

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

Absent: Kecskemeti

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

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 Peddie, to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: RECOGNITION OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

George recognized the following outgoing Board/Commission members and thanked them for their years of service to the community: Chris Crossen (Zoning Board of Appeals), Bill Kondak (Parks & Recreation Board), Karen Mitchell (Zoning Board of Appeals), George Ostrowski (Planning Commission), and Bob Ruprich (Planning Commission).

Kondak was in attendance and accepted his plaque. He thanked the Council for their support over the years.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held August 3, 2021.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, August 16, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszkowski to table this item due to scheduling conflicts with the subcommittee.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AWARDING 2021 CONCRETE PATCH REPAIR PROGRAM BID TO CIPPARRONE CONTRACTING, INC.

The Village recently conducted a bid for a concrete road repair program for 2021. The 2021 project will include various sections of roads along Carriage Lane, Old Post and Old Stage roads as well as some concrete roads in the Nottingham subdivision.

The low bid of \$372,825.00 was submitted by Cipparrone Contractors of Southfield. The Village has reviewed the submitted bid and checked the references for Cipparrone and are confident in this firm's ability to perform the job. We anticipate beginning construction after Labor Day and to not conflict with other projects in the immediate area.

A bid tabulation sheet was included for Council's review. Funds for this project were budgeted for the current Fiscal Year in excess of the bid amount.

Motion by Peddie, second by Mooney, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills award and authorizes the Village Manager to sign the 2021 Concrete Patch Repair Program to Cipparrone Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$372,825.00. Funds for this project are available in Fund 203-451-810.03

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER EVERGREEN-FARMINGTON SANITARY DRAIN AGREEMENT

Wilson provided an overview of the agreement. As discussed at the last meeting, the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) has produced a draft agreement that would allow the current Evergreen Farmington Sewage Disposal System (EFSDS) to incorporate as a Chapter 20 Drain that would be called the Evergreen Farmington Sanitary Drain (EFSD). The EFSD would purchase additional sewer capacity for all member communities from the Great Lakes Water Authority and would construct additional capacity along 8 Mile and Evergreen to convey this flow to the GLWA system. The attached contract lays out the anticipated costs of these projects and the projected cost to be shared by all member communities, including the Village.

This contract would commence the final resolution of multiple efforts undertaken in the EFSDS over the last three decades to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) from the district. The EFSDS has operated under a string of Administrative Consent Orders for over thirty (30) years to achieve this goal. One of the measures undertaken over the years includes the Village's participation in the construction of the Acacia Park Retention Basin that sits in the Douglas Evan's Nature Preserve.

Village Administration, along with our consultant engineers and the Village Attorney have spent a significant amount of time reviewing the terms of this agreement and have provided significant feedback to the WRC that aided in the terms set forth in the agreement. We believe this draft agreement correctly recognizes the past efforts of the Village of Beverly in controlling SSO's and

to be the most cost effective and efficient means by which the EFSDS can move forward and complete our obligations under the current ACO.

Wilson and Ryan answered questions from the Council.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Mooney, be it resolved that Village Council approves and authorizes the Village Manager to execute on behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills Evergreen Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District Chapter 20 Section 471 Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Storms and Power Outage – The afternoon of Wednesday, August 11th saw a significant thunderstorm pass through the area. The Village experienced heavy rains and very high winds resulting in multiple tree limbs down and power outages, including at Village Hall. Overnight and into the early morning of Thursday, August 12th the Village experienced more heavy rains and power outages. An estimated 800,000 residents throughout the metro area lost power, including may here in the Village. Due to lack of power the Village and Township Halls were closed on Thursday and Friday August 12th and 13th. Public Safety was able to maintain operations through their generator. The Department of Public Safety remained operational and worked to clear numerous downed limbs and storm drains. As of the writing of this report, the Village has not received any reports of widespread residential flooding or basement backups. The Village has experienced a few heavy rain events this year without reports of widespread basement backups that have impacted neighboring communities, most recently Birmingham and Berkley.

As I reported earlier, the Village is still awaiting a report from DTE on the widespread power outages that impacted the Village on July 6th, also forcing the Village to close the Village offices and impacting many Village residents and neighborhoods. This most recent event was more intense, both locally and regionally and we will be requesting a formal analysis and report from DTE on both events. Given the frequency of outages in the area and region in recent months I am sure this issue will be a topic of conversation for regional and state policymakers in the coming months. It seems inarguable at this point, that the area is experiencing more impactful and frequent storms and that our regional electric grid is not equipped to withstand the stresses posed by this new reality. The absence of reliable power is limiting our operations on the local government level and is clearly negatively impacting our local residents and businesses. This issue is large than the Village, but hopefully we can have some meaningful input in a regional solution.

Village Hall Generator – The Village has submitted the paperwork to have a meter installed on our electric service panel in order to determine the appropriate size generator for this building. It is anticipated that the meter will be in place for one week. The recent power outage and closure have delayed this a little, but the meter should be in place soon. There is a cost to having the meter installed. This cost can be applied toward the purchase of a new generator. Southfield Township

has agreed to move forward with a generator purchase from the same firm. I will keep Council updated.

Evergreen Road Temporary Closure – The Village is coordinating a water main tap with Groves High School for a new construction project they are completing. The tap will require a temporary closure of one lane of Evergreen. Because of the ongoing construction on Cranbrook (Evergreen) between 14 Mile and Maple, we cannot detour traffic into an existing closure and we cannot detour Major Road traffic through local subdivisions or residential streets. This tap will be conducted when Cranbrook reopens to through traffic, which will conflict with the start of school. The Village is coordinating with the school to conduct this work during low traffic times with the use of flaggers to limit disruption to area traffic.

Village Offices Closed / Trash Collection Delay – Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Trash collection will be delayed one day this week.

Annual Water Testing – The Village will be conducting our annual residential water sampling and testing later this month in accordance with State and EPA requirements for lead and copper testing. Sampling protocols have been modified this year and the Village has modified the homes cost to the homeowner, any residence that requests it and provide them with a copy of the results. If any resident or homeowner would like to be included in this year's testing please contact the Village office at 248.646.6404.

COVID Protocols – Village Administration continues to monitor local, state and CDC recommendations for COVID protocols, including mask requirements indoors. In particular, we monitor on a daily basis the data provided by Oakland County on local transmission rates. As of August 12, for the 48025 area there were eighteen (18) reported cases over the last thirty (30) days, a transmission rate of 12.2 per 100,000 people. While this rate of community transmission is not considered high, it has increased over the last few weeks and overall Oakland County is moving into a high transmission rate classification. Should our local transmission rate continue to increase we will need to, in accordance with CDC guidelines, require masks inside for all persons regardless of vaccination status.

Grant Monies Received – The Village has received two grant payments for which we were awarded funds. We received \$1,800 from DTE for tree planting in the Village. We also received \$13,500 from our liability insurance carrier, MMRMA, for reimbursement for bullet-proof vests for the Public Safety Department.

Goddard School Site Plan – Village Administration continues to work with representatives of The Goddard School to revise and update their site plan for the property at 31655 Southfield Rd, site of the former McDonalds. This site plan will be up for further review and consideration by the Planning Commission at their meeting of Wednesday, August 25th. The applicants are also planning to go before the ZBA to request a variance relative to the size of their proposed playground area. After review of their application by the ZBA and receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission the project will be brought back before Council for your review and consideration.

2020 Census Figures – Population numbers from the 2020 Census have been released. The Villages population for 2020 was 10,584. This was up just over 3% from the 2010 population of

10,267. As you will recall, the Village of Beverly Hills had one of the highest census response rates in Michigan and one of the highest for a community of our size in the country. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to complete the 2020 Census.

14 Mile Paving Project – The Village has planned and budgeted for a paving project on 14 Mile between Lahser and Evergreen for the current Fiscal Year. This project has been designed and bid books will be going out soon. We anticipate awarding bid on this project later this year, but given the number of projects in this area we anticipate this will be a spring of 2022 construction project.

FY 2020-2021 Audit – Village Administration has been preparing for the annual audit. Audit staff will be on site later this month to review materials and receive information from staff. I anticipate that the audit will be presented on or around the first meeting in October as is customary. Many thanks to Sheila, Jay and Peggy for all their efforts to prepare for the audit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman said hats off to the Parks & Recreation Board and Council liaison Hrydziuszko for a successful Concert in the Park. He said the food trucks were a good addition, especially for people who had lost power.

Abboud suggested putting “Village of Beverly Hills” signage on the front side of the municipal building. He stated the Movie in the Park is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th at Beverly Park.

Hrydziuszko said that the next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Beverly Park pavilion. She stated the last Concert in the Park was great.

George also thought the Concert in the Park was great. He reminded everyone that the next Jazz and Coffee event will be held on Sunday, August 22nd at the Beverly Park pavilion. He reported on the Michigan Association of Mayors conference that he attended and gave a legislative update. He talked about how to maximize federal dollars by applying for matching grants. He gave an update on Safe Routes to Schools and sidewalks. He suggested adding a module for Code Enforcement reporting. He acknowledged that the recent power outages were widespread in the region. He invited everyone to join him at Senator Bayer’s Senior Summit at the Beverly Park pavilion on August 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk