue, the library, the baseball fields, and the Village Offices. It has been determined that the Village owns the library parcel. There were a couple of parcels that were not included in a certain deed for the library and the Village Offices. It was determined that Lot 195 should be included with the library. Then there were seven lots that were not included in the land contract. The title company acknowledged that and put in an affidavit to resolve that issue. Lot 78 was included as a Village owned lot, but after a review it has been determined that it should be part of the FCA properties.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Sahli to authorize President Bill Lamott to execute the two affidavits confirming title; one with regards to Lots 157 to 168 and Lots 184 to 195 and the other to confirm the title of Lots 171 to 177 and north half of Lot 178.

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

Motion carried.

- C. Consider First Reading of the Public Institutional Zoning for the Following Properties: Franklin Community Church, FCA Properties, Huda School, Franklin Cemetery, and Franklin Sledding Hill.**

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Erlich to approve the First Reading of the Public Institutional Zoning for the Franklin Community Church, FCA Properties, Huda School, Franklin Cemetery, and Franklin Sledding Hill.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

- D. Consider Second and Final Reading – Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map to Include Certain Properties in the Public Institutional Zoning District: Franklin Village Offices, Kreger House and Barn, Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department, Franklin Public Library and Franklin Village Green, Franklin Historical Museum and Adjoining Property, and the Bowden Road Property.**

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Erlich to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Public Institutional Zoning for the Franklin Village Offices, Kreger House and Barn, Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department, Franklin Public Library and Franklin Village Green, Franklin Historical Museum and Adjoining Property, and the Bowden Road Property.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Proclamation for Lieutenant Micheal Bastianelli's Retirement.**

PROCLAMATION

Michael T. Bastianelli, Police Lieutenant

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli, has been employed as a Police Officer for the Village of Franklin since September 8, 2007, hired by then Chief Patrick T. Browne; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli, prior to his service as a full-time Police Officer in Franklin, served for ten (10) years as a Detroit Police Officer, assigned to DPD's 10th and 12th Precincts; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli graduated from the Detroit Police Academy in March of 1998, and also attained a Bachelor's degree from Concordia University in Ann Arbor in March of 2006, and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli, has proven to be an exceptional Patrolman, Detective and Command Officer for the Franklin Police Department, receiving many commendations for outstanding service during his 16 years of duty to the Village, too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli, successfully served as Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant on the Franklin Police Department, having been promoted to those positions by Chief Daniel D. Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli graduated from the prestigious and challenging Northwestern University School of Staff and Command, on November 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bastianelli, has chosen to retire on September 15, 2023 after 16 years of outstanding service to the citizens of the Village of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Villages of Franklin and Bingham Farms have benefitted greatly by Lieutenant Michael T. Bastianelli's dedicated and outstanding service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Village Council does hereby publicly recognize, commend and thank Lieutenant Michael T. Bastianelli for his outstanding dedicated service as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant on the Franklin Police Department and wishes to express its sincere gratitude for the invaluable service Michael T. Bastianelli has rendered in keeping the citizens of the Village of Franklin safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and expression of civic appreciation be presented to Lieutenant Michael T. Bastianelli on behalf of the undersigned.

It was moved by Goldberg, seconded by Sahli to approve the Proclamation for Lieutenant Michael Bastianelli's Retirement, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

B. Consider 30777 Telegraph Revised Site Plans.

- Fraser explained that this request is a slight change in the way the landscape works at the south end of this property. The modifications were to the amount of impervious surface. Wooters added the biggest thing was the amount of parking that they would have needed to put it if they had the landscaping where they did originally. They never intended to use that space for parking.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Hanke, seconded by Erlich to approve the revision to the 30777 Telegraph site plans.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seltzer

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

William Lamott, President

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk