

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziuszko, Kecskemeti, and Mercer

Absent: O’Gorman

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Attorney, Ryan
Village Clerk, Brown
Finance Director, Kutey
Planning & Economic Development Director, Stec

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Geroage called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Brown called the roll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Drummond, second by Kecskemeti, to amend the agenda to remove Business Agenda item #10 and replace it with Formation of subcommittee to draft new animal ordinance (Business Agenda item 10) and Discussion on Council direction to animal ordinance subcommittee (Business Agenda item 11).

Motion passed.

Motion by Abboud, seconded by Hrydziuszko to approve agenda as modified.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Janice Hausman, from the Parks & Recreation Board gave a presentation regarding the 2025 Sculptures in the Park & the DIA Inside/Out program. The art pieces from these two programs are slated to be installed in May, around Beverly Hills’ parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA

none

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a closed session Council meeting held March 31, 2025.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held April 15, 2025.
3. Review and consider approval of minutes of a Special Budget Session held April 22, 2025.
4. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 5, 2025.
5. Review and consider resolution recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

6. Review and consider approval for Oakland County IT Services.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER DONATION OF SCULPTURE FOR BEVERLY PARK

Rothe gave an overview. Council and artist Dennis Cook discussed Cook's background in art, his sculpture and reason for donating it to Beverly Park.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Abboud:

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills is generally authorized to accept donations for the benefit of its residents and;

WHEREAS, Dennis Cook offered to contribute the sculpture Composition in Three Colors #1 to Beverly Park and;

WHEREAS, Village Council finds it appropriate to accept the donation offered;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Village of Beverly Hills accepts the sculpture donation from Dennis Cook and be it further; RESOLVED, that the Village of Beverly Hills gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Mr. Cook and hereby conveys gratitude for this donation.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER BEVERLY HILLS GRILL REQUEST FOR FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE VCOD

Stec gave an overview. Council asked questions regarding the dumpster enclosure, decorative lighting, lot reconfiguration, and the existing sign.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, Council approves the use of the flexibility provisions, as requested, for the site plans submitted for Beverly Hills Grill, located at 31471 Southfield Road, for the proposed building addition and request that the owners work with Administration to make the lighting consistent.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL

Rothe gave an overview of the special assessments to be added to the tax roll.

<u>Description</u>	<u>No. of Properties</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Delinquent Water	120	\$151,718.19
Dust Control*	62	\$749.98

Southfield Rd. Maintenance**	4	\$2,678.66
Total	186	\$155,146.83

*Dust Control is a single lot assessment, based on front footage, for residents living on gravel roads. **Maintaining Right of Way, landscaping, water and electricity for Southfield Rd. frontage. The public hearing was opened at 7:48 p.m.

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, informed the board that residents are having a hard time accessing the zoom link and inquired about the delinquent water bills and how they compared to last year.

George closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL

The Council asked Administration questions on the assessments.

Motion by Mercer, second by Abboud:

Be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the unpaid assessments and billings to be added to the tax roll as outlined above and discussed.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2025/2026 BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, MAJOR LOCAL ROADS, WATER & SEWER OPERATING, AND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Rothe gave an overview.

The public hearing was opened at 8:06 p.m.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, spoke on the Village ending to be cautious on using grants and donations to fund the park.

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, had concerns about an item presented in the budget and would like to bring it to the attention of the Village.

George closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET

Council discussed the proposed Budget.

Motion by Drummond, second by Hrydziuszko:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed appropriations are hereby adopted as contained in the accompanying summary documents as follows; and,
2. That estimates of revenues are adopted in total by fund and appropriations are hereby authorized at the department function level (lump sum); and,
3. That estimates of revenues are adopted in total by fund and appropriations are hereby authorized to be cancelled or reallocated at the department function level (lump sum); and,
4. That estimates of revenues are adopted in total and appropriations for remaining governmental funds are approved in total for each fund (lump sum) for the General Fund, all the Special Revenue Funds, and all Proprietary Funds; and,
5. The Village of Beverly Hills Village Council does hereby approve this Resolution authorizing the adoption of the FY2025-2026 Budgets as outlined and attached for all funds in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025/2026 MILLAGE RATE

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Abboud:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Beverly Hills has adopted its annual budget for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 in accordance with State law and the Village Charter;

WHEREAS, the Village Council must also adopt a millage rate to be levied on the Village tax roll for 2025;

WHEREAS, Act 298 of 1917 allows cities and villages to levy a tax not to exceed 3 mills for the purposes of garbage collection and disposal. The annual rubbish tax shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general purposes; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 5 of 1982 does not apply to levying for Debt Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council does hereby approve the total 2025 millage rate for the Village at 13.6064 mills and the 13.6064 millage rate is to be distributed as follows:

General Fund.....	1.7763 mills
Public Safety Fund.....	9.3548 mills
Library Fund.....	0.7731 mills
Park Improvement.....	0.3022 mills
Rubbish Fund.....	1.4000 mills
Total Millage Rate.....	13.6064 mills

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025/2026 RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER CONSUMPTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Motion by Mercer, second by Kecskemeti:

WHEREAS, each premises within the Village of Beverly Hills connected to the water and/or sanitary sewer system shall pay a consumption charge based upon the amount of water used as shown by the water meter installed in each premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approve the water and/or sanitary consumption charges as follows:

	<u>Water & Sewer</u>	
Water Consumption		\$ 3.76 per 100 cu ft
Sanitary Sewer Operation, Maintenance & Repair		\$ <u>11.14</u> per 100 cu ft
Total		\$ 14.90
	<u>Debt Service</u>	
Debt Service		\$ 45.00 per bill
	<u>Ready to Serve</u>	
Ready to Serve		\$ 116.00 per bill
	<u>Water Only</u>	
		\$ 3.76 per 100 cu ft
	<u>Sewer Only</u>	
All sewer-only customers per quarter		\$ 270.38 Infrastructure/ \$ <u>49.08</u> Debt Service Total \$ 319.46

Effective with all water and sewer usage after July 1, 2025 and thereafter until changed.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES

Brown announced various Board/Commission vacancies. Appointments are scheduled to take place at the June 17, 2025 regular Village Council Meeting

FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO DRAFT NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Council discussed forming a subcommittee to draft a new animal ordinance.

Motion by Drummond, second by Kecskemeti, to appoint Hrydziuszko and Mercer to the subcommittee on the new animal ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Abboud	no
Drummond	yes
George	yes
Hrydziuszko	yes
Kecskemeti	yes

Mercer yes

Motion passed (5-1)

Council recessed at 9:10 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL DIRECTION TO ANIMAL ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE.

Stec and Council discussed the direction for the subcommittee, including researching and understanding how other communities draft this type of ordinance.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, doesn't think anyone has issues with rewriting ordinance. He believes the issue is chickens.

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, believes the decision has already been made and doesn't understand why this issue can't go on the ballot.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Rothe went over the Manager's report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer mentioned that he prefers the subcommittee to work in public and gave his support to Robbins and Michael.

Kecskemeti thanked Robbins and Michael and all of the Board members whose terms are expiring and encourages residents to apply.

Hrydziusko thanked everyone who attended the Park Clean Up and mentioned the Parks and Recreation Board has been discussing adding two additional members to the board.

Abboud gave updates on SEMCOG, MML, Next and Cable Board. Abboud thanked Dennis Cook and welcomed Kutey.

George mentioned he received a memo from Tom Trice listing the Village's accomplishments over the last year. George thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget this year. George gave an update on Paddle & Par ribbon cutting.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud second by Hrydziusko to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

John George
Council President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk