

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007, 2:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL - BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

The meeting was called to order by President Gallasch at 2:12 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: H. Frederick Gallasch, Alan Harnisch, Amie Saltzman, Dominick Schiano

Absent: Brian Coyer (excused), Mark Jahnke (excused), Bill Lamott (excused)

Also present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Detective Sergeant William Castro

I. CONSIDER CIVIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW A TRACTOR PULL TRAIN RIDE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN – DECEMBER 1, 2007 FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.

Gallasch thanked everyone for attending and noted that proper noticing had occurred prior to the meeting and explained that the Council wanted to provide the merchants in Franklin every opportunity to do well at the “Winter Festival” to be held all day on Saturday December 1, 2007. Gallasch provided background on the application for the Civic Event Permit, noting that it had been received by the Village on November 28, 2007, with the event scheduled to take place on December 1, 2007 during the “Winter Festival.” Gallasch noted that the “train ride” would be over by the time the horse and buggy rides were to begin at 4:00 pm. Gallasch stated that the certificate of insurance naming the Village as an additional insured had not been received, but was expected later in the day.

Castro read a letter provided by Chief Browne, who had spoken to the owner of “Have Trains, Will Travel”, and had determined that the converted tractor does not have taillights or brake lights as required to the State of Michigan Motor Vehicle Code. Castro referred to the provided route to be taken by the ride which would take place on several Village Roads including Evelyn Court, Wellington and Normandy. Castro stated that further checking with the Michigan State Police verified that if the vehicle were to be allowed on Village streets, the streets would need to be closed with no other traffic allowed.

Castro advised that seven (7) officers are scheduled to work along with four (4) reserve officers, the combination of which will provide seven (7) to eight (8) uniform officers for each shift during the events. Castro added that the Police Department does not have any barricades to close off streets and more officers than those scheduled would be required to insure safety.

Discussion ensued regarding the expected receipt of the certificate of insurance, the possible closer of streets, the number of pedestrians expected for the various events, and alternate uses of Village and/or Franklin Community Association property for the ride.

Motion by Schiano supported by Harnisch to approve the Civic Event Permit for the “Have Trains, Will Travel”, tractor pull train ride for parents and children to occur on December 1, 2007, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, to end promptly at 4:00 p.m. during the Franklin Winter Festival, to take place solely on the Franklin Community Association grounds, with their permission, not using any public roads and not requiring any barricades as determined by the Franklin Police Department, subject to the receipt of the requested certificate of insurance naming the Village as an additional insured by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 30, 2007.

Ayes: Harnisch, Saltzman, Schiano, Gallasch

Absent: Coyer, Jahnke, Lamott

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Harnisch supported by Schiano to adjourn.

Ayes: Harnisch, Saltzman, Schiano, Gallasch

Absent: Coyer, Jahnke, Lamott

Nays: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President