

Present: President Mercer; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: Burry, Kelly, LaFerriere, Mooney and Oen

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson  
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall  
Village Attorney, Ryan  
Public Safety Director, Torongeau  
Finance Director, Wiszowaty

President Mercer called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

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

Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, vice-chair Bill Kondak reminded residents about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Carnival on Monday, May 27. The parade begins at 11 a.m. followed by the carnival at Beverly Park starting at noon. Kondak highlighted the activities, games, rides and music planned for the community event. He emphasized the significance of Memorial Day and invited everyone to attend the 1 p.m. flag ceremony and the dedication of the veterans monument in memory of the men and women who died serving in the U.S. Forces. Beverly Hills veterans and active duty military are invited to be present at this ceremony. Residents who would like to volunteer to assist with the carnival can contact resident Janice Hausman or call the Village offices.

Kondak mentioned that the Annual Park Clean Up is scheduled for this Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. until noon with a rain date of Saturday, May 18.

Pam Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen Road was present on behalf of a citizens group to preserve Riverside Park, the pond, and the dam. She remarked that Riverside Park and the pond exist because of the historic Erity Dam, which is in need of repair. The citizens group is having an informal meeting on Saturday, May 11 at Riverside Park to determine how many people are interested and are willing to work with the Village to recognize and address the issues. Rijnovean asserted that Riverside Park and the pond are community assets that need to be preserved.

Ross Lerner of 19940 Sunnyslope mentioned the severity of the situation with Riverside Pond and the Erity Dam. He requested that Council address this matter in its discussion of the 2013/14 budget.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW 2012 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR DUST CONTROL AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS**

A public hearing is required to review and confirm unpaid assessments and billings that need to be added to the tax roll in the categories of dust control and other miscellaneous assessments. President Mercer opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. on the 2012 Assessment Rolls for dust control and other miscellaneous assessments. These are charges to residents for services that have already been incurred by the Village. The categories of these charges and amounts were indicated. There are 330 properties incurring special assessments in the amount of \$77,024.01.

No one wished to be heard; the public hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held April 16, 2013.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held April 23, 2013.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 22, 2013.
- d. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 6, 2013.
- e. Review and confirm 2012 Assessment Rolls for dust control and other miscellaneous assessments.

Oen requested that the regular Council meeting minutes of April 16, 2013 be corrected as follows: Under the heading “Additions to Agenda/Approve Agenda”, change “Motion by Oen” to read “Motion by Mooney”.

Kelly proposed the following changes to the special Council meeting of April 23, 2013: On page 2, paragraph 3, first sentence should read “Wilson commented that \$450,000 of potential revenue could be generated by levying the full 2.1 mills allowed by the Charter and fully assessing the maximum allowed rubbish fee.” On page 4, paragraph 4, add this wording after the first sentence: “The conclusion was that residents who do not have those meters would not be subsidizing the sewage rate of those with outside meters.”

Council member Kelly asked to take consideration of the Hubbell, Roth & Clark invoice included in Consent Agenda item ‘c’ off of the consent agenda and add it to the Business Agenda as item ‘g’.

Motion passed.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013/2014 BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND, MAJOR & LOCAL ROADS, WATER & SEWER OPERATING AND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

President Mercer opened the public hearing on the 2013/2014 Budgets at 7:46 p.m. Manager Wilson presented an overview of the budget documents prepared by Finance Director Wiszowaty. He noted that Council has conducted hours of deliberation in public budget study sessions. The presentation will highlight the budget and indicate items that have changed based on revisions approved by Council at those study sessions.

The anticipated General Fund Revenue is \$2,544,848 and expenditures are estimated at \$2,499,695; there is a projected surplus of \$45,153. The beginning fund balance as of July 1, 2013 will be \$1,261,581; the anticipated ending fund balance will be \$1,356,734. The fund balance is projected to be 54.28% of General Fund expenditures. Wilson clarified that adding projected surplus from the General Fund and Public Safety would compute to about 20.03% of General Fund, Public Safety, and Library expenditures.

The General Fund budget will fully fund all OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) and pension costs, both current and accrued. The Village will be making the required annual contribution set forth by the auditors. The budget includes a transfer of \$300,000 for Road Construction. The amount of \$447,368 will be generated for the contract with Baldwin Public Library. The budget maintains the General Fund millage rate, the Public Safety millage rate, and rubbish fee at the same level as they were in the 2012/2013 budget.

Wilson displayed a chart showing that the two biggest sources of revenue are property taxes and state shared revenue. The remainder of General Fund revenue comes from charges for services and the rubbish collection and disposal fees. A chart breaking down General Fund expenses shows public services as the largest expense at 34% with building and grounds at 18% of costs.

The Public Safety Fund revenues are anticipated at \$5,063,432 based on the 9.9 mills allowed by the Charter Amendment of 2010. Expenditures are estimated at \$5,018,520 with a surplus of almost \$45,000. The budget includes \$120,000 towards the budget stabilization fund as an expenditure in an effort to accrue a fund balance for the Public Safety Fund. The budget fully funds all OPEB and Pension costs, both current and accrued on an annual basis. It includes the first annual payment for the fire truck of \$90,000.

The majority of the funding for the Public Safety Department comes from the Village property tax (9.9 mills). The majority of expenditures are Department expenses with a small amount going towards capital purchases and the budget stabilization fund.

Major Street revenues and expenditures are \$472,214. Expenditures include \$193,000 for construction, the majority of which will fund a project on Beverly Road. The budget includes a transfer of \$38,890 from the General Fund. Total maintenance costs are \$278,875. Revenues (minus the General Fund contribution) will cover basic maintenance costs with a surplus of about \$154,000. The current fund balance in the Major Street Fund is about \$458,000, about 97% of annual expenditures.

Local Street Revenue and Expenditures equal \$467,477, providing \$101,327 for construction. The budget includes a transfer from the General Fund of \$261,000. Wilson related that annual maintenance costs for local roads including winter maintenance are \$366,000. Revenues (minus General Fund contribution) are short of maintenance costs by about \$159,000. Wilson pointed out that, without a transfer from the General Fund, the money received from the State for road maintenance covers maintenance only without providing for any construction work. That is why it is critical to make a \$300,000 transfer from the General Fund to roads every year. The current Fund Balance in the Local Street Fund is \$73,000 (16% of annual expenditures).

Within the Water & Sewer Fund, Revenues and Expenditures are balanced at \$4,506,130. The budget proposes a rate increase of 8% for both water and sewer. The rate is based on an increase in water costs from SOCWA (Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority) for water from the Detroit Water & Sewer Department. Wilson remarked that sewer rates are subject to a level of volatility due to a new meter system instituted by the Oakland County Water Resources Commission. Depreciation expenses will be included in the budget in excess of \$500,000 to account for depreciation that occurs on an annual basis in the water and sewer department. The Village will be pursuing grant funding for capital repairs, particularly with regard to the sanitary sewer system.

Wilson thanked Wiszowaty for his efforts in preparing the budget and to Council members for their input and time spent on this budget.

Robert Deneweth of 32321 Arlington asked questions about the public safety department budget, specifically related to staffing levels and overtime expense, which were addressed by the Manager. Wilson affirmed that the Village is working to get to the point where overtime costs are incident driven and not caused by structural or scheduling issues. The Village is negotiating with the public safety officers union on the issue of long term legacy costs. Wilson hoped that these negotiations will be successful. It is important that the Village bring in new officers at a cost that will be sustainable. Increased staffing would help with shift coverage and controlling overtime costs.

Tony Lott of 19101 Riverside Drive referred to the April 23, 2013 Council budget session and commented on consideration being given to contracting with the MERS Investment Services Program to manage the Public Safety Pension Plan. He expressed concern about spending money saved by this plan change on anything other than retiree pension and health care costs. Lott talked about paying down retiree pension and health care debt.

Robert Deneweth questioned the Village's direction in terms of building department services. Wilson addressed how the building department currently functions and its relationship with neighboring municipalities in terms of contracting for inspections. The Village is conducting ongoing negotiations with the City of Royal Oak on a building department contract. Administration is preparing a cost/benefit analysis to determine whether it would be beneficial to enter into a partnership with Royal Oak or to maintain our own Village building department.

No one else wished to be heard; the public hearing was closed at 8: 17 p.m.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2013/2014 FISCAL YEAR VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET**

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO ADOPT THE 2013/2014 FISCAL YEAR  
VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET**

The Village Council of Beverly Hills conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget on May 7, 2013 and public comments have been heard and considered, therefore, be it resolved that the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget for the General Fund, Public Safety Fund, Library Fund, Major

Road Fund, Local Streets Fund, Drug Law Enforcement, Retiree Health Care, Vacation Reserve, Sick Leave and Water and Sewer Operating Fund in the following amounts be hereby adopted:

FUND NAME	REVENUES	APPROPRIATIONS
General Fund	\$2,544,848.00	\$2,499,695.00
Public Safety Fund	\$5,063,432.00	\$5,018,520.00
Library Fund	\$447,368.00	\$447,368.00
Major Road Fund	\$472,214.00	\$472,214.00
Local Streets Fund	\$467,477.00	\$467,477.00
Drug Law Enforcement	\$47,100.00	\$47,100.00
Retiree Health Care	\$1,084,767.00	\$693,225.00
Vacation Reserve	\$24,750.00	\$24,750.00
Sick Leave Reserve	\$750.00	\$00.00
Water & Sewer Operating	\$4,506,130.00	\$4,506,130.00

At the request of LaFerriere, Wilson talked about the sources of revenue for the Retiree Health Care Fund. He concluded that the Village is paying more than its Annual Required Contribution on an annual basis for outgoing costs plus its currently accrued liabilities.

LaFerriere commented on the complexity and give-and-take of the budget process. He supported the proposed budget overall but outlined his reservations with the document. LaFerriere looked to the Village Manager and Public Safety Director to manage overtime costs in the next year and attempt to eliminate structural overtime costs. He asked for a quarterly review of overtime costs over the next fiscal year.

LaFerriere encouraged the Village to continue to find ways to bolster the balance sheet. He referred to the recent discussion among Council members on the Village's \$5 million in outstanding long-term debt as well as \$645,000 in associated interest costs. LaFerriere believed that Council should have levied the fully authorized property tax assessment to pay down some of this debt. He did note that the Village has reached the 20% of expenditure fund balance level recommended by Council policy.

Mooney reviewed that the electorate passed a Charter Amendment in 2010 increasing the level of taxation that the Village can impose. Those who advocated an increase in the millage rate assured the voters that the Village would not levy the entire Charter approved millage if the expected level of service could be delivered without imposing the maximum millage rate. Mooney believed that residents have enough burden.

Mooney talked about what was accomplished in the current budget and the last budget relative to public safety department staffing, consolidation of services, road repairs, and improving fund balance levels. He provided a comprehensive explanation of OPEB (Other Post Employee Benefit) funding. Mooney expressed his view on prepaying debt on the fire truck versus a pay-to-use plan over the next ten years. He maintained that the rest of the Village's debt is primarily in bonds, which have been entered into jointly with other communities. Mooney concluded that the budget before Council complies with the promises made to the community without imposing higher taxes.

Oen stated that the Village government provides service to the public. He supported the hiring of one or two additional public safety officers to protect the community. Oen said that he will approve the budget as presented without levying additional millage. He encouraged a long term discussion during the year on how funds would be allocated if the Village levied the maximum allowed millage rate next year.

Kelly remarked that Council had lengthy discussion and respectful disagreements on paying down debt during budget deliberations. She pointed out that the budget anticipates that \$400,000 will go towards the Village's OPEB liability in 2013/2014. Kelly does not feel it is justified to raise the millage to contribute more than this amount in the next fiscal year. The fire truck is being paid down over seven years at a rate of 2.1 percent. In addition, there is \$20,000 going into a contingency fund for future fire apparatus. Kelly agreed that another PSO should be hired. The money will be available due to structural changes in the budget that do not include any savings that may result from joining the MERS plan. Considering those factors and the General Fund reserve at 20% of expenditures, Kelly is willing to forego looking at additional revenues.

Briggs concurred that those who advocated for the millage increase pledged that they would attempt to provide the current level of services and maintain the recommended fund balance without levying the entire millage rate authorized by the Charter Amendment. He remarked that economic times are better, but people are still struggling. Briggs was comfortable staying with the plan laid out three years ago when the Charter Amendment was passed. He mentioned budget items that need work including public safety overtime issues, resolution of the building department operation, and opportunities to share services with other communities. This budget represents a balanced approach between maintaining revenue with the same millage rate used last year, paying down debt in a timely manner, adding funds to the Village's OPEB liability, continued contributions to the pension fund, as well as increasing funding to community organizations that provide residents with important services.

Burry commented that the maximum allowed millage rate of 2.1 mills will sunset in eight years. He hopes the economy continues to improve so the Village can provide the same level of service and pay its debts without going back to the people and asking for a millage increase in the future. Burry remarked that he will support the budget as presented.

Mercer thanked administration for their work on the budget. He added that his colleagues have spent many hours reviewing and deliberating over this budget during the last month. Mercer commented on the issue before Council to contract with the Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) for its Defined Benefit Plan for management of the PSO retirement fund, which is currently managed by the Retirement Board with the assistance of an investment advisor. A decision has not been made on changing to the MERS Plan, and it is not reflected in the proposed budget. Mercer talked about the operation of the public safety department, events that occurred over the past year, and how the budget will be effected.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2013/2014 FISCAL YEAR VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET**

Motion by Oen, second by Briggs, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE 2013/2014  
BEVERLY HILLS BUDGET**

The Village Council of Beverly Hills has adopted its annual budget for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 in accordance with State law and the Village Charter, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 shall establish the approved appropriation levels for the said fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council does hereby authorize the Village Manager to execute transfers between appropriations provided that each transfer be approved by the Village Council prior to its execution.

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 ADOPTION FO THE 2013/2014 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY MILLS MILLAGE RATE**

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO ADOPT THE 2013 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS BASE TAX RATE  
PLUS ADDITIONAL MILLAGE TO RETIRE DEBT**

The Village Council on May 7, 2013 adopted the 2013/2014 Village Budget, and

The Village Council must adopt a millage rate to be spread on the Village tax roll for 2013, and

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

The proposed 12.4027 mils for operating purposes for the General Fund, Public Safety Fund and Library Fund do not exceed the 12.9184 mils maximum approved by the voters at the November 2, 2010 election.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village Council does hereby approve the total 2013 millage rate for the Village at 13.2784 mils and the 13.2784 millage rate is to be spread as follows:

General Fund.....	1.5843 mils
Public Safety Fund.....	9.9000 mils
Library Fund .....	0.9184 mils
CSO Debt .....	0.8757 mils
Total Millage Rate .....	13.2784 mils

Roll Call Vote:  
 Motion passed (7 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2013/2014 RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER CONSUMPTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
 ESTABLISHING WATER & SEWER RATES**

Each premises within the Village 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 as follows:

Water Consumption	\$	17.16 per 1000 cu ft
Sanitary Sewer O.M. & R		49.19 per 1000 cu ft
Debt Service		<u>5.73</u> per 1000 cu ft
Total	\$	72.08

Sanitary Industrial Waste Control Charge

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly S.O.C.S.D.S.</u>	<u>Quarterly Evergreen/Farmington</u>
5/8"	\$8.85	\$ 26.55
3/4"	13.28	39.84
1"	22.13	66.39
1-1/2"	48.68	146.04
2"	70.80	212.40
3"	128.33	384.99
4"	177.00	531.00
6"	265.50	796.50
8"	442.50	1327.50
10"	619.50	1858.50
12"	708.00	2124.00

Residential Meter Charge

Quarterly meter charge (up to one inch)	\$	6.00
Quarterly meter charge 2"		9.00
Quarterly meter charge 3"		12.00
Quarterly meter charge 4"		15.00

Minimum Charge

Minimum charge per 500 cu ft per quarter for water, sewer OMR, sewer debt and meter charge is:  
 One inch meter or less \$ 42.04

Sewer Only

All sewer-only customers per quarter	\$	136.75 OMR
		<u>15.98</u> Debt Service
	\$	152.73

Effective with all bills mailed after July 1, 2013 and thereafter until changed.



Wilson addressed questions from LaFerriere on the rate schedule. He indicated that the option of going to monthly billing has been discussed by Council and administration. Making that change would require that Council revisit this billing schedule. Wilson affirmed that this is intended to be a revenue neutral rate increase. The Water & Sewer Fund is an enterprise fund designed to cover costs plus depreciation and maintenance of the system. It does not generate revenue.

Tony Lott of 19101 Riverside asked if Council will consider offering dual metering whereby residential customers would have the option of installing an outside meter for sprinkling. Wilson responded that it is an option that is being explored; it would not change the rate structure. The Village would develop a fee for residents who want to purchase an additional meter for their house. Residents would have to undergo plumbing costs.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7- 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2013/2014 CHARGE FOR SERVICES FOR RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Motion by Briggs, second by Oen, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TO ADOPT THE 2013 VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS CHARGES FOR  
SERVICES FOR RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

The Village Council of Beverly Hills has adopted its annual budget for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 in accordance with State law and the Village Charter, and

The Village Council has adopted an appropriations act to provide the authority to incur obligations and expend public funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 shall establish a Charge for Services for Rubbish Collection and Disposal for Residential Customers for the said fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council does hereby authorize the Village Manager to authorize the Township Treasurer to add an annual charge in the amount of \$100 to each residential 2013 tax bill for Rubbish Collection and Disposal.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7 – 0).

**HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK INVOICE**

The item before Council for consideration is an invoice from Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$7,982.09. This item was removed from the list of bills recapped as of April 22, 2013 and considered with the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to allow Council member Kelly to recuse herself from voting on the invoice received from Hubbell, Roth & Clark based on her firm's connection to that consulting engineering firm.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the invoice submitted by Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$7,982.09.

Ayes: Briggs, Burry, LaFerriere, Mercer, Mooney and Oen

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Motion passed (6 yes – 0 no – 1 abstention).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tony Lott on Riverside clarified two points. He did not say he was in favor of reducing public safety workers, and he did not say that the Village should raise taxes.

### **REPORTS – MANAGER**

**Greenfield Closure** – The Village has recently received notice from the Road Commission of Oakland County that sections of Greenfield will be closed between 13 Mile and 14 Mile from May 13 – May 31 for gas line repairs. The Village will be working with RCOC and the contractor to ensure that access to homes is maintained for residents in this area. Northbound through traffic will be detoured to 13 Mile, Southfield, and back to 14 Mile. Southbound through traffic will go west on 14 Mile to Southfield, east to 13 Mile and south on Greenfield.

**Eriy Dam** – Wilson stated that a group of citizens has been circulating a flyer regarding the condition of the Eriy Dam. There are two dams, or spillways, that regulate the flow of the Rouge River and have an impact on the pond at Riverside Park. One of these spillways is the structure known as the Eriy Dam, and it is owned by the Village. The other structure is privately owned.

An assessment was done on the privately owned spillway over the last year, and deficiencies were identified. The DEQ has identified the property owners of this structure and has requested that these homeowners submit a plan for the repair of the structure. It is this privately owned spillway that is in the most serious condition. The Village is working with the DEQ and monitoring the status of the spillway, which could have a significant impact on Riverside Park. The Village hopes to work with those private owners to determine what their plans are for the dam.

Wilson will be working with Public Services Director Meszler and Hubbell, Roth & Clark to provide a comprehensive report on the status of the two structures. The Eriy Dam could use some maintenance work. Council may recall that the Village did look into pursuing grant funding in 2009 for the Eriy Dam for repair and maintenance. This led to contacts from residents saying that the Village was orchestrating a project to “blow up” the dam. Council had made a determination at that time that it would probably consider a special assessment district for impacted property owners if there were significant repairs needed to the Eriy Dam. A report from HRC on the condition and future of both structures and will be presented to Council at the May 21 meeting. Council questions and comments on the Eriy Dam and the privately owned dam were addressed by Wilson.

**GRS Report** – Wilson stated that he received a copy of the Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company actuarial report today, which confirmed that the numbers used for pension costs in the budget were adequate as assumed.

Kelly stated that she received a letter from a resident inquiring about the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP). This individual wanted to know if all the steps are being taken to receive the maximum revenue sharing back from the State. Wilson responded that there are three phases. Phase 1 and 2 have been submitted by the Village; Phase 3 is due on June 1. Those forms and documents will be submitted to the State this month.

### **REPORTS – COUNCIL**

Mooney reminded Council and the community about the Annual Park Clean Up event on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Mooney informed the public that the Village is going to have an important dedication of the veterans memorial monument following the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27. It would be wonderful to have a big turnout for this event.

Oen commented on the responsible and reasonable budget adopted this evening. He related that a public safety officer was instrumental in capturing the individual who robbed the bank at Fourteen Mile and Southfield Road. He commended the Department on their good work.

Briggs announced that the Communications Committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village offices. The Library Board will have a special meeting on Thursday to consider a contract for an architect to provide cost estimates for the renovation and expansion of the Baldwin Public Library. Briggs reminded everyone that the Groves High School Orchestra will hold its first annual Forte 5 K run on Sunday, May 19 starting at 9 a.m. at Beverly Park with registration at 8 am.

Mercer announced that Berkshire Middle School will present its annual play Honk Jr. this weekend, May 9-12. He encouraged residents to attend the Memorial Day Parade and veterans monument dedication ceremony on May 27 in Beverly Park. It will be a moving tribute to our Armed Forces and the men and women who have served this country and who continue to serve.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Motion passed.

**Tim Mercer**  
**Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**