

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
January 7, 2014
6:30 PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
32325 FRANKLIN ROAD
FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN**

WORKSHOP

President Pro Tem Pamela Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:40PM.

Present: Brian Gordon, Pam Hansen, Judy Moenck, Ed Saenz

Absent: Jim Kochensparger, Tom Morrow, Mike Seltzer

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator; John Staran, Village Attorney

I. RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTION ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE.

Referring to her 12/30/2013 memo to the Council, Sullivan reported that there were 10 outstanding appeals; some residents would not be available to appear before the Village Council until later in 2014. However, she had 7 scheduled for the meeting Monday, January 13, 2014. She compiled a list of those residents who have complied with the ordinance (moved or removed rocks), those who have filed appeals, and those who have not taken any action.

Sullivan reminded the Council that written into the Ordinance is a provision for the Village to move or remove obstacles, thus eliminating the violation and passing on the cost plus any other fees (i.e., 10% administrative fees) to the resident. She quoted pertinent passages from the Ordinance relevant to this issue. She wanted the VC to be aware of and supportive of this ordinance before she sends out the “last” letter. Pulker stated that if fees were not paid they can be added to the Village tax bills.

A general discussion ensued about mailboxes which are in violation (Sullivan has identified 24 not in compliance) and what constitutes “hardship”.

Sullivan clarified that in her letters she refers to “June 15, 2014” as the deadline for all obstructions to be in compliance.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE.

Sullivan referred to a memo John Staran, Village Attorney, had sent her concerning a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for Village Officials, Consultants, and Contractors. Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code requires that such a form shall be filled out annually.

Sullivan wanted the Council to be aware that such a form would be mailed to them. There was a discussion about the significance of it and when a member or employee should

recuse him or herself.

Sullivan reminded the Council that she would be sending out an email concerning next Monday's (1/13/14) meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk

Pamela Hansen, President Pro Tem