

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, 7 PM  
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE  
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Kochensparger, at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Fred Gallasch, Brian Gordon, Jim Kochensparger, Judy Moenck, Tom Morrow, Mike Seltzer, Pam Hansen (arrived at 7:03PM)

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator  
Chief Dan Roberts, Police Department  
Chief Tony Averbuch, Fire Department  
Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk  
Lance Vainik, Treasurer  
John Staran, Village Attorney

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to adopt the Agenda, as presented.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**

**Absent: Hansen**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting, March 9, 2015**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2015 as presented.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**

**Absent: Hansen**

**Abstain: Morrow**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS**

(Pam Hansen arrived at 7:03PM)

**Dan Roberts, Police Chief**, referred to his written report, provided an overview of the submitted monthly report and highlighted that the criminal activity in the Village was very low during March. However, there was an increase in crime in the parking lots of

the commercial properties along Telegraph between 12 ½ Mile and 14 Mile Rds. Surveillance cameras have helped in the investigation. With Mr. Creech's help, he proposed that next month's agenda include the Police Department's Annual Awards Ceremony.

**Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief**, referred to his written submitted report and requested any comments or questions. With the arrival of warmer weather and working outdoors, he reminded those residents who are allergic to bees, wasps, etc. to be prepared with their epi-pens. There has been a downturn in terms of number of responses but this is typical and cyclical. It will increase in the future. The Dept. is taking the opportunity to work on some apparatus maintenance issues and getting ready for the annual inspections. After consulting with Pres. Kochensparger, it was decided that due to the conditions of the roads and the weight of the trucks the non-emergency "truck drive time" has been curtailed. When conditions improve the program will resume as it is not only beneficial for the orientation of new members but also keeps the Dept. in compliance with state requirements. He explained the meaning of "Good intent call" which was listed on his report.

**Katherine White, Main Street Executive Director**, reminded Council that on June 4, 2015 at 9 AM there will be a Main Street Accreditation Ceremony in Franklin. Oakland County Officials will be attending. All are welcome to attend. The March 17th Merchant Mixer was very successful and she is hopeful that these mixers will be a regular event. The Design Committee, in conjunction with the 501c3 partner organization, Main Street Franklin Fund, has been accepting Façade Grant applications, which are due today. Next month she will announce the winner. Board Packets and Minutes are now posted on the MSF website under "About MSF, Board" tab. It was suggested that the Village website also have a link to the minutes. White also noted that it is hoped that a "ribbon cutting" ceremony can be scheduled to acknowledge the rehabilitation of the Costello barn with the hope it would inspire other owners of barns to explore similar projects.

## **VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS**

**Lance Vainik, Treasurer**, referred to his submitted monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending. The expenditures are generally consistent with the new FY2014-15 budget. It includes a large entry for the Curbside Trash Pickup payable to Waste Management of Michigan. The list provided of account balances is as of April 9, 2015 and held at Level One Bank. The Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations.

He noted that last Tuesday (4/7/15) the Council held a productive budget meeting. In future months the Council will be studying some strategies for potential debt pay down, software improvement for the Village office, and considering initiatives for future road improvements.

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gallasch to approve the Bill's List as presented.**

**TOTALS**

General Administration	\$	19,960.37
Building	\$	7,346.82
Insurance	\$	42,460.36
Legal	\$	345.00
Police	\$	15,600.38
Pressure Sewer	\$	-
General Debt Service	\$	-
Major Roads	\$	6,630.58
Local Road	\$	5,980.58
Rubbish	\$	17,519.94
Trust & Agency	\$	-
Tax Fund	\$	-
Waste Water	\$	89.84
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>115,933.87</u></b>

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Seltzer**

**Abstain: Morrow**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

**A. Birmingham Area Cable Board Report**

Elaine McLain, Chairman, reviewed the Cable Board's annual report and highlighted a few items: Comcast is negotiating a merger with Time Warner Cable and its ramifications on Birmingham area citizens; BCTV contract is coming up for renewal with the possibility of a slight increase; Cable Action committee meeting highlights; Personnel Committee chaired by Mira Stakhiv, Franklin resident; Cable Bd. received highest possible audit review given by Plante Moran; increase in complaints.

McLain was asked about WOW and its territory and if the Comcast cable had been replaced across Telegraph Rd. She will follow up on the cable issue.

- **Mira Stakhiv**, Crestwood, thanked McLain and Cathy White, Executive Director for attending the meeting. As a Mobile Watch representative, she appealed that more Villagers become active in the organization.

## **VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **A. President's Report**

None

### **B. Council Report**

As a follow-up to his comment at March's Council meeting relative to badges for the Village Building Inspectors, Gallasch referenced the badges that Mobile Watch members are provided. He also mentioned that he had done some investigating on Proposal 15-1 which will be voted on at the Special Election May 5. He is of the opinion that it is important that Villagers investigate all the ramifications surrounding it and especially how it will affect the Village in comparison to other comparable Oakland County municipalities. He would like someone from the Road Commission to explain why Franklin receives the least amount of money for the ACT 51 funding.

### **C. Administrator's Report**

Creech reported that the Building Inspectors now have ID's. Update on May events: According to our Engineers, the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) will be done shortly and Road Preservation bids will go out. Awards should be announced at the May 11 meeting; Grass and Tree bids will be handled at the same time; he had attended training for the **computer** software which will facilitate the mapping of Act 51 monies.

Additional comments or questions on the Budget should be emailed to the Administrator and carbon copied to the Council.

With regards to the Budget, Morrow brought up the issue of lowering the Pressure Sewer Bond. He added that he would like this item placed on the Agenda of next month's meeting for discussion.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consider Demolition Application for the property located at 26175 Thirteen Mile.**

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Gordon to approve the Demolition Application for the property located at 26175 Thirteen Mile.**

Staran has reviewed the application and had no objections. Creech noted that on Friday the application had been modified to also include the demolition of the existing garage.

Jim Greene, Cranbrook Custom Homes, noted that Blue Star is the contractor. Some items on the application are not complete but he anticipates finalization within a week.

**#2015-13 Motion by Moenck, seconded by Gordon to amend the approval of the Demolition Application for the property located at 26175 Thirteen Mile. Approval is contingent on the completion of the Application in its entirety before the work goes forward.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**B. Consider Lot Split/Combination Application for Parcel #TF 24 08 253 010.**

**#2015-14 Motion by Moenck, seconded by Hansen to approve the Lot Split/Combination Application for Parcel #TF 24 08 253 010, as provided in the revised application dated March 4, 2015, and as recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.**

Creech presented the item with a brief history and answered questions from the Council.

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**C. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society, “Franklin’s This & That Antique Bazaar”, Sunday, September 27, 2015, 11 AM to 4 PM.**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Morrow to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society, “Franklin’s This & That Antique Bazaar”, Sunday, September 27, 2015, 11 AM to 4 PM.**

Council had a discussion about the lack of parameters/specifics on the application as presented at the March Council Meeting and as stated in the minutes of said meeting.

**Motion withdrawn by Seltzer.**

**#2015- 15 Motion by Seltzer, supported by Gordon to postpone any decision on this matter and invite the Historical Society to come before the Council next month to present a more detailed application and more specificity.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**D. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the “Camp Mak-A-Dream Event to be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the Village Green.**

**#2015-16 Motion by Moenck, seconded by Seltzer to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the “Camp Mak-A-Dream Event to be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 2:00PM.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.**

**E. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the Franklin Garden Walk, to be Held on June 17, 2015 from 10 AM to 9 PM.**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Franklin Garden Walk, to be held June 17, 2015 from 10 AM to 9 PM. The Franklin Garden Club to provide a list of the houses on the Walk to the Police Dept. and the Community Church’s approval to use its parking lot.**

Discussion ensued about the usage of the Village Green as indicated on the application.

Council discussed the need for a revised Civic Events Permit, requesting more specific information about the proposed event and requesting that a representative of the applicant be present when Council considers the application.

**#2015-17 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to postpone the decision on the Civic Event Permit Application of the Franklin Garden Walk, to be held on June 17, 2015 from 10 AM to 9PM to allow for additional information to be provided.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.**

**F. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for the Dorchester Hills Neighborhood Association Picnic, held September 13, 2015 from 1PM to 4PM.**

**#2017-18 Motion by Moenck, seconded by Seltzer to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for the Dorchester Hills Neighborhood Association Picnic, held September 13, 2015 from 1PM to 4 PM.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.**

**G. Consider Budget Amendments, FY 2014-2015.**

Creech presented and explained the Amendments to the Council, referring to his Memorandum dated 4/8/2015.

**#2015-19 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Morrow to approve the General Fund, Major Street Fund, and Local Road Fund budget amendments, FY 2014-2015 as follows:**

**GENERAL FUND**

**WHEREAS: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village’s Fiscal Year 2014/2015 General Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve that the following budget amendments be made to the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.**

Revenue

101 000 625 – Police Protection SAD: Increase revenue account to a new total of \$334,303 (original \$293,058).

Expenditures – General Fund

101 102 705 – Group Insurance: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$19,941 (original \$24,731).

101 102 708 – Retirement Contributions: Increase expense account to a new total of \$9,000 (original \$4,800).

101 102 728 - Computer software & supplies: Increase expense account to a new total of \$4,400 (original \$3,600).

101 305 707 – Workers Compensation Ins.: Increase expense account to a new total of \$18,800 (original \$17,588).

101 305 740 – Training & travel: Increase expense account to a new total of \$6,000 (original \$4,000).

101 305 860 – Police Liability Ins.: Increase expense account to a new total of \$57,000 (original \$48,565).

101 305 861 – Police Bldg Ins.: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$2,500 (original \$3,811).

101 305 865 – Police Car Ins.: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$7,000 (original \$8,250).

101 865 910 – Liability Ins & Bonds: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$21,000 (original \$30,000).

Account	Old Amount	YTD 01/31/2015	New Amount	Difference
<b>Revenue</b>				
101 000 625	\$293,058		\$334,303	\$41,245
<b>Expenses</b>				
101 102 705	\$24,731	\$10,697	\$19,941	(\$4,790)
101 102 708	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,805	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,200
101 102 728	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,356	\$ 4,400	\$ 800

101 305 707	\$17,588	\$18,795	\$18,800	\$ 1,212
101 305 740	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,016	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000
101 305 860	\$48,565	\$56,669	\$57,000	\$ 8,435
101 305 861	\$ 3,811	\$ 2,474	\$ 2,500	(\$ 1,311)
101 305 865	\$ 8,250	\$ 6,857	\$ 7,000	(\$ 1,250)
101 865 910	\$30,000	\$20,904	\$21,000	(\$ 9,000)
			Sub Total	\$ 296

**MAJOR STREET FUND**

**WHEREAS: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village’s Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Major Street Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve that the following budget amendments be made to the 2014-2015 Major Street Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.**

Expenditures

- 202 451 818 - road & street construction: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$25,000 (original \$30,000).
- 202 463 818 – General Maintenance: Increase expense account to a new total of \$24,000 (original \$20,000).
- 202 468 818 – Trees and Shrubs: Increase expense account to a new total of \$19,608 (original \$18,608).

Account	Old Amount	YTD 02/28/2015	New Amount	Difference
202 451 818	\$30,000		\$25,000	(\$ 5,000)
202 463 818	\$20,000	\$20,141	\$24,000	\$ 4,000
202 468 818	\$18,608	\$17,220	\$19,608	\$ 1,000
			Sub Total	\$ 0

**LOCAL ROAD FUND**

**WHEREAS: The Village must assure that expenditures in each account do not exceed those budgeted. A review of the Village’s Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Local Road Fund indicates several accounts where budget amendments are required. We resolve that the following budget amendments be made to the 2014-2015 Local Road Fund Budget with funds coming from the appropriation of other funds.**

Expenditures

- 203 451 818 – road & street construction: Decrease expense account to a new total of \$90,000 (original \$100,000).



203 463 818 – General Maintenance: Increase expense account to a new total of \$25,900 (original \$18,900).

203 468 818 – Trees and Shrubs: Increase expense account to a new total of \$30,000 (original \$27,000).

Account	Old Amount	YTD 02/28/2015	New Amount	Difference
Expenses				
203 451 818	\$100,000		\$90,000	(\$10,000)
203 463 818	\$ 18,900	\$16,654	\$25,900	\$ 7,000
203 468 818	\$ 27,000	\$26,743	\$30,000	\$ 3,000
			Sub Total	\$ 0

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**H. Consider Scheduling a Budget Public Hearing (FY2015-2016) on May 11, 2015 at 7:00PM.**

**#2015-20 Motion by Morrow, seconded by Moenck to approve scheduling a Budget Public Hearing (FY2015-2016) on May 11, 2015 at 7:00PM.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**X. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Consider an Ordinance to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances and a Resolution as Parts of the Codified Ordinances.**

**#2015-21 Motion by Morrow, seconded by Seltzer to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances and a Resolution as Parts of the Codified Ordinances, in the first reading.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Seltzer to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

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James Kochensparger, President