

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 28, 2011
Held at Village Hall
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Finance Committee

A. Consider Proposed Bond Refinancing.

Sullivan introduced Tom Traciak, of U.J. Umbaugh & Associates, who discussed the pros and cons of refinancing the debt service bonds for sewers, road work and the police station construction, and went over the process with the Council.

The Resolution provided by the bond attorney would remain the same for either alternative.

B. Review Preliminary FY 2011-2012 Budget.

Sullivan informed the Council that the Public Hearing will be at the regular Council Meeting, May 9 at 8:00 PM at the Church. She included in the packet the proposed budget that was the result of the last budget review session.

C. Review Alternate FY2011-2012 Budget

Lamott presented an alternative budget proposal for the Council's consideration. There was a discussion as to whether the Council could legally "loan" monies to other "funds", anticipating (requiring) future paybacks.

It was suggested that Sullivan compile a comparison chart of the original budget vs. the budget with Sullivan's potential changes vs. the budget with Lamott's potential changes.

There was a discussion on various portions of the budget including "Taxable Valuation" of property.

D. Discuss Streamlining Office Processes.

Gallasch suggested that the Council attempt to make the weekly packets, etc. smaller and more efficient. He asked that the Council members review the materials distributed and provide feedback on the issue.

E. Review Draft Headlee Override Ballot Language.

Staran presented 2 options for the ballot wordage, followed by a discussion.

F. Review Tri-Party Funds Projects.

Sullivan explained that the Tri-Party program for road improvement to County roads. She asked that Council members prioritize the projects she had identified.

2. LEGAL COMMITTEE

A. Review Land Fill Permit Application for 25764 Franklin Park Drive.

Sullivan apprised the Council that a Villager will be installing a pool and bringing in a large amount of dirt. According to the Ordinance which regulates Dumping and Soil Removal, the Council must approve or deny the permit application. The Landscape Architect was present to answer some preliminary questions. This item will be on the agenda of the May 9, 2011 meeting.

B. Review Bids for Rubbish and Yard Waste.

Sullivan reviewed the bid process and provided a breakdown of the bids.

C. Review Sewer Ordinance Revisions.

Sullivan has been working with Hubbell Roth and Clark, Inc. (HRC), village engineers, to be certain that the Village is in compliance with the DNR permit. HRC has suggested some ordinance amendments, the first of which was provided for review and will appear on the May 9, 2011 Agenda in its first reading.

3. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sullivan stated that she is working on compiling job descriptions.

4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Consider Appointee to DPW Committee.

Sullivan requested that since Kochensparger has submitted bids and he is on the DPW Committee, a replacement is in order. She thought it would be beneficial to work with a committee when considering the different bids.

5. WEBSITE COMMITTEE


Preliminary information has been put together by the committee and sent to Municipal Web so that they can begin the design process. It was suggested that a defined timeline and parameters be established.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Submitted,

Gail Beke


Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President