

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN – VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010, 7:30 PM
FRANKLIN VILLAGE HALL – BROUGHTON HOUSE
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD, FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Gallasch at 7:33 p.m. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

Present: Fred Gallasch, Mark Jahnke, Jim Kochensparger, Bill Lamott, Steve Rosenthal
Absent: Brian Gettel (excused), Mike Seltzer (excused)
Also Present: Jon Stoppels, Administrator
Eileen Pulker, Clerk
John D. Staran, Village Attorney, Hafeli Staran Hallahan Christ, P.C.

The agenda was amended to reverse the order of items III and IV, to allow for comments from Stoppels.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

IV. Discuss Short and Long Term Action Plans

Stoppels provided information on current and ongoing projects, as follows:

1. Huda School site plan – preliminary site plan information and a \$2,000 deposit had been received. Full size plans had been requested, and now have been received, for the reviews necessary for a conceptual review. Plans were currently being reviewed by Bill Dinnan, Building Official; McKenna Associates, Village Planning Consultant; and Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Village Engineers. Police Chief Browne and Fire Chief Averbuch had both reviewed the plans also. A meeting will be set up with the school's representatives and the Village's consultants as soon as the various reports are received, to provide the initial, conceptual - preliminary report.
2. Two Year Budget – no work required at the moment.
3. Audit – to begin soon.
4. Code Enforcement – is ongoing, trees and property storage are recent issues.
5. Computer Access to records – passwords are recorded and all files are available on shared drives, as well as through either Pulker or Admin Clerk London.
6. DPW Items – right of way clearing continues, trees, crack sealing. Gallasch noted that the DPW committee would be meeting monthly from now on. Stoppels noted that the committee should work with London and added that Great Lakes had driven through town and had looked for problems to attend to. The tree crew would be sought through Mike Messina at Great Lakes and London has a continuous list of trees that are listed to be removed. Great Lakes contract contains all of the jobs listed in the scope of work. Logs are created that documents the work finished each day.
7. Telegraph sidewalk project is pretty complete, just in need of Staran's review of the final agreements being drawn up between MDOT and Bingham Farms, and between Bingham Farms and Franklin.
8. Sewer work being performed along Telegraph Road, relining and relocation of lines.
9. Code enforcement was discussed further, with Stoppels adding that the Police are often the "eyes and ears" of the Village, and if necessary Building Official Dinnan would issue a citation. Stoppels noted that chain saw sounds are most often reported by corresponding neighbors. Stoppels added that London keeps lists of complaints and refers items as necessary to Dinnan.
10. Citizen complaints and inquiries will be handled by London and Pulker, with Jahnke offering to handle finance questions and concerns.

11. Stoppels noted that he communicates with Police Chief Pat Browne daily and Fire Chief Tony Averbuch at least once a week.
12. Stoppels stated that the cleaning work that he does saves the Village at least \$3,500 per year, and Stoppels was directed to reengage the firm that had previously handled the cleaning. Stoppels noted that cleaning was not currently included in the Great Lakes DPW contract, and it was thought that the per hour charge would be less through a cleaning service.
13. Road work – Hubbell Roth & Clark has provided estimates for road maintenance work after reviewing the major and local roads throughout the Village, with \$381,000 for mill and overlay, but other work can be done for now including crack sealing & cold patch, with more extensive work being undertaken next year. For August 9, 2010 Village Council meeting, Tom Biehl (HRC) will be contacted to obtain more detail and a possible bare bones budget for this year, and Stoppels added that Biehl will be able to find a contractor, most likely one working nearby on another project, should it be determined that the Village is to proceed with work. Jahnke and Gallasch commented on the Road Administrator position that used to be one in the Village, prior to the Village Administrator taking that on.
14. Stoppels commented on work at the Library, noting that in many instances the Village can provide for the repairs needed, as the Village owns the building.
15. Stoppels stated that he attends all Planning Commission meetings, Bill Dinnan attends Historic District Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.
16. Oakland County Water Resource contact person for the Village, especially for Grinder Pump station installations is Bob Aubin. Residents contact Oakland County Water Resource department repairs directly, if they have any trouble with their units.
17. Weekly rubbish pickup problems are reported to London each week as they occur.
18. Pulker advised that she would update the current contract listing of all of the Village Contracts and terms.
19. Kreger House – the Kreger team continues working to raise money and complete the project.
20. Main Street Franklin – Stoppels stated that a new Administrator was being sought, but that we at the office do not have much in the way of detail about that, nor do we know for certain where that person will set up their office, nor what the budget would be for their expenses. Gallasch noted that a budget has been requested, but not yet received from the Main Street Franklin board.

Stoppels was excused, and the meeting continued.

III. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIGNATION.

An interim administrator was discussed, as an acting Village Administrator.

President Gallasch stated his intent to appoint Patrick Browne, Police Chief as the Interim Active Administrator.

Staran advised that an agreement or contract would not be necessary for a short term assignment.

#2010-78 Motion by Jahnke supported by Kochensparger to ratify the Village President's recommendation of the appointment of Police Chief Patrick Browne as the interim, acting Village Administrator, with an added stipend of \$750 to be paid by the Administrator line item in General Fund, not the Police Department budget, until such time as a permanent Village Administrator is appointed.

Ayes: Jahnke, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Gallasch

Nays: None
Absent: Gettel, Seltzer
Motion carried.

The next meeting to be scheduled was decided to be either July 28 or 29, and that the long term action plan would be discussed at that special meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the opportunity for a "clean" start; evaluate the position, scope of work, possible Village manager. Oakland County Commissioner Gershenson would be consulted, as Oakland County has resources available for this type of evaluation.

A possible separation agreement was discussed, and the selling of the vehicle (Chevrolet Malibu) to Stoppels was also discussed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rosenthal supported by Lamott to adjourn.

Ayes: Jahnke, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Gallasch
Nays: None
Absent: Gettel, Seltzer
Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

H. Frederick Gallasch, President