

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, O’Gorman, and White

Absent: Mooney

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Ziegele, Troop 1024, and recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Ziegele, Troop 1024, announced that he built a U.S. Flag Retirement Box for his Eagle Scout project. The box will be placed in the Village Office. Residents can drop off flags to be properly retired during regular business hours. Ziegele and members of Troop 1024 will be hosting a special collection day on Saturday, April 15, 2023 outside the Village Office and will be demonstrating how to properly fold a flag. He asked that the Administration share this information in the weekly email blast and in the Villager Newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pamela Rijnovean, Evergreen, commented on communication in the Village and said she would like to see more information specific to the Village in the weekly email blasts. She requested speed control or a speed sign on Evergreen Road and Riverside Drive.

Kathleen Lorencz, Warwick, inquired about a Parks & Recreation strategic plan. She also asked about a plan for parks expenditures.

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, stated that the Village is heading into budget season and that a draft budget will be presented in April which will be finalized in May. She asked if there was a roads plan similar to the Parks & Recreation plan. She also inquired about grants and an organizational chart.

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 March 7, 2023.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, March 13, 2023.
3. Set public hearing date for May 2, 2023 to receive comments on Special Assessments to be added to the 2023 tax roll.
4. Review and consider request to hold ITP 5K at Beverly Park and waive pavilion rental fees on October 7, 2023.

5. Review and consider Parks & Recreation’s recommendation to host Movie in the Park on August 17, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BEVERLY HILLS LIONS CLUB TO HOST 38TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FUN RUN ON MAY 29, 2023

Campbell provided an overview. The Beverly Hills Lions Club is requesting use of several Village streets for their 38th annual Fun Run/Walk on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event support programs involved with helping the blind and hearing impaired, as well as Beverly Hills community charities.

A map showing the proposed route was provided for review. A letter from the event chairperson, Roy Waters, was also provided. A Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured has been submitted to the Clerk’s office.

Motion by White, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes the Beverly Hills Lions Club to use Village streets as detailed on the attached map on Monday, May 29, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for their annual Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk and waives any permit fee provided that a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is filed with the Clerk’s office prior to the event.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR BEVERLY GREEN AND RIVERSIDE PARK

At the March 7, 2023 Village Council meeting, it was the sense of Council to direct Administration to submit Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant applications for the development of Beverly Green and Riverside Park. Applications are due April 1, 2023.

George provided an overview. He thanked George Ostrowski for volunteering to create the conceptual renderings of both Riverside Park and Beverly Green. He said that there is funding available from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) every year, so the Village should submit applications for development grants. He referred to the MNRTF website, which provides a lot of information about the fund. He stated that the Village would not be obligated to accept the funding if it was offered.

A requirement of the application process is to hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed applications. Following the public hearing, there are two resolutions on the agenda for Council’s review and consideration which would authorize the application submissions and the match amounts. A 25% funding match is required for MNRTF applications, and applicants score higher when the match amount is greater than 25%. For Beverly Green, Administration proposed a \$125,000 grant ask with a 50% match (\$250,000 total project cost). For Riverside Park,

Administration proposed a \$150,000 application ask with a 50% match (\$300,000 total project cost).

George opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Cris Frisone, Elizabeth Street, stated that there was not any money currently budgeted for Riverside Park. She asked where the money would be coming from. She asked about dredging the water near Riverside Park. She stated that she opposes the grant applications until the Village fixes what it already has. He said there are several sidewalks that need to be fixed that are difficult to maneuver with a walker.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way, asked, as a matter of procedure, how questions get answered that were sent to the Council and Administration. He said that there is a lot of information on the Village website, but it takes a lot of digging. He stated that the dedicated parks millage brings in about \$200,000 of revenue per year. He said there are a lot of items on the parks' plate and estimated that it would cost \$1.6 million to all be completed. He expressed concern about how the Village would fund these projects. He commended George Ostrowski for putting together the concept plans for Beverly Green and Riverside Park.

Eileen Hitz, Riverside, confirmed that the Riverside Park rendering was for the park at Riverside and Evergreen Roads. She asked if residents in the area had requested this plan.

Hrydziuszko noted that the Riverside Park drawings were several years old, and it had been a hope of Councils present and past to improve this park.

Hitz continued, stating that there have been several projects over the years at Riverside Park that have come and gone and that now it is not looking kept up.

Kent Anerson, Orchard Way, asked whether there was an expenditures plan for the parks over time. He said he would like to see a spreadsheet of the revenues and costs for the parks.

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, commented on the Riverside Park plans, stating that she thinks the fishing pier and kayak launch would only be feasible for about 2 months a year. She said she does not think a kayak launch should go in a silting pond. She said that she does not think that Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School would utilize Beverly Green, as drafted in the application. She asked if residents along Beverly Court were asked about parking.

Pamela Rijnovean, Evergreen, stated that she would like to see a four way stop sign at Greenfield Road.

No one else wished to be heard. The public hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m.

Kecskemeti said she had concerns with the pond by Riverside Park. She was concerned about investing in anything along the shoreline right now. She would like to have more conversation and action around the pond and lily pads.

White said he shared Kecskemeti's concerns about the pond. He said the Village has plenty of time in terms of the grant application and award process.

O’Gorman said that he appreciates everyone’s comments. He talked about getting feedback from residents and noted that per his discussions while he was campaigning and even more recently, he gathered that parks are one of residents’ highest priorities. He said these grant applications present opportunities to develop Beverly Green on the east side and improve Riverside Park. He said the roundabout on Greenfield will slow traffic and make the Beverly Green location more enjoyable. He said these designs are not commitments, only ideas of what could be. He encouraged residents to attend Parks & Recreation Board meetings, too. He said Riverside Park should be maintained and that it is a nice place to go. He said he supports the grant applications and sees them as great opportunities for the Village.

Hrydziuszko stated that she would like to see as many native plants and species utilized at the parks as possible. She said she has met with residents who live near Beverly Green and that they expressed the desire for screening/privacy from the road and the park, which the plan provides. She said any opportunity to apply for grant funding is a responsible step the Village can take. She was hopeful that this could bring real money into the community. She thinks that it is important to keep applying for grants to help offset taxpayer funding, since there is only so much generated from the millage.

Abboud said that infrastructure and improving parks are both very important. He said he would be in support of a 25% match at Riverside Park and a 50% match at Beverly Green.

George said that he is in favor of applying for grants and trying to stretch the dollars as much as possible. He said he does not want to miss a year to apply for grants.

The Council discussed whether Beverly Green or Riverside Park should be listed as priority 1 on the grant applications. They discussed the commitment made to the east side of the Village to improve park space.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR BEVERLY GREEN

In a motion by Hrydziuszko, with support from Kecskemeti:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills supports the submission of an application titled “Beverly Green Development” to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program for the development of Beverly Green (Parcel ID: 24-01-284-001), Village of Beverly Hills;

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community’s 5-Year adopted Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills is hereby acknowledging the financial commitment of \$125,000 to be used as the Village’s matching funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills hereby authorizes submission of a MNRTF Grant Application for \$125,000 and further resolves to make available a local in the amount of \$125,000 (50%) of a total \$250,000 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR RIVERSIDE PARK

The Council discussed the match amount for the Riverside Park grant application. The Council agreed to commit to a 25% match of \$75,000 at this point and will consider increasing the match later, once the preliminary scores are released. It was noted that a greater match amount would score higher on the application.

