

Present: President Mooney; President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Kelly, Mueller and Oen

Absent: None

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

Council President Mooney 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. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Representative Jeremy Moss was present to talk about his office at the State Capitol and provide information on how people can access him. He related that committee assignments were given by the Speaker of the House, noting that each committee has a Republican Chairman and a Democratic Vice Chairman. Moss has been named the Democratic Vice Chairman of the Michigan House of Representatives' Local Government Committee. He looks forward to working in a bipartisan way to assist Beverly Hills and the district as a whole. Moss was also placed on the House Commerce and the Regulatory Reform committees. Moss was appointed as the assistant Democratic Floor Leader where he will be keeping an eye on the House floor as bills are debated.

Moss provided background information on the staff that will assist him and the citizens of the 35th district. Jennie Gies, legislative director, has developed public policy in the legislature for over nine years. Present in the audience was Jason Hoskins, district director. He is a recent law school graduate who worked in the legislature for former State Rep. Rudy Hobbs.

Residents can contact Jeremy Moss by email at jeremymoss@house.mi.gov or call him at his office (517-373-1788). Moss said that he is looking forward to being as effective as possible for the next two years. Council members welcomed State Representative Jeremy Moss and expressed appreciation at his attendance at a Beverly Hills Council meeting. Council looks forward to working with him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Oen, second by Delaney, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held January 10, 2015.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting of January 20, 2015.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, January 26, 2015.
- d. Set public hearing date of March 3, 2015 on request from Timothy Patrick Homes for cluster concept qualification and development plan for a cluster option development at 19600 W. 13 Mile Road.
- e. Set public hearing date of March 3, 2015 on a request from Mentag Development for a private road at 31805 Evergreen Road.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A subcommittee of Council met at 7:15 pm prior to tonight’s meeting to review one application and recommend the appointment of a candidate to fill an alternate member vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was the consensus of the subcommittee to recommend appointment of Karen Mitchell as an alternate member of the Zoning Board.

Motion by Oen, second by Delaney, to appoint Karen Mitchell to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member with a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK INVOICES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 27, 2014

Motion by Oen, second by Mueller, to allow Council member Kelly to abstain from voting on the invoices received from Hubbell, Roth & Clark based on the financial relationship of her employer with the vendor.

Motion passed.

Motion by Oen, second by Delaney, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the invoices submitted by Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$15,967.45 for the period ending December 27, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Abboud, Delaney, Mooney, Mueller, Oen, Peddie
Nays - None
Abstain - Kelly

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Wilson reported on the snow event that occurred on Sunday, February 1 ending Monday morning. At least 12-14 inches fell in the area with drifting snow. The Village office was closed on Monday due to the significant accumulation of snow. The DPW crew worked throughout the snowfall to make the major roads and most secondary roads passable by Monday morning. They were able to clear all subdivision and residential streets during the day on Monday. There will be continued cleanup going on throughout the week.

Wilson said that a snow emergency was declared in Beverly Hills on Saturday from midnight on Sunday through 6 pm on Monday. There was good cooperation throughout the community; only a few citations were issued for cars that had not been removed from the roadway.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council members commended Comeau Equipment Company for doing an excellent job of snow removal during the recent snow event. Oen commended the Public Safety Department emphasizing how useful the new Tahoe vehicles were during this snowfall in terms of reaching their destination and rendering aid to individuals. There were four medical runs in the Village that occurred before the streets were plowed.

Abboud informed Council that he applied for and received the 2015 Tim Doyle Scholarship to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender on February 20-21 in Frankenmuth. The scholarship is for registration to attend the training. The focus of the program was on selecting primarily newly elected officials. Abboud related that Tim Doyle passed away in 2008; as an Elected Officials Academy (EOA) board member, he was an ardent supporter of elected official's training. The EOA board resolved that Tim Doyle be honored through an educational scholarship program.

Delaney reminded residents to lock their cars. Chief Torongeau commented on valuables being taken from vehicles that are unlocked.

Kelly stated that a subcommittee consisting of herself, Peddie, and Mueller are proceeding to work with Administration to review sewer and water rates. A report to Council will be forthcoming.

Oen mentioned that the Village received an administrative grant from the Birmingham Area Cable Board in the amount of \$45,000.

Peddie reported that Baldwin Public Library received a grant from the Birmingham Area Cable Board for the purpose of updating their website. The Friends of the Library will sponsor a Spring Book Sale at the Baldwin Library from May 1-4. Donations of gently used books will be appreciated.

Peddie stated that she attended an award ceremony recently for three young men from Beverly Hills who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout: Ethan Webster, Leonard Trotta and Clark Kingston. It was an impressive event; Peddie congratulated these scouts from Troop 1024.

Mooney thanked Representative Moss for being present at tonight's Council meeting. It was an honor to have him here.

Mooney related that the Village is about to face some serious changes in water and sewer charges. Consideration will have to be given to how the Village is billing for its fixed costs for delivery of water to each home. Water consumption has gone down. There is a need to reconfigure how residents will be charged for access to water and sewer in order to collect a sufficient amount of money to maintain water and sewer service for the community. This will involve restructuring of rates and a different mechanism of billing. A subcommittee of Council is working with Administration on formulating a water and sewer rate structure and working on a communication plan to inform the residents of increased water rates from the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Motion by Oen, second by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Motion passed.

John Mooney
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary