

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

Absent: O’Gorman

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
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

Molly Borgon, Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson, provided a recap of the 2022 Memorial Day Parade, Carnival, and Ceremony. The event was well attended and people enjoyed the food trucks, Oakland County’s inflatable games, a petting farm, balloon animals, face painting, a video game truck, and more. She thanked the sponsors, volunteers, Board members, and Village staff who helped make the event successful.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 17, 2022.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a Closed Session meeting held May 17, 2022.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 23, 2022.
4. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 6, 2022.
5. Review and consider Platelet Disorder Support Association’s request to hold 5K at Beverly Park.
6. Review and consider Birmingham Public Schools’ request to hold 5K at Beverly Park.
7. Review and consider Parks & Recreation Board’s recommendation to distribute 5-Year Community Recreation Plan Survey.
8. Review and consider resolution recognizing June 2022 as Pride Month.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

DISCUSS 14 MILE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK

Campbell provided an overview of the 14 Mile Road Improvement Program scope of work and cost options. At the May 3, 2022 Council Meeting, the Council approved a bid of \$1,537,817 to

complete asphalt pavement repairs on 14 Mile between Evergreen and Cranbrook. The project also included the installation of a sidewalk on the south side of 14 Mile Road. Recently, the Village discovered that certain engineering costs and a contingency were not contained in the FY 2023 Budget numbers. Those costs will exceed the amount budgeted for the in Major Road Fund for the Project.

As of this date, the Village has not signed the contract with the contractor, and it is my understanding that the Agreement allows for changes to work. The Village Attorney is confirming that understanding to make sure the scope of work can be altered.

Work on the project is scheduled to begin the third week of June, and the Council will need to determine whether it intends to move forward with the current scope of work or an altered scope of work. Estimated budget numbers for completing the project with the road and sidewalk and completing just the road project were provided for Council's review.

George noted that the intent of the discussion was to talk about whether to take out sidewalks from the project or make a transfer of funds.

Mooney stated that he has been in favor of sidewalks along 14 Mile Road for quite some time. He provided some history on the sidewalk plan. He noted that the TAP grant has not been awarded for this project and he was concerned that residents are under the impression that the Village is not using Beverly Hills tax dollars for it. He wants to be straightforward with the residents. He said the Council's goal is to make the Village a more walkable community and they will be incrementally working toward that goal. He also stated that he thinks grant applications should be completed in house by Village staff.

Abboud stated that he would like to see the project move forward and that it is more cost effective to do the road and the sidewalk at the same time. He said kids, families, and seniors will all benefit from the new sidewalks and he would like to see Beverly Hills become a more walkable community.

George stated that he has hope that SEMCOG can help with the TAP grant. He said that the cost of sidewalks programs has increased substantially over the last decade and wished we started the grant process sooner.

It was noted that a budget amendment would be needed at a later date.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the scope of work set forth in the proposed contract with Asphalt Specialists, Inc. to perform the road work on 14 Mile from Lahser to Evergreen/Cranbrook and move forward with the installation of sidewalks along the south side of 14 Mile Road.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Interim DPW Director – While we are still seeking a new, permanent DPW Director, the Village hired an Interim Director, Tom Trice. Mr. Trice is the former DPW Director for Bloomfield Township and the City of Royal Oak. He has over 50 years of experience working with neighboring local governments. Mr. Trice will assist the Village with our summer projects, addressing residents’ concerns/questions and assisting the Administration in the hiring of the permanent DPW Director.

July Newsletter – An extra Village Newsletter will be going out at the end of June or early July that will explain the required increases to the Village’s water rates and debt services, informing residents of these changes. We will also include links to the information on the Village website and Facebook.

Construction Updates – Weather permitting, work on 14 Mile Road will likely be starting before the end of June. Additional updates will be posted on the Village’s website and Facebook page. Further, weather permitting, the Beverly Park Pathway Improvements Project will begin and be completed by the end of this week. The Park Pathway Improvement Project consists of the installation and grading of the trails and the installation of pipes along the trails and four maintenance basins. Please be advised that there have been several trucks parking next to the water tower on Kirkshire. Those trucks belong to a contractor who is performing work for a Consumers Energy project in the Village.

Updated Stormwater Planning Standards – Administration will be participating in an Oakland County gathering on the County’s updated stormwater standards as they relate to planning considerations needed early in the site planning process. Stormwater management is an important part of site development. The earlier stormwater is considered in the planning process, the easier it is to incorporate stormwater management practices on the site. WRC and many communities recently updated their post-construction stormwater standards in conjunction with the separate storm water sewer system (MS4) permit renewal.

Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and Festivities – Thank you to all the employees, volunteers, parade participants, and residents for coming out to celebrate Memorial Day and remember the service men and women who died in service to our country.

Mooney asked Public Safety Director Torongeau about active shooter training given the recent events that have taken place nationwide. Torongeau stated that the Public Safety Department is well trained and has a good relationship with the Birmingham Police Department and Birmingham Public Schools. Mooney thanked the Director and the Public Safety Department for their continued efforts to keep residents safe.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Peddie stated that the May Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

Abboud stated that SEMCOG’s General Assembly meeting will be later in June and that he has an Infrastructure Task Force meeting coming up. He talked about the MML’s micro grant program called Bridge Builders and that the application period is June 13 to July 10. He stated that short term rentals should be qualified as businesses given the amount of revenue they bring in. He will be attending the Groves Convocation this Thursday. He attended the Memorial Day Parade,

Carnival, and Ceremony and thanked Eileen from Next for chauffeuring him in her Camero. He thanked Public Safety, Administration, sponsors, and volunteers for making the event successful. He thanked the Men and women who gave their lives for this country.

Mooney said his intention is to contact the infrastructure and finance subcommittees to set up meetings soon. He said there was no question that the Village Council has the best interest of the Village in mind. He stated that he does not generally think that the Council should get involved with national politics unless it directly impacts the Village. He reminisced on days when schools served as community centers for residents. He noted that now the leading cause of death for school aged children is gun violence. He expressed his personal views on gun violence in the nation, noting that 2nd Amendment rights should not trump the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He said he was sick of the gun violence.

Hrydziuszko thanked Mooney for his comments and said that gun violence issues weigh heavily on her as a parent. She thanked the community and volunteers for coming back to participate in this year's Memorial Day festivities. She said Memorial Day is a celebration to those who laid down their lives for our country. She wished the community a happy Pride Month. She recognized all of the adults and youth who celebrate Pride Month. She stated that everyone is welcome in the Beverly Hills community.

George would like to get a meeting going with members of the Planning Commission, Council, Village Manager, and Village Attorney regarding short-term rentals. He said the Memorial Day celebration was fun and had a great turn out. He is glad to see an interim DPW Director coming on board. He noted the Municode contract process is moving forward. He wants to see sidewalks for the entire community and said they will help connect people to Next. He said he appreciated Mooney's words and struggles on how to address school shootings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk