

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

Absent: Kecskemeti

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau
Public Services Director, Johnston

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 recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, commented that the Beverly Park subcommittee was not on the agenda today and said the project should be budgeted for next year. He said the Beverly Park visioning project will be a complicated process and thinks that it is very important to include resident input.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held December 5, 2023.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 18, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN 3M CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Campbell provided an overview. A notice for a class action settlement with the company 3M was provided to Council. Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or the need to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water, and that 3M is liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs. Class members include water distributors, such as Beverly Hills. The Village will be bound by this settlement agreement unless the Village opts out. According to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), of which the Village of Beverly Hills is a member, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has never found PFAS compound in their

source water supplies. GLWA will be participating in this settlement, but it does not anticipate receiving any money because no PFAS has been found in the GLWA drinking water system. Bob Davis, attorney for SOCWA, is recommending that all SOCWA communities participate in the 3M settlement agreement, even though the Village may only be eligible to receive a minor amount of funds.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the Village of Beverly Hills, a public water distributor, to enter into the Class Action Settlement with 3M.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN DUPONT CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Campbell gave an overview. A notice for a class action settlement with the company Dupont was provided to Council. Class Representatives have alleged that they have suffered harm resulting from the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water and/or the need to monitor for the presence of PFAS in Drinking Water, and that Dupont is liable for damages and other forms of relief to compensate for such harm and costs. Class members include water distributors, such as Beverly Hills. The Village will be bound by this settlement agreement unless the Village opts out. According to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), of which the Village of Beverly Hills is a member, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has never found PFAS compound in their source water supplies. GLWA will be participating in this settlement, but it does not anticipate receiving any money because no PFAS has been found in the GLWA drinking water system. Bob Davis, attorney for SOCWA, is recommending that all SOCWA communities participate in the Dupont settlement agreement, even though the Village may only be eligible to receive a minor amount of funds.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Mooney, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the Village of Beverly Hills, a public water distributor, to enter into the Class Action Settlement with Dupont.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

DISCUSS VIALYTICS PROPOSAL

Campbell gave an overview. Administration has researched cost-effective options to evaluate and track Village road and pathway infrastructure. Vialytics provides a cloud-based software solution, with AI technology that completes surface surveys in real time and generates its findings to mapping software that tracks data and can provide work orders based on the defects that are found.

With their software Beverly Hills would have accurate, up to date information on roads, sidewalks, traffic signs, manhole structures, and greenspaces giving use the ability to prioritize maintenance and repair defects before they become a major issue.

Work performed, such as snow plowing, pothole patching, structure adjustments, and sign repair, can be delegated, geolocated, timestamped, and documented with video proof. The system is very versatile and can be mounted on a vehicle, tractor, cart, or bike to complete area surveys.

Administration believes this tool will be very helpful in completing day-to-day tasks and long-term planning in the Public Services Department. The tool is being utilized by similarly sized communities throughout the United States. For more information, please visit www.vialytics.com.

Slater Rush, Vialytics, was present and provided a demonstration of the software program. He gave an overview of the AI technology used for road condition assessments. He said the software can also inventory street signs and manhole covers. It is useful for planning, prioritizing repairs, and creating task lists for employees.

George asked if it can be used for sidewalks and Rush said the company is working on developing that function.

Abboud asked about a cost-benefit analysis and said this software would eliminate the need for a PASER study. He asked about security and training.

O’Gorman and Mooney asked about the pricing for leasing the hardware, which are iPhones, and cost per linear mile. Rush said it was approximately \$16,000 per year for a 3-year term.

O’Gorman asked about data ownership and Vialytic’s business status in the US.

Hrydziuszko asked about the timeline and how quickly the Village would be able to utilize and act on the data.

George commented on improving the efficiency of the DPW. He asked whether there was any grant funding available for this type of software.

Mooney said that all of the planning and analytics do not mean anything without implementation and solving the road problems. He said placing the cameras in the garbage trucks would be a good idea.

Rush noted that the data helps plan preventative maintenance to extend the life of the roads.

Drummond inquired about how much time is currently spent evaluating Village roads.

Johnston said that a great part of this software for Administration would be the day-to-day task management features.

Council thanked Rush for attending and providing an overview.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER VILLAGE MANAGER COMPENSATION

George provided an overview. This item is on the agenda for Council’s review and consideration to increase the Village Manager’s annual salary by 4%, retroactive to the one-year anniversary of his hire date. Administrative staff receives a salary increase at the beginning of each fiscal year, but the manager did not.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Abboud, be it resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes a 4% increase to the Village Manager's annual compensation retroactive to the one year anniversary of his hire date of May 9, 2022. Funds are available in Account 101-171-702.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Garvey, Amherst, asked how the locations for the sewer lining project were chosen and whether it was an ongoing effort. He asked about the annual funding that goes to Baldwin Public Library and how to get that amount decreased.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Holiday Closures - In observance of the holidays, Village Hall will be closed on December 22, 2023 and December 29, 2023. Village Hall will be open on December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be a regular Village Council meeting occurring on January 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Trash pickup - Because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Monday, trash pickup will be delayed by a day. All trash and recycling that would normally be picked up at houses east of Evergreen Road on Monday, December 25th, will be picked up on Tuesday, December 26th. All houses West of Evergreen will have their trash picked up on Wednesday, December 27th. All trash and recycling that would normally be picked up at houses east of Evergreen Road on Monday, January 1st, will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2nd. All houses West of Evergreen will have their trash picked up on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Holiday Cardboard Collection - This year, along with many other SOCRRA communities, the Village of Beverly Hills will be participating in holiday cardboard collection. Starting next week, a waste receptacle/dumpster will be placed near the Village Hall parking lot by our contractor, Car Trucking, that will allow residents to place extra cardboard from packages in the dumpster. The dumpster will be for cardboard only, and there will be a sign indicating that on the receptacle. The dumpster will be removed the week of January 1st. We request that residents break down the boxes before placing them in the receptacle. Many other SOCRRA communities such as Troy, Huntington Woods, Clawson, and others participate in this program. There is no additional cost to the Village for our participation in this program. Campbell noted that Southfield Township has a separate dumpster in the parking lot for their construction debris and asked residents to only dispose of cardboard in the appropriately labeled dumpster.

Christmas Tree Chipping - Comeau will be chipping Christmas trees the weeks of January 1 and January 8, 2024. Please remove all decorations and plastic bags and place trees at the curb to be chipped. If residents fail to put their Christmas trees out by the week of January 8, 2024, the Village will allow you to drop your tree off at Village Hall until January 27, 2024. Residents will be able drop their trees off in a designated and signed area in the Village Hall parking lot.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund - On December 13, 2023, the Village Clerk, Ms. Rutkowski, attended the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board meeting. The Village had

two Development Grant applications before the Board. In summary, the applications requested funds to make improvements at Beverly Green and Riverside Park. The MNRTF did not award any grant funding to the Village this year. The Board awarded approximately \$32 million out of about \$51 million requested. There were 99 development applications and 24 acquisition applications submitted. We do have the opportunity to revise and resubmit our applications in the future.

Update on Water Service Line Verification Project - Per State requirements, the Village of Beverly Hills is required to provide the State with an updated inventory of all water service line (WSL) pipe materials to verify if the pipe is lead, copper, or another material for the purpose of ensuring said water quality and safety. For the last year, we have been working diligently with amazing cooperation from residents to complete this inventory. The Village has three (3) remaining homes to inspect to complete its inventory. Last week, EGLE informed water providers throughout the State that the inventory is now due on October 16, 2024 instead of January 1, 2025. Thanks to residents and quick action by Council, the inventory will be completed well in advance of EGLE's revised deadline.

Departmental Quarterly Reports - At the second Council meeting of every month, certain departments will submit quarterly reports, updating Council and the residents on what is going on each department. Below is the 2024 schedule for when Council will receive the quarterly reports:

Finance/Treasury and Code Enforcement – January, April, July, and October
Planning, Building, Economic Development and Parks - February, May, August, and November
Public Services and Water - March, June, September, and December

Campbell thanked the Council and residents of Beverly Hills for all that they do and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Mooney asked about plantings at Riverside Park that had seemingly been mowed over and he asked about lead service lines.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council wished residents a happy holiday season.

Abboud stated that SEMCOG is hosting a roundtable on January 11, 2024. He gave updates on MML and Next. He said Go Lions and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Hrydziusko said that the results from the MNRTF Board meeting regarding the grant applications were not as she had hoped. She said she learns a lot about the program each year and it is nice to see the work being done throughout the state.

George said there will be a joint Council and Parks & Recreation Board meeting on January 18. He said community engagement will be part of the Beverly Park visioning project. He said the development of Beverly Green and Riverside Park is less complicated than Beverly Park. He stated that he learned a lot about the MNRTF grant process this year and how to improve the score next year, especially for Riverside Park. He thanked Administration, Public Safety, and Council for all of their work for the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk