

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008, 8:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL - BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN 48025**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Gallasch at 8:04 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mark Jahnke, Dominick Schiano, Fred Gallasch, Brian Coyer, Bill Lamott, Amie Saltzman

Absent: Alan Harnisch (excused)

Also Present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
Patrick Browne, Police Chief
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief
Tom Morrow, Treasurer
John Staran, Village Attorney

Motion by Lamott, supported by Coyer, to excuse Harnisch from the meeting.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Schiano, supported by Coyer, to adopt the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

IV. Minutes

A. January 14, 2008 Regular Village Council Meeting

Motion by Coyer, supported by Saltzman, to approve the January 14, 2008 Regular Village Council Meeting minutes as submitted.

Jahnke asked Staran if abstentions require an explanation. Staran answered that typically it would be appropriate for someone to provide a statement for why they have chosen to abstain from a vote but only if they are asked why at the meeting.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

V. Reports of Village Officers and Agents

Police Chief Patrick Browne referred Council to his written report and spoke about an incident that occurred on Telegraph Road where catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles in a parking lot. He also reported another incident that occurred at LaSalle Bank where an attempt to cash a fraudulent payroll check took place.

Fire Chief Tony Averbuch referred Council to his written report and updated them on ongoing issues such as the delivery of the new rescue vehicle being delayed due to 17 outstanding issues although it should be delivered issue-free the following week. He added that he would like to host an open house in the spring where they can showcase the new rescue vehicle and key vendors from Chevrolet and others will be invited as well. Averbuch reported that all of the 2007 inspections were completed with very good results and 2008 commercial occupancy inspections will begin in the spring. He added that residents in Franklin who wish for the fire department to provide a basic safety inspection may do so at no charge by simply calling the fire station and scheduling an appointment. Averbuch then updated Council on the Interlocal Agreement with reference to the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association. Franklin and Bingham Farms have both approved the agreement and Southfield Township Board will be voting on the issue the following evening.

Treasurer Morrow referred to the bills list and his written report, stating that the amount is consistent with normal monthly spending and the expenditures are generally consistent with the '07-'08 budget. He added that the finance committee met to review the status of the building department project and mid year budget amendments. Morrow recommended that the council keep the budget amendments on the agenda under Old Business for March so that there will be a more accurate estimate of the building department budget.

VI. Submission of Current Bills

<u>TOTALS:</u>	
General Administration	\$11,586.33
Building	10,742.98
Insurance	59,435.00
Legal	5,712.00
Police	17,644.33
Pressure Sewer	30,937.50
General Debt Service	25,295.00
Major Roads	12,793.81
Local Roads	5,847.26
Rubbish	15,860.37
Trust & Agency	800.00
Village Hall & Grounds	0.00
Tax Fund	2,329.00
Waste Water	<u>2,391.32</u>
ALL FUNDS	\$201,374.90

Motion by Coyer, supported by Lamott, to approve the bills list.

Jahnke referred to the administrative functions amount for the Building Official and suggested that that be a place to start when council looks at the building department's budget.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

VII. Public Requests and Comments

Marcia Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner, attended the state of the county address and reported that they are imposing a cut to the budget which means the Sheriff's dept will be asked to cut approximately \$1 million.

VIII. Old Business

A. Wireless Oakland

Coyer reported that Wireless Oakland has been put on hold due to lack of funding.

#2008- 06 Motion by Coyer, supported by Schiano, that the Wireless Telecommunications Committee be given the charge of investigating the status of Wireless Oakland including bringing people in from Wireless Oakland and Oakland County MichTel and others that would be relevant; to report back to Council with the preliminary report in April and that the services be given to the extent necessary of the Administrator and Legal Council and others to pursue that. That council authorize the Wireless Telecommunications Committee to look at options beyond Wireless Oakland for providing high quality premium wireless services for Franklin and to explore different models in that regard. That Saltzman be added to the Wireless Telecommunications Committee.

Gershenson stated that the spin in the county is very positive and she has heard that they are very close to getting new funding however she can not substantiate anything. Gershenson suggested that Franklin pursue all of the options.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Consider Civic Event Permit for the Franklin Community Church sign placements announcing Rummage Sale to occur April 11 & 12, 2008.

#2008-07 Motion by Jahnke, supported by Saltzman, to approve the Civic Event Permit for the Franklin Community Church sign placements to announce the Rummage sale to occur April 11 & 12, 2008.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

B. Finance Committee Update regarding Budget Amendments FY2007-2008.

Jahnke advised the public that the finance committee did meet and they will be looking at an amended budget due to a shortfall in the building department. He added that the committee will also be taking a look at managing the building department fund due to the decline in new permits.

It was agreed that this item remain on the agenda for March 2008.

X. Proclamations/Resolutions/Ordinances

A. Consider Resolution for Councilman Randy R. McElroy in Appreciation of his Public Service to the Village of Franklin.

#2008-08 Motion by Coyer, supported by Schiano, to approve the resolution for Councilman Randy R. McElroy, as follows:

**RANDY R. McELROY
In Appreciation of his Public Service to the Village of Franklin**

WHEREAS, **RANDY McELROY** has served the Village of Franklin, Michigan, since March 28, 1998 as an elected member of the Village Council until his retirement on September 24, 2007;

WHEREAS, **RANDY McELROY** has resided in the Village of Franklin, Michigan, for 20 years and has served on the Franklin Community Association, Rosemond Estates Association, and Franklin Mobile Watch for fifteen years;

WHEREAS, **RANDY McELROY** served his country in two tours of Vietnam in 1968 and 1969 with a unit of the Army's 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion based in Pleiku;

WHEREAS, **RANDY McELROY** graduated from Marquette University in 1973 with a BSBA, and from University of Detroit in 1977 with an MBA;

WHEREAS, **RANDY McELROY** had been employed by Ford Motor Company for thirty years, performing many duties including Managerial and Financial Analyst positions at the time of his retirement in 2002;

WHEREAS, as a Council member, **RANDY McELROY** has demonstrated strong leadership and communication skills through his appointment as a member of the Legal Liaison Committee, as a member of the Personnel Committee, and Finance Committee, and prior to a Village Administrator helped to manage the Pressure Sewer Project and the Building Department and provide liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, as a Council Member and Deputy Treasurer for the Village of Franklin, **RANDY McELROY** has exercised unfailing good humor, perseverance, and sound judgement in attending to official duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 11th day of February 2008, that the Village Council of Franklin desires to express their appreciation for such dedicated public service by **RANDY McELROY** and to thank him for his legacy of constructive involvement which has made such a profound and positive impact upon the Village of Franklin. **RANDY McELROY** is to be commended for his dedication and skill at performing the duties required of each organization he has served.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and expression of civic appreciation be presented to **RANDY McELROY** on behalf of the undersigned.

Coyer, Lamott, Schiano, Gallasch, Stoppels, Browne, Police Officer David Dwyer, Morrow, Saltzman, George Haddad, 30180 Cheviot Hills Drive and Mary Hepler, 30575 Rosemond Drive all paid tribute and thanks to former Councilman Randy McElroy for his service to the Village of Franklin.

McElroy then thanked everyone for their continued support over the years.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

- B. Consider Ordinance to Amend Section 1268.14 Chapter 1268, Supplementary Regulations, of Part Twelve, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Repeal Existing Regulations and Adopt New Regulations Concerning Parking and Storage of Vehicles and Equipment in Residential Districts, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations. (second reading)**

#2008-09 Motion by Lamott, supported by Coyer, approve the proposed amendment to Amend Section 1268.14 Chapter 1268, Supplementary Regulations, of Part Twelve, Title Four of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, to Repeal Existing Regulations and Adopt New Regulations Concerning Parking and Storage of Vehicles and Equipment in Residential Districts, Repeal Conflicting Ordinances and Prescribe a Penalty for Violations in the second reading.

Staran pointed out that there is currently no federal law or regulation that exists that outlaws removable magnetic vehicle signs therefore there is no need to make any changes to the ordinance in that regard.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

XI. Special Reports

A. President's Report, Fred Gallasch, Village President

Gallasch thanked the finance committee and staff for working on the building department issues. He commended Chief Browne for having the promotional award ceremony for the police officers. He then read a list of names that were recognized and awarded at the ceremony.

B. Council Reports

1. Main Street Committee Update

Stoppels reported that the Main Street program is moving forward. Planning Commission has appointed a subcommittee to study the benefits of the Main Street Program but also to explore the Downtown Development Authority as well as TIFA financing for future projects. He added that two meetings have taken place for the purpose to better understand what the merchants' interests were in downtown revitalization and to better understand what some of the problems are that are being experienced downtown and what are the specific needs of individual building and business

owners as far as revitalizing the downtown. He explained that the next step is to form a local ad hoc committee to evaluate all of the options that have been discussed to date and then make a recommendation to Planning Commission who will then make a recommendation to Council.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Lamott, supported by Jahnke, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Jahnke, Schiano, Coyer, Lamott, Saltzman, Gallasch

Nays: None

Absent: Harnisch

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Wicke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Fred Gallasch, President