

PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL -- BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2003, 8:00 P.M.

I. MEETING CALLED ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President James Pikulas at 8:00 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Pikulas, Florence Saltzman, Brian Coyer, Fred Gallasch, Ralph Sosin

Absent: Alan Harnisch (excused), Randy McElroy (excused)

In Attendance: Eileen H. Pulker, Village Clerk
Jon E. Stoppels, Village Administrator
John Staran, Village Attorney, Beier Howlett
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Saltzman supported by Coyer to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular meeting of December 9, 2002

Motion by Coyer supported by Saltzman to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 9, 2002 as corrected to replace the word "data" with "information" on page 3.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Sosin

Abstain: Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Police Chief Edward Glomb was not in attendance at the meeting due to illness, Council had received his written report prior to the meeting.

Fire Chief, Tony Averbuch, was present and reported to the Council on two items, the first the training session held on December 29, 2002 on Woodside, for which Averbuch thanked Council for their permission to do so during which a new piece of equipment, thermal imaging camera, was tested. Secondly, Chief Averbuch reported that on January 28, 2003 he would travel to conduct final inspection of the two new pieces of apparatus being built for the Village, which will

be delivered at the end of February 2003 and also reported that both old trucks have been sold, thus resulting in a smooth transaction.

Council commented on conducting an open house to highlight the new equipment purchase, to which Chief Averbuch responded that something would be planned for Spring. Council also stated that in reference to training exercises that several members of Council have witnessed it is evident that our highly trained Fire Department is very capable and that Fire Department personnel from Berkley, Troy and Detroit were present to aid in the exercise and that Council should allow as many training opportunities as possible.

Averbuch explained that in this part of the County, many departments work closely with neighboring departments, and that Franklin is part of Hazardous Material Response Team in West Oakland County made up of approximately ten (10) neighboring communities for which there is a graduation this Thursday from the first class. Averbuch stated that this cooperation lessens the impact on individual jurisdiction and creates the means necessary to promulgate an efficient response.

Council questioned whether the volunteers for the Fire Department receive payment for their services. Averbuch responded that no direct payment for responding or time spent working is made, but that a point system is in place to accrue points as an incentive to be removed from probation and remain in the department, for which payments are made once a year and capped at \$500 which has been in effect for two (2) years and added that this year, each hour of station time was worth approximately 87 cents. Averbuch added that only himself and the clerk are compensated for their time by being provided a paycheck. Payments are determined by station duty, inspecting equipment, maintaining apparatus, training outside of required training, incidence response, meeting attendance at EMS, officer meetings, commission meetings, special projects that are assigned to firefighters, for which points are only accrued for volunteers that are off probation for the department.

In the absence of Randy McElroy Acting Treasurer, Pikulas commented on the written report received by Council and was assured by Clerk Pulker that correspondence had been sent to the bank handling the Village's accounts to question the recent bank fees.

VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

TOTALS

General Administration	\$18,844.88
Tax Funding	28.52
Building	16,536.93
General Debt	17.60
Insurance	54,499.28
Legal	2,076.22
Police	16,493.33
Pressure Sewer	440.70
Roads	17,222.13
Rd. Bond Expense – 2002	389,435.79
Cell tower	644.00
Rubbish	12,891.00
Trust & Agency	5,600.00
Village Hall & Grounds	300.00
Waste Water	<u>593.12</u>

All Funds **\$535,623.50**

Motion by Coyer supported by Saltzman to approve the bills list as presented.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Verbal Report, Jim Pikulas, Village President

President Pikulas reported on the Oak Wilt problem, stating that Franklin has not been affected but that infestations have been found in Bloomfield Twp. Oak trees need to be trimmed properly during the winter months, not during Spring or Summer to prevent the spread of this fungus.

Pikulas also reported that due to a number of inquiries the Village has established a Water Study Subcommittee, which includes three (3) members of Council; President Jim Pikulas, Trustees Ralph Sosin and Fred Gallasch. The Water Study that the Village Engineers conducted showed that the water chemistry in the Village was good, and the Water Study Subcommittee will now examine costs and the various outside solutions for water.

The Water Subcommittee has also begun work on a survey to be mailed to each resident of the Village, and Pikulas stressed the importance of every Villager completing the survey. The survey, designed in part by a marketing company which will also help tally the results, will enable each resident to mark their neighborhood on a grid that will be provided therefore making the survey anonymous, if so desired. This information will allow the compilation of data from the entire Village whether or not water problems have occurred, thus reemphasizing the need for each Villager to complete the survey.

B. Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Audit Report

Jon Stoppels stated that the audit report received, which had been distributed to Council prior to the meeting, while very good, contained suggestions for improvement in a number of areas, most of which have already been implemented or are in the process of doing so. A better accounting of expended Community Development Grant Fund monies and the reimbursement from the County still needs to be implemented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Proposed Audit Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

#2003-01 Motion by Gallasch supported by Sosin to approve and accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 as submitted by Auditors, Janz & Knight.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried

IX. PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

A. Consider Resolution to Re-finance 1994 Sewer Bond, Authorizing the Issuance of not to Exceed \$3,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003.

Pikulas introduced Bond Council Paul Wyzgoski of Dickinson Wright who reported that the Village's re-financing of the 1994 Sewer Bond will result in debt service savings to the Village of approximately \$25,000 per year for the remaining ten (10) years on the bond. The closing for the sale will occur on January 29, 2003, should the Council approve the resolution provided.

#2003-02 Motion by Sosin supported by Gallasch to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003 as presented.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Application to Remove or Demolish Structures at 26234 Vincennes, Franklin (shed).

#2003-03 Motion by Coyer supported by Saltzman to approve the Application to Remove or Demolish Structures at 26234 Vincennes.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

X.B. Consider Application to Remove or Demolish Structures at 31425 Nottingham, Franklin.

The homeowner, Mrs. Migdal, was present to answer questions and concerns Council may have.

#2003-04 Motion by Sosin supported by Coyer to approve the application to remove or demolish structures at 31425 Nottingham as presented subject to the receipt of \$5,000 bond, requirements as stated by the building official, and with the pool on the premises to remain.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consider Application to Remove or Demolish Structures at 27401 Scenic, Franklin.

The builder, David Jenson of Milwin Building, Inc., was present to answer questions and concerns Council may have.

#2003-05 Motion by Sosin supported by Gallasch to approve the application to remove or demolish structures at 27401 Scenic Hwy as presented subject to the receipt of proof of title insurance or a commitment thereof and mortgage company approval of the demolition, \$5,000 bond and the requirements as stated by the building official.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Coyer supported by Saltzman to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Pikulas, Saltzman, Coyer, Gallasch, Sosin

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch, McElroy

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker, Village Clerk

James A. Pikulas, Village President