

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, May 21, 2007, 8:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Fred Gallasch at 8:02 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. ROLL CALL

Motion by Lamott supported by Harnisch to excuse Trustees Coyer and Schiano in their absence from this meeting.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy

Nays: None

Absent: Coyer, Schiano, Jahnke

Motion carried

Present: Fred Gallasch, Alan Harnisch, Bill Lamott, Randy McElroy, Mark Jahnke (arrived 8:04 p.m.)

Absent: Brian Coyer (excused), Dominick Schiano (excused)

Also present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Andrea Paulsen, Finance Clerk

Jahnke arrived at 8:04 p.m.

III. ADMINSTRATOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Stoppels presented a number of slides demonstrating the proposed budget numbers and asked for a determination on what to charge for fees in the Waste Water Fund for Septic Operating Permits, and discussed the term of the permits, which are currently at two (2) years with a \$10 permit fee.

#2007-32 Motion by Gallasch supported by Harnisch to adopt the \$25 permit fee payable once every three years, with a requirement of a septic system pump out once every three years.

Stoppels was directed to obtain additional information from Hubbell, Roth & Clark (Village Engineers) to help determine the specific costs incurred for the required permits. Pulker was directed to draft a letter of explanation to Villagers and circulate it among Council members for comments. Jahnke requested additional permitting information from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Jahnke

Absent: Coyer, Schiano

Nays: None

Motion carried.

IV. FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

A. Open Public Hearing

Jahnke opened the Public Hearing.

B. Public Comments on Budget

The only public present was Jim Stevens, Planning Commission Chairman.

C. Council Comments

Discussion ensued regarding the Fire Fund Budget, noting that the fund balance was not budgeted to collect any further amounts, after having done so for the past several years. Stoppels responded by stating that the fund balance could be revisited in the next year and the decision to add to the fund balance or not could be determined at that time. Jahnke noted that he questioned keeping the surplus in the event there would be a future need. Jahnke also stated his concern for funding the newly adopted Master Plan, for example citing the need for review of needed sidewalks or pathways. Further discussion entailed unemployment charges included in the current year budget, and the expected costs for the finance clerk position. Stevens commented on the ongoing talks with McKenna Associates regarding the costs for the Master Plan revisions and Stoppels was asked to compile charges paid and unpaid for the Master Plan work performed by McKenna Associates.

Jahnke closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Master Plan

Jahnke reviewed the budget stating that the Master Plan implementation will require funding, and that \$25,000 is currently designated for the implementation, adding that the current budget allows for an additional \$30,000 to be added to the General Fund Balance.

B. Main Street Oakland County

Jahnke noted that funding would be needed for the Main Street Board and market studies, looking to apply as a Main Street participant by June of 2008. Jahnke stated that he had discussed the Community Reinvestment Act with representatives at both Comerica Bank and LaSalle Bank, noting that the budget should have a line item for Main Street in the amount of \$15,000.

C. 14 Mile Road Maintenance

Jahnke stated that a quote had been received from the County to re-gravel 14 Mile Road, and that Bloomfield Township was considering their share of the cost, and Southfield Township would be contacted to see if the Village could use the Metro Act money, or the usual dust control portion afforded the Village by the Township. Discussion ensued regarding the concerns over the traffic on the road and whether or not paving the road would help in as much as the traffic and speeds would increase if the surface were paved. If the actual work exceeds the quoted price of \$11,700, Stoppels added that he had been assured by the Oakland County Road Commission that they will pick up any additional cost incurred.

D. Cable TV/Cable Board

The budgeted receipts and expenditures for the Cable Board were discussed noting the changes in recent state legislation, and the projected surplus stated in the Cable Board financial documents received. Gallasch stated that he would obtain specifics on

expenditures planned for the upcoming year. Gallasch commented that reducing the fee payable to the Cable Board will not increase fees to the Village and the Village has a commitment to the Birmingham consortium. The newly available services from AT & T were discussed, noting that they will provide competition for Comcast.

VI. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET

The Building Department budget was discussed, noting that it was the most difficult to determine, because of the reliance upon building receipts for projects in the Village and not supplemented by tax dollars. Jahnke noted that if revenues were decreased it would require that expenditures to the General Fund for administrative and police support be decreased as well. Stoppels was asked to provide a break-out of the costs compiled in those budget line items. McElroy stated that the current contracted expense was better than a fixed salaried position, to allow for the ups and downs of the building trends in the Village. Jahnke remarked that a full time employee would be less costly to the Village, citing salaries of between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

Jahnke proposed that additional funding for the Master Plan be added to the budget for \$15,000.

#2007-33 Motion by Gallasch supported by McElroy to add an additional \$6,000 in expenses as a line item to the Major Road Fund for the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 Budget to allow for the proposed re-graveling and treatment of 14 Mile Road, the cost to be shared with both Bloomfield Township and Southfield Township.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Jahnke

Absent: Coyer, Schiano

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#2007-34 Motion by Gallasch supported by Harnisch to approve the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget, a copy of which is available in the Village Clerk's office.

Ayes: Gallasch, Harnisch, Lamott, McElroy, Jahnke

Absent: Coyer, Schiano

Nays: None

Motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gallasch supported by McElroy to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Mark W. Jahnke, President