

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007, 8:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL - BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Jahnke at 8:00 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Jahnke, Randy McElroy, Fred Gallasch, Dominick Schiano, Brian Coyer, Alan Harnisch, Bill Lamott

Also Present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Patrick Browne, Police Chief
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief
Thomas Morrow, Treasurer
John Staran, Hafeli Staran Hallahan Christ & Dudek, P.C. Village Attorney

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Coyer supported by McElroy to approve the agenda with the amendment to move Item VIII. B. 1. To Item VIII. A. 1. Recognition/Tribute, James Pikulas.

Ayes: Coyer, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano, Jahnke

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of December 11, 2006.

Schiano noted a change to the section regarding the good report given by Fire Chief Averbuch, adding the comment that the rapid response time considerations for the new EMS service to be second to none included and that any additional budget increases be brought back before the Council for their input before discarding any new idea also to be included.

Motion by Schiano supported by Gallasch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2006 with an amendment to add the additional comment in the response to the Fire Chief report on page 2 regarding the additional cost ramifications of the EMS response time considerations be presented to the Council for their input before discarding any new service idea.

Ayes: Coyer, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano, Jahnke

Nays: None

Motion carried.

V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Police Chief Patrick Browne referred the Council to his written report, noting that there had been a breaking and entering incident in Franklin, for which a suspect has already been interviewed, the stolen items retrieved, and a warrant has been sought. Browne noted that there were two (2) break-ins in the Village during 2006, both for which suspects have been found. Browne also reported that there had been a driving under the influence charge of a driver on Telegraph near 14 Mile Road on December 24, 2006 and that the driver was incarcerated. Browne noted that Det Sgt. Castro has begun the five (5) month training program that will take two (2) weeks of each month. Brown also reported that the officers will be training, beginning next week, with the Farmington Hills Police Department for firearms rapid deployment and building search, over the next six months, as schedules permit. Browne briefly reported that additional information was being gathered on a recent event that occurred in Bingham Farms, which he will report to Council as he receives it. Coyer stated that Chief Browne and Officer Hirschfeld had provided a presentation at Midvale school earlier in December and commended him for the excellent experience provided.

Fire Chief Tony Averbuch referred the Council to his written report and as follow up was providing the additional information requested at the Council meeting that took place in December. Averbuch reported that the many options reviewed revealed that: providing a private ambulance with two paramedics, 24 hours, 7 days a week, would be at a cost of \$384,000; the Fire Department to initiate transport capability at the ALS level, the cost would be an additional \$300,000 annually. Council members asked Averbuch for his recommendation to which he replied that he would “stay where we are”, in that their discussions with STAR have resulted in their agreeing to move their ambulance post closer, Maple at Telegraph, but that Averbuch expects that most often it will be posted at Long Lake and Telegraph providing good access to Bloomfield Twp, Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Averbuch when asked stated that the average response time for the Fire Department in 2006 was 5.4 minutes, and while they cannot currently transport patients, he will be applying for that status shortly, adding that the Department will only do so in extreme emergencies. Further discussions regarding budget needs, changes in vehicle repair and recycle schedules.

Treasurer Tom Morrow referred Council to his written report, noting that the Village has sufficient funds to meet their current and anticipated obligations and the bills list presented of \$100,036.10 is generally consistent with the budget, adding that interest rates remain at approximately 4.8% for the invested funds of the Village.

VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by McElroy supported by Coyer to approve the bills list as submitted.

Jahnke questioned the lifetime oil change charge, to which Stoppels reported that it is a program offered by the local BP station that will save the Village approximately \$400 over the life of the vehicle.

General Administration	\$ 5,952.65
Building	\$ 21,245.49
Insurance	\$ 44,558.87
Legal	\$ 2,119.00
Police	\$ 7,151.28
Major Roads	\$ 4,566.46
Local Roads	\$ 4,365.00
Rubbish	\$ 15,425.05
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,600.00

Tax Fund	\$ 2,480.01
Waste Water	\$ <u>572.29</u>
All Funds Total	<u>\$110,036.10</u>

Ayes: Coyer, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano, Jahnke

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Marcia Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner, District 17, reported on the following:

1. Citizen appointments made to the Road Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, and added that additional openings are available on the Community Mental Health Board, the Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee, Library Board, Solid Waste Committee, Michigan Department of Human Services, and the Area Agency on Aging.
2. There will be a Pandemic Response Conference in Farmington Hills on January 27, 2007 at which there will be speakers from all over the country on a wide variety of subjects.
3. The Wireless Oakland installation for Troy to be completed in January with the remainder of Phase 1 to be completed by April 2007 with the rest of the County being completed in 2008.
4. The Main Street Mentoring Program was touched on with Gershenson noting that she was looking forward to working with the Village in that program.
5. Reported on several workshops for businesses upcoming, including: 1/11/07 – How to Start a Business, 1/18/07 – How to Write a Business Plan, 1/25/07 - Women’s Business Orientation.
6. Maps and parcel information are available in the Oakland County One Stop Shop.
7. Reminded everyone of the discount prescription drug program available for which applications are at the Village office.
8. Gershenson stated that Requests For Proposals have been submitted for the discount dental program, modeled after the Macomb County program, targeting March as the start date for the program.

Lisa Martin, former Village resident, brought two young ladies with her to observe Village Government in action, both of whom are high school students from Ferndale.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Council Report

1. Recognition/Tribute James Pikulas

McElroy announced the informal tribute to his late friend, and past President James Pikulas and introduced former Council Trustee Ralph Sosin as the main speaker for the tribute who began with his own tribute to Pikulas, as follows:

“I appreciate the opportunity the Council is giving me to participate in this tribute to our friend Jim Pikulas. I also want to tell you that it may have been three (3) years but I had to restrain myself a couple of times from shouting ‘Aye’ when called for a vote; you don’t loose it. And it looks like the state of the Village is in very good hands.”

“What do you say about Jim in a short time? I will begin with a thought which encompasses everything I am going to say which is that Jim Pikulas loved this Village and he devoted himself to making it the better place and the wonderful place that it is. I know that he was very proud of the accomplishments of this Council during the eight (8) years that he was President, and he was certainly, as I say, happy about those accomplishments.”

“And it was really more than just his Village Council experiences too that he stood out at. He was the President of the Cemetery Association, which took up a great deal of his time. And what ever project needed some help he was there to help, whether it was an individual who needed somebody to help them on a matter long after he retired as President he was there to help them. Jim as you know, had wide circles of friends. I use the term circles advisedly because he had Franklin Village, and he knew everybody here whether they lived here now or had lived here before; he had his group of friends that he knew from his real life as an employee of Chrysler; and he had his relatives, of which there were many. He and I use to have friendly competition, we would go to a restaurant together and see who knew more people and I would lose each time on his relatives alone, sort of an unfair fight.”

“I served on the Council beginning about nine (9) years ago and I had never met Jim previously, he and I hit it off right away and were close friends from that time on, we were right up until the time of his death. And we discovered that although on paper we were not very much alike we never had a great deal in common. One my discoveries about him was that we had gone to the same high school only one year apart, and I never knew until we talked about it. Jim was a man that I always thought of as having a very generous spirit. He lived to help people and he did help a lot of people.”

“He also was a true gentleman, of course it wouldn't be appropriate to talk about Jim without talking about his lovely wife, Cathy, who Jim adored, called her from time to time his 'precious jewel', sometimes with a touch of irony but always with a lot of love and admiration. I could talk more about Jim and certainly I am going to miss him greatly, we were very close friends, but let me just say that I want to praise what he has done for Franklin Village and the people that live here. I think this tribute is very appropriate and really very nice. Thank you.”

McElroy asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

Whit Jones, former Village President spoke:

“I have a strange feeling about Jim, because all of the time I keep thinking we are going to get together on the phone in a few days, discuss issues, and have a good laugh. It is hard to get over that because we did so much of that and I can only endorse the things that Ralph said so well. Jim was a great people person, dealt, I thought, very effectively with people throughout the Village and other areas. And he was a staunch supporter of the Village as Ralph indicated; he did a great deal to try further the interests of the town and help good things to happen here. So in summary, I would just like to say that I think Jim has left us a legacy of good memories which will help all of us meet the challenges of the future. Thank you.”

Connie Ettinger:

“I want to thank Council for taking this opportunity to make this tribute to Jim who was a wonderful, wonderful man. Unfortunately, I did not get to know him as well as I might have. A lot of you had known him a lot longer than I did, but I have to say that the first thing I thought of when I first met him, wow he has some big eyebrows. He was a big man physically and also in his spirit, in his generosity and his caring about this Village, about his family, his precious jewel and his daughters, about whom he very, very proud and spoke of very often. Ralph has said it all, as has Whit, all I can really say is that my mom always told me that if I was visiting a friend's house, I should leave it cleaner than I found it. I think Jim took that advice to heart with the Village. He left this Village a better place than he found it and he

will be missed, but he is leaving it in good hands. All I need is for you guys to carry on his good work, because I will be watching you. Thank you.”

Pam Hansen:

“When I thought about making a couple of comments tonight, in thinking about Jim, this about being a single lady, in a Village with a lot of nice men, and Jim’s propensity to give advice. So what advice did he give me, even though I wasn’t always asking? #1) Control yourself at meetings, just sigh deeply, rub your head and your face, if the speaker isn’t stopping when you think they should have; #2) Always look out for your employees; #3) Greek men are emotional so I shouldn’t be scared when he has a loud reaction to something I said, unlike the Swedes and Norwegians I was accustomed to, coming from Minnesota; #4) Cathy is in charge; #5) When editing Quorum articles, ‘If I would just say it this way Pam, then I could make my point and you could say what you want to also’, okay we made it work. In 1998, when I was President of the Franklin Community Association (FCA) and I did the ‘Round Up’ I talked with my new friends in the Village, and Jim who assured me that if I can handle the ‘Round Up’ without being killed or killing somebody, I could do about anything in the Village that I wanted. Then a few years later, he appointed me to the Planning Commission. So, thank you for the chance to comment.”

With no further public comments, McElroy stated:

“Jim was a natural leader, with a truly brilliant mind, who firmly believed in a team oriented approach to problem solving. He was a master at consensus building, spending many hours, one on one with other Council members, to get everyone’s input. No detail ever escaped his attention, although he always presented issues with a kind of big picture look. In essence he made it look easy, even though all of us on Council knew of the amount of the work that he had put into these important issues. He respected everyone’s opinion even if it did not exactly match with his own. We would always manage to work things out, and refrain from any acrimony in public. Although we sometimes differed over difficult personnel issues, Jim was one of the most compassionate men I have ever met.”

“I think other speakers may have said the same thing. He almost always went the extra mile to help people in need, be they Village employees, Village agents, or Villagers who were in absolute need of confidential help. He never asked for anything in return and was unable to even talk about some of the good work he had done, as only I or other members of the Council knew how far he had reached out to help people. He was left with simply taking private satisfaction in knowing that he had done the right thing.”

“Finally, Jim was a man who got things done. He knew how and when to talk with all parties on often contentious issues. He had the gift of getting very knowledgeable and important private citizens to volunteer their time to help solve difficult and time-consuming problems. He had the courage to persevere through seemingly endless roadblocks and act when the time was right. Just look around and you will see his accomplishments throughout our Village; virtually all of the infrastructure that has been brought up to modern standards, on budget, despite endless, wasteful, legal actions that delayed projects for years, without harming the Village’s Historic status. The highly regarded, necessary Police Station, a totally renovated and much safer Franklin Road with specific designed drainage to protect ironically, historic houses from periodic flooding and a completely renovated and well drained, well maintained roads throughout the Village are some of the visible evidence of his presence. Less obvious to many people is the long and difficult process that was necessary to provide a desperately needed liquor license to help the

Franklin Grill remain the treasure that most Villagers had called for, for decades. And let's not forget that Franklin finally, actually got the long talked about and wished for Village Administrator, Mr. Jon Stoppels, who has proved himself a vital addition to the community. Thank you, Jim, for being the right man, at the right time, in the right place where you were truly needed. We will never forget you."

Schiano commented that that was an eloquent job that he could not add much to, other than his personal notes, as follows:

"Jim Pikulas was one of the warmest men I had ever met. He was always there with a handshake, or a pat on the back, and a big smile, and really just always helping people. He did it with such ease; he got people to volunteer, he got people to do more than they really wanted to do and once they did it, and they did it with Jim, they liked doing it and they did more. I really think that he did more for this Village, by engaging with all different types of people to get them to do more and more for the Village. On top of everything Randy said, I am really going to miss Jim as a friend and I'm not sure who can fill his shoes to continue to get people to do things, to volunteer and to be involved in the Village more than someone like Jim and I will miss him."

Gallasch stated:

"I will not be lengthy at this, but just to Dom's exact point, Jim was the one that encouraged me to get active in the Village, and do things for the Village and I am very appreciative of him doing that, and I am very appreciative of doing these things. I will miss him, because he was the guy I could call and he could counsel me on everything. I will miss Jim."

