

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
Public Safety Director, Torongeau
Village Attorney, Ryan

Peddie called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road and virtually via Zoom per Executive Order 2020-154. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held July 21, 2020.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, August 3, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

RECEIVE AND FILE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FROM DIRECTOR DOUG KOSCHIK

Baldwin Public Library Director Doug Koschik gave a presentation to the Council. The update included an overview of Baldwin Library services and usage. The presentation highlighted Baldwin's collaboration with the Village of Beverly Hills in community events such as the annual Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, Read in the Park, and Halloween Hoot. Koschik discussed Baldwin's response to COVID-19 and the Face Shield Project. He also highlighted the Youth Services expansion that took place this year which includes floor-to-ceiling windows, more tables and seating, and a play area. Koschik encouraged Beverly Hills residents to continue to use the services that Baldwin Public Library offers.

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the Village Council hereby receives and files the Baldwin Public Library annual report.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Michigan Municipal League is hosting its Annual Convention virtually on September 29-October 2, 2020. The League's Annual Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th.

Pursuant to the provisions of the League Bylaws, the Village must designate by action of its governing body one of its officials who will be in attendance at the Convention as its official representative to cast the vote of the municipality at the Annual Meeting, and, if possible, to designate an alternate voting delegate as well.

Motion by Mooney, second by Mueller, be it resolved that the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills hereby appoints President Pro-tem Rock Abboud as its voting delegate for the 2020 Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting and appoints Village Manager Chris Wilson as its alternate voting delegate.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

13 Mile Rd. Update – Work began Friday on the intersection of 13 Mile and Southfield Rd. There were some issues this morning as one lane had to be tied up for the removal of pavement. The signed detour routes are back functioning as intended. Weather permitting, the work in this intersection should be completed by Sunday evening with the intersection access restored by no later than Monday morning. However, we are monitoring a weather system that could be rain on Sunday afternoon or evening. Work along the rest of the project has progressed well. I will update further on Tuesday evening.

Public Safety Parking Lot – As Council will recall we are in the process of repairing the parking lots at the Public Safety Building due to disrepair. The project scope involved removal of the surface asphalt and repaving. Upon removal of the asphalt it was discovered that the concrete base and subbase were in worse condition than anticipated. Simply paving over these surfaces would have resulted in premature deterioration of the pavement. For both the east public parking lot and the northwest lot we had to remove the concrete base some of the clay soils underneath and replace with stone to form a proper base to pave over. Some additional drainage was also required to be installed. The contractor has moved as quickly as possible on this additional work to try and alleviate pressure on the Village parking lot in anticipation of the Tuesday Primary Election. Obviously, there are some logistical issues and moving pieces, but the condition of the base materials was such that we could not justify the expense of paving over that knowing the issues it

would cause in the future. Funds for this additional work will be allocated from the Capital Projects fund and I will forward along anticipated expenses as they are known.

Executive Order 2020-160 – Governor Whitmer has issued Executive Order 2020-160, effective as of Friday, July 31st. Amongst other provisions, this Executive Order re-establishes a limit of ten (10) persons for indoor gatherings. I have consulted with Village Attorney Ryan and it does appear that this limit applies to public bodies. Accordingly, the Village will continue with a virtual option for our regular meetings. Any member who wishes to attend virtually via Zoom may do so. This will help stay under the limit of 10 at any time in the Council Chambers. Mr. Ryan has agreed to participate virtually to help stay under this limit. If any member is not going to be unable to attend or plans to participate virtually please let either me or Clerk Rutkowski know.

Joint Senior Services Commission – As reported previously, the Joint Senior Services Commission has continued to meet in an effort to put together a framework for the provision of services to our senior population in the Village as well as the City of Birmingham and the Villages of Bingham Farms and Franklin. A draft document is being put together by the legal counsel for the City of Birmingham and should be available for preliminary review and discussion by potential member communities soon. Upon receiving a draft, I will provide a copy to Mr. Ryan for his input and review and then forward along to Council for input and discussion. Former Council Members and NEXT Board Members Jim Delaney, Dorothy Pfeifer and Greg Burry have been active members of this joint commission.

Riverside Pond – The Village has received some complaints and questions about Riverside Pond. There are an abundance of lily pads in the pond at this time. The cause of this is the dry conditions of the summer and low flow from the Rouge River into this pond and over the spillway. This causes the water in the pond to become stagnant and, along with the heat and sunshine of the summer, creates the perfect conditions for algae and lily ponds. With the wet conditions of the past few years this has not been an issue, but it has become an issue this year. Inquiries have been made about doing some type of treatment for the lily pads, but the options here are limited as this pond is not a closed system but part of the Rouge River water way and you are not allowed to introduce such substances into a river system. Precipitation and increased water flow eventually resolve the issue.

2020 Census – There is still time for Village residents to respond to the 2020 census if you haven't done so already at <https://my2020census.gov/>. As of the end of July the Village had a response rate of 88.4%. This was third highest in the State of Michigan and 40th nationwide.

Condolences – Wilson sent his condolences on behalf of the Village to the family and colleagues of Sergeant Steven Splan from the Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

George, as the Education Liaison, talked about the difficult decisions everyone in the school community has to make surrounding the ever-changing COVID-19 situation.

Abboud congratulated two individuals on their recent employment opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peddie, second by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Motion passed.

Lee Peddie
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk