

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MARCH 31, 2011, 5:30 pm
Held at Village Hall
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Gallasch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Seltzer, Brian Gettel, Fred Gallasch, Bill Lamott
Absent: Lew Eads, Steve Rosenthal, Jim Kochensparger
Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Administrator; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; John Staran,
Village Attorney; Pat Browne, Village Police Chief

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Educational Presentation

A. Main Street Signs

Pat Burke gave a slide presentation from the Main Street Design Committee, entitled, Signs of a Successful Main Street.

It was suggested that village residents might benefit greatly from watching this program on Cable TV.

2. Finance Committee

A. Consider Budget Advisory Committee Recommendation

There was a discussion as to whether to rename the General Services Millage to Police and Administration Millage and/or whether the Fire Millage and General Services Millages should be on the ballot as one item or 2 (two) separate items.

Dominick Schiano, Oakleaf, a member of the Budget Committee, expressed his opinion about not combining the 2 (two) millages into one item. He also stated that he was in favor of a reduction of the increases in spending, some use of the General Fund, and moderate tax collection. He is interested in maintaining a budget line.

Bill Finnicum, German Mill, a member of the Budget Committee, is of the opinion that revenue can not be separated from expenditures when in a deficit situation. He also mentioned that the committee had asked for a breakdown of how much per household the increase would be. Concerning the Main Street line item in the budget, he gave the Council members a handout prepared by the Main Street Oakland County listing the benefits of a Main Street Program.

Pat Burke, Franklin Ct., wanted to echo what Mr. Finnicum said about Main Street. She said that if the Council cuts \$5000 from the budget it might as well cut it all out.

B. Consider Preliminary Budget

Sullivan presented the 2011-2012 proposed budget. She said that she had received the final taxable value numbers and the current proposed budget reflects them using the correct taxable revenue and includes the three changes that were discussed at the budget review session.

Sullivan said that there would probably be another meeting the week of April 4 to make changes and then at the April 11 Council meeting the Council will set the date for a May public hearing to adopt the budget.

There was a discussion about formulating (planning) a contingency plan.

3. LEGAL COMMITTEE

A. Discussion with Helman Woods and Riverwood Subdivision Associations

Manny Sklar, 24649 Franklin Park Dr., President of Riverwood Subdivision Neighborhood Association, updated and made the Council aware of the litigation proceedings that the association has been involved in, as well as potential problems.

John Calene, 30477 Helmandale, President of the Helman Woods Subdivision Homeowners Association, appeared before the Council not as the President but under their authorization. He presented a proposal to the Council concerning the joining of forces for certain matters.

David Angel, 30430 Rushmore Circle, also on the Helmandale Board, addressed the question about a tree bond and its usage.

B. Proposal for Wireless Review Services

Sullivan asked that the Council consider an application for a new cellular tower. This item will be included on the April 11, 2011 Village Council Meeting Agenda.

C. Consider Hazardous Waste Day

Council decided to put the item on the April 11 Council Meeting Agenda.

D. Consider Arbor Day Proclamation

Council decided to put the item on the April 11 Council Meeting Agenda.

E. Consider Proposal for Professional Traffic Review of HUDA School

Sullivan updated the Council on the issue concerning the traffic flow of drop-offs and pick-ups. It was decided that more discussion was warranted.

4. LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE

Pulker reported that yearly reports are required by the state for renewals. This item will be included on the April 11 Council Meeting Agenda.

5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Sullivan informed the Council that the DPW Bid Opening is scheduled for April 13.

7. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Sullivan would like to set up a meeting with Eads. Gallasch would like to see the competitive bids that the Council received.

8. OPEN ISSUES

None

9. SCHEDULE CLOSED SESSION

A. Consider Whether to meet in Closed Session at the Conclusion of this Meeting to Discuss a Written Attorney/Client Privileged Communication

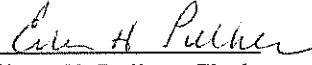
In order to conduct a roll call vote, five members were required, as such a vote could not be taken. It was suggested that the Closed Session be held directly after the April 11, 2011 Village Council meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke



Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President