Harnisch:

"I will try to limit my remarks also and try not to be repetitious. I wanted to mention the two sides of Jim Pikulas that I was aware of. One was the public service side, which means of course his dedication to this Village. Jim was a very collegial member of Council and president from when I started on Council. Jim was a consensus builder, he always consulted fellow Council members, including myself, on all major issues and welcomed our input. He welcomed input from everybody on all major issues and I really appreciated that."

"His dedication in the best interest of the Village has already been mentioned, and is kind of legendary, not only as Council member and for several years the President, but also with the Cemetery Association and a million other ways large and small. Jim recruited me to be on Council and I always appreciated his confidence in me, and I thought therefore that his judgement of people was really excellent. Although, I will say that I never completely trusted him after he told me you know it will take no time at all, a piece of cake."

"On the personal side he always greeted you as if you were his best buddy that he hadn't seen in a long time. He was a dedicated family man; Cathy and his daughters were the apple of his eye, and the presence of not only the people who have spoken so eloquently here tonight from the public, but the other large gathering here of the friends and family is a wonderful tribute to Jim. I think Jim was a wonderful man, he was kind, he was warm, he was generous, and he will be missed greatly as a dedicated Franklin Villager and even more so as a person. I know that I will miss him a great deal."

Coyer:

“It is too bad that we don’t have more time, to spend talking about Jim Pikulas. In fact this whole meeting could be spent talking about Jim Pikulas with our own experiences and so forth. There is a lot that I would like to say and I will say a little more, but there is one thing that I would have ended with that I going to start with: My daughters who have been referred to here, have a song that they have learned when they were in school, it goes like this, ‘Deep and wide, deep and wide, there is a fountain flowing deep and wide, deep and wide, deep and wide, there is a fountain flowing deep and wide. Jim was a fountain. Jim’s circle was wide. I’ve listened to the things that people have said here tonight. He was with us in the Village. He was with us in his church community. He was with his colleagues at work. He was with his family. He adopted many of us as brothers, as sons, as daughters, he befriended us all. Not many men or women can do this.”

“In addition to these multiple circles that spread out, he extended himself into the lives of people he knew. In my case it was myself, my spouse, and my daughters. He never failed to ask about them and every conversation I ever had with him, it always started with them and it ended with them. I am proud of that and I am pleased that we have so many good photographs that were taken of events like that, at the Village, Village green, music and so forth and the like.”

“We have heard about all of the accomplishments, the one thing to add, to crystallize about all the accomplishments that Jim had in the Village, was first as everyone has said is leadership. It was respect, understanding, listening, and acting from strong views about issues that Jim had. He was respectful, he cooperated, and he co-opted people. I would like to illustrate this, and others have identified this, but I would like to say three or four things that Jim did, that couldn’t have happened without Jim’s leadership. We built, finally, a police facility, after much potential conflict, many said it should not be where it is, it is where it is and the Village I think values the service and the fact that it is consistent with Franklin values. Second, on a cell tower; even Jim believed that a cell tower might not be a bad idea, but he listened to the community and the community said, no there has got to be a better way. Jim listened, institutionalized an organization that listened to the community and developed a comprehensive, progressive policy on wireless. On sewers, do we dare talk about that issue here tonight. Jim believed that it was appropriate in this Village for people to have a choice and help people to maintain that choice, for whatever reason. On water, the question was, to let the community decide, listen to the community. Jim had his views, but he listened to the community.”

“We will all miss him. His friendship is the main thing that will be missed. Jim’s reach was wide, his impact is deep and abiding. Thank you very much Jim. And I would say the other thing here, frankly, is that it is a marvelous tribute, it has already been said, that so many members of our community are here tonight; Mr. Jones and Ann, and as I look around the audience, I see Cathy and Chrissie, of course Connie could not be here tonight, all the other members of the community who were here, Jo Saltzman and Amy, the Meades are here, Ann, Connie, Pam, everyone who has come out tonight, for this. Thank you for coming. Thank you Jim.”

Lamott:

“I joined the Village Council after Jim had left, so I never really sat on this group with him, but certainly a lot of things that were accomplished while he was a Village Council member made my job easier. Things like sound financial management, budget surpluses, the good roads and all of the other stuff that the folks have talked about. Jim certainly was a good communicator, he talked to people, he got consensus and did a lot of things.”

“His involvement in the Cemetery Association I think is not well understood because the board met earlier tonight, and we are going to have a tough time replacing and doing all of the things that Jim did. We will do it, but we just didn’t realize the scope of things that he did for us.”

