

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  
Finance Director, McCarthy

George called the regular Council meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. virtually via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ken Flaherty, Beverly Hills, commented on the public comments procedure and on his concern with lack of sewer backup responses.

Thomas Morrow, Beverly Hills, commented about Hidden Rivers.

Joe Melrose, Beverly Hills, commented about Hidden Rivers.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

George gave an overview of Council member assignments and working groups for each section on the agenda.

Peddie provided an update on the Public Safety Subcommittee. She stated the subcommittee will look at the high-speed chase policy and increasing public involvement.

The Council discussed traffic calming and enforcement. They discussed speeding on Beverly Road. They discussed community events that the Public Safety Department has hosted or could host in the future. They talked about accreditation programs for the department.

Director Torongeau thanked Council for their efforts and support. He thanked the residents for their support. He discussed public engagement, the school liaison, and the accreditation program through the Department of Justice.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

George discussed creating a subcommittee for sidewalks and for sewers and drainage. He talked about the Safe Routes to Schools grant and connecting sidewalks to schools.

Wilson discussed water and sewer infrastructure projects, such as replacing lead service lines.

Mooney stated that some roads were in bad shape. He talked about water mains.

Abboud volunteered to serve on the sidewalk committee. He would like to invite a representative from SEMCOG to speak on this topic.

Keckskemeti talked about a basement backup protection program.

### **FINANCES**

Abboud gave an overview of how the millage funding was used to improve Village finances over the last ten years and how the focus will shift to investing in future infrastructure improvements for the next ten years. He stated that he would like to hear more resident input.

Wilson discussed the dedicated park millage and replacing the Beverly Park playground. He gave an overview of funding for road projects.

The Council discussed funding for sidewalks. They discussed the finance subcommittee coordinating with other working groups regarding their finance questions and needs.

### **LEGAL/CLERK/COUNCIL**

George suggested creating a council desk manual for Council.

Mooney referred everyone to the Village Charter regarding the discussion around a code of conduct or council manual.

Council discussed having geographically balanced Boards and Commissions. They also discussed term limits and diversifying Board/Commission membership.

Council discussed communication and ways to reach more residents.

### **PERSONNEL**

Council discussed that it is ultimately the Village Manager's role to oversee personnel issues and performance evaluations.

Hrydziuszko commented that Code Enforcement has improved over the last few years and she encouraged neighbors to talk to one another before calling Code Enforcement, if possible.

### **PLANNING & ZONING/BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT**

Council discussed planning priorities, Downtown Development plans, the Southfield Road corridor, signs, chicken pilot program, and updating ordinances. They also discussed partnerships with neighboring communities and engagement with Homeowners Associations.

Peddie gave an overview of the proposed tree ordinance and said it would tie into the Building Department permitting process.

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Council discussed the dedicated park millage, pocket parks/open spaces on the east side of the village, planning events for 2022, partnering with other organizations, and buckthorn at Riverside Park.

O'Gorman suggested creating a dog park.

Council discussed Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve and noted that per deed restrictions, improvements cannot be made to the area.

Mooney noted that there are commerce/sales restrictions at Beverly Park.

Mooney and Abboud did not think it was appropriate for private residents to build structures on park property.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Abboud commented on the need for sidewalks near Greenfield Elementary School. He thanked everyone who joined the meeting.

Hrydziuszko stated she was excited about working on these issues and planning goals for future meetings.

George thanked residents and administration for attending this meeting on a Saturday. He appreciates everyone’s work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Roll call vote:

Abboud – No

George – Yes

Hrydziuszko – Yes

Kecskemeti – Yes

Mooney – Yes

O’Gorman – Yes

Peddie – Yes

Motion passed (6-1)

**John George**  
**Council President**

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