

Present: President Mooney; President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Delaney, Kelly, Mueller and Oen

Absent: Abboud

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

Council President Mooney called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Mueller, second by Kelly, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk, announced that a state-wide election will be held on May 5, 2015 to consider a ballot question regarding a gasoline tax. Persons wishing to request an absent ballot may contact or visit the Township office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mueller, second by Delaney, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held January 6, 2015.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, January 12, 2015.
- c. Set public hearing date of February 17, 2015 to review and confirm 2014 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District.
- d. Review and consider seeking bids to hire a professional interior designer for the Village Municipal Building.
- e. Review and consider seeking bids for FY 2015/16 road projects.
- f. Review and consider Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget transfer.

Motion passed.

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS REQUEST TO USE VILLAGE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS FOR THEIR OKTOBERFEST 5K RACE ON OCTOBER 3, 2015**

Nareman Dietz on Beechwood was present requesting Council approval for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School to use Village sidewalks and streets on Saturday, October 3, 2015 for its third annual Oktoberfest 5K Race.

Motion by Mueller, second by Delaney, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve the request from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School to hold their third annual Oktoberfest 5K Race and use Village streets and sidewalks Saturday, October 3, 2015. Upon approval of the Run, the School will submit the required Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Beverly as an additional insured with at least \$1,000,000 of liability coverage.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FILL FULL MEMBER VACANCY ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

A subcommittee of Council met at 7:15 pm prior to tonight’s meeting to review applications and recommend the appointment of one candidate to fill a full member vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Oen, second by Peddie, to appoint Reanen Maxwell to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

Motion passed.

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO ALTERNATE MEMBER VACANCIES ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Due to Andrew Drummond’s appointment to the Planning Commission and Chris Crossen’s appointment as a full member of the Zoning Board, there are two vacancies for alternate members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This constitutes the second announcement of both vacancies, which have expiration dates of June 30, 2015.

Applications will be accepted for two vacancies for the position of alternate Zoning Board members until January 28, 2015 at 4:30 pm. A subcommittee of Abboud as chairperson, Mueller and Oen will meet on February 3, 2015 at 7:15 pm to review applications and make a recommendation for appointment to the Village Council.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS KELLY, MUELLER AND PEDDIE TO REVIEW WATER AND SEWER RATES**

The initiative for creating this subcommittee was discussed at the strategy meeting of Council held on January 10, 2015. Members Kelly, Mueller and Peddie volunteered to participate on this subcommittee.

Motion by Oen, second by Delaney, to appoint Council members Kelly, Mueller and Peddie to a subcommittee to review water and sewer rates and make a recommendation to Council before or during upcoming budget deliberations.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Joint Meeting with Planning Commission** – The Annual joint meeting with the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 pm. The Planning Commission is preparing an agenda for this meeting. Council members should contact Wilson if they have items to be included on the agenda.

**Snow Emergency** – As a reminder, the Village may declare a snow emergency when there is a significant snowfall. In such instances, residents must refrain from parking vehicles on Village streets until the street has been cleared of snow. Even without declaration of a snow emergency, it is helpful to the Village and neighbors if residents remove vehicles from the roadway during snow plowing. In addition, residents should be aware of plow trucks as they are driving. Plow trucks, like other emergency vehicles, have the right of way at all times.

**Winter Family Fun Day** – The Annual Winter Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, January 25 from 1-4 pm, weather permitting. Events this year will include, but are not limited to, sledding, skating, snow golf, a snow cave, and a warming fire.

Attorney Ryan addressed questions from Council about the possibility of placing a Charter amendment question on the ballot for the May 5, 2015 state-wide election. He related that there is not enough time to complete the process to have ballot language ready for this special election.

Delaney recently observed that a large branch fell from a tree on Riverside. Wilson remarked that Village staff inspects some areas and also follows up with resident complaints regarding fallen branches. There have been a rash of problems with branches breaking off, particularly with large Silver Maples. This issue could be addressed through a targeted tree program that includes preventative trimming by J.H. Hart Forestry. Wilson mentioned that Silver Maples are not allowed to be planted in Village rights-of-way for this reason.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mueller encouraged everyone to come out for the Winter Family Fun Day in Beverly Park on Sunday, January 25, weather permitting. The Parks and Recreation Board is finalizing its recommendations to Council for Beverly Park maintenance and capital improvements for consideration in the upcoming budget.

Delaney thanked Mooney for organizing the special strategy meeting of Council on January 10. It was a worthwhile session. Oen concurred that the Council discussion at the January 10 meeting was productive. Oen thanked Comeau Equipment Co. staff for keeping Village streets plowed.

Peddie announced that the Baldwin Library Board will meet tomorrow, January 21, 2015. She will have a report at the next Council meeting.

Mooney thanked Council and Administration for attending the January 10 special Council meeting as well as the chairs of the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for the future and provide direction and leadership. Mooney recapped the following topics discussed at the Council strategy meeting:

- Public Safety Department and personnel changes;

- Infrastructure needs:
  - Road repairs on Lahser Road, Beverly Road, and Riverside Drive
  - Sewer system repairs
- Municipal building improvements;
- Building Department operation and personnel changes;
- Village Finances;
- Retiree pension and post employment benefit obligations

Mooney commended the following members of Boy Scout Troop 1024 who will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout - Ethan Webster, Leonard Trotta and Clark Kingston. Mooney will be presenting these young men with a proclamation in honor of their efforts on behalf of the Village and the Council.

Motion by Delaney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Motion passed.

**John Mooney**  
**Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**