

Present: President George; Members: Drummond, Kecskemeti, Mooney, and O’Gorman

Absent: Abboud and Hrydziuszko

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 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 O’Gorman, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held April 2, 2024.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 8, 2024.
3. Review and consider Beverly Hills Lions Club’s request to hold White Cane Collection from April 19 to May 4, 2024.
4. Review and consider resolution recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (5-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON RELINQUISHMENT OF EASEMENT LOCATED AT 32300 PLUMWOOD LANE

Campbell gave an overview. The applicant is requesting that the Council vacate a portion of an unused easement that runs through his lot at 32300 Plumwood Lane, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The unused portion of the easement runs through the applicant’s rear yard. The utility company still uses the southernmost 30 foot of the easement, and that portion of the easement shall not be vacated. The request along with a memorandum from former Planning Director, Mark Stec, maps of the areas detailing the easement, letters from the utility companies stating they have no objection with vacating the easement, and evidence of notice published in the local newspaper and mailed to addresses within 300 feet of the existing easement were provided to the Council. Please be advised that Mr. Stec consulted with the Village Attorney on vacating this easement to make sure the Village comports with Section 560.222a of the of the Michigan Plat Act. The Council must

hold a public hearing on this matter. Further, a two-thirds majority of the owners of record of each platted lot or parcel of land within 300 feet of any part of the recorded easement must consent to vacating this easement. Letters of support for vacating the easement from 13 of the 16 homes within 300 feet of the recorded easement were also provided.

Ilze Berzins, Plumwood, stated that she received the notification letter in the mail and asked for clarification. Campbell provided clarification, noting that the utilities do not require as much space as initially allowed in the easement.

Mooney noted that vacating the easement will not impact anyone's utility service.

George opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

No one wished to be heard, so the public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RELINQUISHMENT OF EASEMENT LOCATED AT 32300 PLUMWOOD LANE

Motion by Mooney, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the vacation of the 12-foot easement that runs through the rear yard of Lot 70 in Cranbrook Woods Subdivision No. 1, commonly known as 32300 Plumwood Lane, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, except for the South 30 feet of the original 12-foot easement, where existing utility equipment remains, and further, authorizes the Administration to file documents to vacate the portion easement in Lot 70 with the Oakland County Register of Deeds and the State of Michigan, upon approval of the easement document by the Village Attorney.

Roll call vote:
Motion passed (5-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2024

Campbell provided an overview of the proposed budget amendments.

Mooney said he has several questions for the Finance Director about the budget amendments, noting that there was nothing unusual, but he would like to know how they fit in with the proposed 24-25 budget. He requested the item be tabled until the April 22, 2024 budget session meeting so the Council can receive clarification.

Motion by Mooney, second by Kecskemeti, the Beverly Hills Village Council tables the budget amendment item until the April 22, 2024 budget session.

Motion passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATE ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

Campbell provided an overview. The Council was presented with the *Cash and Investment Summary* which includes all cash accounts and CD's as of March 31, 2024, for all funds.

Also presented is the *Revenue and Expenditure Report* which includes revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, Major Road Fund, Local Street Fund, Public Safety Department, Park Improvement Fund, Library Fund, ARPA Fund and Water/Sewer Operation Fund for the 9 months ended March 31, 2024. The *Revenue and Expenditure Report* does not include prepaid and accrual adjustments that are reflected in the year end audited financial statements. Actual compared to budget financial results are monitored and budget amendments will be presented for approval, as necessary.

Motion by Mooney, second by O’Gorman, the Beverly Hills Village Council receives and files the Quarterly Financial Statement date ending March 31, 2024 as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Curbside Chipping - Curbside Chipping will begin next week 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.

Speed Hump Pilot Project - The Speed Hump pilot project will begin on April 15, 2024. On Monday, speed humps and the necessary signage will temporarily be installed on Weston Drive and Saxon Drive. The Village will leave the speed humps at these locations for ninety (90) days to study how effective the humps are on speeding through neighborhood roads. We will be collecting hard data on the speeds during the 90-day period. The locations for the speed humps are shown in the aerials below. The locations of the speed humps are represented by the red bars on the maps provided in the meeting packet. Letters were sent out to the residents on Weston and Saxon on April 1, 2024, notifying them of the project and the installation date.

Projects Update - The Village’s sewer lining project for this spring has been completed. The request for bids for the Riverside Bridge rehabilitation is scheduled to close on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. A recommendation to Council will be presented shortly thereafter.

Beverly Hills Night at DCFC - The Village of Beverly Hills is excited to partner with the Detroit City Football Club for the 2nd year to bring you *Beverly Hills Night* at the DCFC double-header games on Saturday, June 15, 2024. By scanning the QR Code on the attached flyer, residents of Beverly Hills can purchase tickets to the June 15th games at a discounted price. Additionally, we are looking forward to once again having DCFC’s mascot, Friendly the Bear, in our Memorial Day Parade this year!

Greening Scholarship - The Donald and Patricia Greening Community Service Scholarship Awards were established to support post-secondary education for one male and one female student each year. The application deadline has been extended to May 1, 2024. If there are questions, please contact Jay Blenkhorn at Village Hall at 248.646.6404.

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

Quarterly Reports - The quarterly finance report is part of the Business Agenda. The code enforcement report for January through March of 2024 was included in the meeting packet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Drummond said the neighbors on Weston are excited for the speed humps to be installed. He said at the last ZBA meeting, the Board members spoke favorably about the Greenfield roundabout.

O’Gorman asked if there was coordination between the Public Safety Department and Groves regarding traffic safety at the entrance/exit of the school. He noted that the recent eclipse was an amazing experience.

Keckskemeti reported that Groves High School now has a girl’s flag football team sponsored by Nike and the NFL. Their first game is Saturday, May 4th at Groves.

Mooney said that Council member Abboud worked on Next’s Birmingham’s Big Night Out event and deserves credit for his aggressive fundraising efforts.

George said he is glad Next’s fundraising event went well. He said he is looking forward to flag football. He encouraged students to apply for the Greening Scholarship. He said he attended a SOCMA meeting in Ferndale where there was discussion about community engagement. He complimented Campbell and Rutkowski for their work and the positive feedback received from neighboring communities. He commented on infrastructure charges and noted that the Village works to be smart about planning projects. He said it is great to see Beverly Park busy and reminded everyone that the Park Clean Up event will be held on May 4th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Keckskemeti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk