

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

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Clerk, Brown
Finance Director, Kutey
Interim Public Safety Director, Davis
Building Official, Townsend
Public Service Director, Johnston

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George 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 led by members of Pack #1032 and was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Tipton, from the office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, did a presentation on federal budget concerns and services offered to residents of the 12th District including assistance with HUD, social security and passports at Tlaib’s Southfield office at 26080 Berg Rd, Southfield, MI 48033.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA

none

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 6, 2025.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 19, 2025.
3. Review and consider approval of revised capitalization policy.
4. Review and consider request to waive pavilion fees for Village Woman’s Club.
5. Review and consider adding two additional members to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO JOIN MICHIGAN CLASS
INVESTMENT POOL**

Rothe gave an overview. Kutey informed Council of the benefits of joining Michigan Class Investment Pool. Council discussed who can request money transfers and amount to be invested.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziusko:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Michigan CLASS) is compliant with Public Act 20; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan CLASS Board of Trustees oversees the pool and directs the pool administrator, Public Trust Advisors, to emphasize safety, liquidity, and convenience while providing diversification of investments and the advantage of a competitive return; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan CLASS investments are fully compliant with all appropriate Michigan investment laws; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan CLASS has over 900 funded participants ranging from the very large to the very small, with over \$5 billion in assets; and,

WHEREAS, this investment has no restrictions regarding withdrawals or contributions, affording the city the ability to use Michigan CLASS as it best suits our individual needs

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills approves the Michigan CLASS Investment Pool as an authorized investment institution and authorizes the Finance Director to complete the necessary paperwork to enroll in the pool.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES.

Rothe gave an overview and based on experience, Administration recommends Yeo & Yeo. Kutey stated that she has worked with Yeo & Yeo in the past and had minimal issues with them and an established working relationship with the audit team. Council and Administration discussed the cost to use Yeo & Yeo audit services and the reasoning for not selecting a lower bidder.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Kecskemeti, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills approves the award for Professional Auditing Services to Yeo & Yeo for a five-year contract term.

Roll Call:

Abboud	yes
Drummond	yes
George	yes
Hrydziusko	yes
Kecskemeti	yes
Mercer	no
O’Gorman	yes

Motion passed (6-1)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

Rothe gave an overview of the request to purchase vehicles for Building, Code Enforcement and Public Service Departments.

O’Gorman recused himself from discussion and voting due to his employer.

Motion by Mercer, second by Hrydziuszko, to recuse O’Gorman due to his work.

Motion passed.

Council and Townsend discussed the resell value of the vehicles, vehicle usage, lifespan on current vehicles, bidding process on MI Deal Contract and energy efficient vehicles.

Motion by Abboud, second by Drummond, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the purchase of two (2) 2025 Ford F150 Super Crew XLT and one (1) Ford Explorer 4wd vehicles in the amount of \$161,807.29 from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso 1960 E. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867. The Village further approves the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code required accessory equipment with the preferred vendor. Funds are available in Account #101-900-983.01.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

AWARD BID FOR 2025/2026 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Rothe introduced the Road Improvement program and Brad Shepler from Hubbell, Roth, and Clark gave an overview. Administration, Council and Shepler discussed the two lowest bidders, including their schedule, prior work with the Village of Beverly Hills, the road construction project on 14 Mile and addendum 1 from bid.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the construction proposal, from Hutch Paving, Inc., for the FY 2025/2026 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,189,917.01, and the inclusion of a 10% construction contingency, for the total amount of \$1,308,909.00. Funds are available in Accounts 203-449-926.02 (Local Streets).

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Rothe gave an overview of the proposed sidewalk special assessment.

The public hearing was opened at 7:53 p.m.

Rhonda Jacobs, 13 Mile, stated that there are two slabs that need to be replaced. Jacobs is unsure what caused the sidewalk to lift and believes the Village should put more money in if the cause was done by a Village tree.

George closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Council and Administration discussed sidewalk damage done by Village trees.

Motion by Drummond, second by O’Gorman, NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The Village Council determines that the Project is necessary.
2. The Village shall proceed with the Project.
3. The plans and specifications prepared for the Project and the cost estimate for the Project in the amount of \$65,000 presented at the hearing are approved. 2
4. The District shall consist of the properties identified in the special assessment district attached to this Resolution and against which 80% of the cost of the project shall be assessed.
5. The District shall be designated and known as the Improvement Special Assessment District, Special Assessment District No. 1.
6. The duration of the District’s existence shall be two (2) years, and unless paid in cash earlier with respect to a particular property, the special assessment shall be paid in (2) annual installments at the rate of five percent (5%) interest to be charged on said installments, with the date of the first assessment installment to be determined and set forth in the Village Council’s Resolution confirming the special assessment roll.
7. The Village Finance Director shall prepare a special assessment roll that includes all lots and parcels of land within the District with the names of the respective record owners of each property, if known, and shall also include the total amount to be assessed against each property. The amount to be assessed against each property shall be based upon the proportionate amount of special benefit to be received by each property from the Project. The amount spread in each case shall be based upon the detailed estimate of costs as approved by the Village Council.
8. When the Finance Director completes the assessment roll, the Finance Director shall file it with the Village Clerk for presentation to Village Council, along with the Finance Director’s certification that the roll has been prepared by the Finance Director pursuant to the May 20, 2025, Resolution of the Village Council and that in making the assessments contained in the assessment roll, the Finance Director has, as near as may be, according to the Finance Director’s best judgment, conformed in all respects with the directions contained in the May 20, 2025 Resolution of the Village Council and the Village Charter and the provisions of Chapter 34 of Beverly Hills Municipal Code.
9. The Village Manager is directed to obtain firm bids from companies and/or other entities who are interested in performing the work necessary to complete the project.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FLOCK SAFETY CAMERAS

Rothe gave an overview. Representatives from Flock Safety did a presentation. Council, Administration and the Flock Safety representatives discussed possible residents’ privacy concerns, how the recording will be used, FOIA requests, retention of the video recordings, camera

updates, implementation of the cameras and intersection coverage. Council would like a flock camera policy to be implemented.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills accepts the quote as prepared by Flock Safety. Funding is available in account #205-900-980.05

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CIVIC CLERK AGENDA SOFTWARE

Rothe gave an overview of Civic Clerk Agenda software that would be used for agendas and meeting management.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Village Council of Beverly Hills hereby approves the work order authorizing the purchase of the Civic Clerk software. Funds are available within the General Fund's capital outlay department to complete this purchase

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Long, Buckingham, mentioned his concerns about the increasing cost of the utility bills.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer thanked the members of Pack #1032 for leading the pledge tonight and the U of D students who attended the meeting. Mercer reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade & Carnival stating that it is the Village's signature event and it starts in the morning with the Lions Club Fun Run. Mercer stated the day itself is to memorize service members who gave their lives.

Kecskemeti stated that the struggle with our infrastructure and bedroom community is that we don't have a mall or a large downtown area subsidizing our tax base, so the residents have to pay for everything. Kecskemeti went on to say that the amount of the water bills that can be impacted by water savings is becoming less and less and just the fixed costs/ ability to have water is what is costing the most. She is hoping the water rates study will yield positive results. Kecskemeti appreciates the conversation about the flock cameras

Hrydziuszko is looking forward to Memorial Day because it is a wonderful event and a great time for the community to get together. Hrydziuszko thanked the Parks & Recreation Board and said

more volunteers signed up this year for the event than they had any time before. Hrydziusko also gave an update on the DIA/InsideOut program happening at the parks.

Abboud informed everyone that the SEMCOG general assembly will be taking place on June 12th at the Detroit Zoo. Abboud attended the MML Transportation Infrastructure Technology Committee where three bills regarding speed limits, where modified determination in accordance with traffic engineering practices and transportation infrastructure where it allowed for maintenance of non-motorized transportation infrastructure were discussed. Abboud notified everyone about the May 21st Cable Board meeting and gave updates on housing advocacy and NEXT. Abboud also informed everyone about the Oakland County millage that was passed last year, giving free entry to county parks to all Oakland County residents.

George stated he would love to see answers from NEXT regarding the questions that arose from the last time the Village set down with them. George mentioned it is graduation season and congratulated everyone on moving on to the next thing. George thinks about all the programming going on at the park that wasn't happening when he first started, and the Village is incredibly lucky to have Janice Hausman. George would like to have some signage at the park showcasing the Village's future plans and hopefully that turns into fundraising efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziusko, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk