

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, O’Gorman, and Peddie
All members participated remotely via Zoom from Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Absent: None

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

George called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, be it resolved, the agenda is approved as published.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Flaherty, Beverly Hills, commented on reading public comments during meetings and sewer backups.

Michael Dolan, Beverly Hills, commented on his concerns with the Erity Dam and Rouge River. He stated the dam has negative impacts on wildlife and recommended removing the dam.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved as published.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held January 5, 2021.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Tuesday, January 19, 2021.
3. Set public hearing date to receive comments on 2021 Community Development Block Grant funding allocation for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER MUNICIPAL CREDIT AND COMMUNITY CREDIT CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Village of Beverly Hills is eligible to receive Municipal Credits and Community Credits from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for transportation services for our residents. NEXT is the subcontractor that provides direct services to the residents.

The Village is eligible to receive \$10,108.00 in Municipal Credits and \$16,276.00 in Community Credits for Fiscal Year 2021. The funds from SMART are paid directly to the subcontractor.

A copy of the agreement was provided to the Council for review.

Motion by Peddie, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby authorizes Village Administration to execute a contract with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transport for Municipal Credits in the amount of \$10,108.00 and Community Credits in the amount of \$16,276.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID Operations – With the recent modifications to COVID related restrictions the Village Staff will begin operating on a revised schedule. Beginning Tuesday, January 19th, staff will work full day schedules every other day. Beginning Monday, January 25th, all staff will return to regular staffing and hours. The Village Hall will remain closed to the public pending further guidance and direction from the State of Michigan. All protocols regarding masks and social distancing will remain in effect for Village staff while at work.

Annual Strategy Session – The Village's annual Strategic Planning Session will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 AM via Zoom. President George will be communicating with Council members on an agenda and format for the meeting.

Office Closed – Village Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Trash services will not be interrupted.

Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation – The annual Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Sidewalk Inventory – Based upon discussion at the last Council meeting I have asked HRC to begin putting together a complete sidewalk inventory map for the Village. We do not have an existing map in a GIS format. When HRC has completed this map we will compare it with the existing maps and data we do have to check for accuracy and completeness. Once complete, this new map will aid in planning and identifying future sidewalk projects.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman stated that Berkshire Middle School would like to cooperate with Parks and Recreation for a volunteer opportunity, such as a park clean up event.

Kecskemeti thanked Wilson for setting up a meeting between HRC so she could discuss the infrastructure in Beverly Hills. She thanked Flaherty and Dolan for their comments.

Abboud stated he did not want to duplicate work in regard to mapping. He announced the MML Conference is coming up and will be held virtually. Through the Senior Advisory Committee, he is working on how to spread word about the COVID-19 vaccines to seniors.

Hrydziusko thanked residents for participating in the meeting and sharing information. She would like to discuss buckthorn at the upcoming strategy meeting.

George stated the sidewalk discussion will continue. He would like to look into grant funding for sidewalks. He stated that he appreciates public participation. He said the goal for Saturday's strategy meeting is to narrow down priorities and have each member take a leadership role on the categories outlined on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk