

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, O’Gorman, and Peddie
All members participated remotely via Zoom from Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Absent: None

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

George called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held December 1, 2020.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 7, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VACANCY ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD

There is a vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a partial term ending June 30, 2023.

To date, the Village has not received any applications to fill the vacancy, so the deadline has been extended to December 28, 2020 with the intention of making the appointment at the following regular Village Council meeting.

All interested and eligible residents of Beverly Hills are encouraged to apply to become a member of the Cable Board. Applications are available on the Village website or by emailing the Village Clerk at krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com. Applications may be submitted via email, regular

mail, or using the drop box located outside of the Village office (18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025).

The Cable Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. The Board is currently meeting remotely via Zoom.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO PURCHASE RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Wilson provided an overview. The Public Safety Department utilizes Harris radio equipment to communicate between officers and dispatch. Beverly Hills participates in a local agreement with Oakland County to operate on a network, replace and service existing equipment. The Harris radio equipment has reached the end of its life cycle. Harris no longer manufactures or repairs the equipment and new parts are unavailable. In 2019 Oakland County entered into a contract with Motorola to build a new network and replace existing equipment. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

Oakland County has agreed to cover the cost of replacing 80 percent of our existing radio equipment. Beverly Hills is responsible for the remaining 20 percent. Motorola has offered an additional 10 percent off the purchase price if a municipality agrees to purchase the equipment on or before 12/16/20. Motorola provided the attached quote which reflects the 10% savings (\$4,762.14). Motorola has agreed to extend the 5-year warranty from the date the equipment is placed in service. The quote reflects the State of Michigan contract (190000001544) pricing.

It is recommended the Village Council approve this purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for radio equipment in the amount of \$47,621.35.

Motion by Peddie, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. 1301 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60196 for radio equipment in the amount of \$47,621.35. The funds are available in account 205.345.981.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH WIDOPENWEST MICHIGAN, LLC DBA WOW INTERNET CABLE PHONE

Ryan provided an overview of the Local Franchise Agreement with WOW Internet Cable Phone. The attorney for the Birmingham Area Cable Board also reviewed the agreement.

Motion by George, second by Mooney to renew the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with WideOpen West Michigan.

WHEREAS, the previous Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with WideOpen West and the Village of Beverly Hills has expired.

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2020, WideOpen West Michigan, LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation doing business as WOW Internet Cable Phone, (WOW) filed its Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement (Agreement) with the Village of Beverly Hills (Franchise Entity) to renew the Agreement for a 10 year period; and,

WHEREAS, Notice of Completeness of the Agreement was provided by the Village of Beverly Hills to WOW on December 9, 2020, the 10th business day after receiving the above referenced Agreement and Attachment, in compliance with Section 3(2) of the Act; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the inclusion of a 5% Franchise Fee pursuant to Section V1 A II and a 2% PEG Fee pursuant to Section VIII A. 2 of gross revenues, the Village Council approves the renewal of the Franchise Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager and Village Clerk shall sign the Agreement on behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

DISCUSS LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

George provided an overview of the Council liaison assignments for various Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

TOPICS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. SEWER AND WATER DRAINAGE DISCUSSION

George provided an overview of the new “Council Discussion” section to be included on the agenda at the first meeting of each month. The intention is to map out the discussion and figure out responsibilities and restraints regarding sewer and water drainage. Other discussion items will be included each month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Flaherty, Beechwood, thanked Council for placing the sewer discussion item on the agenda.

Judy Jones, Beverly Hills, thanked Council for reopening the Beverly Park playground and said the Park is a wonderful facility. She thanked Council for placing the sewer discussion item on the agenda.

Kathleen Tootell, Kirkshire, suggested having citizen participation in the sewer discussion. She also talked about rain gardens and reviving a gardening club.

Mike Donovan, Bedford, commented about rain barrels.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Joint Senior Services Agreement – Wilson provided Council a copy of a draft agreement from the Joint Senior Services Agreement as drafted earlier this year for review. This agreement would formalize an arrangement between the Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, the City of Birmingham and Birmingham Public Schools for the provision services to the areas Senior

Citizens. It would establish a Board of the member municipalities to oversee the provision of Senior Services in our communities. It would not replace the NEXT Board. It would be the intent of the Board to continue to utilize NEXT in its current form to provide services to our senior citizens. Through adopting this agreement, the member communities would formalize our funding and participation in the provision of senior services beyond or current levels or commitment and participation which are subject to the annual budget process of the governing body in each member community. It is my understanding that the Village of Franklin will take up this agreement at their meeting on December 14th. If there are not objections, I would like to bring this forward for Council's consideration at the meeting of January 5th. I would be happy to address any questions.

Village Operations During Current COVID Regulations – As I am sure you are aware, the previous 3 week set of COVID regulations implemented by the Michigan Department of Health has been extended through Sunday, December 20th. The Village has already modified its office schedule and is prepared to do so through the end of the month if so required. Village Staff has been able to maintain normal operations throughout this period. I expect the Legislature to make some decision regarding meetings of public bodies beginning January 1, 2021 should the existing regulations be extended beyond the end of this month. I will update Council as soon as these changes are known.

Office Holiday Schedule – Village Offices will be completely closed on Thursday and Friday December 24th and 25th as well as Thursday, December 31st and Friday January 1st. Trash service will not be interrupted in the Village over the Holidays.

Yard Waste – The week of December 14th will be the last week of curbside yard waste pickup. Beginning December 21st, SOCRRA will allow residents to bring up to ten (10) bags of yard waste to the SOCRRA facility on Coolidge. This will continue through the end of March. No appointments will be necessary, but residents will need to show ID as this will only be available to residents of SOCRRA communities.

Mooney left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman is comfortable with the new liaison assignments and looks forward to working with the different group such as the Birmingham Youth Assistance.

Kecskemeti thanked George for bringing the water/sewer issue to the agenda and for having a monthly discussion section. She thanked residents to taking time to attend meetings. She said there are small things residents can do to help mitigate water/sewer issues.

Abboud talked about the Senior Advisory meetings and goals for 2021. He gave updates on MML and SEMCOG. He is looking forward to the new liaison assignments. He appreciates residents who are engaged with the community.

Hrydziuszko stated that the Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on December 16, 2020 to receive comments on off-street parking and residential cluster developments. She thanked the Parks & Recreation Board for their work decorating Village parks and setting up the winter decoration installations. She thanked residents for their community involvement. She talked about rain gardens and rain barrels. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

George appreciates Council's eagerness and involvement regarding the liaison assignments. He is looking forward to 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziuszko to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk