

Present: President Mooney; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Mueller, Nunez and Oen

Absent: Peddie

Also Present: Manager, Wilson
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

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.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

President Mooney declared the public hearing open at 7:32 pm to receive comments on the Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District.

Richard Thomas, of Emile Salon, submitted the following written comments. ‘Hedges are quite unattractive. Dead areas, overgrown onto sidewalk even when trimmed. The grade is high by the sidewalk so when mulch is applied it gets all over the sidewalk. There are quite a few inexpensive options with varying leaf colors that would give Southfield a much needed beautiful look. He would be more than happy to assist in any way possible.’

Oen commented about the hedges being overgrown near Bed, Bath & Beyond.

No one wished to be heard; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:34 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 7, 2017.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, February 20, 2017.
- c. Review and consider 2016 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD FOR EVERGREEN ROAD RESURFACING BETWEEN 11 MILE AND 13 MILE ROADS

Wilson explained that the Village has been working with the City of Southfield regarding a resurfacing project for Evergreen Road from the intersection of 13 Mile south to the Village limits. This is part of a larger construction project for Evergreen from 11 Mile to 13 Mile and also includes the City of Lathrup Village. The City of Southfield has taken the lead in designing and bidding the project and will oversee construction and inspection. The three communities were able to secure federal funding for this project. The anticipated total project cost is \$4,031,328 of which \$2,488,935 is being covered by federal aid. The Village's portion is estimated at \$862,532, with \$295,713 being covered by federal funds leaving the Village responsible for \$567,819.

The scope of the project includes reconstruction of the intersection at Evergreen and 13 Mile and north through the radius of the intersection as well as an upgrade to all traffic signs at this intersection. The roadway will be milled and repaved along with improvements to the existing ditches along Evergreen to improve drainage. Bike lanes are being added along Evergreen between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid April with the road being completely reopened to traffic by November 1 of this year.

Dan's Excavating has been awarded the bid.

Wilson responded to questions concerning scheduling, and clarified that bike lanes will be installed on each side of Evergreen.

Walter Briggs, Reedmere, expressed gratitude for this project.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, be it resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council approves a Cost Participation Agreement with the cities of Southfield and Lathrup Village for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road from the intersection of 13 Mile south to the Village limits. Funds are available in account 202-451-810.10.

Roll call vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS HOURS OF PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL

Delaney stated there have been a number of complaints from people about empty solid waste containers not being removed in a timely manner after collection. He and Nunez met with the Village Code Officer regarding the enforcement of the solid waste code. Mueller commented that often times after an offender is reminded of the rules, they comply for a short time, but then revert to non-compliance.

Oen suggested the *Villager* newsletter have a front page article about the rules and send the same information to Homeowner Associations to include in their newsletters. Perhaps a first and second notice could be issued and if no response a ticket could be issued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Walter Briggs, Reedmere, thanked Council and administration for their efforts. He acknowledged that everyone works hard and that it is not always recognized. Briggs also commented about Ann Arbor's yard waste/composting program.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Water and Sewer Line Warranty Program – Residents should be receiving letters from the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program. Council agreed to participate in this program last year. Residents who choose to enroll in the program will receive coverage through Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) and not the Village. Programs are available to cover a homeowner's water lead, sewer lateral, and interior water lines. Other companies offer similar insurance programs. Residents are still free to purchase similar coverage through companies and those who have done so will not have their policies altered through the Village's participation in this program.

DTE Communications Regarding Power Outage – Village Administration received follow up communication from DTE regarding a scheduled power outage that occurred in early December. The scheduled outage disabled many street lights, some traffic signals, and residences on the east side of the Village. Some residents were notified of the scheduled outage, but many were not including the Village Office and Public Safety Department. DTE informed the Village that their protocol in such situations is to notify all impacted homeowners for whom they have telephone or e-mail contact information. They do not have this information for all residential accounts. Historically, they have not included local government offices or public safety agencies in the impacted community when a planned outage is scheduled. DTE was appreciative of Wilson's outreach regarding this oversight and they will be modifying their procedures in the future to include the local municipality and police department in instances where traffic signals will be impacted by a planned outage.

Village Recognition – The Village of Beverly Hills was recently named by Simplemost as the best community in Michigan to buy a home. In addition, the Village was recently named by Wallethub as the 3rd best community in Michigan to raise a family as well as having the lowest rate of violent crime for any community over 10,000 population in the state.

Wilson addressed Delaney's inquiry regarding repair of the Erity Dam and the Evergreen Road Resurfacing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Nunez attended the February Parks & Recreation Board meeting where a project list was developed and discussed. He also attended the joint Planning Commission/Council. He encouraged Council members to drive through areas of the Village that they do not normally visit.

Mueller thanked Nunez for attending the Parks & Recreation Board meeting in his absence.

Abboud reported that the Planning Commission has suggested liaisons be appointed from the various boards to attend Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks & Recreation and Planning Commission meetings to improve communication between the various boards. He commented

that the Planning Commission is reviewing a residential fencing ordinance and a tree ordinance. He is very pleased with the office renovations. Abboud will be attending the MML Capital Conference in March.

Delaney attended the February 15, 2017 Cable Board meeting and cautioned everyone to carefully review the charges on their monthly cable bill. He also remarked about the Next Board meeting that was held today. The Next Board determined that a community liaison, such as himself, is not a voting member. He complimented both the Cable Board and Next for being well run. He reiterated the importance of ordinances and enforcement.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion passed.

John Mooney
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk