

Present: President Mooney; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Mueller, Nunez, and Oen

Absent: Peddie

Also Present: 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**

Mooney announced the recognition of Eagle Scouts Charles Ringey and David Kent has been rescheduled for June 20, 2017.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed.

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

##### **RECOGNIZE GREENING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BETHANY MAC AND ANTHONY BASHUR**

A new scholarship, the Donald and Patricia Greening Community Service Scholarship, established by Beverly Hills Village resident, Pat Greening and on behalf of her late husband, Don. A committee comprised of Pat Greening, the Village Council President and the Village Manager reviewed a number of applications received from outstanding students. Applicants were required to be graduating seniors or first year college students. Two scholarships were available, one for a male student and one for a female student.

Mooney presented Groves High School graduate Bethany Mac with the Donald and Patricia Greening Community Service Scholarship. Mac was chosen for her dedication to community service. She has traveled on three mission trips to Haiti, and spoke in her essay how those trips changed her life. She was on the Varsity Cheerleading team, and was the JV Basketball Team Captain. She managed the Varsity football team, and served as a student mentor to fellow Groves students. Mac will be attending Grand Valley State and will major in education.

Mooney presented Groves High School graduate Anthony Bashur with the Donald and Patricia Greening Community Service Scholarship. Bashur is on track to reach Eagle Scout rank. He has been deeply involved in the community; including the installation of the patio at Berkshire Middle School, working at the Nature Preserve, and volunteering in Cass Corridor. Bashur will be attending Michigan Tech and will major in engineering.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janice Hausman, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board, provided a recap of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. The event was held Monday, May 29,

2017. The weather was nearly perfect, and there was a strong turnout for both the Parade and the Carnival.

Hausman summarized the parade and carnival entertainment, games, and activities as well as the food truck offerings this year. A complete financial report is not yet available; however, it is anticipated that parade and carnival expenses will be covered by the generous donations from sponsors. Hausman named the sponsors, noting that they were listed on a banner displayed in the park. She asked that residents give their support to those businesses. Hausman thanked Patty Wainer and Jason Gross for their hard work organizing the parade. The Grand Marshal was Beverly Hills resident Ken Bondy, honored for his service in the Army and Air Force during World War II.

She thanked those who participated in the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony, including 46<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Cynthia Arvant and State Representative Jeremy Moss. Groves High School student, Allison Miller, performed TAPS, and members of Scout Troop 1024 acted as Honor Guard. Hausman thanked all the volunteers for their efforts before, during, and after the event.

Resident Sharon Tischler, Virmar Court, on behalf of the Beverly Hills Lions Club, thanked the Village for the use of their streets for the annual Memorial Day 5K. She thanked Council for their support; there was a high turnout this year.

Tischler announced the Lions Club continues to coordinate with the youth activity coordinator at the Baldwin Public Library to sponsor the Kids Sight event. When a parent brings their child in, a special photo is taken of their eyes, and this assists in the early detection of eye problems. This is a free program offered to residents of Birmingham and Beverly Hills. Please contact the Baldwin Library for more information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 16, 2017.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Motion passed (6-0)

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES**

Mooney announced the following list of board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2017. All the members have been notified of their term expiration and those listed below wish to be

considered for reappointment. The name in parenthesis is not seeking reappointment. Council agreed in November of 2008 to make these vacancies open to the public as well as the currently seated member.

**Cable Board**

Frank Maly  
Mary Ann Verdi-Hus

**Planning Commission**

Vincent Borowski  
Antonia Grinnan  
David Jensen

**Parks & Recreation**

Molly Borgon  
Matt Goodrich  
Phil Schmitt

**Zoning Board**

Michele Tillman  
Charles Raeder  
Vacancy (David Eifrid)

All terms are for three years. This constitutes the second announcement of the vacancies with appointments scheduled to take place at the June 20th Council meeting. Deadline to submit applications is Friday, June 9, 2017.

Subcommittees will meet prior to the June 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to review the incumbents and new candidates. The Cable Board subcommittee will be chaired by Delaney, Parks & Recreation Board subcommittee will be chaired by Mueller, Planning Commission subcommittee will be chaired by Abboud and Zoning Board subcommittee will be chaired by Peddie.

**DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FUTURE VILLAGE WATER MAIN PROJECT**

Delaney reported the Infrastructure subcommittee is comprised of himself, Mooney, and Peddie, who met with Village Administration, to discuss the potential future water main project. No decisions were made during these meetings, they were informal, and the findings are presented to the rest of the Council members and the Village.

In the area bounded by Beverly Road, 14 Mile, Pierce and Southfield, there are approximately 305 homes that currently connect to water mains that run through the rear yards. The water main located in the rear yards is estimated to be over 80 years old. A newer, wider water main was installed in the front of these homes for fire suppression purposes in the 1980s, but these homes were never connected. The suggested plan is to connect the homes to the front water main rather than replace the rear main. By connecting in the front, the Village will have easier access to the lines for future work, and residents will see an increase in water pressure.

This project is considered preventative and proactive. There are no current issues with the rear water main or the water. The Village looks to continue its commitment to provide high quality, uninterrupted water to the residents. The project is projected to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$6,000,000, would begin in summer of 2018, and will take three to four months to complete. The Village will be paying some, if not all, of the costs related to this project. Before any commitments are made Council intends to hold a study session, and several public hearings.

Abboud inquired about the condition of the newer 8-inch main that was installed in the front street. He stressed the importance of taking the residents thoughts and feedback into

consideration. The Council should also consider any liability for going onto homeowner properties.

Nunez wanted a clear step-by-step process to share with the residents with a clear picture of how the project would be done and what it would entail. He also encouraged the subcommittee to consider if there would be other areas of the Village requiring this change in the future.

Mooney reminded residents that although this seems like a small area of concern, there have been other major projects funded by the Village that affected only a small portion of the Village.

Oen explained that when the homes were built, the location of the rear water main was an alley, and full access to the main was granted. That space is now covered in landscaping, fencing, and garages. Attaching to the front water main makes it easier to access in the future. He stressed his agreement that the Village needs to be proactive on this and not reactive.

Resident Tischler pointed out that when purchasing a home, buyers often do not consider the “unseen utilities” like water mains. This is a serious problem, and it needs to be fixed, however it needs to be made palatable for the residents involved. Council needs to have a clear financial plan in place.

Delaney agreed to arrange a Council study session with HRC, Administration, and Meszler scheduled for June 27, 2017.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Evergreen Road Construction** – Village Administration is working with the City of Southfield and their engineering firm on an alternative construction schedule to accommodate part-width construction on the north side of the intersection of Evergreen and 13 Mile Rd. The original plan called for a complete closure of the intersection during this portion of the project. A complete closure as designed and scheduled will last approximately 4 weeks. The contractor is working to provide a cost estimate and estimate of the amount of extra time part-width construction would require. Part-width construction would allow us to maintain all south-bound traffic on Evergreen and local traffic could access northbound Evergreen north of 13 Mile. Thru-traffic would not be able to access northbound Evergreen from 13 Mile. This could also significantly limit the amount of detour traffic needed during this time, but will have to be weighed against the amount of time by which the project will be extended.

**FY 2017-18 Budget** – Copies of the FY 2017-18 budget are available and have been provided to all Council members.

**Lahser Rd. Traffic Signal** – As part of their plans for their middle school expansion Detroit Country Day School (DCD) has submitted a petition to the Road Commission for the installation of a traffic signal on Lahser at Hillview. The Village has requested, and the Road Commission has supported, the addition of an additional turning lane through this area to accommodate the

intersection and to allow for access and egress for Village residents from Riverview. DCD is taking these requirements under advisement in their analysis of the feasibility of the installation of a signal.

**Eryt Dam** – The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is in receipt of our plans for the rehabilitation of the Eryt Dam. The current proposed schedule is for bids to be out to contractors this month and back to the Village by early July. Village Administration anticipates having bids to the Council for review and consideration by our regular meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup> with construction during the month of August.

**Captain Yanosy, Lt. Vargas and Lt. Barch** – Earlier this year The Village Council approved separation agreements with three senior members of the Public Safety Department; Chris Yanosy, Michael Vargas and Peter Barch. During the months of April and May all three employees have retired from the Public Safety Department, Capt. Yanosy most recently on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Combined, these three employees have over 70 years of service to the Public Safety Department and have been instrumental in establishing the Village of Beverly Hills as one of the safest communities in the State of Michigan. On behalf of the Village Administration I would like to thank them for their service and wish them the best in their well-deserved retirements.

**Elizabeth Wren** – Elizabeth Wren will be leaving the employment of the Village of Beverly Hills as of June 16<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth is currently the Assistant to the Village Administrator but has previously worked as the Finance Clerk, amongst numerous other functions in the Village Office. Elizabeth has always been a dependable and professional member of the staff of the Village of Beverly Hills during her 16 years of employment and has served this community and its residents with distinction. She will be missed. Elizabeth is relocating to Newaygo with her husband Chris, the County Executive of Newaygo County and her beloved horse, Fritz. Chris and Elizabeth are expecting their first child this November. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Wren Family during this exciting time.

**Service Line Warranties of America** – Earlier this year Beverly Hills residents received a letter from National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program; Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) offering homeowners coverage for their **external sewer** lines. This week you may have received another letter from SLWA offering coverage for **external water** lines. Both options are legitimate and the Village Council approved partnering with SLWA last summer to offer this coverage. The monthly cost for sewer line coverage is \$7.75 and the monthly cost for water line coverage is \$5.75 and is payable to SLWA. For more information please call 1-855-535-7141.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Nunez would like to discuss adding a “Code Enforcement” section to the Public Safety Report at the study session. He also reported seeing several construction fences that are not within the Village code.

Mueller thanked Hausman, the Parks and Recreation Board, Administration, Volunteers, and Public Safety for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. He reported the Parks and

Recreation Board will be discussing long term maintenance and growth for Beverly Park at their June 15, 2017 meeting.

Abboud reported the Planning Commission continues to work on a modified tree ordinance, and has begun discussion on the fence ordinance. He would like to discuss the Village outdoor sign ordinance at the study session. He will be attending the SEMCOG general assembly meeting scheduled for June 22, 2017. The Michigan Municipal League has raised awareness that the U.S. Surface Transportation Board is looking to regulate and undermine private investments in freight railroads. The League does not support these changes in regulations.

Delaney attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and felt it was very thoughtful and well done. He also said the Parade and Carnival were very well attended.

Oen participated in the Parade and he thought it was very well attended. He thanked all the service members who selflessly volunteer to protect the United States of America. He congratulated the graduating class of 2017.

Mooney thanked Patricia Greening for creating the scholarships awarded this evening. Greening has assisted for over 30 years on various committees related to the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, and she developed the idea for the Halloween Hoot. He was proud to sit on the selection committee and proud of the students chosen. He recognized Chris Yanosy, Michael Vargas, and Peter Barch for their time with the Village and wished them good luck. He wished Elizabeth Wren the best of luck with her move and new family. He commended the officers that helped with the Lions Club Memorial Day Fun Run; they went out of their way to ensure the safety of both the runners and the volunteers. He thanked the Park Rangers for their hard working keeping Beverly Park beautiful.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Motion passed.

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

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

**Elizabeth M. Lyons**  
**Recording Secretary**