

Proceedings of Village of Franklin
Village Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Franklin Community Church
26425 Wellington, Franklin, Michigan 48025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jahnke at 7:10 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church, Franklin, Michigan.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mark Jahnke, Brian Coyer, Fred Gallasch, Alan Harnisch, Randy McElroy

Absent: Bill Lamott, Dominick Schiano

Also Present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Patrick Browne, Police Chief
Marcia Gershensen, Oakland County Commissioner
Walter Denison, Chairman, Historic District Commission
Mike Hoyt, Planning Commissioner
Mary Hepler, Planning Commissioner
Bruce Blanton, Planning Commissioner

President Jahnke introduced the Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) staff present for the meeting, as follows:

Bob Donohue, MSOC Program Coordinator
Julie Courtney, MSOC assistant Program Coordinator
Ron Campbell, AIA, Principal Planner, Historical Architect
Sharon Greene, Highland Main Street Program, Mentor Community

Jahnke provided a brief overview of the program and how the Village had arrived at this point, as a Mentor Community, with one to two years to decide whether or not to become a member community of the program. Jahnke added that Berkley and Franklin are the first two communities in Oakland County to join Main Street as Mentor Communities.

Donohue asked each of those present to introduce themselves and to indicate what position or affiliation each possessed within the Village.

Donahue explained general principles of the Main Street Oakland County Program, noting that in most states, the program is overseen by the State, but in Michigan Oakland County was the first to do so. Donahue also went over some of the basic principals of the program, using a power point presentation (available in the Clerk's office), and noted that the Village would be different in at least one factor, that being that the Village would not need a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), but would enact a Main Street Board which would be incorporated and set up in much the same way as a DDA. Donahue stated that information about the program can be most easily obtained by

searching on the web, Google Main Street Oakland County for brochures and information. Donahue added that maps and other valuable materials are available at the County's One Stop Shop.

Donohue discussed the four (4) main points of the approach for Main Street, as follows:

1. organization
2. promotion
3. design
4. economic restructuring

Donohue noted that the program will provide workshops for business development and business retention and recruitment for communities. Several workshop dates were discussed and Village officials were encouraged to attend. The Main Street Board would set up four (4) committees, as mentioned above, and would ask for reports from the committees each month.

The cost for involvement in the program was discussed and Donahue explained that the cost would be \$40,000 per year for three (3) years, which would not be tax dollars but rather consist of corporate, banking and membership fees.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker
Village Clerk

Mark W. Jahnke
Village President