

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
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau

George called the regular Village 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 Peddie, be it resolved, the agenda is approved as published.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: UPDATE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN’S OFFICE

Ravynne Gilmore spoke on behalf of Representative Bolden’s office and provided a legislative update. She stated that Bolden would be holding a coffee hour on March 5, 2021 and would be making a tribute to frontline workers. She will be hosting a town hall meeting on March 26, 2021 to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. She stated that March is Women’s History Month and National Reading Month. She gave updates on the judiciary committee pertaining to invitro legislation, sealing arrest records, and probate adjustments. She encouraged residents to visit <https://housedems.com/kyra-bolden> or contact the office via email at kyrabolden@house.mi.gov.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a joint Council/Planning Commission meeting held February 10, 2021.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 16, 2021.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, March 1, 2021.
4. Review and consider authorizing Village Administration to obtain bids for pavement marking contract.

5. Review and consider Parks & Recreation Board’s recommendation to restripe the Beverly Park parking lot.
6. Review and consider Parks & Recreation Board’s recommendation to continue tree decorating installations at Village parks.
7. Review and consider proposal from Jason’s Outdoor Services for landscaping services at Beverly Park.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

President George opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. and no one wished to be heard, so the public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2020 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Wilson provided an overview of the Special Assessment Roll amounts the Southfield Road Business District incurred in 2020, as outlined in the resolution below.

Resolved by Abboud, second by Mooney, that the Southfield Road Business District incurred the following costs for 2020: maintenance \$2,776.92, water costs for the sprinkling system \$0.00, and electric costs for Beverly Hills Grill \$248.41. In addition, each property incurred a 10% administrative fee of \$302.53 altogether. Therefore, the Village of Beverly Hills Councils confirms the Village Business District Assessment Roll for the 2020 season in the total amount of \$3,327.86 as follows:

Beverly Hills Racquet Club	\$766.83
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$299.76
Beverly Hills Grill	\$378.93
C.G. Holdings, LLC	\$219.51
Emile Salon	\$214.34
Taco Bell	\$259.40
31333 Building	\$418.12
Beverly Venture	\$771.00
Rounding	(\$0.03)

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARKS & RECREATION BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND BEVERLY PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Wilson and Rutkowski provided an overview of the proposed pavilion rental fees for the 2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic and group gathering restrictions.

At the February 18, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the Board discussed the gathering restrictions, fees, and the administrative process for changing reservations and issuing refunds.

With these factors in mind, the Board thought it would be best to charge one rate for residents and one rate for non-residents, regardless of the group size for the 2021 season. The intent is to simplify the rental process while COVID-19 group gathering restrictions are in place. In recommending the fees, the Board also took into consideration the increased COVID-19 cleaning protocols.

After consideration, the Parks & Recreation Board unanimously recommended the following Beverly Park Pavilion Rental Rates for the 2021 season:

Residents: \$75/first hour; \$15/hour each additional hour up to 8 hours.

Non-Residents: \$150/first hour; \$30/hour each additional hour up to 8 hours.

\$20 additional fee for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday rentals.

A \$250 damage deposit is required for all rentals.

The Board recommended keeping the regular Village cancellation/refund policy, which is that if a cancellation is made at least two weeks prior to the reservation, a refund of the damage deposit plus 80% of the other fees paid will be granted. If a cancellation is made less than two weeks before the reservation date, only the damage deposit will be refunded.

Furthermore, the Board recommended following the State and/or County guidelines regarding group gathering restrictions that are in place at the time of the reservation. Should a party exceed group gathering restrictions at the pavilion, then the Village would be authorized to withhold the damage deposit.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council amends the Beverly Park Pavilion Rental Rates for the 2021 season as followed:

Residents: \$75/first hour; \$15/hour each additional hour up to 8 hours.

Non-Residents: \$150/first hour; \$30/hour each additional hour up to 8 hours.

\$20 additional fee for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday rentals.

A \$250 damage deposit is required for all rentals.

Be it further resolved, guests at the pavilion must adhere to group gathering restrictions and COVID-19 safety protocols as required by the State, County, and Village. Should a party exceed group gathering limits, the Village is authorized to withhold the renter's damage deposit.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER KENSINGTON CHURCH'S REQUEST TO HOLD EASTER EGG HUNT AT BEVERLY PARK ON MARCH 27, 2021

Administration received a request from Kensington Church to hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Park on Saturday, March 27, 2021. In the past, they begin set up at 9:00 a.m. and are cleaned up by 5:00 p.m. The event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The modified event request was before the Parks & Recreation Board at their February 18, 2021 meeting. Modifications included creating a sign up, limiting the number of people, requiring masks and social distancing, and only having pre-packaged items.

A representative from Kensington Church was not present at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting to answer the Board's questions. The Board appreciates Kensington's involvement in the community, but did express concern due to the pandemic and group gathering restrictions.

The Parks & Recreation Board ultimately unanimously recommended approval of Kensington Church's request to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Park with the stipulations that they bring a detailed plan to the Village Council for review and consideration and that they follow all State and County health guidelines.

The Council was provided with a letter from Kensington and their COVID-19 protocols.

Claire South was in attendance on behalf of Kensington Church in Birmingham and answered questions from the Council. She spoke about the revised plan to host a scavenger hunt throughout Beverly Park instead of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt, which would allow for social distancing. She discussed a sign-up process and contact tracing.

The Council expressed concern over large group gatherings, the sign-up process, contact tracing records, and how to limit the number of attendees participating at once.

Motion by Peddie, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves Kensington Church's request to host a modified Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Park on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and waives the pavilion rental fees provided that a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk's Office prior to the event and with the conditions that: there are no more than 300 attendees, Kensington will keep a count of people entering and exiting, and the list for contact tracing will be maintained with the Village. Be it further resolved, the Village will provide portable restrooms for the event.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESTAURANT RELIEF PROGRAM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY

Wilson provided an overview of Oakland County's Restaurant Relief Program. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement was provided to the Council for review. This program is designed to provide economic relief to restaurants and bars that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners created the Oakland Together Restaurant Relief Program and has allocated \$3 million to Cities, Villages and Townships, (CVT's) throughout Oakland County. These funds are to be distributed to eligible businesses to help offset expenses for weatherization and adapting their operations to outdoor dining.

Oakland County has provided the attached Interlocal Agreement for our review and consideration to participate in the program. The portion of funding that has been allocated to the Village of Beverly Hills is \$9,149.00. The Village will notify eligible Village businesses of this funding opportunity and provide the necessary forms and regulations to apply for funding. Once all applications are received, they will be compiled by Village Administration and recommendations for the allocation of eligible funds will be made to the Village Council. The Village Council will approve all grant funds disbursements.

Village Attorney Tom Ryan has reviewed the attached Interlocal Agreement and found it to be in order. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved this Interlocal Agreement at their meeting of February 4, 2021.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko, be it so resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve and authorize the Village Manager to execute the Restaurant Relief Program Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE’S REQUEST TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AS A RAIN BARREL PICK UP SITE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

The Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) sent out a request to member communities to host a rain barrel sale site in their municipalities this year. The Village of Beverly Hills was one of three sites selected to host the rain barrel sale pick-up in 2021. FOTR is requesting to host a ‘curb-side’ pick-up of pre-ordered rain barrels in coordination with Earth Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Hosting a rain barrel site will support our permit requirements through the Alliance of Rouge Community’s Collaborative Plan. The site will be run by FOTR staff and volunteers. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place during the pick-up event.

FOTR is not requesting any monetary contribution from the Village for this event. They have asked to use Village cones and/or barricades to help with the flow of traffic in the parking lot. They have requested to place temporary FOTR signage at the location to help people identify the location. They have also asked to use the carport as temporary shelter from the elements/weather, if necessary.

Southfield Township has indicated that they do not have any special events scheduled at their office on Saturday, April 24, 2021. The rain barrel event would not interfere with regular Village or Township Office operations.

A letter from FOTR with detailed information and a proposed traffic flow route were provided to the Council for review.

Matthew Bertrand was present on behalf of Friends of the Rouge and provided more information about the pick-up event.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the Friends of the Rouge’s request to use the municipal parking lot located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 as a Rain Barrel Sale Pick-Up Site on Saturday, April 24, 2021 provided that FOTR submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured prior to the event. Be it further resolved, FOTR may place temporary event signs on Village property for the duration of the event.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RIVERSIDE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE REQUEST

Mooney provided an overview of the Riverside Bridge maintenance request. The bridge may be suffering some level of decay. Some of the curb areas seem to be crumbling. Additionally, the façade is suffering from loss of siding and an evaluation should be conducted.

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, Council directs administration to evaluate the structural and aesthetic condition of the Riverside Bridge and report to Council the findings not later than the second Council meeting in April 2021.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

TOPICS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Parks – Planning

Hrydziuszko provided an overview on pocket parks/open spaces in the Village and whether the Council should formally designate any of the spaces as Village parks.

Council discussed beautifying and enhancing some of the public spaces. They discussed the area at Beverly Road and Greenfield Road as a potential starting point and would like resident input.

Keckskemeti commented that these spaces could provide opportunities for green infrastructure, such as rain gardens.

Ryan stated there should be a formal dedication of the space(s) if they are to become Village parks.

2. Memorial Day Parade and Carnival

Hrydziuszko gave a recap of the Parks & Recreation Board's discussion regarding the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival and asked for the sense of Council before the Board moved forward with planning any sort of event. There was an understanding that due to COVID-19 and gathering restrictions, the traditional Parade and Carnival would be difficult to execute and would look much different than events hosted in the past. There were suggestions of a reverse parade or encouraging residents to decorate their homes for the holiday.

Abboud and George agreed that there should still be a focus on the memorial aspect of the holiday.

Molly Borgon, Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson, was present on behalf of the Board and thanked Council for their input.

3. Public Safety Committee Update

Peddie provided an update on the Public Safety Committee. She thanked current and former committee members for their participation. She reported that there have not been

any complaints about excessive use of force or racial discrimination in the Public Safety Department over the past decade. She gave an update on body cameras, policies and procedures review, and the duty to intervene. She gave an overview on standards for accreditation. Finally, she reported that the subcommittee recommends that there be an annual review of policies and procedures going forward.

Torongeau answered questions from the Council about training and accreditation.

4. Sewer and water drainage

Dan Mitchell, Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, Inc., was present and provided an overview on the sewer report HRC prepared.

George asked that Council review the report and send any questions to him so he could create one list for Administration.

5. Board and Commission Appointment Guidance

Mooney provided an overview of a proposed Board and Commission appointment protocol which included term limits of three consecutive terms or nine years, geographic diversity, and communication regarding vacancies.

The Council discussed longevity and institutional knowledge. They also discussed appointing Board/Commission members from different precincts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Hall Reopening – As opening day for Beverly Park pavilion rentals will be Wednesday, March 4th, Village Hall will be open to the public on that day to allow residents to enter the building to complete the pavilion reservation process. As social distancing and capacity limitations are still in place we will limit those allowed into the building while still taking people who show up on a first come first serve basis. The Village Hall will be open from 8:00 to 4:30 on Wednesday, March 4th. Beginning Thursday, March 5th the Village Hall will be open daily from 10:00 – 2:00. Masking and social distancing requirements will remain in place. Village Staff will continue to adhere to daily screening and cleaning protocols. The drop box will remain available to those who wish to drop off permits or payments without entering the building. Residents who can conduct business on-line or via drop box are encouraged to continue to do so. Hopefully, as infection and hospitalization rates continue to improve and vaccines become more widely available we will be able to transition to being open during regular business hours.

March Newsletter – The March Villager Newsletter is done and can be viewed on the Village's website. The newsletter has been mailed and should be delivered to all Village residents soon.

Mail Delay Complaints – The Village received several complaints about mail service being delayed for multiple days during the week of Feb. 15th. There were a significant number of complaints from neighborhoods and subdivisions along both sides of Evergreen. There was concern reported to the Village that the delays were due to mailboxes not being accessible because of snow accumulation. I do not believe that was the case. Village Administration was able to

reach out to the staff at Rep. Andy Levin’s office for assistance with the Southfield Post Office. The delays seem to have subsided for now. Residents having issues with mail delivery can reach out to the Village or constituent services at Rep. Levin’s, Senator Stabenow or Senator Peters’ offices.

Greening Scholarship – Applications for the Don and Patricia Greening Scholarship have been sent to area high schools and are also available on the Village’s website. Each year, the Greening Scholarship is available to a graduating senior from Groves High School or who resides in the Village of Beverly Hills. A scholarship award of \$1,000 is available to one male and one female student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and community service. Applications are due by March 26, 2021. Information on the Greening Scholarship can be found at https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/news_detail_T8_R201.php.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Abboud reported on the upcoming Regional Clearing House meeting. He provided an update on the Transportation Committee and automated delivery services.

Peddie provided an update from the last Planning Commission meeting where the Commission discussed reviewing the Five-Year Master Plan and Medical Marijuana Caregiver Use.

Hrydziuszko stated that the trees used for the wintertime decorating installations throughout the Village will be reused for springtime decorations. She encouraged residents to help decorate the trees at their leisure. She stated the Parks & Recreation Board discussed adding more art or sculptures to the parks at their last meeting.

George wished Peddie a belated happy birthday. He appreciates the discussion at this meeting and everyone’s input.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk