

**PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014, 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, Jim Kochensparger, at 8:00 PM at the Franklin Village Hall, Franklin, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brian Gordon, Pam Hansen, Jim Kochensparger, Judy Moenck, Tom Morrow, Ed Saenz, Mike Seltzer

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Creech, Village Administrator  
Chief Dan Roberts, Police Department  
Chief Tony Averbuch, Fire Department  
Eileen Pulker, Clerk  
Lance Vainik, Treasurer  
John Staran, Village Attorney

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting, October 13, 2014**

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2014 as presented.**

Moenck corrected the wording of motion #2014-99, page 8, by striking the word “~~Bid~~”. The motion to read, *“#2014-99 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Morrow to accept the Contract with Johnson Landscaping, Inc, for Snow Removal Services.”*

**Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2014 as amended.**

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

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

**Dan Roberts, Police Chief**, referring to his submitted written report, stated that October was a very quiet month. Halloween, Devil’s Night and the Frankenstein event were all uneventful. Roberts additionally reported that he has had conversations with Creech and Kochensparger

concerning the handling of a particular group home. Conversation ensued as to past history, suggestions, and possible resolutions. Staran will consult with Creech and Roberts. Roberts noted that Police staff hiring is still a challenge but one recent candidate looks promising.

**Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief**, referred to his written submitted report and added two (2) items:

1. Issues with the alarm systems in the commercial buildings in Bingham Farms - when the power goes out the fire alarms are activated. He has written letters to the management to fix the problem.
2. Private gates in Franklin – In some cases Public Safety vehicles do not have access to these fences unless override systems are voluntarily installed. In some cases, while the pillars on either side of the driveway meet the requirements of the driveway width, the distance is so tight a fire truck cannot turn into the property. He suggested that, on behalf of the Fire Department, the Fence Ordinance be amended to accommodate suggested modifications.

Hansen suggested this last matter be referred to the Planning Commission.

**Lance Vainik, Treasurer**, referred to his submitted monthly report and noted that the amounts on the Bills List are consistent with normal monthly spending. The expenditures are generally consistent with the FY2014-15 budget. It includes a large entry for the semi-annual Pressure Sewer bond principal and interest payments made to Chase Bank. The list provided of account balances is as of November 6, 2014 and held at Level One Bank. The Village has sufficient funds to meet its current and anticipated obligations.

Hansen asked for clarification of the Traffic Signal Maintenance fee to Oakland County Road Commission (13 Mile and Franklin Rd.).

Creech mentioned that he received a bill from Johnson Landscaping for \$23,069.64 which was not included in the List and would be split between **Major** and **Local Roads**, the majority of which was for asphalt repairs (cold patch, cut out repairs and labor).

## V. SUBMISSION OF CURRENT BILLS

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Seltzer to approve the Bill's List as submitted, with the addition of the Johnson Landscaping bill of \$23,069.64.**

### TOTALS

General Administration	\$	7,912.95
Building	\$	6,384.39
Insurance	\$	91,755.13
Legal	\$	1,058.00
Police	\$	15,848.57
Pressure Sewer	\$	134,068.35
General Debt Service	\$	-
Major Roads	\$	10,762.92
Local Road	\$	15,073.30
Rubbish	\$	17,890.82

Trust & Agency	\$ 4,200.00
Tax Fund	\$ 6,589.21
Waste Water	\$ 836.45
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 312,380.09</u></u></b>

**Ayes:** Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Saenz, Seltzer  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstain:** Morrow  
**Nays:** None  
**Motion carried.**

## VI. PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Kochensparger opened the meeting for public comments.

- **Barry Silverstein, MSF Chair**, asked that the Council read the Benefits Package from Oakland County because it describes 36 benefits Franklin receives from the county. He reported that the Franklinstein Frenzy was well attended, the merchants had a meeting, and that there was co-op advertising in the Nov./Dec. issue of “My Oakland County” magazine which was paid for by the merchants.

## V. SPECIAL REPORTS

### A. DTE Energy, Report by Company Representatives

Mike Palchesko, Regional Manager of Public Affairs of Oakland County and two of their engineers provided a presentation with updates and overviews of the system in Franklin, talked about the recent outages and steps that DTE is taking in response to those, and answered a few questions. Each Council member was given a detailed handout.

Seltzer asked that DTE address the problems more pro-actively. Moenck and Gordon inquired as to how areas are prioritized, noting that Franklin’s power outages become health hazards; i.e. no water, it’s a public safety issue. Saenz asked what steps would be followed to make sure Franklin’s concerns are addressed. He requested that Creech be kept up-to-date as to such progress.

The DTE representations mentioned the new program, Ground to Skyline Clearance, which removes all overhanging trees from above power lines.

Kochensparger commented on the aggressive manner in which the trees are trimmed and the potential damage to such trees.

- **Barry Silverstein**, Cheviot Hills, what about cabling the large branches together so that the tree won’t split and fall, as opposed to just trimming them.
- **John Pope**, Woodside, commented on his experience with DTE’s Customer Service line which is provided on the Village’s website.

- **Mark Ziessow**, Redfern, related his long history of dealing with DTE. He requested a meeting with the DTE representatives.

**B. President's Report**

None

**C. Council Report**

Saenz expressed his appreciation to the Council for appointing him and the opportunity to serve the Village of Franklin.

**D. Administrator Report**

Creech attended a meeting about the Rouge River Watershed which provided a good deal of information

He provided an update concerning the Kreger House: funds are presently held by the Historical Society; Rules and Regulations are in place; and there is an agreement with MSF to use the upstairs for office space for \$1.00/month.

He will be meeting with the Oakland County Water Resources Commission tomorrow regarding some outstanding issues about Cressbrook residents.

Next month the cable franchise transfer will take place, CDBG Hearing will be held for project selection, working on tying up the tree grant for DTE.

He stated that the Village received an additional \$20,608 from the State for Major and Local Roads.

Next Monday (11/17/2014) the Council will have its Organization Meeting. Staran explained the purpose of the meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Application for Special Use Approval at 25022 Canterbury for Solar Panels.**

**#2014-103 Motion by Gordon, seconded by Saenz to approve the special use application for installation of solar panels at 25022 Canterbury subject to the panels, trim, and support mechanisms being of matte black color.**

Hansen stated that she had spoken with Connie Ettinger, Chairman of Planning Commission about the Commission's discussions adding that originally when she was on Planning and this Special Use requirement was implemented, the visual appearance of the panels had been a concern of the Commission. Though the technology has not drastically changed, the visual has and she has confidence that Planning has fully vetted this issue. She has no objection to the approval of this application.

Gordon asked Creech if the Planning Commission or the Village received any comments from neighbors who would be personally impacted one way or the other. Clerk Pulker replied that no negative comments had been received.

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**B. Consider Extension of the Event Permit for the Franklin Community Association Farmers Market until the end of December 2014.**

**#2014-104 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to approve the extension of the Event Permit for the Franklin Community Association Farmers Market until the end of December 2014.**

John Pulker, Cheviot Hills, represented the FCA and answered questions. Moenck asked what items would be selling, and would there be a need for electricity, and signage, to which Pulker replied that no power or signage would be required. Seasonal items (some produce, Christmas trees, garland and wreathes) will be offered each Sunday through the later part of December.

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**C. Consider Rules of Procedures Modification to Change the Village Council Regular Meeting start time to 7:00 PM.**

**#2014-105 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Moenck to approve the amendment to the Rules of Conduct as proposed, changing the start time to 7:00 PM, or such other time as Council may set by resolution.**

Staran provided a brief history as to the reason why the start time was set at 8:00 PM.

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**  
**Absent: None**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**D. Consider Schedule for 2015 Meeting of Village Council, Waste Water Management Board, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Sign/Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Seltzer to approve the Schedule for 2015 Meetings of Village Council, Waste Water Management Board, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Sign/Zoning Board of Appeals, as presented.**

Seltzer stated that he is in favor of the alternative dates of September 21, 2015 and November 16, 2015 for the Council Meetings.

**32014-106 Motion by Moenck, seconded by Gordon to approve the Schedule for 2015 Meetings of Village Council, Waste Water Management Board, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Sign/Zoning Board of Appeals, as amended.**

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- E. Consider Scheduling a Public Hearing for the Plan Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds at the December 8, 2014 Village Council Regular Meeting.**

**#2014-107 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Seltzer to schedule a Public Hearing for the Plan Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds at the December 8, 2014 Village Council Regular Meeting.**

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Saenz, seconded by Gordon to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Gordon, Hansen, Kochensparger, Moenck, Morrow, Saenz, Seltzer**

**Absent: None**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

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James Kochensparger, President

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Second Monday of Each Month, Except As Noted – **7:00 p. m.**  
Held at the Franklin Village Office, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan

January 12, 2015	July 13, 2015
February 09, 2015	August 10, 2015
March 09, 2015	September 21, 2015 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)
April 13, 2015	October 12, 2015
May 11, 2015	November 16, 2015 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)
June 08, 2015	December 14, 2015

WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD – 6:45 p.m.

January 12, 2015	August 10, 2015
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Third Wednesday of Each Month – **7:00 p. m.** Unless Otherwise Noted  
Franklin Village Office, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan

January 21, 2015	July 15, 2015
February 18, 2015	August 19, 2015
March 18, 2015	September 16, 2015
April 15, 2015	October 21, 2015
May 20, 2015	November 11, 2015 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)
June 17, 2015	December 09, 2015 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

First **Wednesday** of Each Month – **7:00 p. m.** Unless Otherwise Noted  
Franklin Village Office, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan

January 07, 2015	July 01, 2015
February 04, 2015	August 05, 2015
March 04, 2015	September 02, 2015
April 01, 2015	October 07, 2015
May 06, 2015	November 04, 2015
June 03, 2015	December 02, 2015

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Third Thursday of Each Month (**ONLY IF NEEDED**) – **7:00 p.m.**  
Franklin Village Office, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan

January 15, 2015	July 16, 2015
February 19, 2015	August 20, 2015
March 19, 2015	September 17, 2015
April 16, 2015	October 15, 2015
May 21, 2015	November 12, 2015 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)
June 18, 2015	December 10, 2015 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

ALL SPECIAL MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS ARE POSTED AS THEY ARE SCHEDULED.