

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Village Manager/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.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, asked for an update on the Beverly Hills Club v. Zoning Board of Appeals lawsuit. Attorney Ryan stated that an oral argument is scheduled for April 6, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 1, 2022.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a closed session meeting held February 1, 2022.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, February 14, 2022.
4. Review and consider amendment to the Agreement with the Beverly Hills Public Safety Lieutenants and Sergeants Association (LSA) and authorize Administration to execute a Letter of Agreement with the LSA.
5. Set Public Hearing date for March 15, 2022 to receive comments on a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE 2021 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

George opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. No one wished to be heard, so George closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2021 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Rutkowski gave an overview of the 2021 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business District for the total amount of \$3,079.88.

Ryan noted that the amounts were based on square footage of the properties.

Resolved by Peddie, second by Hrydziuszko, that the Southfield Road Business District incurred the following costs for 2021: maintenance \$2,799.89, water costs for the sprinkling system \$0.00, and electric costs for Beverly Hills Grill \$273.76. In addition, each property incurred a 10% administrative fee of \$279.99 altogether. Therefore, the Village of Beverly Hills Councils confirms the Village Business District Assessment Roll for the 2021 season in the total amount of \$3,079.88 as follows:

Beverly Hills Racquet Club	\$697.57
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$272.69
Beverly Hills Grill	\$397.26
C.G. Holdings, LLC	\$199.68
Emile Salon	\$194.99
Taco Bell	\$235.97
31333 Building	\$380.36
Beverly Venture	\$701.37

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REVISED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION

George provided an overview. The Village Council previously passed a resolution supporting the Safe Routes to School application on January 4, 2022 which included four schools and \$220,000 per school. Since then, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School has indicated that they would like to be included in the grant application, so the resolution has been revised to include OLQM and an additional \$220,000, bringing the total grant application amount to \$1,100,000.

Motion by George, second by Abboud:

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills supports policies and programs that promote health and wellness and healthier community environments; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills; and

WHEREAS, walking and biking can help enhance the health and overall physical activity of children, improve air quality and the environment, and reduce traffic congestion and speed in and around school zones; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bike to school; and

WHEREAS, SRTS efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs; and

WHEREAS, the SRTS program is a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); and

WHEREAS, the SRTS program provides up to \$220,000 of infrastructure funds per school; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills is applying for funds from the Safe Routes to School Program to construct certain infrastructure projects throughout the Village, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and signage to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to school. The project, also known as the Beverly Hills Safe Routes to School Connector Program, will enhance and provide safe walkable connections for the Beverly Elementary School, Greenfield Elementary School, Bingham Farms Elementary School, Berkshire Middle School, and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School by completing the sidewalk gaps impacting these educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills will seek a SRTS grant of \$1,100,000 (or \$220,000 per school); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills supports the Beverly Hills Safe Routes to School Connector Program and its construction to provide safe walkable connections for the subject schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills commits to pay engineering services required to design and supervise the construction of the path or any non-participating costs required for the realization of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes the Village Manager to act as an agent/representative on behalf of the applicant agency during project development, request SRTS funding, and sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills commits to being responsible for engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs, potential cost overruns, and any non-participating items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Beverly Hills commits to owning/operating the facility constructed with SRTS funding and funding/implementing a maintenance plan/program in perpetuity or causing operations and maintenance to occur.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Temporary Polling Location – Precinct 7: Due to scheduled renovations at Berkshire Middle School, the polling place for registered voters in Precinct 7 will temporarily be moved to the Groves High School Auditorium (20500 W. 13 Mile Road) for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. A copy of the notice from the Southfield Township Clerk is included in this packet as an informational item.

Greening Scholarship: The Donald and Patricia Greening Scholarship applications are due Friday, March 25, 2022. The scholarship application is open to graduating high school seniors or incoming college freshmen who reside in Beverly Hills or who attend Groves High School and who are planning to enroll at a college, community college, or technical school in fall of 2022. More information and the application form are included in this packet, available on the Village website, and linked in the Village’s weekly email blast.

Office Closed Presidents’ Day: The Village Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents’ Day. Trash collection will remain on schedule.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman asked if the March 12th date has been set to interview Village Manager candidates.

Abboud commented on SEMCOG’s work regarding the state budget. He attended MML’s Advanced Weekender. He commented on HB5466 regarding short term rentals. He will be attending the MML’s CapCon event in March and said he would have an excused absence from the scheduled Council meeting that week. He reported that the Senior Advisory Committee is working on attainable housing for families and critical home repairs. He commented on the intergenerational meeting with Next and Seaholm. He gave updates on the Council subcommittees he is on such as finance, public safety, branding/signage, and digital signage.

Mooney suggested the Village Attorney look into Canton’s tree ordinance case. He also said “kayak.”

George said he is excited about the Safe Routes to School application and progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk