

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

Absent: Mercer

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

President Pro-Tem Briggs 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. Scout Ethan Webster from Troop 1024 led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Southfield Township Clerk Sharon Tischler announced that applications for absentee ballots are available for the November election. Applications were mailed to those people who requested them. If anyone is interested in being placed on the permanent absent voter list, they can make the request to the Township Clerk in writing or stop in at the Township office and sign a form.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Burry, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held June 17, 2014.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a joint Council/Parks & Recreation meeting held June 19, 2014
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 30, 2014.
- d. Review and consider resolution for West Nile Virus Fund expense reimbursement.

Motion passed.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER ETHAN WEBSTER'S PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Ethan Webster of 32906 Balmoral introduced himself as a Scout from Troop 1024 who will be a senior at Groves High School next year. He attended the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board with Council on June 19, at which time he presented his Eagle Scout project to establish an erosion protection system on the south side of the sled hill in Beverly Park. Webster described the project and noted changes in the plans made at the suggestion of Mr. Kondak from the Park Board and others.

Webster related that the Parks and Recreation Board passed a motion at their June meeting to recommend that Council approve this Eagle Scout project for sled hill improvements and that the Village provide the necessary soil for the work and a financial contribution for supplies.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Beverly Hills Council approve the Eagle Scout Project proposed by Ethan Webster for sled hill improvements and that the Village provide the necessary soil to fill the gully on the south side of hill. Council authorizes a financial contribution in an amount not to exceed \$500 to Ethan Webster and Troop 1024 for project materials.

Wilson stated that funding would come from Parks & Recreation-Repair & Maintenance to Park.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

A subcommittee of Council chaired by Oen met at 7:15 pm to consider applications to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Member Nanci Freedman did not seek reappointment. It was the unanimous decision of the subcommittee to recommend the appointment of Antonia Grinnan for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to appoint Antonia Grinnan to the position of Planning Commission member for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

LaFerriere made the first announcement of one full member vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2017 and one alternate member vacancy on the ZBA for a term to expire on June 30, 2015. The deadline for receiving applications for these positions is Friday, July 25, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3, 2014**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,800 to the City of Birmingham for the July 3, 2014 Fireworks Display at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY AS NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH**

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

**Village of Beverly Hills Resolution  
National Recreation and Parks Month**

**Whereas,** Parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society, and

**Whereas,** parks and recreation creates lifelines and continued life experiences for older members of our community, and

**Whereas,** generating opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun recreational pursuits, and

**Whereas,** park and recreation agencies provide outlets for physical activities, socializations, and stress reducing experiences, and

**Whereas,** parks, playgrounds, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make communities attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit in a manner that contributes to our ongoing economic vitality, and

**Whereas,** parks, greenways, and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast paced, high-tech lifestyles while simultaneously protecting and preserving our natural environment and,

**Whereas,** parks and recreation agencies touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the entire community, which positively impacts upon the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Village of Beverly Hills proclaims July as Recreation and Parks Month and encourages all citizens to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles by participating in their choice of recreation and park activities.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER FINAL PAYMENT TO LANZO TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGIES FOR 2013 COMBINED SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Before Council for consideration is the final payment request in the amount of \$12,550.00 for Lanzo Trenchless Technologies for the 2013 Combined Sewer Rehabilitation Program. The contractor has completed the necessary restoration for this project and has submitted the paperwork to close out the contract. The contract bid amount was \$116,731.00, and the final contract total was \$100,121.00; the project was \$16,610.00 under budget.

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve the final payment to Lanzo Trenchless Technologies for the 2013 Combined Sewer Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$12,550.00 with funds from account #592-537-974.09.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, WATER SERVICE, OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE**

At its May 20, 2014 meeting, Council approved a three year contract for cross-connection inspection services. Michigan Law requires municipalities with public water systems to file a cross-connection monitoring report with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality with a certified inspector. Public Services Director Tom Meszler recommended that the Village amend Chapter 7 of the Village Municipal Code, Water Services, in order to update cross connection issues related to the public water supply.

Village Attorney Tom Ryan conducted the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7, Water Service, Village Municipal Code. He outlined the content and meaning of each paragraph in the proposed ordinance amendment. Copies of this ordinance amendment in its entirety are available for public review at the Village offices. The second reading of this ordinance will take place at the July 15, 2014 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court had questions on the ordinance amending Chapter 7, Water Service on the topic of cross connections, which were addressed by Manager Wilson.

**REPORTS – MANAGER**

**Metamora Paving** – The Metamora paving project has begun with preliminary work this week. HRC was able to contact residents affected by this work. Construction is scheduled to begin on July 7. The project scope is a complete rebuild of the concrete street on Metamora that previously received an asphalt overlay. In addition, there are a few sections of existing concrete that will be replaced. The project should take four weeks to complete including roughly one week for the concrete to cure. One lane of traffic will be maintained during the project. The Village has been able to maintain good communication with the Homeowners Association and is appreciative of their efforts.

**SAW Grant Work** – The Village is in receipt of the approval letter from the State for its Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant award. Administration has been coordinating efforts with Oakland County to begin work on cleaning and inspecting various sections of the sewer system. This work will begin in about two weeks.

**Health Care Changes** – The Village has notified all retirees receiving health care through the Village of changes to their coverage that will become effective July 15th. All policies for active employees and retirees are being altered due to the need for all policies to become compliant with the Affordable Care Act. BCBS and our agent of record, IBEX, have been working with the Village to provide a plan that most closely matches our previous packages. For active employees, the Village also had to evaluate revised plans for compliance with PA 152 hard cap limits. Wilson has provided Council with summaries of the plans covering the majority of active employees and retirees.

**Outside Water Meters** – Residents who are interested in a separate outside meter for sprinkling will need to obtain a plumbing permit from the City of Royal Oak. Once a plumbing permit has been issued the resident or their contractor will need to present the permit to the Village and

request a second meter. The Village will provide a template to the plumber to set up the plumbing. A water shut off will also need to be scheduled. Once the plumbing is completed the resident can schedule an appointment with the Village for the installation of the new meter. Residents will be responsible for the permit and plumbing costs. In addition, initial meter charges for 5/8" and 3/4" meters will be \$133. For 1" meters the initial charge will be \$209. Fixed meter charges of \$6 per month will apply and the outside meters will be subject to minimum billings during the winter.

**Pension Actuarial Report** – Wilson reported the highlights of the Pension Actuarial Report received last week. He related that all of the Village pension funds managed through MERS are 100% funded in pension accounts for General Administration and Public Safety. The Village is in a well funded position. Wilson and Finance Director Wiszowaty will be working with MERS to review internal concerns regarding employee classifications. Wilson addressed questions from Council on this topic.

**Office Closed** – Village Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Trash collection will not be interrupted.

Kelly informed Wilson that, while walking over the bridge at Riverside Park, she observed that the sidewalk and bridge are in a state of disrepair. Wilson will have the bridge and sidewalk looked at.

#### **REPORTS – COUNCIL**

Council members wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mooney commented that it came to his attention that the Southfield Township Treasurer's office has received several calls from residents regarding an increase in the trash collection fee in their tax bills. He was told that residents have a positive response when they learn that the increase is due to the upcoming curbside leaf collection service.

Mooney stated that Council held its annual meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board on June 19. There was some discussion about a long-term plan for regular maintenance of Beverly Park and possible capital improvements. If there are no objections from Council, Mooney plans to confer with members of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Village Manager or Assistant Manager relative to drafting a park maintenance plan with cost estimates for the consideration of Council before the end of the summer.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion passed.

**Walter Briggs**  
**President Pro-Tem**

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

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