

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

President 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 Abboud, be it resolved, the agenda is approved as published.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: PRESENTATION FROM THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER ANTHONY EID**

Commissioner Anthony Eid from the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) gave a presentation on Michigan’s new redistricting process. The Commission is comprised of 13 randomly selected Michigan residents that includes four Democrats, five Independents, and four Republicans. The MICRC is responsible for redistricting the U.S. Congressional, Michigan House, and Michigan Senate districts. The MICRC must hold at least ten public hearings throughout the state before drafting a redistricting plan. Residents can send comments to [redistricting@michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@michigan.gov) or by mail to P.O. Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.michigan.gov/MICRC) for more information.

### **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 March 2, 2021.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, March 15, 2021.
3. Review and consider Beverly Hills Lions Club’s request to host White Cane Collection April 9 – April 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 20-21**

Wilson provided an overview of the budget amendments that were provided to Council for review.

There are General Fund amendments adjusting various revenue and expenditure accounts. Permit revenue has been adjusted upwards to reflect the unbudgeted increase in activity. Passport fee revenue has been adjusted out since the Village no longer offers passport services. Other adjustments are for the CRLGG Care Grant, CDBG revenue decrease, removal of Halloween Hoot revenue and decrease in interest income. Also, an amendment is included for Local Community Stabilization revenue received from the State that was unbudgeted. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$155,364.

In Major Roads and Local Roads there is an amendment increasing Act 51 revenue received from the State; state projections were lower than what was distributed. Interest income is lowered, and various expenditure accounts are amended to adjust to expected actuals. In Local Roads, Concrete Replacement was adjusted downward by \$188,000. The 2019 Concrete Road Improvement project is completed. A portion of the budgeted costs in FY21 were expended in FY20. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$133,081 in Major Roads and a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$263,000 in Local Roads.

In the Public Safety Fund there are various revenue and expenditure adjustments to expected actuals. Amendments are included for the First Responder Hazard Pay Grant, PSPHPR Cares Act Payroll Reimbursement Grant and Oakland Together COVID-19 Grant. Interest income and refunds and rebates are amended to expected actuals. Overtime has been adjusted upward to reflect the increase due to COVID-19 illnesses and retirements. The effect of the amendments is a net of revenue and expenditure increase of \$357,463.

These proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget Amendments have been reviewed by Village Administration and are recommended for approval.

Motion by Peddie, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes Village Administration to transfer or adjust monies reserved in the General, Major Roads, Local Roads and Public Safety Fund, as reflected in the March 11, 2021 memorandum from Finance Director, Sheila McCarthy.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VACANCY ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD**

Wilson provided an overview. Gregory Burry submitted his resignation from his position on the Birmingham Area Cable Board on March 9, 2021, which leaves a vacancy for a partial term ending June 30, 2021.

The Cable Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. The meetings are currently taking place remotely via Zoom.

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](mailto:krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com). Please submit applications by April 12, 2021.

This constitutes the first announcement of the vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

The Council thanked Mr. Burry for his service on the Cable Board.

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to accept the resignation of Gregory Burry from the Birmingham Area Cable Board and constitute the summary above as the first announcement of the vacancy.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

### **SET DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET SESSION**

The Village Council generally holds a special budget session meeting after receiving the draft budget and prior to its adoption. The Council will receive a draft budget at the April 6, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, the Village Council sets the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Session date for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

### **TOPICS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Sidewalks**

George provided an overview of potential sidewalks on 13 Mile, 14 Mile, and Evergreen Roads to connect schools to other public places, such as parks.

The Council discussed obtaining cost estimates for the projects, getting feedback from residents, and ranking the potential locations.

#### **2. Sunnyslope/14 Mile Right of Way Improvement**

George gave an overview of a potential access point to Hidden Rivers near 14 Mile and Sunnyslope.

Council discussed obtaining a survey of the land. They also discussed getting community input and the potential impact on the nearby residents.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Village Council directs Administration to seek a survey for the land north of Sunnyslope, east of Evergreen, that appears to be Village owned road right-of-way, to determine the boundaries

and ownership, not to exceed \$3,000.00. Be it further resolved, the Village Council requests an opinion from the Village Attorney in regard to what access the Village can have through those easements.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**3. Village Tree Planning/Tree Ordinance**

Hrydziuszko discussed a proposed tree ordinance that would be tied into the building permitting process. She also discussed a tree planting program for the public right-of-way.

**4. Traffic Calming**

George commented that the speed signs seemed to be helping reduce speeding. He asked if there are other locations in the village where placement of these signs would be useful.

O’Gorman discussed speed humps, radar signs, and street markings.

**5. Backyard Chicken Pilot Program**

Hrydziuszko outlined a proposed Backyard Chicken Pilot Program. Through this program, no roosters would be allowed, Homeowner Association approval and neighborhood feedback would be required, and there would be a probationary period to make sure the program participants are implementing the program properly. She referred to the memo and language prepared in the August 18, 2020 Village Council Packet.

The Council discussed creating a more formal presentation around the Pilot Program and obtaining more resident feedback. They also talked about a screening process for participants, inspections, Animal Control, and whether it would change the character of the community.

**6. Properties eligible for Park Millage funds**

George gave an overview of public property owned by the Village opposed to islands that are in the road right-of-way.

Ryan provided an outline of the formal process to designate land as a park. He stated that General Fund money could be used for the beautification of areas that are not parks.

Peddie and Kecskemeti will obtain resident feedback regarding beautification of green spaces on the east side of the village.

**7. Agenda approval process**

The Council discussed whether the process for adding items to the Council Meeting Agenda should be formalized. This process would be specific to Council members adding items and would not impinge on Administration’s duty to put required items on the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane Brody, Sunset Drive, stated that she was opposed to the chicken program and thought a poll that was conducted on a private Facebook group was bias. She expressed concern about enforcement.

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Planning and Zoning Administrator** – Mark Lloyd will has accepted the position of Planning and Zoning Administrator for the Village of Beverly Hills and will begin on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in this position. Mr. Lloyd has worked as an administrator in planning and economic development positions in Inkster, Ann Arbor and most recently in Grand Blanc Township. He has also worked in as a planning and zoning consultant for McKenna and Giffels Webster. I look forward to working with Mark and believe he will be a valuable addition to Village Administration.

**Public Meetings** – The legislation that allows for virtual meetings of public bodies under the Open Meetings Act is set to expire at the end of this month. Accordingly, Village Administration will be making all necessary preparations to resume in person public meetings as of the first of April. There has been legislation introduced, Senate Bill 207, that would extend the current allowances for virtual public meetings through the end of June. Should this or similar legislation pass before the end of the month, Village public bodies will need to decide how they wish to proceed.

**Stimulus Act Funds** – The COVID 19 relief act recently passed by Congress does include money for direct payments to state and local governments. Approximately \$10 billion of the funds approved will be given to state and local government in Michigan. Roughly \$5.5 billion of these funds are designated for the State with the remainder being allocated to local municipalities and county governments. There are also provisions that allow for these funds to be used for some infrastructure projects as well as for revenue enhancement for funds lost due to the pandemic. These funds are to be spent by FYE 2023-24. I do not have an estimate as to the amount of funding being allocated to the Village at this time. I will pass that information along as it is known.

**Yard Waste Collection** – Curbside yard waste collection will begin the week of Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Bagged yard waste can be placed curbside for collection on your regular trash collection day. Prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>, residents can dispose of ten (10) bags of yard waste at the SOCRRA facility on Coolidge.

**Pet Licenses** – Pet Licenses are available through Southfield Township through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Cat licenses are free and dog licenses are \$5. After March 31<sup>st</sup>, dog licenses will be \$10. Vaccination records are required for all pet licenses.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on allowing virtual meetings.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Kecskemeti stated that she has a meeting scheduled with SEMCOG regarding stormwater control options. She asked that everyone emulate the best of the character of the community in their interactions with one another.

Abboud stated he would be attending SEMCOG’s General Assembly meeting. He is currently attending MML’s virtual Capital Conference and commented on presentations from the League of Cities, CARES Act update, and Senate Bill 207. He attended Next’s meeting and commented on Birmingham Public Schools reopening. He stated that he appreciates residents being involved in the meetings.

Mooney thanked Greg Burry for his contributions and dedication to the Village through the Cable Board, Council, and Next. He stated the Council has the best interest of the community at heart. He would like to focus on governing and taking action soon on the items that were discussed.

Hrydziuszko reminded everyone that the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. She thanked residents for providing input.

George stated he has no problem with disagreement, but encouraged people to be courteous and kind when having conversations with one another. He thinks the Council conversations are valuable.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Abboud, second by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

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

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