

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, September 12, 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, Pam Hansen, Ed Saenz, Mike Seltzer, and Bill Lamott

Absent: Mark Hanke

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

Goldberg thought at the legal committee meeting that an informational item would be added to the agenda regarding the distribution of information on the Headlee Override and what it means. To consider bring Plante Moran in for the October Village Council meeting to do a formal presentation to the residents.

Lamott asked the item 9F) DTE Storm & Outage Update be removed from the agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hanke

Motion carried

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022

Erlich stated there were a few typos.

1. Page (2) two, first paragraph add the word "fountain" after drinking.
2. Page (3) three, replace the following sentence "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 coming up and down the street during baseball season, which they do speed park into the street, which would cause issues with a fire truck or other

emergency vehicles getting through.” with “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.”

3. And the neighbors were the park with about two on the top of the street were notified either not only”, capitalize “From”, after standpoint remove “, for” and add “are” after cars and add “and” between speed and park.
4. Page (4) four, Chief Dan Roberts’ second bullet point change “them big owl” to “him Big Al”.
5. Page (6) six, replace all occurrence of “minutes” with “millages”; change “mils” to “mills”.
6. Page (7) seven, under bullet point (5) change all occurrence of “mainstream” with “main street”.
7. Page (8) eight, deleted last three sentences beginning on the bottom of page (7) seven.

Hansen stated on Page (6) John Bry’s name was misspelled.

Motion by Saenz, seconded by Seltzer to adopt the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022, with corrections.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hanke

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Public Comments were opened by President Bill Lamott at 7:06 PM.

Nena Downing, 30645 Bruce Lane

- She invited the community of Franklin to come to the library on September 29th at 7 p.m. for a special presentation by Chief Dan Roberts called “Humorous Tales of Crime and Punishment”.
- She has initiated a group of concerned people in the community to start a food coop. They have a location and the people. When she gets more information, she will share with the community.

Joan Miller, 31010 Oakleaf Lane

- She was concern about a raise in the village tax and the November ballot. Residents need to know what is going on. She would recommend that hard copies be mailed to the residents, explaining why the Village needs the millage increase. She was not happy with the reason that the Village put in the new sidewalks. It was against the Charter.

Seltzer explained the Village has been having several meetings about the budget. He also explained the sidewalks were placed for connectivity. The sidewalks will bring people to the Village’s beautiful grounds, tennis courts, baseball fields, the downtown and the cider mill.

Brain Kutinski, 26480 Normandy

- He bought up the letter he received from the Village President. The letter that states the Village Council Trustees had spent huge amount of money reducing the historic rural character of the Village. Also, the letter asked for money. He doesn't think it was an appropriate letter, to come from the President. He also asked if there is going to be a forum for the people running for Trustees can speak on the issues.

Saenz stated to the resident if he could set something up if he like or an organization like League of Women Voters. Clerk Hughes added the League of Women Voters will have a forum on October 11th at the Franklin Community Church at 7 p.m.

David Sahli, 26172 Meadow Drive

- He was there to discuss when the candidates were provided notice that the Village would begin enforcing the Village's sign ordinance. He informed the Village that it should take the time to establish enforcement procedures to ensure that the ordinance is objectively and fairly enforced. The Village opted not to develop the enforcement procedures. Less than a week later, the code enforcement officer was removing two of his signs. He asked on what grounds was he removing the signs, Sahli stated, they met the requirements of the new ordinance. The code enforcement officer stated he pulled them because they were in the village right away. When asked to cite the law or ordinance that prohibits the signs, he was unable to answer but refused to allow the signs to remain up. Additionally, he also informed him that a notice of violation was issued to the resident because the sign was too close to the sidewalk.
- Sahli informed him that the signs were measured to ensure they were five feet for the hard surface, in fact, he measured them himself. When asked if the code enforcement officer measured and was told he did not. He emailed the Village Administrator requesting guidance as to which ordinance did the code enforcement officer relied on to pull the signs and why were non-political signs not pulled. It has been 10 days and seven emails, and the Village has not responded to give guidance in this matter.
- The residents have been given the impression that we need this millage to be financially viable. If the Village don't get the millage increase, which means that it's the burden of the Village to inform the voters to give them a reason to approve it. During the sidewalk vote, there was a lot of distrust that was created. The rumors are that the money from that millage will be diverted into building further sidewalks. The more information the Village can get out, the better chance the millage will have to pass.

Natalya Shub, 32334 Franklin Road

- She was here to address President Lamott. When he became a village president, he has divided the residents. At one of the council meetings, she asked him to resign as he was not fit to be Village President because he violated the oath. He has abused the power that was given to him. Throughout her public comments. Trustee Erlich was laughing even though, the attorney reminded everyone at the meeting to not interrupt, react or make any comments while a resident was speaking. In a different meeting, Trustee Erlich interrupted her throughout her public comments again. At that time, Trustee Erlich was never condemned for her inappropriate behavior. Nor did the President try to stop Trustee Erlich's father when he berated harassed Trustee Seltzer.
- After the President and his supporters lost their fight regarding sidewalks, he started retaliating against families who were vocal for the sidewalks. By using his position and power, he started blocking candidates from those families, when they apply to various village positions. He started

helping his friends and supporters by interfering with the code enforcement ordinances, interfering with property line disputes between the neighbors. There's a police report, police officer witnessed that President Lamott arrived because his friend supporter called him for help. His friend and supporter verbally attacked and harassed her and her three-and-a-half-year-old son because she was for the sidewalks and Jewish at the council meeting. She and another resident ask him to address his friends and supporters to stop those attacks.

- At the block party a month later, President Lamott was on the porch with the person who attacked her and her son. He was enjoying time with the attacker. Last year he made sure that the fire department decorated large Christmas tree, even made sure to send flyers to the residents regarding that event. But that year, he did not instruct and made sure the Menorah is not out. Trustee Seltzer managed to get the Menorah out and lit.
- There are other discriminatory harassing actions he used against Shub and her family. She states if President Lamott does not resign, her family will address in this matter soon. The council should all be aware that one of those friends was already prosecuted, and the mother of those friends was almost prosecuted. Another of those friends is waiting to be prosecuted. Village is possibly facing a lawsuit.

Angelina Sulaka, 26172 Meadow Drive

- She is confused about what the millage is for. The lack of communication is a signal to the voters that, the millage is because of the cost overrun of the sidewalks. So that lack of communication is not an oversight. It's intentional because they're trying to confuse the Franklin residents and what this message is for, and then if the millage doesn't pass, he's going to say see, the residents don't want this millage.
- Let's remember President Lamont is president, Roger is the administrator, and they let a millage lapse, because he couldn't track the millage and so he let a millage lapse under his leadership. They don't have any formal process because we've asked to see formal processes to track millages code citations enforcement. And so now when this millage, they're going to say, look, the voters don't want it.
- President Lamott used his public title to solicit donations, but don't want residents to come to a public forum to ask about it. He can't have it both ways. If you want to use your public title to solicit donations, you must accept the responsibility. The letter could have been signed the letter Bill Lamott, private citizen, Bill Lamott, Franklin resident or Bill Lamott, dog owner but instead it was signed President of the Council. He did that because he knew it would give it more weight. He knew that he would use his position of power in a public trust and the oath that he took to solicit private PAC donations. This is a conflict of interest. The solicitation letters were intentionally sent to people who would be confused by it. It was sent to people that supported him in the past and would open their checkbooks.
- There are residents hesitant to put up political signs because they're scared about getting a notice. Because they know that the code enforcement officer is following his lead and following Roger lead and selectively enforcing the ordinance against candidates that he doesn't support. So now he is suppressing people's political speech because they know that he will retaliate against them. We have had our signs ripped; we have had our lights vandalized. They have been harassed by people that he supports. People that are his running mates, and people that are funding his campaign.

Public Comments were closed by President Bill Lamott at 7:37 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 the submitted report.
- Roberts stated Labor Day in terms of police complaints went very well. There were the usual amount of parking complaints. There is an uptick in larceny from autos, including the one that happened over the weekend at the Franklin Grill where a vehicle was targeted for theft of the catalytic converter part of the exhaust system. These crimes are mostly seen over on the commercial properties along Telegraph Road, but they are starting to be seen here in Franklin. Please if anyone sees suspicious activity with people underneath cars give the police department a call at 911.
- Lieutenant Mike Bastianelli had surgery on his right shoulder last week. He will be out for two to three months; this will create staffing issues for the department. There will be an uptick in the amount of overtime over the next couple of months.
- The current roof situation, a large section of the roof shingles (a five- or six-foot square) have blown off and now the tar paper is exposed. There haven't any leaking inside the station yet. Working with Roger to come up with the cost to replace the roof. The current quote for cedar shake roof is \$208,000. Susan is working on a request for proposals.

Discussion:

- ❖ Hansen thanked the police for their work at the Labor Day Round Up. And asked the Chief if he is working with Gary Roberts, from the Historic District Commission or SHPO.
 - He stated that the police building is not an historic building.

B. Fire Report

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

- Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief reviewed with Village Council the submitted report.
- He stated that the of the storm the fire department had close to 30 runs. That storm was epic, in terms, of the damage caused, the interruption to services and the lack of notice. In one case, a resident who was having an issue with durable medical equipment and have no ability to contract with a medical provider. This problem is caused by our reliance on Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and cellular communications. Also, radio communications are already affected by Franklin's foliage. He is asking for the residents have a disaster preparedness plan in place in the future. There is a website promoted by the U.S. government called ready.gov. There are groups like the Red Cross, that detail steps people can do to prepare. It is important to have a backup plan.

Discussion:

- ❖ Seltzer asked if the Village should include this information in the weekly newsletter.
- ❖ Hansen mentioned working with Bloomfield Township Cable TV to do video interview that could be rebroadcast.

- Chief Averbuch liked the idea of doing a sit-down question and answer session with Bloomfield Township.

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 \$18,787.35 for landscaping services paid to Johnson Landscaping and one for \$27,121.79 infrastructure services paid to PipeTek.

VII. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Totals: 9-11-2022	
CATEGORY	SUB TOTALS
General	\$ 40,198.83
Major Streets	\$ 5,395.17
Local Streets	\$ 7,074.16
Police	\$ 91,539.24
Garbage and Rubbish	\$ 15,301.75
Building Dept.	\$ 27,090.32
Library	\$ -
Street Project	\$ 1,081.00
Road Millage	\$ 1,000.00
Pressure Sewer	\$ -
Tax Collection	\$ 4,376.49
Wastewater	\$ 35,658.59
TOTALS	\$ 227,715.55

Discussion:

- ❖ There was discussion regarding public relations and the Headlee Amendment and a charge of \$3000. The question was is Karen Couf Cohen doing for the Village?

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hanke

Motion carried.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

Lamott recognize Susan Goldstrom for her hard work on the last few weeks while the Village was dealing have a lot of vacations and sickness. His next topic was the deer management issue affecting

the surrounding communities. The Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) will make available a questionnaire to everyone in the six-county area. The information is available on its website, hard copies are available here at Village Hall and it will be in the weekly newsletter. Working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), who is responsible for the deer population, will help the Village figure out what we do or don't need.

The Village has been working with a consultant about wireless phone service. They have completed a drive through the Village to measure service levels. The result show the Village service ranges from good to poor. But there are some areas around the distributed antenna system with very good service. The next step will be for the committee to meet with one of the carriers and show them the data and come up with a plan to improve cell service.

B. Council Report

Seltzer discussed the personal letter sent to residents by the Village President. He doesn't understand a President who endorses while denigrating the very Council he serves to oversee. He has heard the numbers of comments about this letter, that some people found insulting and denigrating and inappropriate. He agrees because not only is it a letter from the President of the Council, denigrating and questioning the efficiency of the council, but there are examples of what he calls waste. Then there is the website with his home address, criticizing this council, our fiscal irresponsibility and he is running this very Council. But he is criticizing the Council as being fiscally irresponsible.

As for the criticism of Main Street, the block party that we had, over 550 people came to the community to celebrate. And one of the reasons we don't have a main street director is because the director was made to feel so uncomfortable and unwelcomed that she took another offer and here we are months later with a budget and a salary that we had indicated we were going to be pro-business and to take advantage of the momentum that we built during this whole Streetscape. The Streetscape created to provide connectivity, lighting, landscaping, beautification to the downtown, and encourage people to shop downtown. With a majority in our community supporting the Streetscape and sidewalks improvements.

Seltzer has heard nothing but embarrassment in terms of people from outside the community. He has painted the picture through his letter, his mailings, and through his website that suggests that we're spending wantonly and recklessly and not being efficient in how we operate this community? That's it is impossible for us to be trusted. He wrote a letter, accusing us of financial irresponsibility, then suggested replacing some of the people with people who will work more as a team, but there are five of us that are pretty much in agreement on everything. We listened to the voters. The voters said, we want beautification, we want sidewalks, we want a better downtown, and we gave it to them. He suggested we need an ice cream store, and we need a market? Well, where are we going to get that? We have almost full occupancy now. Thanks to the administrator that was in place that's no longer with us. But the Council is being called wasteful. Wasteful is the half a million dollars that we had to spend to restart the sidewalks because we were stuck in litigation. We got some bad legal advice. We stopped everything for a year and had to go back and retool and everything went up a half a million dollars.

Saenz asked Peter to give the Council any legal perspective on the idea of using a forum like this to dispose campaign rhetoric.

- Peter stated this is not the forum. all of you are entitled to your own opinion. It would be helpful if you did send a letter say, this is my opinion, not the opinion of the Council or the opinion of Franklin. Council is certainly entitled to its opinion, without the use of village resources, without people thinking that this is the official capacity of a Trustee or the President.

Saenz stated that this is not the forum for where we should be talking about campaign goals. He, also, recommended that the administration of this meeting, instruct the Village Clerk to run a public comment clock to keep these meeting efficient.

Hansen stated that she doesn't care it as Bill Lamott, private citizen, but she does when it is signed the Village President. It is a material difference, and it is confusing. Residents are asking if the Village is soliciting money, because the letter came from the President of the Village. She is requesting that his not to us ethe title of Village President, because it becomes Village business. Her next issue was the solicitation of funds because it has a different meaning as President than as resident.

Hansen also stated that she is looking forward to the recommendation from the cellular service committee. So that it can be dealt with at an upcoming Council meeting with actual plans to address the problem.

Hansen would like a more thorough discussion about the drain project. She sat in on a trail and drain meeting and thinks that would be good to have a presentation and discussion at an upcoming Council meeting.

Public Comment:

- Nena Downing

As part of the discussion on the cellular service in the Village, she has as a former planning commission Commissioner worked on this problem and the planning commission through a resolution for the cellular service providers to work with the Village. But never even acknowledged it.

Erlich asked if we all could work together and be kinder. Just asking that person to be the role model, be the change you wish to have happen in the community. Also, she wanted to say thank you for this year's Round Up.

Erlich has issues regarding house across the street from her residence that has have more than 100 trees removed from that property. Some of the trees removed were over 200 years old. There is a plan to restore the removed trees but any of those smalls are never going compensate for those 200 years old trees. She would like to send the tree ordinance to the planning commission and for them to review the ordinance so that more can be done to preserve the Village's heritage trees.

Discussion:

- Fraser stated all the record keeping with respect to the trees on this property have a tree agreement that was worked out with the original developer and the subsequent developer has bought off on that agreement with some modifications. We have an inventory of the nature and type of all the trees on the site. Evaluations have been done on the trees. Kay Sicheneder, the Village Arborist, has been involved also in labeling and understanding what

trees have gone. He has looked at the reports and feel as though they are in compliance. But as she said, we can't recover those trees that are gone. The reports show what they've done is within the scope of the overall treatment.

- Hansen stated she support Erlich. But thinks that some residents have trees taken out on Sunday nights and thinks more aggressive enforcement or oversight is needed.

Public Comment:

Ross Macbeth

Question for the Village Administrator, as part of the streetscape project, half of my fence was removed. He was told that it would be replaced after onsite conversations with the contractors. They told him, they would probably just replace the whole thing. Either way, none of it has been replaced. And he has left multiple messages with Roger, he has called the contractor Craig multiple times tried to get an answer from him. No one is getting back to me one way or the other.

C. Administrator Report

First thing, there has been talk about community forum. We have three dates that the church is available that we would like to use for community forum. We would like you to choose one of those. It's Wednesday, October 12th or a Monday, October 17th, or Thursday, October. 18th. These are the three dates that are available that are within a reasonable time to get that meeting held.

- Seltzer asked if it possible to hold the community forum sooner because absentee ballots go at the end of September.
 - The earliest date available is October 12th.
- Saenz asked if he was aware of the League of Women Rights forum on October 11th.
- Lamott stated the Village will use the date October 12th unless a better date comes up.

Public Comments:

Angelina Sulaka

The elections are literally set five years in advance. We had a neighbor, volunteer run initiative, with a pop-up election last May. Franklin was able to put on forums, events, send out voter education, knock doors, get the public notice. He is a professional administrator making six figures and he can't figure out what day the absentee ballots go out. Now you want to tell people to not vote when they get their absentee ballots to wait for your education campaign. Then you're doing a league of women voters event on the 11th. You want to go back-to-back like Saenz said, so all of us that have families must hire babysitters to participate in the political process? Are you going to have onsite childcare for us?

- Hansen asked about the communication plan meeting with the communication person to inform residents about the Headlee Rollback.
 - Fraser stated has several other pieces that he is currently working on like the video, prepared examples of what the increase cost would be for a whole range of property values, and what the increased cost would look like. The visuals that the Village will use to help residents understand what it is we get in and what activities that it goes to support. Our revenues have been going up but not as fast as our expenditures have in terms of cost increases, and the percentages each year, small. It is putting all those demonstrations together that we're working on this week.

- Other items discussed included information to give to residents in simple to understand language, how to reach the residents and if a review of the information is needed.

Fraser shared with information about the Michigan Municipal League conference. It is an excellent information piece for elected leaders in terms of the resources that are available through the league, and what the conferences provide.

Fraser talked with the regional manager for DTE about someone to coming in and talk with us about this latest storm and outage. Proposing a either six o'clock or 630 meeting with a rep from DTE on October 10th. You would have an opportunity to have a conversation with DTE about things the Village is concerned about and hear from them about what their process is.

D. Main Street Franklin Report

Mike Seltzer, Trustee

A brief recap of the last event, which was the main street Block Party, summer block party. This event was well attended event, had over 650 attendees. It was a mini Round-Up, it really was very impressive. All the retailers participated. 3500 People were reached through Facebook postings. The weather cooperated. There were lots of kids and pets. The new pet store had a nice day introducing herself to the community. The Franklin Library participated, the FCA and the Historical Society all set up booths and had activities that attracted a healthy amount of attention and interest. Main Street provided free advertising, graphic design, support, and social media support.

There is an interviewing process right now to replace the director of left in the spring. We will be interviewing a candidate next week. Franklins Frenzy is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at noon. Roger and Susan are working with the new owners of the Van Avery building to help with locating grant money through Main Street, Oakland County.

E. Planning Commission Report

Pete Halick

The Lighting Ordinance is in place and the public hearing is scheduled for our next meeting. He wants to recognize Nick Bevins and Stuart Wooters who went out with Nick's light meter, and did a little study for our foot candle, did an excellent job of giving us a good overview and what lights are like in the neighborhoods at night. And it helped us understand our lighting ordinance and the requirements. Work on our connectivity and use of village properties continues. Should have a recommendation for the council soon, which will include ~~gemstone~~ the Jenstan nature preserve. Looking at a couple of other spots where we think we have a real good chance for getting a connection between the neighborhoods. The Commission agrees with the desirability of having these connections and these pathways. Continuing to review at our Master Plan, we have one more chapter to do. Then will do a final review of the whole package. Not a major rewrite, but there's some additions and some updates. We're also looking at a chicken ordinance for the keeping of chickens.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice.**

B. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the Franklin Public Library for the “Community Shredding Day” on October 15, 2022.

Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Saenz to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Franklin Public Library for the “Community Shredding Day” on October 15, 2022.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hanke

Motion carried.

C. Resolution for Proclamation Supporting September as National Recovery Month; Resolution for Proclamation Supporting September as National Suicide Prevention Month; Resolution for Proclamation Supporting September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week.

National Recovery Month - September 2022

WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in 2020, 40.3 million people aged 12 or older (14.5 percent) had an Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in the past year, including 28.3 million who had alcohol use disorder; 18.4 million who had an illicit drug use disorder and 6.5 million people who had both alcohol use disorder and an illicit drug use disorder; and

WHEREAS, according to SAMHSA, in 2020, 22.2 percent of Americans (or 61.6 million people) 12 years or older, were binge alcohol users in the past month. The percentage was highest among young adults aged 18 to 25; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) nearly 92,000 overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2020, which was a 31% increase from 2019; and

WHEREAS, substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, friends, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, OCHN continues to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

WHEREAS, stigma and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders occur when the re-current use of alcohol and/or other drugs cause clinically or functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder recovery is a journey of healing and transformation, enabling people to live in a community of their choice while striving to achieve his/her full potential; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder recovery, benefits individuals with substance use disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn, and fully participate and contribute to society and also enriches the community culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Oakland Community Health Network hereby recognize September 2022 as National Recovery Month. OCHN calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to re-commit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

National Suicide Prevention Month – September 2022

WHEREAS, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and

WHEREAS, world Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and

WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 45,979 people died by suicide in the United States in 2020 - one death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, 12.2 million adults across the U.S. seriously thought about suicide; 3.2 million adults made a suicide plan; 1.2 million adults attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission Annual Report, 1,389 people in the state died by suicide during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 1,099 of those deaths relating to men; and

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. Often feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly; and

WHEREAS, 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and is now active across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention is using #BeThere to educate social media followers about the many actions one can take to support a person who is struggling; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) has been an active and engaged member of the Oakland County Suicide Prevention Task Force since 2011; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is committed to being a Zero Suicide organization and cultivating a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Oakland Community Health Network hereby recognizes September 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Month. OCHN calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.

Proclamation for Constitution Week

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the United States of America embodies the principles of our constitutional republic and the liberties it proclaims; and

WHEREAS: September 17, 2022, marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this most important document and its memorable anniversary, and to the civic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States designating September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lamott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Franklin Village Council in the State of Michigan do hereby proclaim the week of September 17th through September 23rd as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the framers of the Constitution by protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, knowing that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS THEREOF. I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Franklin to be affixed to this proclamation this 12th day of September, 2022.
CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the framers of the Constitution by protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, knowing that lost rights may never be regained.

It was moved by Seltzer, seconded by Erlich to approve the following resolutions: Proclamation Supporting September as National Recovery Month; Proclamation Supporting September as National Suicide Prevention Month; and Proclamation Supporting September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week.

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

Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hanke

Motion carried.

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

William Lamott, President

Dana Hughes, Village Clerk