

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, 8:00 PM  
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 8:00 P.M. at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Fred Gallasch, Brian Gettel, Jim Kochensparger, Bill Lamott, Mike Seltzer, Steve Rosenthal (arrived at 8:02 p.m.).

Absent: Lew Eads

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator  
Eileen Pulker, Clerk  
Thomas Morrow, Treasurer  
Patrick Browne, Police Chief  
Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief  
John Staran, Hafeli Staran Hallahan & Christ, P.C., Village Attorney

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Seltzer supported by Lamott to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Seltzer

Absent: Eads, Rosenthal

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. February 14, 2011 Special Village Council Meeting**

Motion by Gettel supported by Lamott to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011, Special Village Council Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Seltzer

Absent: Eads, Rosenthal

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**B. February 14, 2011 Regular Village Council Meeting**

Motion by Lamott supported by Gettel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011, Regular Village Council Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Seltzer

Absent: Eads, Rosenthal

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**C. March 3, 2011 Village Council Workshop Meeting**

Motion by Kochensparger supported by Seltzer to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2011, Village Council Workshop Meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Seltzer

Absent: Eads, Rosenthal

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**V. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS AND AGENTS**

**Patrick Browne, Police Chief:** Browne provided an update as to recent activity in the Village, noted that for incidents on Telegraph Road, the Department sends e-mails requesting information and providing prevention tips to property managers and requests that information be conveyed to their tenants. He further noted the Department has increased patrols in this area. Browne advised the Department is working on a policy/flyer regarding a new tool to assist seniors in the area (PASS), which would be presented to Council for review prior to being distributed. Gallasch suggested that Trustees and others be used to assist in disseminating information when the policy/flyer is formalized.

**Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief:** Averbuch referred to the submitted report, advised the Department was awarded a grant to cover the cost of 5 voice pagers (\$400 each) through the Mutual Aid Association which will assist in further upgrading the Department's communication system, and the draft budget was sent to the Fire Board of Commissioners for their approval, with expenses being the same as last year.

**Thomas Morrow, Treasurer:** Morrow referred to his submitted written report, advised the Bills List includes road salt expenditure and interest on the police station and local roadway bonds, a revised account balance is included, and noted that the General Debt Service Account was inadvertently dropped from the list of accounts. Discussion ensued regarding salt expenditures (split equally between major and local road funds and cost compared to last year).

**VI. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS**

**Motion by Kochensparger supported by Gettel to approve the Bills List as submitted.**

Discussion ensued regarding general fund - mailbox with Sullivan noting this is reimbursable from Great Lakes and Vivian Carmody – Survey Monkey with Sullivan noting this is relative to the Planning Commission's parking study and was an upgrade to an existing personal account.

**TOTALS**

General Administration	\$	27,805.76
Building	\$	4,177.75
Insurance	\$	37,887.37
Legal	\$	2,932.50
Police	\$	11,396.36
Pressure Sewer	\$	-
General Debt Service	\$	67,605.00
Major Roads	\$	22,851.18
Local Road	\$	22,851.18
Rubbish	\$	17,993.74
Trust & Agency	\$	1,870.00
Tax Fund	\$	2,146.23
Waste Water	\$	485.54
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>220,002.61</u></b>

**Ayes: Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer**

**Absent: Eads**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

## VII. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- **Marcia Gershenson, Oakland County Commissioner, District 17**, praised all involved in the recent Main Street effort "Frost Fest", noted she is looking forward to the upcoming events such as Lobster Drop, and advised there are multiple agencies including the County which offers free tax preparation services, the County has a program to assist with health insurance needs for qualified residents, and suggested those who qualify for the earned income tax credit should look into it as millions are left on the table each year.
- Kochensparger read the Main Street Update, summarized as follows: Pledge drive to begin in April, Economic Development Committee - sending out survey, Design Committee – upcoming charette facilitated by MSOC, Organization Committee – volunteer brochure almost complete, General Membership – work in progress, Fundraising – upcoming Lobster Drop, Promotions – working on historic Farmer's Market, and Farm House Coffee and Ice Cream, Golfdale and Fitness Driven, received Achievement Awards from Main Street Oakland County (MSOC).

## VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

### A. President's Report

Gallasch noted he attended the Main Street affair, recognized the achievement awards given to Farm House Coffee and Ice Cream, Golfdale (owner of Market Basket, Fitness Driven and Farm House Coffee buildings), and Fitness Driven by Main Street Oakland County, thanked Mary Beth Almond of the Eagle for her recent article on MSF Frost Fest, and responded to a recent Letter to the Editor in the Observer-Eccentric from Ron Austin by noting that Franklin has fewer full-time employees and no statements have been made that could be construed to suggest the Village would lower or threaten to lower its ability to provide a safe community, and suggesting that attending Council Meetings is a good way to stay accurately informed on Village issues and due to the good give and take and discussions, information can be easily clarified.

### B. Council Report

None.

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Consider Web Site Committee Recommendation

Due to Eads absence Kochensparger read a prepared Committee recommendation to accept the proposal as submitted to engage Municipal Web Services to redesign, host, and maintain the Village's website with the Village Administrator to oversee changes as well as ongoing web related activities who will report to Council via the Web Site Committee. Kochensparger further noted the recommendation is conditioned on receiving a \$7,000.00 Birmingham Area Cable Board (BACB) grant which would cover Muni Web's costs for the first year with approximately \$100.00 needed to be set aside monthly in future budgets for ongoing costs.

**#2011-20 Motion by Gettel supported by Rosenthal to accept the proposal as submitted from Municipal Web Services to redesign, host and maintain the Village's website as recommended by the Web Site Committee and conditioned upon the receipt of a \$7,000.00 grant from BACB.**

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed grant and why the Village's website would qualify for BACB funds with Elaine McLain, Chairman of the Board advising this would fall under the broad definition of "cable" because cable is no longer just traditional cable, the Board will review as well as the attorney, and a couple of other communities are looking at doing something similar.

John Pulker, Ponds View Drive, inquired if funds could be donated for ongoing maintenance/upkeep, with McLain advising she will ask the question as part of a public process, but the Board does not take a position either way; it is the community's decision as to the appropriateness of the project, the Board, the Executive Director, and the attorney will look at the potential for the grant and directing the funding.

Discussion continued regarding bid process (competitive bid; Kochensparger to provide Gallasch with copies of past bids) and timing (financial challenges).

**Ayes:** Gettel, Kochensparger, Rosenthal, Seltzer

**Absent:** Eads

**Nays:** Gallasch, Lamott

**Motion carried.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Appointment of Deputy Clerk.**

Pulker noted the recommendation is to appoint Gail Beke at minimal cost (notary costs) as the Deputy Clerk as she is a trained election worker and the Village has always had a deputy clerk to assist with elections and notarization of documents in the Clerk's absence.

**#2011-21 Motion by Gettel supported by Seltzer to appoint Gail Beke as Deputy Clerk.**

**Ayes:** Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

**Absent:** Eads

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**B. Consider Scheduling FY 2011-2012 Budget Overview Meeting, April 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Gallasch noted Sullivan is proposing April 13th for a budget overview meeting. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling conflicts with the consensus being to schedule the budget overview meeting for Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. with Sullivan advising it is her intent to go over the budget line-item by line-item.

**C. Consider Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society Pancake Breakfast and 5K Run/Walk/Strut Your Mutt.**

**#2011-22 Motion by Kochensparger supported by Seltzer to approve the Civic Event Permit Application for Franklin Historical Society Pancake Breakfast and 5K Run/Walk/Strut Your Mutt, as provided.**

**Ayes:** Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

**Absent:** Eads

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Rosenthal supported by Gettel to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes:** Gallasch, Gettel, Kochensparger, Lamott, Rosenthal, Seltzer

**Absent:** Eads

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori Rich, Recording Secretary



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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

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H. Frederick Gallasch, President