

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
Public Services Director, Johnston

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Hrydziuszko, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Tobaben, Orchard Way, stated that he and his wife are caring for a perennial flower bed at Beverly Park. He said that recently a bird house was installed in this location as part of an Eagle Scout project and he thinks it should be moved to an area further from high traffic in case any of the birds are aggressive.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held April 18, 2023.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of special Council Budget Session held April 24, 2023.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 24, 2023.
4. Review and consider request from Next to waive pavilion rental fees on August 10, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Campbell provided an overview. The Village Manager received a letter from Susan Yeghissian requesting that the Village issue a Proclamation recognizing the first Friday in June to be Gun Violence Awareness Day. The Council was provided with a copy of the request.

President George proclaimed the following:

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Village of Beverly Hills to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has 1,382-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 13.7 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state \$16.8 billion each year, of which \$380.5 million is paid by taxpayers. Michigan has the 25th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including in Beverly Hills are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is Council's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers—in partnership with local violence intervention activists and resources—know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023 to recognize the 26th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to –

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to

announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2nd, the first Friday in June in 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, 2023 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Council President and Village Council for the Village of Beverly Hills declares the first Friday in June, June 2, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Mooney stated that since the Village Council is mentioned in the proclamation, that it would be appropriate to take a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Proclamation passed (7-0)

O’Gorman stated that he is fully in support of the proclamation, but he thinks more can be done to address gun violence.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE/GOVERNOR INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING PENSION BEST PRACTICES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE

Campbell provided an overview and presented a resolution for Council’s consideration. The resolution asks the Legislature and Governor to reconsider the section of House Bill (HB) 5054 that did not make it into the 2022 State of Michigan budget – specifically the sum to be divided between local government units meeting specified pension funding levels and best practices. A copy of HB 5054 was provided for reference.

When passed by the House a year ago, 5054 included \$750 million to be divided between communities with pensions funded at less than 60 percent and \$250 million to be divided by communities with pensions funded at or above that, following the State’s best practices. The Legislation created an equitable division of revenue, with three-quarters going to local units with pensions the House considered to be substantially underfunded and one-quarter going to those who had taken often difficult steps to improve their funded ratio. These steps included delaying or eliminating projects that were vitally important to our taxpayers in order to contribute significant dollars beyond annual required contributions, keeping our pensions viable and our communities solvent.

While a community with a funded ratio of 40 percent might receive \$5 million from the State this year, a community that has sacrificed greatly over the past few years to contribute \$5 million of its own dollars to reach a funded ratio of 60 percent would receive nothing. The \$250 million included in HB 5054 for communities that sacrificed to solidify their pensions would provide immeasurable relief to those of us who are experiencing the same pension-related financial stress as those eligible for the much larger sum. HB 5054 had broad bi-partisan support in 2022, and we are hopeful such bipartisan support remains today.

Thus, the resolution requests that the Legislature/Governor include the \$250 million in pension assistance the 2023 state budget. Other communities throughout the State that are above the 60% threshold are passing similar resolutions.

The following resolution was offered by O’Gorman, seconded by Abboud, at a regular meeting of the Beverly Hills Village Council conducted May 2, 2023 at Beverly Hills Village Hall, 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025:

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has taken financially difficult steps to stabilize its pension program and get its pension costs and liabilities under control; and

WHEREAS these steps followed best practices established by the State of Michigan and kept Village of Beverly Hills operationally viable in the face of enormous financial pressure; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 of 2022 would have divided \$250 million between the Village of Beverly Hills, and other communities like it, that made the tough decisions and followed those best practices; and

WHEREAS, Village of Beverly Hills and others like it are ineligible for \$750 million in pension relief allocated by the State in 2022 despite experiencing similar pension-related financial stresses as those who will receive that relief; and

WHEREAS, these stresses have been intensified by market losses in 2022 and a unpredictable market in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this \$250 million would have immeasurable impact on our ability to address our pension liabilities, maintain employment levels, and provide the services our taxpayers depend upon; and

WHEREAS, both the \$750 million allocated and the \$250 million requested here had broad, bipartisan support in the House a year ago; and

WHEREAS, HB 5054 created an equitable balance between those with pensions the House considered substantially underfunded and those who had followed best practices to achieve a higher funding ratio; and

WHEREAS, unallocated revenues are available to the State in 2023 to again make this pension assistance equitable by helping those communities dealing with pension costs, but ineligible for the \$750 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Beverly Hills Village Council asks the State of Michigan Legislature and Governor’s Office to revisit HB 5054; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature and Governor give bipartisan support to the inclusion of the \$250 million in the 2023 State budget to be divided between communities including Village of Beverly Hills that meet the best practices required in that Bill.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER A TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #130-NTT-23 FOR NO TRUCK TRAFFIC ON PIERCE STREET BETWEEN 13 AND 14 MILE ROADS

Campbell gave an overview. A Traffic Control Order (TCO) to place no truck traffic signs at the intersections of 13 Mile and Pierce and 14 Mile and Pierce during the duration of the roundabout project on Greenfield and Beverly Road from June through August of 2023 was presented to Council. The RCOC is requesting said TCO prior to the start of the project.

O’Gorman asked about the penalty. Ryan stated it would be a civil infraction up to \$500.

Motion by White, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves Traffic Control Order #130-NTT-23 for the installation of temporary “No Truck Traffic” signs at 13 Mile Road and Pierce Street and 14 Mile Road and Pierce Street during the duration of the Greenfield Road roundabout construction project from June 2023 through August of 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER HRC’S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) SAFETY PATH PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY SERVICES

Campbell provided an overview. Administration is in receipt of two proposals from the Village Engineer, HRC, for Topographical Survey Services related to the installation of new sidewalks associated with the Village’s Sidewalk Connector Project with funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS). These services are the first step in the installation process.

The TAP portion of the project covers survey services for sidewalk to be installed on portions of (a) 14 Mile Road from Long Bow Court to Lahser Road; (b) portions of 13 Mile Road, Old Stage Road to Evergreen Road; and (c) portions of Evergreen Road, 14 Mile Road to South Village Limits. The proposed cost for the project is an amount not to exceed \$83,130.

The SRTS portion of project covers survey services for sidewalks to be installed over 3.1 miles of sidewalk in 15 different areas throughout the Village to eliminate gaps and connect the existing non-motorized sidewalk network to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to the

local schools and allow safe and linked pedestrian access for all Village residents. The proposed cost for the project is an amount not to exceed \$47,190.

Funding for the TAP project is available in Account 401-900-974.05. Funding for the SRTS project is available in Account 401-900-974.06.

Brad Shepler, Hubbell, Roth, & Clark, Inc. was in attendance. He said the topographical survey is the first step to take with these projects. He said it is a prudent way to meet the complexities of the project and to ensure the federal funding is kept. He noted it is best to document any pre-existing conditions.

George confirmed that the proposed method uses the most up to date technology and uses GPS coordinates.

Shepler expressed confidence in the team of surveyors.

Hrydziuszko asked if the scope includes existing sidewalks. Shepler said if they are sidewalks that need to be removed and replaced as part of this project, then yes, they would be included.

Hrydziuszko suggested the sidewalk behind the Ronsdale neighborhood sign on Evergreen should be moved for safety and visibility.

O’Gorman asked why the sidewalk along Groves would be replaced. Shepler stated that the current sidewalk is only 4’ wide and runs right along the fence. He said that the program requires 5’ wide sidewalks and more clearance.

Abboud asked about the difference between GIS and topographical surveys. Shepler said that GIS uses aerial imagery and gave Google Earth as an example. He said it is close, but not always perfect. He said GPS accuracy is down to the millimeter and uses more advanced technology, which produces better plans.

White noted that moving a certain amount of dirt in the Village requires a topographical survey.

Shepler stated that the Village has to follow MDOT’s process for easements and purchasing any property, if necessary. He said this is generally the longest part of the process.

Keckskemeti asked if there were any other alternatives. Shepler said that in order to meet the grant obligations, no.

Keckskemeti asked if the sidewalks would be designed to drain and prevent flooding. Shepler stated that that is the goal.

Shepler noted that the sidewalks also had to meet ADA requirements.

Mooney said that historically, there have been many different ways to survey. He does not think that the land has changed much over the years. He said that they will essentially be surveying a straight line.

Shepler noted that there are some heavily wooded areas to be surveyed. Additionally, tagging trees, retaining walls, and bridges are all included in the project.

The Council discussed the opportunity to revise the plan or parts of the application and whether the project scope could be reduced. Shepler noted that SEMCOG would make the ultimate decision if the Village was interested in changing the route.

George stated that SEMCOG’s goal is connectivity. He noted that many stipulations come with each grant. He asked about data ownership and if residents would be notified of the work. Shepler confirmed that the Village would have access to the survey data and residents would be notified.

George said that the grants pay for the infrastructure costs and the Village is responsible for non-infrastructure costs. He asked whether it would be worthwhile to invite others to the table regarding the non-infrastructure costs, which is not a reflection of HRC’s work.

Mooney asked if the Village would still get 60% of the funding if the project cost goes over. Shepler said it is capped at 60% of the awarded amount. He said there is an option to rebid or change the scope if necessary.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved that Village Council approves the proposal submitted by HRC for Topographical Survey Services for the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) portion in an amount not to exceed \$83,130. Funding is available in account no. 401-900-974.05.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER HRC’S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) SAFETY PATH PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY SERVICES

The topographical survey services for the Safe Routes to School program are similar to that of the TAP grant program as discussed above.

Motion by Abboud, second by Mooney, be it resolved that Village Council approves the proposal submitted by HRC for Topographical Survey Services for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety Path Program in amount not to exceed \$47,190. Funding is available in account no. 401-900-974.06.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL

Campbell provided an overview. Each year a public hearing is held to review and confirm the unpaid assessments and billings that are to be added to the tax roll. The categories of subject charges and amounts follow:

Description	No. of Properties	Amount
A. Delinquent Water	87	\$ 78,618.07

B. Dust Control*	62	\$ 749.98
C. Southfield Rd. Maintenance**	4	\$ 1,419.35
D. Weed/Yard Maintenance	3	\$ 854.51
Total	156	\$ 81,641.91

*Dust Control is a single lot assessment, based on front footage, for residents living on gravel roads.

**Maintaining Right of Way, landscaping, and electricity for Southfield Rd. frontage.

George opened the public hearing at 8:36 p.m. No one wished to be heard, so George closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the unpaid assessments and billings to be added to the tax roll as outlined above.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2023/2024 BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND, MAJOR & LOCAL ROADS, WATER & SEWER OPERATING, AND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Campbell and McCarthy went over the Budget Presentation. They discussed the major funds, such as General, Public Safety, Major Roads, and Local Roads. The total recommended budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$21.3 million. This budget reflects an increase of roughly \$1 million, or 5%, from the prior year's amended budget. This increase is reflective of the general increase in costs due to inflation, as well as the numerous projects being undertaken by the Village.

McCarthy provided an overview of the Defined Benefit Pension, which was 86% funded as of December 31, 2021. She stated that the Retiree Health Care is funded at 68%. She gave an overview of the Village's upcoming major projects and capital improvements, including catch basin cleaning, the sidewalk connector program, new playground equipment for Beverly Park, and the roundabout at Beverly and Greenfield.

McCarthy went over the proposed water and sewer rates for the upcoming year. She said that the Water/Sewer Fund is an enterprise fund. Water and Sewer revenue, through user charges, covers all cash requirements for daily operations, emergencies, infrastructure maintenance and capital reserves. She talked about an increase to the "ready-to-serve" charge, previously known as the infrastructure charge, from \$70 to \$100 per bill.

Campbell thanked the Village Council for acting as good stewards with the Village's finances. He thanked residents for their comments. He thanked Administration, especially McCarthy, for their work preparing the budget.

George opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m. No one wished to be heard, so George closed the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET

O’Gorman thanked all the residents who attended the April 24, 2023 budget study session. He thought it was a beneficial and constructive meeting.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Mooney:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Beverly Hills conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 and public comments have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget for the General Fund, Vacation Fund, Sick Pay Fund, Major Road Fund, Local Road Fund, Public Safety Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Drug Law Enforcement Fund, Library Fund, ARPA Fund, Capital Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Retiree Health Care Trust Fund and MERS Retiree Health Care Fund Operating Budgets in the following amounts are hereby adopted on this 2nd day of May 2023:

FUND NAME	REVENUES	APPROPRIATIONS
General Fund	\$4,624,842	\$3,835,380
Vacation Fund	\$ 41,000	\$ 24,130
Sick Pay Fund	\$ 13,500	\$ 12,065
Major Road Fund	\$ 935,696	\$ 392,798
Local Road Fund	\$ 789,517	\$1,267,292
Public Safety Fund	\$7,499,195	\$6,886,844
Park Improvement Fund	\$ 584,422	\$ 659,188
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Library Fund	\$ 594,673	\$ 586,173
ARPA Fund	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000
Capital Fund	\$ 320,000	\$ 495,615
Water & Sewer Fund	\$7,165,924	\$7,079,315
Retiree Health Care Trust Fund	\$ 823,000	\$ 857,900
MERS Retiree Health Fund	\$ 365,000	\$ 365,000

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET

Motion by Mooney, second by O’Gorman:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Beverly Hills has adopted its annual budget for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with State law and the Village Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council is also required to adopt an appropriations act to provide the authority to incur obligations and expend public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 shall establish the approved appropriation levels for the said fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council retains authority to amend the Village budget and this appropriations act at such times when deviations from the projected revenues and authorized expenditure levels become necessary and the amount of the deviations becomes known.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023/2024 MILLAGE RATE
McCarthy went over this year’s rates in comparison to next year’s rates. She noted that there was not a Headlee adjustment next year.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Mooney:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Beverly Hills has adopted its annual budget for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with State law and the Village Charter;

WHEREAS, the Village Council must also adopt a millage rate to be levied on the Village tax roll for 2023;

WHEREAS, Act 298 of 1917 allows cities and villages to levy a tax not to exceed 3 mills for the purposes of garbage collection and disposal. The annual rubbish tax shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general purposes; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 5 of 1982 does not apply to levying for Debt Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council does hereby approve the total 2023 millage rate for the Village at 13.7310 mills and the 13.7310 millage rate is to be distributed as follows:

General Fund	1.8152 mills
Public Safety Fund	9.5593 mills
Library Fund	0.7901 mills
Park Improvement	0.3089 mills
Rubbish Fund	1.2575 mills
Total Millage Rate	13.7310 mills

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023/2024 RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER CONSUMPTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziusko:

WHEREAS, each premises within the Village of Beverly Hills connected to the water and/or sanitary sewer system shall pay a consumption charge based upon the amount of water used as shown by the water meter installed in each premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approve the water and/or sanitary consumption charges as follows:

	<u>Water & Sewer</u>	
Water Consumption		\$ 2.8240 per 100 cu ft
Sanitary Sewer Operation, Maintenance & Repair		\$ <u>8.3646</u> per 100 cu ft
	Total	\$ 11.1886

	<u>Debt Service</u>	
Debt Service		\$ 45.00 per bill

	<u>Infrastructure</u>	
Infrastructure		\$ 100.00 per bill

	<u>Water Only</u>	
		\$ 2.8240 per 100 cu ft

	<u>Sewer Only</u>	
All sewer-only customers per quarter		\$ 202.9937 Infrastructure/
		\$ <u>49.0875</u> Debt Service
	Total	\$ 252.0812

Effective with all water and sewer usage after July 1, 2023 and thereafter until changed.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

George thanked McCarthy for all of her work on the budget. He said that the Village is trying to accomplish good things.

FIRST ANNOUCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES

Campbell gave the first announcement of various Board and Commission vacancies. The following is a list of board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2023. All of the members listed below have been notified of their term expiration and asked to submit an application if they are interested in reappointment. Council agreed in November of 2008 to make these vacancies open to the public

as well as the currently seated member.

Birmingham Area Cable Board
Christopher Dobies

Parks & Recreation Board
Molly Borgon
Matt Goodrich
Gregory Ross

Planning Commission
Charles Copeland
Jonathan Hartzell
Andrea Wright

Zoning Board of Appeals
Jan Gatowski
Michael Bugenski
Timothy Makar
Jeffrey Buehner (Alternate)

All terms are for three years beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026. All interested and eligible residents of Beverly Hills are encouraged to apply. Descriptions of each Board/Commission can be found on the Village website by selecting “Boards/Commission” under the “Government” tab. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 9, 2023. Applications are available on the Village website or by emailing the Village Clerk at krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com. A blank application is also included in this packet.

This constitutes the first announcement of the vacancies with appointments scheduled to take place at the June 20, 2023 regular Village Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Memorial Day Parade/Carnival - The 40th Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday May 29, 2023. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. The Ceremony and Carnival are to follow at Beverly Park. This year, in honor of the 40th Anniversary, the Grand Marshals for the Memorial Day Parade will be a few of the original Parade organizers. There are still volunteers needed to assist with the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. Please click on the link below to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f44a4af2fa46-memorial1#/>

Lion’s Club Memorial Day Fun Run - The Beverly Hills, MI Lions Club is hosting its annual Memorial Day Fun Run on Monday, May 29, 2023. Visit their website for a registration form today. <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/beverlyhillsmi/calendar.php> The registration form is also included in this meeting packet.

Items and Services available at Village Hall - There are numerous items and services available at Village Hall. If you are a walker or runner who walks in the early morning or evening, we have handheld reflectors provided by SEMCOG’s Walk, Drive, Bike Safe Program. The Village also has a limited number of reflective vests for residents as well. Please consider picking up one of these items if you walk or run in the dark.

Scout Troop 1024 member Matt Ziegele designed and built a U.S. flag retirement box for his Eagle Scout project. The box is now permanently located at the Beverly Hills Village Office (18500 W.

13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025). Residents can drop off their U.S. flags at the office during regular business hours.

Compost is now available at the Village Hall parking lot. The mosquito spray/repellent and mosquito dunks that are used to combat West Nile Virus will also be available at Village Hall by mid-May.

Villager Newsletter - The May edition of the Villager Newsletter has gone to print and will be received by residents by the second week of May.

Park Clean Up – The annual Park Clean Up event will be held Saturday, May 6th and we should have warm weather.

White stated that the number of water delinquencies seemed high and asked if that was a normal amount. Campbell stated that it was not out of the normal range.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

White thanked Administration for explaining the budget. He reminded everyone that the Park Clean Up will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Beverly Park.

Abboud said he attended the MML Capitol Conference and Elected Officials Academy Board meeting last month. He was elected as the chairperson for the Senior Advisory Council. He said he attended the last Planning Commission meeting and the Market Fresh project was postponed to the next meeting. He said the Short-Term Rental subcommittee is to meet and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission soon.

Mooney said that Abboud is “Mr. Outside” and does a great job representing the Village throughout the region. He congratulated him on his election as Senior Advisory Council chairperson. He commended Mr. and Mrs. Tobaben on their work on the garden at Beverly Park. He said that he is always surprised that people do not attend the budget meetings. He said Council is acting in the best interest of the Village. He said he was pleased that the Village got sidewalk grants and that it is important for Beverly Hills to be a walkable community.

Hrydziuszko congratulated Abboud on his election to chairperson of the Senior Advisory Council. He thanked McCarthy for her work preparing the budget and said she appreciates how easy she makes it to follow. She encouraged residents to look into the big projects that the Village is spending money on. She said she is looking forward to the Park Clean Up on Saturday. She encouraged residents to keep their eyes out for invasive garlic mustard and reminded them not to mix it with their yard waste. She thanked everyone for a smooth budget process.

George thanked everyone for their work on the budget. He said he appreciates the direction the Village is heading. He said there will be supplemental newsletter sent out to residents explaining the updated water and sewer rates. He appreciates resident communication and involvement. He said he is forward thinking and looking down the road to all of the improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk