

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George called the special Village Council meeting to order at 6:30 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 Abboud, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jon Oen, Verona Circle, said the Greenfield/Beverly Road roundabout turned out nice and has been receiving a lot of positive feedback.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICANTS TO FILL VACANCY ON THE BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL

George provided an overview. A vacancy exists on the Beverly Hills Village Council due to Michael White’s resignation. The Council accepted the resignation at the August 15, 2023 regular meeting and the first announcement of the vacancy was made at that time. The second notice of the vacancy was made at the September 5, 2023 Council meeting. Interested and eligible residents were invited to apply to fill the vacancy for a term ending November 2024. Applications were due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023. 11 applications were received. All applicants are registered voters in the Village of Beverly Hills. George noted that 1 applicant withdrew and 2 are unable to attend this meeting. The remaining applicants will be heard in the order in which their applications were received.

Council heard from the following applicants and asked follow up questions from: Gabriel Ervin, Marilyn Antrim, Suzanne Grimm, Dale Young, and Tim Mercer.

George called a recess at 8:41 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Council heard from the following applicants and asked follow up questions from: Derek Russaw, Andrew Drummond, and Jon Oen.

APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR A TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 2024

George provided an overview of the procedure. After the Council hears from all applicants present, the Chair will open the floor for nominations. Nominations by a Council member do not require a second. Once all nominations are heard, the Chair will entertain a motion to close the nominations. The Chair shall then call for a roll call vote for the nominees in the order they were received. The first candidate to receive a majority vote (4), will be appointed to the Village Council to fill the vacancy for a term ending November 2024.

George opened the floor for nominations.

Abboud nominated Gabriel Ervin.

Hrydziuszeko nominated Suzanne Grimm.

Mooney nominated Tim Mercer.

O’Gorman nominated Andrew Drummond.

Mooney nominated Rosanne Koss.

Abboud nominated Jon Oen.

No one else wished to make a nomination.

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud to close the nominations.

Motion passed.

A roll call vote was called for the following candidates:

Gabriel Ervin

Abboud – yes

George – no

Hrydziuszeko – no

Kecskemeti – no

Mooney – yes

O’Gorman – no

Motion failed (2-4)

Suzanne Grimm

Abboud – no

George – yes

Hrydziuszeko – yes

Kecskemeti – yes

Mooney – no

O’Gorman – no

Motion failed (3-3)

Tim Mercer

Abboud – yes
George – no
Hrydziuszko – no
Kecskemeti – no
Mooney – yes
O’Gorman – no
Motion failed (2-4)

Andrew Drummond

Abboud – no
George – yes
Hrydziuszko – yes
Kecskemeti – yes
Mooney – no
O’Gorman – yes
Motion passed (4-2)

Andrew Drummond was appointed to the Village Council by a majority vote of Council for a term ending November 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman commended all of the applicants. He said there was a breadth of experience and qualifications. He gave a nod to Mr. White for his service on Council. He said he appreciates the applicants’ time and talked about his thought process for selecting a new Council member.

Kecskemeti said she appreciates the time candidates took to apply. She said it was a difficult decision. She encouraged all the applicants to keep applying and to get involved in the community.

Abboud thanked all of the residents who make it possible for Council members to serve. He thanked all the applicants who put their hat in the ring. He said that he thought Ervin, who is 21 years old, could have brought a different perspective to the Council. He also commented on the number of questions that he asked the candidates.

Mooney thanked the applicants and congratulated Drummond on his appointment.

Hrydziuszko thanked the applicants. She encouraged them all to stay active and stay involved. She said she is happy to help where she can. She congratulated Drummond.

George thanked everyone who applied. He thinks the Council did a thorough job talking to candidates. He thanked White for his service. He thanked Administration. He congratulated Drummond.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk