

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

Absent: None

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

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS, JUDGE CYNTHIA ARVANT, 46<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

Honorable Cynthia Arvant administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council members Rock Abboud, John George, Racheal Hrydziuszko, and Mike White.

**ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:35 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.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**

George opened the floor for nominations for Council President.

O’Gorman nominated George for Council President.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to close nominations.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to elect John George as Council President.

Motion passed.

George opened the floor for nominations for President Pro-Tem.

Kecskemeti nominated Hrydziuszko for President Pro-Tem.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to close nominations.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by O’Gorman, to elect Racheal Hrydziuszko as President Pro-Tem.

Motion passed.

George thanked the Council for their support.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held November 1, 2022.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, November 7, 2022.
3. Review and consider final payment to Cipparone Contracting, Inc. for the 2022 Concrete Patching Repair Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD**

Mooney provided an overview. There is a vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a partial term ending June 30, 2023.

The Village received one application to fill the vacancy from resident Christopher Dobies. We thank Mr. Dobies for his interest in serving on the Board.

A subcommittee was formed to meet with the applicant and offer a recommendation to Council. The subcommittee met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The subcommittee consisted of Councilmember Mooney (chair), President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko, and Councilmember Kecskemeti. The subcommittee recommended that the Council appoint Christopher Dobies to the partial term on the Cable Board.

Motion by Mooney, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council appoints Christopher Dobies to the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a partial term ending June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

**REVIEW AND FILE 2021-2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM PLANTE MORAN**

Rumzei Abdallah and Jordan Torrento from Plante Moran were present at the meeting and provided an overview of the FY 2021-2022 financial report and audit. They apologized that partner Martin Olejnik was unable to attend the meeting.

Plante Moran began the audit in August. Abdallah stated that the Village finances can be relied upon in their opinion and that it was a successful audit overall. He noted that ARPA money is being placed into a separate fund which is tracked separately.

Torrento went over the PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is available on the Village website for review. He went over the General Fund, Public Safety Fund, and Library Fund. He noted the biggest revenue increase last year came from property taxes. He went over the SEV and taxable value, noting that the Village is not taking full advantage of the SEV in order to keep taxes lower. He went over State Shared Revenue and explained that the Village does not have any control over this revenue stream. Torrento then discussed the Village's expenditures. He stated that the expenditures stayed pretty consistent from last year. Torrento went over the Village's debt obligations. He said pension is 86% funded and retiree health care (OPEB) is 68% funded, which is better than many other communities. He commended the Village for being committed to funding their debt obligations.

Abdallah stated that the auditors did not have any major concerns during the audit. The letter to Council included best practice recommendations, such as formal policies, formal documents, and a process to review and approve credit card purchases formally, all of which the Village is already working to implement. He talked about the Uniform Chart of Accounts that the state is requiring municipalities to implement. He thanked McCarthy and the rest of Administration for helping with a successful audit.

Kecskemeti commented about inflation.

George asked about the measurement dates of June 30 vs. December 31 for retiree plans and noted the dates could have an impact on the projections.

Abdallah agreed that timing and market factors can impact the figures outlined in the presentation.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby receives and files the audit report for year ending June 30, 2022.

Motion passed.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER AWARDING THE MARGUERITE AND HUMMEL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT BID TO D'ANGELO BROTHERS, INC.**

Campbell gave an overview. The Marguerite and Hummel Water Main Improvement Project consists of replacing the existing 4-inch water main with 8-inch on Marguerite Street and Hummel Drive south of Sheridan Drive. It also includes transferring the 15 water services that are currently connected to the 4-inch main.

The Village and Hubbell, Roth, & Clark staff have reviewed four bids that were received on October 20, 2022. It is recommended that the Village award the bid to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$347,206.00. A recommendation letter from HRC and a bid tabulation were also provided to Council for review.

White asked when the project is scheduled to begin. Campbell stated the project is anticipated to begin in March 2023.

Keckskemeti asked about the notification process for homeowners. Campbell stated that homeowners will receive letters individually in advance.

Keckskemeti asked about the contractor's experience. Campbell assured Council that the contractor had successful experience on these types of projects.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the proposal from D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. to complete the Marguerite and Hummel Water Main Improvements Project for the amount of \$347,206.00. Funds for this project are available in account 287-538-972.01.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

14 Mile Construction Update – The contractor has completed the final layer of asphalt on the south side of the road and will be paving the westbound lane (north side of 14 Mile Road) on Friday, November 11, 2022. Traffic will shift into the eastbound (south lane) on November 10, 2022 to prepare the road for the final layer of HMA. After the road is paved, the contractor will shift traffic back to the westbound (north lane) to complete miscellaneous work on the south side of the road. This shift back into the north lane is anticipated to take place on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The road is expected to be open on November 23, weather permitting. There will be a temporary right turn only from Eastlady. Again, thank you for your patience as the 14 Mile Road Reconstruction Project nears its completion.

Thank you Southfield Township and Election Workers – Campbell had the honor of serving on the Receiving Board for the recent election last Tuesday. The amount of work that goes into ensuring a fair and secure election is incredible, and we should not take it for granted. He thanked the Southfield Township Clerk, Supervisor, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk and all the volunteers (poll workers, receiving board members, and others) who make our elections possible.

TAP Grant – As noted at the last meeting, the Village was informed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (“SEMCOG”) that it received a modified “Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) grant for the Beverly Hills Connector application submitted early this summer. The grant partially funds the construction of sidewalks on Evergreen, 13 Mile, and a portion 14 Mile. The application was modified to remove the sidewalk that is being finished as part of the current 14 Mile project (the sidewalk from Lahser to Evergreen) and to reduce the width of the proposed sidewalk from 10 feet to 5 feet. On November 7, 2022, the Village received the letter confirming SEMCOG's Regional Review Committee award of TAP funding in the amount of \$1,643,000 to the sidewalk connector project. The Village is required to submit a match of \$1,120,000 to receive the funding. The award letter from SEMCOG was provided to Council.

Last week for Curbside Chipping – The last week for curbside chipping for this year is the week of November 28th. Please make sure your branches are placed by the curb on your normal trash day. Monthly curbside chipping services will resume in April of 2023.

Upcoming Holiday – Please be advised that the Village Offices will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Groves High School Football – Campbell wished the best of luck to the Groves High School football team at their upcoming game.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

White thanked everyone who came out to vote on election day. He said there was a good voter turnout.

Kecskemeti stated that she observed election workers on election day and appreciates their commitment. She thanked McCarthy for a successful audit.

O’Gorman reiterated the previous comments about the election. He noted that he now recognizes that he needs to lean into the microphone to be heard on television. He said it was nice to see kids walking to Berkshire on the new sidewalks. He congratulated all of the candidates and welcomed White to Council. He tipped his hat to all candidates who ran. He said the new Southfield Township Clerk was well trained for elections.

Abboud thanked residents for voting and for supporting him. He thanked the Township for their work on the election. He recognized Delaney, Oen, Ervin, and Gilbert for running for Village Council. He stated that he is concerned about the safety of teachers and students. He thinks teachers need more help in these situations, referencing recent violent threats made to schools.

Mooney thanked Dobies for volunteering to serve on the Cable Board. He congratulated White, the incumbents, and the officers on their elections.

Hrydziuszko welcomed White to Council. She congratulated Abboud and George on their reelection. She congratulated the other candidates who all ran good campaigns. She thanked the Public Safety Department for providing support on election night. She said it was nice to see so many people voting. She reminded everyone that there will be a Parks & Recreation Board meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022. She said there will be a discussion about the Beverly Park playground on the agenda. She shared Abboud’s frustrations regarding violence in schools.

George thanked Dobies. He thanked all of the candidates who ran. He thought it created good conversation. He appreciates everyone who participated in the election. He thought it was encouraging to see so many young people voting. He thanked Southfield Township and the poll workers for their work. He welcomed White and the incumbents. He said there would be more sidewalk work in 2023. He said that the Safe Routes to School team would like to see a bit more detail on the application regarding the \$10,000 non-infrastructure project funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Motion passed.

**John George**  
**Council President**

**Kristin Rutkowski**  
**Village Clerk**