

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

Absent: None

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

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 Abboud, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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 joint Planning Commission/Council meeting held February 14, 2024.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held March 19, 2024.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, March 25, 2024.
4. Review and consider authorizing participation in the 2024 Oakland County West Nile Virus Program.
5. Review and consider Parks & Recreation Board’s recommendation to host 2024 Concerts in the Park.
6. Review and consider Beverly Hills Lions Club’s request to host the Memorial Day Fun Run on Village streets on May 27, 2024.
7. Set public hearing date for May 7, 2024 to receive comments on special assessments to be added to the 20242 tax roll.
8. Set public hearing date for May 7, 2024 to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 proposed budget.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER DISSOLUTION OF FUNDS 403 AND 404

Campbell gave an overview. At the last Village Council meeting, Administration proposed the dissolution of Fund 403 Stafford SAD and Fund 404 Hummell/Coryell SAD which are Special Assessment District Funds. Both SADs are complete and there is no longer activity in the funds. However, Council correctly asked that we verify the amount of the SADs for Hummell/Coryell SAD and the Stafford SAD and confirm whether under the Charter requires us to return any funding to residents. Under Section 2.02(v) of the Village Code, the excess by which any special assessment proves larger than the actual cost of the improvement and expenses incidental thereto, may be placed in the General Fund of the Village. If the assessment is larger than necessary by more than 5%, the entire excess shall be refunded on a pro rata basis to the current owners of the property assessed.

Pursuant to Village records, the amount of the SAD and incidentals for the Hummell/Coryell was \$503,156.30. The purpose of the SAD was for drainage and paving purposes on several different roads. The SAD includes seven (7) houses of Hummell court, one (1) house on Sheridan, ten (10) houses on Coryell, nine (9) houses on Elwood, four (4) houses on Buttonwood, eleven (11) houses on Plantation, and thirty (30) houses on Embassy. Thus, 72 properties are a part of this SAD. Currently, there is \$58,054.15 left in Fund 404. That excess assessment amount is larger than 5% of the SAD and incidental costs. Thus, pursuant to the ordinance, the Village will mail \$806.30 to each current owner within the Hummell/Coryell special assessment district from Fund 404.

Fund 403 was a SAD created to perform paving services on Stafford. The amount of the SAD was \$111,200.04. The amount in this fund of \$2,590.21 is less than the 5% noted in Section 2.02(v) of the Village Ordinance. The Administration requests that the \$2,590.21 remaining in Fund 403 be transferred to Fund 101, the General Fund.

Motion by Mooney, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the transfer of monies in Fund 403, the Stafford Special Assessment District, in the amount of \$2590.21 to the General Fund, and the excess proceeds in Fund 404, the Coryell/Hummel SAD, in the amount of \$58,054.15 be distributed on a pro rata basis to the current owners of the 72 properties that are part of the Coryell/Hummel SAD in the amount of \$806.30.

Roll call vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER BEVERLY PARK 2050 VISION SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE BEVERLY PRAK MASTER PLAN BID TO SMITHGROUP

Campbell gave an overview. In December of 2023, the Village Council created a subcommittee to move forward with the creation of the Beverly Park 2050 Master Plan. The subcommittee consists of three (3) members from the Village Council and three (3) members from the Parks and Recreation Board. The subcommittee determined that the visioning project would benefit from the assistance of a professional firm. An RFP was published on MITN on February 23, 2024. The RFP is attached for reference. An addendum was published on March 12, 2024, providing for an option to get a tree survey as part of the RFP. The RFP closed on March 19, 2024. The RFP was provided to the Council. The Village received 8 proposals/bids from 8 different firms. A bid tabulation sheet prepared by the Village Clerk was also provided.

The subcommittee met and recommended that the Village not move forward with the tree survey at this time. Further, the subcommittee determined that SmithGroup was the most qualified bidder based on their submittal and the criteria contained in the RFP. The Smith Group proposal is attached to the memorandum for Council review.

It is the subcommittee's recommendation that the Village Council approve the proposal from SmithGroup in an amount not to exceed \$23,500. Upon approval from the Village Council, SmithGroup will be forwarding a Consulting Agreement that will be reviewed by the Village Attorney. A budget amendment will be required for these professional services. There are ample funds in the General Fund to pay for these services.

George gave an overview of the bids received by the subcommittee and said SmithGroup stood out to the group. He noted that the Village should get quotes from Davey Group for a park tree survey since they are already doing a survey on Village streets, and it could be more economical to add onto that project.

Hrydziuszko echoed that SmithGroup stood out to the subcommittee. She said the soil and drainage assessments will be beneficial.

Kecskemeti agreed that the drainage aspect of the plan was important. George said it would cost \$4,500 to add the drainage assessment. Abboud recommended including the geotechnical component to the bid award.

Mooney inquired why the funding would come from the General Fund and not the Park Capital Fund. Ryan noted that this would be a study and is not an actual capital improvement.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved that the Village Council approves SmithGroup as the most qualified bidder for its Beverly Park 2050 Master Plan proposal and bid in the amount of \$28,000.00 which includes the geotechnical assessment, and further, authorizes the Village Manager to enter into an Agreement with SmithGroup, upon the Village Attorney's review and approval of the contract.

Roll call vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Greening Scholarship – The Greening Scholarship application deadline has been extended to May 1, 2024. Instructions are available on the Village website.

Village Office Closed - The Village Office will be closed on March 29, 2024. The Village office will reopen on April 1, 2024.

Yard Waste Pickup and Curbside Chipping - Yard Waste Pickup has resumed. Place compostable items in one of the following containers:

- Garbage can with a Recycle Beverly Hills or SOCRRA yard waste label; or
- Brown paper bag designed for yard waste disposal.

Curbside Chipping will begin on April 22, 2024. Residents can place stacked branches between 2 and 6 inches in diameter at the curbside for collection and chipping. We ask that branches be stacked and not bundled and that the cut ends all face the direction of traffic flow. Collection will be 1-2 days after your regular trash and recycling collection.

Birmingham's Big Night Out - Birmingham's Big Night Out is Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. The night will be reminiscent of the nightclub scene that was popular through the 1930s and 40s. All proceeds benefit NEXT. Tickets can be purchased online. NEXT is a non-profit organization enriching the lives of the 50+ population of Birmingham, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Franklin, and surrounding areas since 1978.

Memorial Day Parade - Beverly Hills' 41st annual Memorial Day Parade, Carnival, and Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 27, 2024. We are looking for volunteers to help with one of the community's favorite events! Would you be interested in coordinating the Bike Brigade for youngsters to ride in the parade? Maybe you'd like to help with parade logistics? We have plenty of opportunities for volunteers. Please email bhmemorialparade@gmail.com if you would like to join the fun!

Budget Meeting - The Budget Study Session is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Beverly Hills is a Part of a New State House District - In 2018, Michigan voters passed a ballot initiative creating the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The Commission is an independent body created to draw new State House, State Senate, and Congressional Districts for the State of Michigan based on 2020 Census Data. These maps were to be used for the next ten years. For State House Districts, the Commission separated the Village of Beverly Hills into two districts. The east side of the Village from Greenfield to Southfield between 13 Mile and 14 Mile was part of State House District 5. District 5 also included portions of Birmingham, Berkley, Southfield, Oak Park and Detroit and is currently represented by Representative Natalie Price. The rest of Beverly Hills is part of State House District 19, which includes Franklin, Bingham Farms, and portions of Bloomfield Township, Southfield and Farmington Hills. District 19 is represented by the Representative Samantha Steckloff. The State House map was challenged in Federal Court by a group of voters. The Court held that the Commission's House District Map violated the Constitution, and the Court required that the Commission issue a remedial map. Under the Commission's remedial map, which has been approved by the Court, the east side of Beverly Hills will now, starting in 2024, be a part of a new, redrawn, District 6. District 6 will also include Berkley and portions of Birmingham, Royal Oak, Southfield, and Oak Park. There will be no change to District 19.

Tree City USA Designation - The Village of Beverly Hills has been officially recognized as part of the Tree City USA program by the Arbor Day Foundation! The Tree City USA program provides communities with a framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives them an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that they're committed to the mission of environmental change. The benefits trees bring to urban environments

include cooler temperatures, cleaner air, higher property values, and healthier residents. We are happy to be part of this program and thank Public Services Director Johnston for his work on this.

Abboud thanked everyone who supported Next's fundraiser, Birmingham's Big Night Out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

George commented on communication and how the Council interacts with Board members and staff. He said there are remedial education opportunities through the MML's Elected Officials Academy and encouraged Council to brush up on the offerings through the EOA.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk