

Present: President Peddie; President Pro-Tem Abboud; Members: George, Hrydziuszko, Mooney, Mueller, and Nunez

Absent: None

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

Peddie 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.

### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

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

Motion passed.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Wegert, Westlady Drive, believes that newly constructed homes in his neighborhood are contributing to the drainage problems the neighbors are experiencing.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Nunez, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved as published.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held December 3, 2019.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 9, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER MERS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE FOR LEE DAVIS**

Public Safety Sergeant Lee Davis has petitioned the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) about purchasing additional service credit relative to his defined benefit program. This service credit purchase would be for a period of forty-eight (48) months. Sgt Davis has already met the 10-year vesting requirement for the Village. Sgt. Davis has reviewed the terms of this purchase agreement with Village Administration and I am confident that he understands the terms and risks involved. The cost to Sgt. Davis for this service credit purchase is \$128,791.00. There is no cost to the Village. As a vested employee, were Sgt. Davis to leave before his eligible retirement date he would not be eligible for a refund of these monies. His retirement would be deferred until he reached age of retirement eligibility.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, that by Resolution of its Governing Body, at its meeting on December 17, 2019, as provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the employer's policy, the employer hereby authorizes the participant named above to make a service credit purchase from MERS as described above. The employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and the actuarial experience will affect the true cost of the additional service to the employer. The calculation assumptions are outlined above and the employer understands and agrees it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER MERS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE FOR ROBERT FISHER**

Public Safety Officer Robert Fisher has petitioned the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) about purchasing additional service credit relative to his defined benefit program. This service credit purchase would be for a period of sixty (60) months. PSO Fisher has already met the 10-year vesting requirement for the Village and is currently retirement eligible. PSO Fisher has reviewed the terms of this purchase agreement with Village Administration and he understands the terms and risks involved. The cost to PSO Fisher for this service credit purchase is \$144,123.00. There is no cost to the Village.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, that by Resolution of its Governing Body, at its meeting on December 17, 2019, as provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the employer's policy, the employer hereby authorizes the participant named above to make a service credit purchase from MERS as described above. The employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and the actuarial experience will affect the true cost of the additional service to the employer. The calculation assumptions are outlined above and the employer understands and agrees it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER MERS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE FOR KEVIN KOWALIK**

Public Safety Sergeant Kevin Kowalik has petitioned the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) about purchasing additional service credit relative to his defined benefit program. This service credit purchase would be for a period of twelve (12) months. This would exhaust all the generic service credit that Mr. Kowalik would be able to purchase. This serviced credit purchase time is not eligible to count towards vesting. Sgt. Kowalik is not yet vested and would not be vested until 2022. He has been advised of this stipulation. Administration met with Sgt. Kowalik to discuss the terms of this service credit and the costs and risks to him and he understands the risks involved and is making an informed decision. The cost to Sgt. Kowalik for this service credit purchase is \$25,950.00. There is no cost to the Village. Were Mr. Kowalik to separate from

the Village before he was vested and eligible for a retirement benefit in the future he would be entitled to a refund of these funds, without interest.

Motion by Mooney, second by Mueller, that by Resolution of its Governing Body, at its meeting on December 17, 2019, as provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the employer's policy, the employer hereby authorizes the participant named above to make a service credit purchase from MERS as described above. The employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and the actuarial experience will affect the true cost of the additional service to the employer. The calculation assumptions are outlined above and the employer understands and agrees it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

### **SET COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSION DATE FOR JANUARY 2020**

Village Council needs to select a date for the 2020 Strategy Session. Traditionally, this meeting is held on a Saturday morning. In 2019, the meeting was held on Saturday, January 5. This meeting is not televised. At the regular meeting of December 3, 2019, the Council agreed to select a date for the 2020 meeting at the December 17 meeting. The Village Council set the date of January 11, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for their annual strategy session meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Southfield Rd. Speed Initiative** – In November there was a joint meeting of administrators from the cities of Lathrup Village and Southfield and the Village of Beverly Hills to discuss the status of Southfield Rd. I was unable to attend but President Peddie attended on behalf of the Village. Out of this meeting came a proposal for a multi-jurisdictional enforcement effort to reduce speeding and speed related incidents. The City of Lathrup Village has led the initiative and developed a plan for a three-month program to increase speed patrols and awareness of the dangers of speeding to the community. The Village has agreed to participate in the pilot program. The program area will cover Southfield Rd. from 9 Mile to 14 Mile and will commence on December 15th. A joint press release from all three communities will be forthcoming to announce the initiative. Data will be collected and reported back to the elected boards at the end of the pilot program. **Yard Waste Collection** – There will be one final week of yard waste collection, the week of December 16th. Curbside yard waste collection will end as of this week. The compost facility currently being used in Madison Heights will close after the holidays. Residents with yard waste will be able to drop it off at the MRF facility on Coolidge after Christmas.

**Christmas Tree Chipping** – Christmas tree chipping will begin the week of Monday, January 6. Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection and disposal. Please make sure that trees are free of decorations and tinsel and not wrapped in plastic.

**Water System Materials Inventory** – Village Administration has been working on the Preliminary Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI) for submission to EGLE (formerly

DEQ) by the end of the year. The purpose of the DSMI is to identify the type of material used in residential service lines and assist in the formulation of a plan to remove all service lines indicated to be made of or containing lead. The Village has identified 4,371 separate water service lines. To date over 3,000 service connections have been positively confirmed to be made of copper. Two (2) have been identified as being made of lead and one (1) is recorded as being made of cast iron, which could potentially have lead components. Our two known lead connections are included in our regular testing samples. Samples taken at these homes have not shown evidence of lead contamination of the drinking water. Nevertheless, these two connections will be replaced in the coming year. Village Administration is in the process of reviewing the available information we do have on the remaining 1300 lines that we do not have accurate construction records to see which of these can be eliminated as a likely location of a lead service line. This can be done through analysis of the date of construction or connection to the public water system or through other Village records. The remaining service lines that cannot be eliminated as a potentially having a lead service line will be selected for further examination in the future per EGLE guidelines. Any resident or homeowner who believes they may have a lead service line can call the Village Office to inquire about their service line material. We will review all requests against available records and make site inspections where necessary with the approval of the property owner.

**Water Use Trends** – I have included for your review a report from SOCWA General Director Jeff McKeen on water use amongst all SOCWA communities. SOCWA has been monitoring water sales during the month of November for many years. November has been used as a benchmark month due to little impact from outdoor water use, fewer water main breaks, and prior to many residents departing for the winter season. 2019 saw a decrease of 3.9% in water sales across all SOCWA communities. Within the Village, November water sales were down about 6.7% from the previous year. Water sales do fluctuate from year to year. However, since 2001, SOCWA water sales for November are down almost 35%. Water sales overall in the Village are down almost 40% for the same time period. There are a lot of theories as to why residential consumption continues to decline. These theories range from the introduction of newer appliances that use much less water, discretionary use declining as commodity prices increase, and decreased consumption of municipal water for consumption in favor of bottled water. This is a trend worth monitoring as continued decreases in water use volumes will inevitably put pressure on water and sewer rates.

**Offices Closed** – Village offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will also be closed on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.

Dave Byra, who worked for many years as the Village Building Inspector, passed away.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

All members of Council wished the residents a very happy holiday season. They also extended their sympathies to the family of Dave Byra.

Motion by Mooney, second by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Motion passed.

**Lee Peddie**  
**Council President**

**Kristin Rutkowski**  
**Village Clerk**

**Elizabeth M. Lyons**  
**Recording Secretary**