

Curt Lawson

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**From:** Angelina Sulaka <asulaka@franklinvillagemi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2025 10:33 AM  
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**Subject:** FOIA response Fw: A few questions b4 Council Meeting, Monday, July 14th

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 12, 2025 10:02 AM  
**To:** Angelina Sulaka <asulaka@franklinvillagemi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: A few questions b4 Council Meeting, Monday, July 14th

I don't want to release anything.

David

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On Jul 11, 2025, at 7:13 PM, Angelina Sulaka <asulaka@franklinvillagemi.gov> wrote:

Thanks David, I agree- I noted it needed to be fact-checked. Do you have suggested changes to improve the accuracy? Or you don't want to release anything from the village?

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**From:** David Goldberg <dgoldberg@franklinvillagemi.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2025 6:08 PM  
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In general I am not in favor of this and it is not accurate.

David

On Jul 11, 2025, at 4:54 PM, Angelina Sulaka  
<[asulaka@franklinvillagemi.gov](mailto:asulaka@franklinvillagemi.gov)> wrote:

Hi David,

I wrote an "open letter from council" to be responsive, respectful, and relevant in the wake of Meg, Dana, and Susan leaving. I sent it to Abby, who said she mentioned it in your HR meeting yesterday. The idea came from Rick David, who originally suggested it (separately) to Ferris and Sahli. Both of the latter were supportive of it, from what Rick tells me. I haven't spoken to them about it. I've attached my draft here, for you to review. If you like it, I'll send it to Chief and his staff to firm up and fact check the dates and years for consistency. I think we can publish it on Monday. I read Charlie's article and it doesn't read like a press release, and I do think the message that we have "mitigated the risk and are taking swift action to ensure the village's future is safeguarded," is a strong and timely one. Furthermore, if we all sign the letter (Rick's idea), then it shows a unified front from council and demonstrates our commitment to collaboration. See below for a draft- I wrote quickly on a small device so Abby could show you it by 2 yesterday. It would need edits before it moved forward. However, wanted to share with you in case you didn't see it fully yesterday. Please let me know your thoughts.

Second, I reviewed the agenda packet. In it, is a letter to council dated July 10 notifying us of vacancies on village commissions. I don't believe we received that letter on July 10. Was it sent via email or hand-delivered?

If we didn't receive it, I presume the residents haven't been notified of the vacancies either. If that is the case, then when does the application period start and close? I wanted to raise this now, so I didn't have to announce it during the meeting, as I know you'd prefer to have these process questions ahead of time.

Also, are we discussing the failed generator since it didn't work when the power went out a couple week's ago. I just don't want it to go out again and the office be unable to operate when we just invested in a new one.

Thank you for your time,

## **An open letter to our constituents:**

**Our current administrator, Meg Schubert, has submitted her resignation effective July 11, 2025. She has accepted a position in a neighboring municipality and we wish her the best as she embarks on her new role. Two members of her team, Dana Hughes and Susan will also be leaving their roles in the village. We are appreciative of the leadership, dedication, and expertise they have given to the village these past couple years. Their hard work and commitment made a positive impact on Franklin and we are grateful for their service.**

To ensure continuity of operations, in a special meeting on July 9, 2025, we, as Village trustees, voted unanimously to approve Curt Lawson, Heather Mydloski, and Stephanie Longworth as interim personnel to serve as Administrator, Clerk, and Assistant Administrator, respectively. We are fortunate to have Franklin's former clerk and resident, Heather Mydloski, act as the Village's clerk. Heather is a certified clerk who successfully worked as the Village's clerk from 2021-2022 and is in the perfect position to fill this role as she has recently performed these duties and currently manages the Police Department's websites and all social communications. Chief Curt Lawson, who has over 25 years of leadership in local government and law enforcement, will serve as interim Village Administrator. Chief Lawson has years of experience managing government operations and finances, including using the same financial management system used



in the Village, ensuring we have no gap in the execution of our critical business or reporting functions. Stephanie , the police clerk and office manager, will support both Chief and Heather as assistant administrator. Stephanie Longworth, who is also a Franklin resident, has worked in the police department for 5 years, managing office operations, establishing internal processes, preparing regular data reports for council, and serving as the chief liaison between Franklin and its neighboring communities.

Franklin is fortunate to have these "in-house" leaders who are willing to give their talent, experience, and knowledge to ensure Village operations, services, and meetings run smoothly during this transition.

Over the past 2 weeks, Franklin's HR committee has been evaluating the needs, services, budget, and functions of the Village to assess what roles, responsibilities, and skills are best suited for this community. The council has an incredible opportunity to assess its priorities and restructure its internal operations to ensure we effectively and consistently meet the expectations and needs of Franklin's community, residents, and businesses. We exist to serve you and we do not take that lightly. We want to assure Villagers that we as Trustees are committed to coming out of this transition stronger.

Multiple Job postings will be released in the coming weeks on Franklin's website (insert website). We encourage residents to review and share the postings widely to help us find the best candidates for these new roles. The future of Franklin looks brights, thank you for being part of it.

Signed, the Village Council-  
(We all sign this)

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**From:** Dana Hughes <[dhughes@franklinvillagemi.gov](mailto:dhughes@franklinvillagemi.gov)>  
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Greetings Trustees,

Here is your electronic copy of Monday night's Village Council Meeting Agenda Packet.

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