

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

Absent: None

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Mooney arrived at 7:33 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, 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 17, 2021.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, August 30, 2021.
3. Proclamation recognizing September 17 – September 23, 2021 as Constitution Week.
4. Review and consider Oakland Community Mental Health Network’s Resolution to Protect and Promote Publicly Funded Public Mental Health Services for People.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

Abboud arrived at 7:34 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

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

This item was tabled at the August 17, 2021 meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term ending June 30, 2022. Announcements of the vacancy were made at the July 20 and August 3 Village Council meetings.

The Village received 3 applications for the vacancy. The Village appreciates everyone who submitted an application to serve on the Board.

A subcommittee was formed consisting of members O’Gorman (chair), Hrydziuszko, and Kecskeketi to review the applications and make a recommendation to Council. The subcommittee met with the applicants at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the conference room at the Village Office located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council appoints Susan Robbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term ending June 30, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD FORTE 5K EVENT AT BEVERLY PARK ON OCTOBER 10, 2021.

Administration received a request from Groves High School Orchestra to host their annual Forte 5K event at Beverly Park. They have also requested use of the pavilion on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. and have asked that the rental fees be waived. The Parks & Recreation Board and Village Council have approved similar requests from Groves in the past.

At their August 19th meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended the Council approve Groves’ request. A representative from Groves was in attendance at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves Groves High School’s request to host the Forte 5K event at Beverly Park on October 10, 2021 and waives the pavilion rental fees from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. provided that a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk’s Office prior to the event.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARKS & RECREATION BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION TO HOST HALLOWEEN HOOT AT BEVERLY PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

At the August 19, 2021 Parks & Recreation Board meeting, the Board discussed ways to safely host the Halloween Hoot at Beverly Park in October, including requiring face masks and social distancing, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. They recognized that this is a family event and many younger children are yet to be vaccinated.

The Parks & Recreation Board passed a motion at the meeting to request support from the Village Council to hold the Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Beverly Park with the

condition that the COVID-19 safety protocols will be consistent with those set forth by Birmingham Public Schools at the time of the event.

Funds for the Halloween Hoot have been budgeted in Account #101-747-896.00 in the amount of \$10,000.00. In the past, expenses have been offset by donations received from local businesses.

Council discussed mask requirements, social distancing, timing of event, BPS policies, signage, enforcement, and a cancelation policy.

Molly Borgon, Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson, Pebblestone, was in attendance and discussed possibly reversing the traffic flow of trick-or-treaters, extending the event time, masks, and social distancing. She said the Board's next step is to send out sponsorship request letters.

Mooney expressed safety concerns since unvaccinated children would be attending the event.

The Council discussed having the Board create a more detailed plan to present to the Council, which will be reviewed at the meetings leading up to the Hoot.

Motion by George, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the Parks & Recreation Board's request to host the Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Beverly Park with the condition that the COVID-19 safety protocols will be consistent with those set by Birmingham Public Schools at the time of the event. Additionally, that the Board provides a clearer plan for traffic routes, hosting the event, public safety measures, and that the approval is subject to further review at the September 21st and October 5th Village Council meetings.

Roll Call Vote:

Abboud: Yes

George: Yes

Hrydziuszko: Yes

Kecskemeti: Yes

Mooney: No

O'Gorman: Yes

Peddie: Yes

Motion passed (6-1)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AWARDING 2022 CALENDAR PROJECT BID TO INDIANA PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO.

The Village of Beverly Hills creates a calendar that is mailed to each residence annually. The calendar serves as a useful resource for meeting dates, special events, refuse collection, information about local organizations, and important contact information.

Postage is an additional expense and will cost approximately \$1,500.00. The Village has already budgeted \$7,000.00 for this project. Moreover, the Village Calendar expenses are offset by advertising revenue (approximately \$1,000.00).

A request for proposals for the 2022 Calendar Project was published on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN/BidNet) on August 5, 2021. A public bid opening was held

on August 31, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Village Council Chambers. The Village received five sealed bids and they were opened publicly at that time.

The lowest bid was submitted by Indiana Printing and Publishing Co. in the amount of \$4,135.00. Indiana Printing published the 2020 calendar for the Village and Administration was happy with the results. Village Administration reviewed the new samples provided and recommends awarding the contract to Indiana Printing.

A bid tabulation and quotes were provided to the Council for review.

Motion by Peddie, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council awards the contract for the 2022 Calendar Project to Indiana Printing & Publishing Co. in the amount of \$4,135.00. Funds for this project are available in account #101-747-881.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

RECEIVE AND FILE OPEB ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The Village, in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 74 and 75, have obtained an actuarial valuation for our other post-employment benefits (OPEB) obligations as of June 30, 2021. OPEB costs are costs associated with retiree health care for eligible active, retired and deferred retired employees. Nyhart Actuary was contracted to conduct this analysis. A copy of their report was provided for review.

As of June 30, 2021 the Village had a total OPEB liability of \$10,705,555. The Village’s net assets, or fiduciary net position on this date was \$8,641,037. This leaves an unfunded liability of \$2,064,518 for a net funded ratio of 80.7%. For comparison, Wilson included the following chart showing how these figures have changed over time.

Report Date	12/31/07	12/31/12	6/30/17	6/30/21
Total OPEB Liability	\$15,970,399	\$15,266,042	\$14,916,871	\$10,705,555
Plan Net Position	\$1,195,817	\$2,882,497	\$6,141,787	\$8,641,037
Net OPEB Liability	\$14,497,188	\$12,383,545	\$8,775,084	\$2,064,518
Funded Ratio	9.2%	18.9%	41.2%	80.7%

Through aggressive funding of our OPEB liabilities and changes to the provision of retiree health care benefits to future employees, the Village has steadily and significantly improved its position relative to OPEB funding.

As Council will recall, the Village is now committing roughly \$400,000 on an annual basis to our Retiree Health Care Fund and has begun paying annual retiree health care premiums from that fund. The paying of health care premiums from the fund has freed up considerable revenue for our operating funds, particularly the Public Safety Fund. Nyhart is reviewing our annual contribution level of \$400,000 to determine if this is adequate going forward or if it should be adjusted. Village Administration is in the process of reviewing these figures and will provide a

report and analysis at an upcoming meeting. However, preliminary review of the contribution projection indicates that at the current rates the Village will fully fund our OPEB liabilities by 2031, if not sooner. As retiree health care benefits are currently closed to new hires, this would represent a permanent fulfillment of these obligations.

Village Administration has reviewed these figures internally and with our Auditors. We felt the report and figures are accurate and recommend Council to receive and file the report.

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, the Beverly Hills Village Council moves to receive and file the GASB 74/75 Actuarial Valuation for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 for the Village of Beverly Hills as published.

Motion passed.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON VILLAGE PATHWAYS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO SEND NOTIFICATIONS TO RESIDENTS USING FIRST CLASS MAIL

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, to amend the agenda to add Business Agenda item #6 “Set Public Hearing Date for September 21, 2021 to receive comments on Village Pathways Project and authorize Administration to send notifications to residents using first class mail.”

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, to set Public Hearing Date for September 21, 2021 to receive comments on Village Pathways Project and authorize Administration to send notifications to residents using first class mail and other appropriate means to notify residents.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Goddard School Project – The Planning Commission at their regular meeting of August 25th made a positive recommendation for the Goddard School Site Plan for the property located at 31655 Southfield Rd. The recommendation was conditioned upon the applicant receiving two (2) variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The applicant has petitioned the ZBA for these two variances and will be going before the ZBA at their regular meeting of September 13. The Village continues to work with the petitioner on a draft Development Agreement for the project. With the recommendation, if the required variances are granted, the full plan will be brought back before the Village Council for their review and consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Pathways Project Public Comments – As part of the application from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) the Village will be taking Public Comment through the regular

meeting on September 21st to measure community support and receive public guidance on the Village Pathways Project. To inform the public of this plan the Village is sending notices and requests for comments to all homes in the Village. A copy of this notice is included with this report. The notice will also be placed on the Village website and posted at Village Hall. The notice includes a map showing the potential location of pathways and sidewalks and how this proposed new infrastructure would connect to the Village's current sidewalk system and various locations like schools, parks, and recreation centers. All maintenance and snow removal for proposed pathways and sidewalks along Major roads such as 13 Mile, 14 Mile, and Evergreen would be the responsibility of the Village and not adjoining property owners. Through the TAP program and other funding sources such as the Safe Routes to School Program the Village could receive as much as sixty percent (60%) of the cost of construction through grants. Residents are encouraged to email their comments and input to the Village Clerk or mail them to the Village Hall by September 21st. There will be an item on the Business Agenda to hear a presentation on the Pathways Program and take further public comment.