“Jim was good at a lot of things, but I think he would agree there was one thing where he was a little challenged, and that is handyman around the house. Every once in a while the phone would ring, I would pick it up and I would here, ‘Hello Bill, this is Jim across the street. Sorry to bother you, but if you’ve got a minute, I need some help.’ And we worked on electrical stuff, or plumbing issues, or even got a Coke can off the roof that the roofers left up there, or Christmas lights, or Christmas trees, stuff like that. And Jim was a great neighbor as well as a part of the Village Government. I will miss his wise counsel, I will miss his good sense of humor and most of all I will miss his friendship.”

Jahnke:

“I would just like to echo a couple of sentiments that have been expressed tonight. I worked with Jim when he first came on Council, and that this is a volunteer Village and Jim Pikulas certainly led in that category. I think a tribute that I think Dom Schiano mentioned, and I would echo, and I would think that the best thing that we could all do in this room, is to look out to the new residents moving into this Village, and get people involved, because we do have more people moving out than we have moving in that are willing to help out. So whatever we can do to accomplish that, we need to do.”

“And secondly, having been in the same chair that Jim has been in, and Whit Jones has been in, I would just say that the Village also owes a tremendous thank you to Cathy Pikulas, and Ann Jones as well, and Sharon Jahnke, and others, and the wives of all of these men up here because this is a volunteer position, but it is a lot of time and that volunteer commitment that we heard so much about is a family commitment, it is not just the people up here. So again, and in echoing what everybody else said thanks everybody for being here tonight. This is a tremendous outpouring.”

Stoppels asked if he could say a couple of words, as follows:

“Although I have known Jim for only five (5) years, I think that his impact on me was much the same as if I had known him for a life time. He hired me and believed in me at a time when I maybe didn’t totally believe in myself and made me the kind of manager that I have become here, by his leadership. He was a friend from the moment that I met him, much like a father to me, as Cathy has become much like a mother to me. He taught me about consensus building; I think that was probably his strongest point. And I will probably spend the rest of my career and life trying to emulate that quality alone. My grandfather had a saying, although somewhat antiquated now, a better man never wore shoe leather than Jim Pikulas and I am going to miss him very much. And I just hope that people remember him, and treasure his memory after tonight.”

Stoppels presented Cathy Pikulas, her daughter Christina, and Jim’s brother Dan Pikulas with a flag that had been flown over the capital at the request of Joe Knollenberg, in Pikulas’s honor.

Jahnke called a short recess at 8:54 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:56 p.m.

B. President's Report, Mark Jahnke, Village President

1. Franklin River Clean-up

Jahnke reported that there is an ongoing problem with construction cleanup at the Franklin River culverts near 14 Mile Road and while both the Oakland County Drain Commission and the Road Commission for Oakland County have been contacted, to date not enough has been done. Jahnke opined that Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershensen will be asked to help in communicating with both commissions in an effort to resolve the problem.

2. Master Plan Funding

Jahnke reported that had been stated previously, the Master Plan revisions currently being worked on will require funding for implementation and he continues to search for cost savings as the Village approaches budget planning for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and that future meetings to be planned with the Council and the Planning Commission will be to plan implementation of those Master Plan revisions.

3. Status of Sweep Accounts

Jahnke reported that he and Clerk Pulker had met with bankers from Comerica to plan the fund transfers from Money Market accounts to Sweep Accounts (Municipal J Funds) to save in bank fees, now that interest rates in the J Funds are more advantageous.

4. Cable TV, Cable Casting Board Funding Status

Jahnke stated that Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms Clerk/Manager, Birmingham Area Cable Casting Board Administrator and Bob Borgan, President of the Birmingham Area Cable Casting Board were both present at the meeting. Jahnke added that the budget considerations for the upcoming year include review of the expenditure to the Cable Casting Board. Borgan addressed the Council, outlining many of the expenditures both current and future for the Cable Board and the impact that the recent legislation will have on their funding. Borgan also opined that the inter-local agreement between the communities involved and that the Cable Board is the reason that Franklin did in fact have Comcast service in the Village.

5. Wireless Facility (Cell Tower Committee) Reconvene in 2007

Jahnke reported that a Distributed Antennae System (DAS) is being installed north of the Village in Bloomfield Twp and that a recent article in the Wall Street Journal described many changes in companies: mergers; installations; etc. Coyer concurred that while the committee was still in existence, it should be convened in the near future in light of the many recent advances and changes in systems and technology.

C. Administrator Report

1. Broughton House Renovation

Stoppels reported on the multi-year, ongoing restoration work being performed at Village Hall. Stoppels stated his intent to increase the usable space as the reason for the improvements in the upper floor of the Broughton House. Stoppels also reviewed those changes that had already incurred including the improvements and replacement of the heating and cooling system, water heater, and roof. Stoppels reported on the floor installation in the Council room, the flooring material having been obtained at a very inexpensive rate.

2. FY2005-2006 Audit Report

Stoppels reported that the Audit for the year ending June 30, 2006 had been received and distributed, and invited Council members to contact himself or Clerk Pulker with any questions. Jahnke commented that the Village will have ongoing follow up on the Janz & Knight management letter, specifically the three (3) "reportable conditions and significant deficiencies" reported by Janz & Knight. Stoppels noted that in years past adjustments had been made near the end of the fiscal year, and last year, at the end of the third quarter adjustments had been made. Stoppels noted that adjustments could be made after a review of the Finance Committee of the current quarter numbers as they become finalized. Stoppels replied that he had provided a report of the Janz & Knight charges to date for the audit. Stoppels when asked replied that the actuary report for the retirement plan funding would need to be repeated at the end of another year.

3. 2nd Quarter Budget Review

Stoppels reported that a preliminary review report had been assembled for review, and now that the December figures are available, a more comprehensive report can be developed for review by the Finance Committee. Jahnke added that possible budget amendments, account reconciliation's and payables all need to be reviewed and completed. Schiano added that he would like to return to the procedure used in the past which required a review of the current year budget each quarter by the Finance Committee, with adjustments to be made as needed. McElroy and Gallasch concurred and Treasurer Morrow also commented on the need to review for any adjustments necessary as well as possible amendments to the budget.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Fire Department request to Waive Oakland County Sewer Inspection Fees.

Stoppels explained that during the addition to the Fire Station, the grinder pump for the pressure sewer installation at the Fire Station needed to be worked on by the Oakland County Drain Commission to accommodate the building addition resulting in charges that were included in the Village's yearly account adjustment from Oakland County. Stoppels stated that Chief Averbuch had requested that the Council allow the fees to be waived and that the Village pay the Fire Department sewer costs. Jahnke stated that this was not a waiver of the fees but rather the Village absorbing the cost of the work performed by the Drain Commission. The funds to be used were discussed including the Fire Fund surplus and/or the Pressure Sewer Fund.

#2007-01 Motion by Coyer supported by McElroy to approve a waiver of the amount of the fees for the materials and contracted services for Oakland County inspection fees in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for sewer work at the Franklin-Bingham Farms Fire Department contingent upon the payment being made from the Pressure Sewer Funds of the Village.

Ayes: Coyer, Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano, Jahnke

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Coyer left at 9:52 p.m.

B. Consider Scheduling Joint Meeting with Planning Commission for a Master Plan Review.

Jahnke stated that a joint meeting was a good idea and that dates would be determined after consulting with Planning Commission members for their availability. Jahnke further stated that a special meeting would need to be held in order to afford the time necessary to devote to this important review of the Master Plan Revisions.

C. Consider Administrative Intern Program.

Stoppels stated that his daughter Megan was available to act as an intern for the Village for the next three to four months in the pursuit of her degree from Eastern Michigan University. Stoppels added that a signed agreement with the University would be obtained and the supervision of her instructor and her requirements of daily logs and class meetings are what is required by EMU for credit for the course.

Discussion ensued regarding the types of programs to be worked on by the intern including zoning ordinance review, budget preparation, and also discussed the schedule and scope of the program. Stoppels stated that the intern would work 10 to 25 hours per week, at an average of about 15 or 20 hours, not all of which will be on site in the Village, with greater resources for research available at EMU's campus. Stoppels was directed to receive input from commission chairmen J Hailey (Zoning Board of Appeals) and Jim Stevens (Planning Commission) to ascertain their opinions and guidance about the types of analysis of ordinances to be conducted and for their understanding of the support position she will be providing them.

#2007-02 Motion by Schiano supported by McElroy to authorize Administrator Stoppels to proceed with engaging with Eastern Michigan University to use Megan Stoppels as an intern for the Village for the next three (3) to four (4) months with an up to \$1,000 payment to the University for the Village's participation in the program.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano

Nays: Jahnke

Absent: Coyer

Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schiano supported by Harnisch to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Schiano, Jahnke

Nays: None

Absent: Coyer

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Mark W. Jahnke, President