

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
Finance Director, McCarthy
Public Safety Director, Torongeau
Treasurer, Linkswiler
Assistant to the Manager, Blenkhorn

President George called the Special Budget Session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Peddie, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET

Finance Director McCarthy provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget. She stated that the Village is financially stable. She noted that potential grants are not included in the budget until they are awarded. She stated that this current year is the first year with the new millage taxes coming in. She went over the millage rates.

McCarthy went over the proposed capital projects, including a new postage meter, the 14 Mile Road Improvement Program, a roundabout at Greenfield/Beverly, replacing asphalt, and 2 new vehicles for the Public Safety Department.

Council discussed the proposed 14 Mile Project and reviewed the bid tabulation that was recently completed. There was an option for either concrete or asphalt sidewalks along 14 Mile Road, and the sense of Council was to lean toward concrete.

McCarthy discussed allocating capital park funding in Fund 208.

Council discussed allocating money to the parks on the east side of the Village, in addition to the proposed new playground equipment at Beverly Park.

McCarthy briefly went over the ARPA Fund and the projects that Council recently approved.

McCarthy noted that after having an inspection it was determined that the salt shed replacement was not an immediate concern, so she will be taking that out of the 22-23 proposed budget.

Administration continued with a summary of the FY 2022-23 budget which included an overview of the General Fund, Major Road Fund, Local Road Fund, Public Safety Fund, Park Improvement

Fund, Drug Enforcement Fund, Library Fund, Vacation Fund, Sick Fund, Capital Fund, Water Fund, and Retiree Health Fund.

Members of Administration answered questions from Council regarding SafeBuilt, Comeau Equipment, and the defined benefit plan.

Council discussed curbside chipping. They did not anticipate it would be such a high cost and discussed possibly reducing the frequency of curbside chipping. Generally, they did not want to increase the rubbish millage for this service.

George called a recess at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

The Council and Administration continued to review the budget. It was noted that the Public Safety Department Fund may need to be amended once a new contract with the Public Safety Officers Union is negotiated and agreed upon. Additionally, Public Safety is making an annual contribution into Fund 401 for a future replacement fire truck.

Council and Administration discussed the debt amounts. Specifically, they discussed the Evergreen-Farmington District debt and how to offset those costs. The Council would like to further discuss this topic with the public.

Keckskemeti suggested beginning next year's budget session with the water fund and rates discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, stated that the budget for Park #5/Beverly Green seems excessive. She asked about fund balances and ransomware.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk