

Present: President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Borgon, Delaney, Mueller and Oen

Absent: Mooney

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

Council President Pro-Tem Peddie 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.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Borgon asked that item number two; Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 16, 2016, be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the business agenda.

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a joint Council/Planning Commission meeting held February 10, 2016.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, February 22, 2016.
3. Review and consider seeking bids to replace a drinking fountain at Beverly Park.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY DTE REGARDING UPCOMING TREE TRIMMING

Michael Palchesko, regional manager of corporate and government affairs for DTE in Oakland County, spoke to the Council regarding the 2016 DTE Tree Trimming Plan. DTE has upgraded 1/3 of the circuits over the last two years. Approximately 2/3 of power outages experienced by customers are due to trees, but overall electric reliability has improved by 20 percent. DTE selects areas for trimming based on the number of tree-related power outages and the length of the power outages.

DTE uses a four phase program to ensure effective collaboration with customers and communities. Phase One: 8-12 weeks: Share tree trim plan with government officials, letters & phone calls to customers, media outreach. Phase Two: 2-7 weeks: Planners and arborists in the field, planners communicating with customers & plan tree trim work, planners leave door hangers on homes where trimming is needed. Phase Three: Time dependant on scope of work: DTE Arborists, Supervisors, Planners, and Managers in the field, trimming contractors execute plan, remove all debris; trees are not removed without property owner permission, audit work. Phase Four: 1-4 weeks: Tree trim audit completed, execute and Customer Satisfaction survey.

Palchesko also spoke about the “Right Tree Right Place” information available to homeowners. This is a diagram that shows the recommended distance to plant trees away from power lines based on mature tree height. Peddie suggested this information be put in the Village newsletter.

Delaney asked for clarification on what is being removed in relationship to the upper and lower wires located on the poles. Palchesko said that they will be trimming and removing both trees and brush in relation to the primary lines, trunk lines, and the distribution circuit lines.

Delaney asked if there was a scheduled start date for Phase One of this program. Palchesko stated that there was not, but once Phase One was scheduled he would provide Wilson with the start date.

Borgon requested a map of the planned trim area be provided to Council. Wilson will email the pdf to Council.

Mueller supports the importance of tree trimming and stated that DTE did work in his neighborhood last summer and he was very impressed by their work and professionalism.

Peddie shared that there was a line down in her neighborhood the previous week and DTE did a wonderful job taking care of the situation. She asked that Palchesko remind workers to close and lock all gates when they are finished working.

Village resident Alda Marie McCook shared her concern that power outages are not just caused by tress. She often lost power until they replaced her transformer three years ago.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD

Due to Alan Heyman’s resignation there is a vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a Beverly Hills resident. Tonight is the second announcement of vacancy. The term has an expiration date of June 30, 2017.

Application deadline: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Cable Board Subcommittee: Chairperson: Borgon
Members: Abboud and Peddie
March 15, 2016
7:15 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2016

A correction was made on page 1, adding Borgon to and striking Kelly from the list of members present.

Motion by Oen, second by Borgon, to approve the minutes of a regular Council Meeting held February 16, 2016, with changes as noted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Beverly Park Pavilion Rentals – The first day for pavilion rentals for Beverly Park for Village residents is Wednesday, March 2nd. Damage deposit rates have increased for this year. The first day for reservations for non-residents is Wednesday, April 6th.

Easter Egg Hunt – Kensington Church has informed the Village that they will not be able to put on the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year in Beverly Park. The Church did not have the necessary number of staff and volunteers to pull off such an event.

Service Line Insurance Policy – Mike Chambers, the area representative for the Service Line Warranty Program through Utility Service Partners, Inc. will be at the March 15th Council meeting to review this program with Council and answer any questions.

Larceny From Auto Arrests – In February the Village Public Safety Department became aware of several larcenies of vehicles in the area, many of which were in Royal Oak and Birmingham. During a routine patrol, PSOs Mike Miles and Tyler Eng noticed a car parked in the Village that matched the description of a vehicle provided by Birmingham Police that was suspected to be involved in the larcenies. PSOs Miles and Eng were able to locate two suspects who were attempting to hide in the vicinity of the car. The suspects were apprehended and provided confessions to a number of larcenies in the area. In addition, the Public Safety Department was able to confiscate a significant amount of stolen merchandise and get it returned to its rightful owners. Thanks to PSOs Miles and Eng for their efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

On behalf of the Village Council, President Pro-Tem Peddie spoke on the loss of Bob Wiszowaty who passed away Monday, February 22, 2016. Wiszowaty spent 25 years working for the Village as the Finance Director. Wiszowaty was truly a man of integrity, who was always helpful to both coworkers and Council members. He spent countless hours working with the Council through any Village issue. He is survived by his wife, Betty, his two sons, two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. Wiszowaty was appreciated and will be missed by all.

Borgon reported that the February Cable Board meeting was canceled, but there will be a meeting in March.

Abboud stated that the Planning Commission is moving forward with the Master Plan. He attended the SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) meeting on February 25, 2016. SEMCOG is looking for projects to fund in relationship to TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) for the 2017 fiscal year. This program funds projects like pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, historic preservation and rehabilitation of transportation facilities, environmental mitigation activities, and safe routes to school programs. The intent is to gather information about these programs for which the Village could potentially apply.

Abboud also attended the Chaldean Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was the Deputy County Executive of Oakland County, who spoke on the “One Stop Ready” program. This program encourages communities to capitalize on their strengths and refine their economic development processes for the purpose of implementing their community vision. It encourages communities to think of themselves in the context of a developer, a business or a resident making a decision to locate, or invest, in their community. The program starts in June 2016.

Abboud suggested the Village consider holding a farmers market. He feels this would be a great addition to the Village community. Although there are ordinances against selling food in the park, there is a Community Garden at 13 Mile and Evergreen that has a large parking lot and may be worth looking into as a potential space.

Peddie shared that she attended the Birmingham Youth Assistance Dog Show and it was a great time and a great cause to support.

Motion by Oen, second by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Motion passed.

Lee Peddie
Council President Pro-Tem

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Elizabeth Lyons
Recording Secretary