Water Testing – The Village has sent water test kits to the homes that are a part of our certified testing list per EGLE regulations. We also had some residences that required testing that were not on the list which we have sent out for testing at no cost to the homeowner. We did receive samples back from the required thirty (30) sites in the Village. All samples have been sent to the lab for testing. Results will be provided to participating residents as soon as they are available and will be submitted to the State as required prior to the Sept. 31st deadline. Thanks to Jay and Kevin for their work on this and to SOCWA for their guidance and assistance.

FY 2020-21 Audit – Auditors were on site this week but have done most of the annual audit work remotely. Everything has gone well, and we anticipate having the annual audit presentation at the regular October 5th Council meeting. Thanks to Sheila, Peggy, and Jay and all the staff for their efforts on the audit.

Joint Senior Services Agreement – For many months now the communities that comprise NEXT have been working on a document that would reaffirm our commitment to our financial support of senior services through NEXT and provide some guidelines for how this arrangement will be governed. The attorneys and staff for the communities have produced a draft agreement that would accomplish this. At their regular meeting of August 23rd the Birmingham City Commission reviewed the draft agreement and made some recommendations regarding financial reporting that are being incorporated into the document. Once the agreement is revised, I will bring it before Council for a discussion and eventual review and consideration. The agreement as is it currently drafted does not change a lot operationally about how we provide senior services, but it does solidify the ongoing financial support of the current arrangement.

DTE Summit – Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter will be hosting a summit with County municipal leaders and representatives from DTE to provide local governments with an overview of recent storm events and plans on how DTE will improve the local energy infrastructure. The event will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, September 20th at 9:00 AM. I will be attending and will report back to Council. In addition, DTE has this week announced an additional \$70 Million worth of tree trimming to be done over the course of next year to help prevent such outages in the future. I am attempting to get information as to a schedule of tree trimming work in the Village and will report back when that is known.

Greenfield Closure – The Road Commission for Oakland County has notified the Village that the closure of Greenfield has been extended beyond September 1st and could run through the end of the month. The closure is the result of gas line replacement work being done by consumers, primarily east of Greenfield in the City of Royal Oak. The reasons cited for the extension are multiple utility conflicts that were unknown prior to the beginning of the project and material delays. The extension of this closure is unfortunate. The Village is attempting to obtain a firmer schedule from RCOC and Consumers about this closure and the work along 13 and Evergreen as both are major impediments to school traffic. I will report back when I have more information.

Urban Deer Management – The City of Farmington Hills is hosting a seminar on Urban Deer Management on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 at the Farmington Hills Community Center. I will not be able to attend due to the Council meeting of the same night. I will try to have a representative of the Village attend and learn what we may be able to do to mitigate the impact of deer and gather information on the proposed inter-governmental resolution.

Village Hall Generator – A potential vendor for a generator at the Village Hall placed a meter on our electrical service to calculate the size of generator our operations would require. That meter was removed after one week and I hope to have a quote from this firm soon. Southfield Township has moved forward with installation of a generator for their building.

Summer Taxes Due – Summer taxes are due to Southfield Township by Tuesday, September 14th. Payments may be mailed or made in person at the Township Hall. Payment may also be made on-line for a fee. The information for on-line payments can be found on the back of your tax bill. The Township Hall is open from 8:30 to 5:00 Monday-Friday. After hours payments may be left in the drop box. If you have any questions, you may contact the Southfield Township Offices at 248.540.3420.

Offices Closed – Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Trash collection will be delayed by one day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Peddie thanked Wilson for providing an overview of the Goddard School plans that went before the Planning Commission.

Abboud gave a SEMCOG regional update. He announced that he will be moderating a session at the MML Convention in Grand Rapids. He will be serving 2 more years on the Senior Advisory Council. He thanked the Public Safety Department for always putting residents first and for being approachable.

Mooney stated that it was good to see former Council Member Nunez in the audience.

Hrydziusko stated that the August 24th Movie in the Park was cancelled due to rain. She suggested having a severe weather policy created for events in case they need to be cancelled. The next Coffee and Jazz event will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021. She asked for Council feedback on the frequency of Concerts in the Park so the Parks & Recreation Board can plan accordingly.

George thanked Lieutenant Ginther for completing the breathing apparatus grant application. He asked residents to provide input on the pathways project. He thinks the jazz events have been great and would like to see them more often.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by O’Gorman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk