

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 1, 2014
6:30 PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD
FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

WORKSHOP

Jim Kochensparger, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Clerk; David Murphy, Interim Administrator; John Staran,
Village Attorney

I. Solicitors Ordinance Revision

Staran briefly described the most recent complaints about solicitors in the Village. He also gave a general view of what the ordinance can and cannot do and gave listed some suggestions. Acknowledging its inadequacies, he will update the Ordinance and bring it back to the Council at its next meeting.

The Council had a discussion as to the different types of solicitations and ramifications and the administration and enforcement of the Ordinance.

II. ACT 51 Discussion on Pedestrian Pathway

Murphy explained Act 51 and the distribution of its monies. A discussion ensued about how and where the monies could be used, resulting in several suggestions which Murphy will investigate.

III. Brick Mail Boxes

There was a general discussion about the Right of Way Ordinance (pros and cons) with regards to rocks and brick mail boxes, the appeal process, and the enforcement of violations. It was decided to continue the established appeal process.

Murphy will email each Council member a copy of the “violation” letter which is sent to each resident listed on the form provided. He requested that any suggestions or corrections to its content be forwarded to him.

IV. BASCC (Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council)

Kochensparger informed the Council that Bill Lamott will no longer be able to represent the Village and suggests that a Council member replace him.

Discussion was based on the March 28, 2014 letter sent from Renee Cortright, BASCC Executive Director to the Council Members, requesting that Franklin pay an increase of \$7,200 to help expand BASCC’s hours and services.

Morrow reminded the Council that there is no money in the budget for such an expenditure, nor did the residents authorize such an expenditure when the last millage was passed. He thought that it would be more appropriate for BASCC to put together the Phase I and II expenditures and go before all the voters within the Township with a millage request.

Murphy was directed to inform BASCC there are no additional funds in the budget available for such an increase.

V. Consider Change of April Regular Village Council Meeting date, from April 14, 2014 to April 21, 2014

#2014-23 Motion by Seltzer, seconded by Gordon to changed the April Regular Village Meeting date, from April 14, 2014 to April 21, 2014.

Motion approved unanimously.

Seltzer requested that the agenda item, Consider Road Right of Way Obstruction Appeals, be moved under **VI. Public Requests and Comments** as a sub-section.

VI. Consider Scheduling Special Meeting to Review Applicants with Michigan Municipal League (MML) for New Administrator

Referring to Grinzinger's correspondence, Murphy stated that as of March 25, 2014 she had received eight (8) applications. Discussion ensued as to whether she should narrow down the applicants or have the Council do it. Morrow opined that the Council use Grinzinger's expertise for determining the best qualified and not necessarily a certain number of candidates.

There was a discussion as to why there had been so few responses.
A Special Meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

VII. Franklin Community Center Update Report

Gordon gave an update on the Community Center, focusing on paperwork, such as, applications, rules and regulations, policies and researching what the neighboring communities are using. Next meeting he will have proposed documentation for those. The current budget appears to be on-track. Next year's may be a little more due to housekeeping.

VIII. 14 Mile Road Discussion

Murphy advised the Council that the Road Commission for Oakland County is preparing its "10 Year List" and was asking whether or not Franklin was interested in paving 14 Mile. Bloomfield Township is interested in doing it. He briefly explained some of the ramifications, such as, cost to the Village, and Franklin residents' interest.

IX. Household Hazardous Waste Day

Murphy requested feedback on the scheduling of a hazardous waste day for the Village in the next budget year. Discussion ensued regarding cost and past history.

X. Tree Grant

Murphy received notification that Franklin has been approved for a \$3,000 matching tree grant.

Murphy mentioned his personal schedule for Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Jim Kochensparger, President