In a motion by Hrydziuszko, with support from O’Gorman:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills supports the submission of an application titled “Riverside Park Development” to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program for the development of Riverside Park (Parcel ID: 24-02-151-017), Village of Beverly Hills;

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community’s 5-Year adopted Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills is hereby acknowledging the financial commitment of \$75,000 to be used as the Village’s matching funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills hereby authorizes submission of a MNRTF Grant Application for \$225,000 and further resolves to make available a local in the amount of \$75,000 (25%) of a total \$300,000 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

The Council discussed prioritizing the grant applications.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council directs Administration to indicate that the Beverly Green development grant application is priority #1 and the Riverside Park development grant application is priority #2 when submitting the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant applications this cycle.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING FOR THE BEVERLY PARK PLAYGROUND

Campbell gave an overview of the request. Over the past year, the Parks & Recreation Board has been planning for the replacement of the play structure at Beverly Park. They would also like to

make the playground more accessible by installing a turf and engineered wood fiber surface. The current structure is over twenty years old. In 2020, Beverly Hills voters passed a dedicated park millage to help fund capital improvements throughout Village parks.

As discussed at the January 19, 2023 joint Parks/Council meeting, the Beverly Park playground replacement would include removal of the old equipment, installation of the new equipment, installation of new surfacing, and shipping. The playground presentation from the January 19th meeting is attached for reference.

At their February 16, 2023 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board unanimously recommended that the Village Council approve the purchase of playground equipment and playground surface from Penchura/Landscape Structures through Sourcewell in an amount not to exceed \$660,000.00 to be installed at Beverly Park using funding from account 208-900-984 (Park Capital), pending financial review and recommendation from Administration.

Shortly thereafter, Administration was provided with finalized quotes from Penchura/Landscape Structures for the playground equipment and surfacing which totaled \$686,252.11. This includes a \$27,347.27 discount for using the cooperative purchasing group, Sourcewell.

A 50% deposit for the turf surface is due in advance. The remaining balance would be invoiced at the time of completion. Currently, there is \$300,000 budgeted for playground equipment. \$150k in FY23 and \$150k in FY24. The remainder of the project funding will require a transfer from the general fund in FY 2024.

There is about a 6-month lead time on equipment delivery and installation. The project is anticipated to be complete in fall of 2023.

A special thanks to the playground subcommittee members Sara Bresnahan, Matt Goodrich, and Janice Hausman for all of the time and work they put into this project.

Lance Shipman from Penchura/Landscape Structures was present to answer questions.

Kecskemeti asked about the timing for installation.

Shipman said it would take a full month for demolition, installation, and surfacing, once the equipment arrives. The turf installation would take an additional week. There is a six-month lead time on playground equipment. He said they do not have any control over labor scheduling.

Council was concerned about the installation interfering with the annual Halloween Hoot event in October. Shipman said the site would be contained and secured, so should not pose a problem during events. He said he will advocate on the Village's behalf.

Abboud asked about the warranty and who would be the point of contact. Shipman said he would be the point of contact and there would be an on-site supervisor overseeing the installation.

Shipman stated that the proposal showed an option for an additional \$7,000 worth of gravel in case it is needed for the base. He said it could be added on now and credited back if not used, or added on later if necessary.

Hrydziuszko said this company has been used by Birmingham Public Schools and has received great reviews, noting that they are already in the community.

O’Gorman asked for a breakdown of the split surfacing. Shipman said the green on the renderings represented the turf and the tan represented the engineered chips. Shipman said it was split between two surfaces for budgetary reasons. Selecting all turf would have been more expensive.

O’Gorman asked about the life of the turf. Shipman said turf lasts 10-15 years in this region. He said the underlayment would last longer.

Kecskemeti asked about the material used to fill in the turf. Shipman explained the in-fill for playground turf is a little different than what is used for a football field. He said the playground will settle after a short period of time and the in-fill will not kick up.

Abboud suggested adding branding, the Village logo, or something indicating that the playground was established in 2023.

O’Gorman said he was initially shocked by the sticker price of the playground and surface. He acknowledged that the current playground is at the end of its life. He noted that new residents may consider parks and playgrounds when deciding where to move. He said that the Village being modern is important to him. He said he initially considered pushing back on the turf component because of the cost, but understands the accessibility benefits are important. He said there will be long term benefits of a new play structure. He said he supports the purchase, with a bit of reluctance due to the price.

George thanked the Parks & Recreation Board for their work on this project. A new playground has been a discussion item for a while. He said the equipment is becoming obsolete and a liability. He said it will be a very good enhancement to Beverly Park. He stated that it will get a lot of use and be more accessible to all.

The Council thanked Shipman for his work and for attending the meeting.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes the purchase of playground equipment and playground surface from Penchura/Landscape Structures through Sourcewell in an amount not to exceed \$687,000.00 to be installed at Beverly Park.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK FOR THE ROUNDABOUT AT GREENFIELD AND BEVERLY ROADS

Campbell provided an overview of the roundabout project at Greenfield and Beverly Roads. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) forwarded a cost participation agreement that was recently approved by the RCOC Board. The Agreement is between the RCOC and the Village of Beverly Hills. Please be advised that there are separate agreements with the City of Royal Oak

and Oakland County. The Agreement approved by the RCOC Board was provided to Council for review and consideration.

Over the last several years, and more intensely in the last year, RCOC proposed to construct a roundabout at the Greenfield and Beverly Road/Normandy Road intersection. The project would be a joint project between RCOC, which maintains jurisdiction over Greenfield Road, and the municipalities of Beverly Hills and Royal Oak who share a border along Greenfield Road. In 2018, Village of Beverly Hills Council passed a resolution requesting the Road Commission work to develop plans and program funding, including tri-party funding, for an improvement project on Greenfield Road that will include traffic calming, accident reduction and non-motorized features. Further, around the same time, the City of Royal Oak made the same request of the RCOC.

Per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Association, the intersection does not meet the requirements to warrant a signal. Further, if a signal were to be placed at the intersection, certain geometric improvements would be required at the intersection. According to the RCOC, when you include those improvements, the cost between a signal and roundabout “are not drastically different.” The RCOC also notes the following facts about roundabouts from both federal and state studies:

General figures from federal (FHWA, IIHS) and state studies (MI, WI, MN, and PA) on roundabouts from 2001-2017:

- i. Severe and fatal crashes: 70 – 90% reduction
- ii. Total crashes: Results vary from slight increase to 50% decrease
- iii. Zero fatalities in the 25+ roundabouts in Oakland County.
- iv. One fatality in the 100+ roundabouts in Michigan (motorcycle; drunk).
- v. Zero pedestrian fatalities in Michigan

Roundabouts reduce speeds. As a result, accidents that occur are fender-benders, not a severe (life-changing or life-ending) crash.

The Cost Participation Agreement sets forth the costs for each entity involved in the Agreement. The total cost of the project is \$1,647,786. The RCOC is responsible for a contribution of \$823,894, 50% of the project cost. Royal Oak and Beverly Hills are each responsible for \$411,946. The Village of Beverly Hills is responsible for 25% of the total project cost.

Campbell provided a brief history of the Tri-Party Program and funding available to Beverly Hills and Royal Oak. All of the money to be contributed by Royal Oak and a portion of the money to come from Beverly Hills will come from Tri-Party Program funding. Tri-Party Program funding is source of funds that assists local governments improve RCOC roads bordering their jurisdictions. In the early 1970s, RCOC did not have adequate funding for gravel road maintenance. RCOC is not part of the county government, and it went to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners seeking additional funding. As a result, the Tri-Party Program was created. The program gave townships, which do not have jurisdiction over roads, money to spend on gravel road improvements and repairs. In the 1980s, the program was expanded to include county roads in cities and villages as well. Each year, the County Board of Commissioners sets the amount of money it wishes to allocate to the program. The county executive then places this amount in the county general government budget. This represents one-third of the program budget

for the year. RCOC and the communities match this amount, representing their one-third shares for the year. Each city, village and township is given an “account” to use when selecting projects. The amount of money each city/village is allotted for projects is based on the miles of county roads and number of accidents on county roads. For every proposed project, the County Board, RCOC and that community each pay one-third of the total project cost.

For this project, there is \$217,576 available for Tri-Party Funding to the Village of Beverly Hills. From the years 2019 to 2023, there is \$147,988 (Beverly Hills is responsible for \$49,329) in Tri-Party funding available to the Village to put towards the roundabout project. For the years 2024 to 2026, there is \$69,588 (Beverly Hills is responsible for \$23,195) in Tri-Party funding available to the Village put towards this project. That means that Oakland County shall contribute \$72,526 in Tri-Party funds to this project, the RCOC will also contribute \$72,525, and Beverly Hills will contribute \$72,525 in Tri-Party funds that are available from 2019 to 2026.

Royal Oak’s tri-party funding through 2026 will cover their portion of the project. That means that Oakland County shall contribute \$137,316 in Tri-Party funds to this project, the RCOC will also contribute \$137,315, and Royal Oak will contribute \$137,315 in Tri-Party funds that are available through 2026. Those contributions come to \$411,946, Royal’s total cost for the project.

There is minimal difference between the costs to the City of Royal Oak and Village of Beverly Hills in regards to the project. While Royal Oak is getting new berms and turnarounds on its side of Greenfield, the Village’s berms will need to be moved to accommodate the new sidewalks that will be installed along Greenfield and Beverly Road. Further, under the tri-party program, each community is responsible for the entire project costs and not necessarily their itemized share. In addition to the share of Tri-Party funding the Village must provide (\$72,525), the Village would also need to contribute \$194,370 to meet its requirements under the cost sharing agreement. Thus, upon execution of this Agreement, the Village would owe the RCOC the following:

\$ 49,329 – The Village’s share of the available Tri-Party Funding from 2018-2023
+
\$ 194,370 – Initial contribution
243,699.00 – Total due at signing of Agreement

Thereafter, in years 2024 through 2026, the Village of Beverly Hills would owe the following amounts to RCOC for the Tri-Party funding that will be available during those years:

\$7,732 – Due in 2024
+
\$7,732 – Due in 2025
+
\$7,732 – Due in 2026
\$23,196 – Total of Tri-Party Funding owed by the Village from 2024 to 2026

The total amount the Village will contribute to the project is \$266,895. The Village of Beverly Hills’ actual contribution represents just over 16% of the project’s total cost. There is funding appropriated to this project in the amount of \$250,000 available in Account 203-499-989.25 for fiscal year 2023.

Campbell stated that the project is anticipated to begin in April and be finished before school starts in the fall.

Abboud asked if there would be any signage or landmarks in the center of the roundabout.

O’Gorman recalled that the design included a hump in the middle that would allow large trucks or emergency vehicles to drive over, should they not fully clear the turn, so it would not be a good idea to put anything in the center.

O’Gorman commented on previous conversations he had had with residents who expressed concern about traffic and speeding at this location. He explained the process by which the state police studies and changes speed limits, noting that it almost never results in a speed limit decrease. He said that a roundabout is one of the best options to calm traffic at this location and he is in support of this project.

George said that in 2018 the Beverly Hills Village Council and Royal Oak City Council asked the Road Commission what could be done to calm traffic at this location. He hopes that the roundabout will reduce speeds and make this spot safer.

Hrydziuszko asked if there was any consideration of paving the portion of the nearby road that is gravel. Campbell said that it would not be part of this project, but it can be considered in the future.

Kecskemeti clarified that the footprint of the roundabout is pretty small and that it will not infringe on Beverly Green.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes the Village Manager to enter into the Cost Participation Agreement for the construction of the roundabout at Greenfield and Beverly Road. Funds are available in Account 203-499-989.25.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 22-23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Campbell provided an overview of the proposed FY 2023 Village of Beverly Hills Budget Amendments.

In the General Fund there are revenue amendments for increased interest income of \$90,000, Oakland County Oakstem Grant of \$6,206, increased State Sales Tax-Constitutional revenue of \$150,000 and Opioids Settlement Distribution received of \$15,884. There are various expenditure adjustments including truing up salaries and benefits for FY23. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$210,775.

In the Major Road fund there are revenue amendments for additional State Shared revenue of \$18,000, additional funds of \$44,956 for the Oakland County Local Road improvement program and \$30,000 for increased interest income. Other amendments adjust various expenditure line items to estimated actuals. Included is a \$50,000 expenditure decrease for the 14-mile asphalt project. This relates to final

work estimated to be performed in FY24. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$139,388 in Major Roads.

In the Local Road fund there is an amendment to adjust to a higher level of State Shared Revenue of \$5,000, additional funds of \$16,284 for the Oakland County Local Road improvement program and \$20,000 for increased interest income. Other amendments adjust various expenditure line items to estimated actuals. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$72,603 in Local Roads.

In the Public Safety Fund there are amendments adjusting various revenue line items including additional interest income of \$157,000, sales of capital assets of \$17,280 and FEMA Grant money received of \$14,717. There are amendments totaling a net decrease in expenditures of \$20,265. The adjustments include truing up salaries and benefits to projected year end levels, adjusting capital vehicle purchases downward by \$50,000 (due to supply issues 2 detective cars will not be purchased in FY23) and other amendments reclassifying accounts. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$219,717 in the Public Safety Fund.

In the Park Improvement fund there is an amendment to increase interest income by \$5,000. Expenditure amendments include \$22,500 for the Pavilion roof as approved by Council. The effect of the amendment is a net of revenue and expenditure decrease of \$17,500.

In the ARPA fund there are amendments reclassifying budgeted expenditures to comply with the Uniform Chart of Accounts. Interest income of \$150 has been removed since ARPA funds, upon recommendation of the Michigan Department of Treasury, are in a non-interest-bearing account.

These proposed FY2023 Budget Amendments have been reviewed by Administration and are recommended for approval.

George stated that there are budget amendments that occur every year. He asked if any of the amendments were out of the ordinary and Campbell said no.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziusko, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes Village Administration to transfer or adjust monies reserved in the General, Major Roads, Local Roads, Public Safety, Park Improvement Fund and ARPA Fund as reflected in the March 17, 2023, memorandum from Finance Director, Sheila McCarthy.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Smith, Birwood, commented on the impact the roundabout construction would have on cut through traffic on Pierce. He requested additional patrol vehicles and more speed signage in the area.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Chipping Services - There are still limbs throughout the Village. DPW will continue collecting and chipping branches through the end of the month. We have already chipped 300 yards of limbs and branches. The Administration appreciates your patience as we work to collect the large

number of limbs and branches that fell during the storms. Please place any branches or limbs that need to be removed to the side of the curb as soon as possible. Please be advised that DPW cannot dispose of branches greater than 6 inches in diameter.

Update on Water Main Replacement - One of the Village's designated ARPA projects is the replacement of the water main along Marguerite and Hummel. The project began on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, and is progressing nicely. D'Angelo Brothers is completing work on schedule. As of today, March 16, they have installed over 800 feet of water main, two gate wells, and three fire hydrants. They have been very responsive to the needs of residents. Weather permitting, we are currently projecting this job to be completed by March 31, with final property restoration being completed in the Spring.

Safe Routes to School - On March 3, 2023, Safe Routes to School informed the Village it received a grant of \$1,320,000 in Safe Route to School Funding to connect sidewalks to ensure routes to Birmingham Public Schools and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The funding will be available in 2024. The next step in the process involves defining an implementation strategy for both the non-infrastructure and infrastructure components of your projects. Use of these federal transportation funds requires two distinct processes. The Village will engage in a kick-off meeting with Safe Routes to School and MDOT in early to mid-April of 2023.

Foreclosure Prevention - The Oakland County Treasurer's office is holding taxpayer assistance meetings. These meetings help taxpayers with keeping their properties by working with them to get on a repayment schedule and/or by identifying resources that may be beneficial to them and their situation. Attached is a letter from the Treasurer detailing this information and relevant contact numbers. Please be advised that the tax foreclosure deadline for the 2020 or prior year taxes is on March 31, 2023.

Yard Waste Collection - SOCRRA will begin collecting yard waste on April 3, 2023. Place compostable items in one of the following containers:

- Garbage can with a Recycle Beverly Hills or SOCRRA yard waste label
- Brown paper bag designed for yard waste disposal

If you wish to use the same can for trash, please cover the yard waste label. For more information on yard waste guidelines, please visit https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/community/refuse_and_recycling/yard_waste_guidelines.php

O'Gorman said there was an impressive amount of money coming in from the Safe Routes to School grant for sidewalks and thanked everyone who worked on that.

Kecskemeti spoke about discolored water in homes when work on the lines is being performed and said the practice is to let the water run until it is clear. She asked about the foreclosure process and list. Campbell commented about the County's foreclosure notification process, noting that residents would have received multiple notices.

White asked about the scheduled public meetings that DTE held. He noted that during construction, the detours provided by maps/GPS on one's phone may differ from the actual posted detour routes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kecskemeti thanked DPW for all of their work chipping branches from the storms. She said that the structure of a public hearing is unsatisfying since it is not a discussion. She would like to consider other formats, such as a Question and Answer session or a study session around big projects. She said there was a lot of discussion about parks and sidewalks. She noted that local governments have a lot of things to do simultaneously. She talked about quality of life items and what people look for when they are moving or looking for a home. She said enhancements and continued investments are important. She thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Abboud stated that he was appointed to MML's Transportation Committee. He will be attending a SEMCOG meeting tomorrow. He said he was nominated for Chairperson for the Senior Advisory Committee. He attended the State of the County address last week. He noted that Next's membership is increasing. He congratulated Groves High School for winning a state championship. He said short term rentals must be regulated in the Village of Beverly Hills.

Hrydziuszko recapped the Parks & Recreation Board meeting that was held last week. She said that the Board went over the Sculptures in the Parks recommendations. The Memorial Day committee is looking for someone to lead the bike brigade for the parade. The annual Park Clean Up will be held on May 6, 2023 and they are looking for volunteers to help. She reported that according to Niche, Beverly Hills is the 5th best place to live in Michigan. She said that the street speed sign with radars that show one's speed work well. She said she is a huge supporter of temporary speed bumps to be placed on cut through streets or detours. She talked about the Safe Routes to School grant and commented on all the time and energy that went into it. She commended George for taking a suggestion from a resident to seek the grant and getting over a million dollars in grant funding.

George stated that there are new staff members in the Village that have a lot on their plate. He said that Public Service Director Johnston is a great asset. He said that the PASER rating and study needs to be updated. He hears residents' complaints about roads and said that concrete and asphalt work will be coming. Regarding Beverly Park, he said that maintenance is a function of Administration and that there are only so many hands to do the work. He was very glad to see the notice of the Safe Routes to School grant award. He said there was not a match for SRTS, but there is a match requirement for the TAP grant. He said there is about \$2.96 million in grant funding available for sidewalk infrastructure. He is excited to see how it plays out in the next year. He commented on the public hearing process and said he would like to give people information while keeping things moving. He is open to having a dialogue. He said that Parks & Recreation has done good work on the playground and sculptures in the parks.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(C)

The following Resolution was offered by O'Gorman with support from Hrydziuszko:

WHEREAS, at the regular Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, Village Council desires to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations with the Command Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Beverly Hills hereby agrees to meet in Closed Session, as permitted by the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268(c) at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village of Beverly Hills, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan, 48025. The purpose of the Closed Session is to discuss collective bargaining negotiations with the Village Labor Attorney, Ms. Gouri Sashital.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 10:25 p.m.

The closed session meeting began at 10:32 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk