

Present: President Craig; President Pro-Tem Lison; Members: Buterbaugh, Downey, Kennedy, Stearn and Walsh

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Hanlin
Public Services Director, Spallasso
Village Clerk, Marshall
Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka
Village Attorney, Ryan
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES

On page 10, first paragraph under "Status Report and Possible Request...", last line, correct figure to read "\$411,000."

MOTION by Walsh, supported by Kennedy, that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on Monday, November 1, 1999 be approved as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phyllis Lauer of 31965 Alden Court informed Council that the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills has sold a total of \$7,900 worth of paving bricks to raise money for the Beverly Park entrance project. It is their goal to sell 400 bricks. The Woman's Club is pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the Village and thinks that the new park entrance will be greatly appreciated. Lauer and Sharon Pugh will be contacting businesses located in Beverly Hills about purchasing Logo bricks to represent their establishments on the walkway into the park.

The Woman's Club hopes to close this order for bricks early in the spring. Blank bricks will be installed in the walk and can be replaced when future orders are submitted. It is hoped that the engraved bricks can be in place before the Memorial Day Parade with the idea that seeing the walkway will encourage more sales.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court anticipates the passage of House Bill 5112 that will allow the combining of the Township and Village elections next spring.

Tischler mentioned that a plaque prepared in honor of Robert Benton's service to the Village on the Retirement Board was displayed at the last Council meeting. Benton was not present to receive the award in person from Council. Tischler recalls that a procedure was established by Council to reward volunteers for service to the community. She questioned whether Council is following that program. Tischler will research this matter and bring it before Council again.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

Hanlin explained that U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds are allocated to municipalities each year and are administered by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant program office. Beverly Hills is allocated funds based on its population with this year's allocation estimated at \$19,129. The Village is limited in how it can spend this Block Grant money directed at low and moderate income areas in the community. There are no areas of Beverly Hills that qualify under federal guidelines as low and moderate income census tracts. Groups that qualify are senior citizens and organizations that assist abused individuals.

Administration proposes designating block grant money this year as it has been traditionally allocated in the past to the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) and HAVEN (Help Against Violent Encounters Now). It is proposed to allocate \$3,800 towards the Village's planning consultant service fees. Federal guidelines allow a community to spend up to 20% of the entire allocation on planning services. Hanlin remarked that Council has the discretion to allocate this amount to the minor home repair program or equipment for the BASCC center.

Craig opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. on the proposed allocation of funds for the 2000-2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in Beverly Hills.

Theresa Monsour, BASCC Coordinator, was present with Rose Mary Schneider, President of the BASCC Board. Monsour stated that BASCC is a non-profit organization of seniors serving seniors. The service area is the Birmingham School District which includes the Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin and a small portion of neighboring municipalities of Bloomfield Township and the City of Birmingham. BASCC has a membership of nearly 1,600 individuals over the age of 55, with about one-quarter of the membership residing in Beverly Hills.

Monsour related that it has been more than 21 years since BASCC was founded to identify older adult needs and to develop the community resources to meet those needs. In more recent years, BASCC has administered the Block Grant Funds which provide minor home repair and home chore programs for income qualifying seniors. The chore services include snow shoveling, lawn mowing, window washing, etc. Home repairs encompass plumbing, window and door repairs, roof leaks, etc. Monsour stated that unmet needs present themselves to the organization with the aging of the Beverly Hills senior population. Outreach efforts to assist with minor home repair and chore services often make the difference between a senior remaining in independent living or moving to a more dependent setting. Their outreach staff works regularly to identify and meet the concerns of those who demonstrate the greatest need.

The following are BASCC's recommendations for allocation of CDBG funds for the year 2000-2001 to benefit the local senior citizens:

Minor Home Repair	\$1,115
Home Chore Services	5,948
Transportation Dispatcher	2,665

Equipment for Center (carpeting)

4,624

Monsour stated that the Minor Home Repair program could use additional funding if it is available. There are people who are going without having their home repair needs met because BASCC does not have sufficient funding in this program. Monsour thanked Council for the funding received on a regular basis for BASCC operations and towards the transportation program.

Council discussed the allocation of Block Grant money. It was the consensus of Council to allocate the \$3,826 proposed to defray the cost of Village planning consultant services to the Minor Home Repair program. It was clarified that no more than 50 percent of the total grant allocation, which is \$9,565.00, can be allocated towards public services. Public services include the Home Chore Program, transportation dispatcher, and HAVEN. The Village does have the latitude to increase the amount allotted to the Minor Home Repair program and equipment for the center.

Monsour affirmed that money allocated to BASCC from Block Grant funds is reserved for use by Beverly Hills residents. BASCC has to operate under the specific guidelines of the Block Grant Program.

Buterbaugh asked Monsour if Council could receive documentation on the needs that are not being met in Beverly Hills due to lack of funds in the Home Repair Program. Monsour will obtain this information from their Outreach department. She believes that there would be use for the additional \$3,800 for Beverly Hills residents. Kennedy requested information on the increased administrative costs of BASCC.

Claudine Goeddeke from HAVEN thanked the Council for the help and support the organization has received in the past from Beverly Hills. HAVEN is an organization that works with the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse through treatment and prevention services across Oakland County. Every year they offer counseling and shelter for men, women, and children who are victims of abuse. Last year HAVEN worked with ten individuals from Beverly Hills. Goeddeke outlined the specific services those individuals received. She asked the Village for \$1,000 to help HAVEN continue its work with the residents of Beverly Hills.

Goeddeke addressed questions from Council. Donations can be sent to HAVEN, 75 W. Huron St., Pontiac, 48342. The phone number of the administrative office is (248) 334-2343, ext. 34, ask for Susan Imbrunnone. All donations are tax-deductible.

No one else wished to be heard; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2000/2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLVED by Stearn, supported by Downey, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the application with the following proposed allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2000/2001 program year:

Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council and Center

Minor Home Repair	\$4,941.
Home Chores Services	5,948.
Transportation Dispatcher	2,665.
Equipment for Center	4,624.

HAVEN

Shelter, Counseling, Advocacy, Intervention and Education Services	<u>951.</u>
Total	\$19,129.

Roll Call Vote:
Resolution passes unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION REGARDING BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR MARCH 2000 ELECTION

Council held a study session at 7:15 p.m. before tonight's Council meeting to discuss the ballot language drafted by the Village Attorney for consideration and possible adoption at this meeting. Buterbaugh offered the following resolution.

RESOLVED by Buterbaugh, supported by Walsh, that the following Charter Amendments be voted upon by the qualified electors of the Village of Beverly Hills at the regular Village election to be held on Monday, March 13, 2000, to wit:

1. Shall Section 9.1 of the Charter of the Village of Beverly Hills be amended to read as follows:

POWER TO TAX:

Section 9.1 The Village shall have the power to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes. The general ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed 13.00 mills times the taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the Village exclusive of any levies authorized by general statute to be made beyond charter tax rate limitations.

2. That this Resolution be published in full in the Eccentric Newspaper.
3. That this Resolution be laid upon the table for 30 days in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

Ryan stated that the election date can be changed to coincide with the Township election date if necessary after the ballot language lays on the table for 30 days. Changing the election date would not deter the process of placing the proposition on the ballot.

Craig stated that this action asking the voters to raise the millage cap to 13 mills is a result of a long process undertaken by Council, Finance Committee, and administration involving the preparation of

a five year forecast of revenue and expenses taking into account the Headlee factor and inflation. The resulting five year capital plan document combines the projected capital needs of the Village with a five year financial forecast that includes the dedicated millage projects for the forecast period. Craig emphasized that the estimates in this plan were conservative and did not include any new programs.

The five year financial forecast suggests that the Village may be able to operate as it has for another three years with transfers from the General Fund fund balance. Council feels it is important to ask the voters whether the Village should maintain the programs and lifestyles of this Village as they are now.

A five year capital improvement plan has been prepared to identify projects needed to maintain the Village in the next five years. The capital project plan includes replacement of deteriorating water mains, maintenance of ditches, reserve for the next fire truck purchase, technology updates, and road repair. The study focused on what things in the Village are deteriorating and need replacement on a project basis, which makes more fiscal sense than waiting until major repairs are needed. This comprehensive capital improvement plan outlines a total of \$2.2 million unfunded projects for the five year period.

Craig stated that the financial forecasts reveal that 1.5 mills is needed in the next five years to address a cumulative shortfall in the general operating millage and capital improvement projects needed to maintain the Village. It is the consensus of Council to say to the voters that it is prudent to increase the millage by 2 mills in order to address everything that can be foreseen in the next five years.

Downey stated that Council has an understanding of what needs to be done, which has to be communicated clearly to the residents. Council will have to work diligently to do that.

Kennedy stressed the importance of maintaining the infrastructure and continuing existing services on the same level in order to retain property values and compete with neighboring communities for new residents.

Council members commented on the comprehensive process that the Village undertook to develop a five year capital plan and financial forecast. Mention was made of the important infrastructure and capital needs that have been identified after many months of effort by the Finance Committee, Council and administration. It was noted that the Village has a fiscally responsible policy of funding by means of a "pay as you go" method of payment in lieu of bonding. It was affirmed that there are legitimate concerns that have to be conveyed to the residents of Beverly Hills. Council members do not see another way to continue the current operation of the Village without raising the millage. Council supports the charter amendment for a millage cap increase and believes the residents will when they know the facts.

Phyllis Lauer of 31965 Alden Court commented that senior citizens may be eligible for up to \$1,200 in homestead property tax credit to offset their tax bill.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BACKUP PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Lison referred to a memo dated November 10, 1999 from Director of Public Safety Woodard regarding purchase of an auxiliary phone system to be installed in the public safety building for emergency use by the Village office in the event of a long-term power outage.

RESOLVED by Lison, supported by Kennedy, that the Village of Beverly Hills Public Safety Department purchase the necessary telephone lines, hardware, and cabling to construct a satellite telephone system for Village government operations in the public safety building in the amount of \$1,110.75. Funds are available in Account #101-900-980, Capital Purchase: Public Safety Equipment.

Woodard stated that Council recently approved a proposal to upgrade the entire telephone system in the public safety building to make it Y2K compliant. That system is on order and should be delivered and installed in December. During discussion of a plan to upgrade the public safety telephone system, it was proposed to purchase hardware to construct an auxiliary phone system allowing for Village telephone operations to be moved to the public safety building in the event of any long-term power outage. The continuity of government services would be maintained. The public safety building is supported by an emergency power generator, whereas telephone operations cease if the power goes off to the municipal building.

The proposed system would be installed in the second floor meeting and training room and would allow one call taker position and six separate phone sets for any number of Village operations. This system would enable Village government operations to continue in an uninterrupted state and avert extra phone calls to the public safety department.

Questions from Council and the audience on this proposal were addressed by Woodard. Council members commented favorably on this proposal. Buterbaugh suggested that the Village office invest in a generator for use as a back up system in lieu of the auxiliary phone system. He asked to see a disaster plan for the Village.

Hanlin stated that this proposal originated from the Y2K contingency planning that the entire staff participated in. It was thought to be a good idea to have a backup site to conduct Village business in the event that this building failed. This is an inexpensive contingency plan that can be efficiently coordinated with the purchase of the new phone system in the public safety building,

Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk, suggested that the Village consider budgeting for a battery back up of its current phone system for the Village municipal building.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

HIDDEN RIVERS TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO OAKLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

The Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office is requesting a temporary construction easement from the Village of Beverly Hills at the northeast corner of the Hidden Rivers property to allow work to convert an existing City of Birmingham sewer to a storm drain which will drain storm water to the Rouge River. The pipe is not being laid on Village property. During the process of extending that pipe, surface equipment may have to cross onto Hidden Rivers property which is why a temporary easement is necessary.

Walsh stated that the Village will benefit from this Birmingham project. By converting their combined sewer into a storm drain, wet weather flow from the Birmingham Acacia District will be redirected to the river instead of coming through Beverly Hills.

Ryan has reviewed the deed restrictions for Hidden Rivers property and sees no problem with the Village granting a temporary construction easement for that area. There will be no construction on the Hidden Rivers property; it will be a staging area for the construction in Birmingham. He endorses Spallasso's request that any trees that are removed will have to be replaced.

MOTION by Walsh, supported by Kennedy, to authorize execution of the Temporary Construction Easement on the Hidden Rivers property with the condition that a representative of the Drain Commissioner shall meet with the Director of Public Services for the Village of Beverly Hills on site prior to construction to determine if any trees will have to be removed, and, if so, that they will be replaced.

Council discussed the project to be undertaken by the City of Birmingham with questions addressed by Spallasso. At Buterbaugh's suggestion, administration will notify all Village property owners who will be affected by sound or site and inform them of the project and the Village's requirement for restoration of the area.

Motion passes unanimously.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO VILLAGE POLICY FOR UNIMPROVED ROADS

Walsh stated that the Infrastructure Committee has discussed the Village's policy for unimproved roads. The policy of the Village has been to require concrete paving of new roads with curbs and gutters. The Infrastructure Committee recommends a change in the policy to consider asphalt paving with ditches with respect to the 2.9 miles of unimproved roads in the Village. The improvements must meet Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) specifications.

Walsh informed Council that a cost analysis of the maintenance of gravel roads versus paved roads shows that there is a substantially higher cost to maintain unimproved versus improved road surfaces. Improving gravel roads in the Village would benefit the homeowners and realize substantial maintenance savings for the Village. Walsh suggests that Council adopt a change in policy as recommended by the Infrastructure Committee.

Craig recalled that a request to improve a gravel road in the Village initiated a discussion on the acceptable level of improvements to gravel roads. The cost of road paving with concrete curb and gutter, catch basins and storm drains has deterred neighborhood requests for paving gravel roads. Craig concurs that the Village benefits from a partially improved road by saving money on maintenance. A concrete road with curbs and gutters will continue to be required for new construction.

Walsh stated that the Infrastructure Committee also suggested that Council reconsider the percentage of homeowners that have to agree on their street being paved in order to proceed with a project. Spallasso commented that he contacted surrounding communities and found that they basically treat every case on an individual basis. Petitions are brought before the governing body when at least 51% of the affected homeowners have signed a petition requesting an improvement.

Craig expressed the view that two-thirds of the property owners on a street should support a road improvement in order for the project and special assessment to proceed.

Ryan stated that 51% is typically the number used to bring a petition for road paving before the Council. Requiring a super majority will allow a small fraction of the people to stop the neighborhood from improving. If there is a vocal opposition from 49% of the area during the public hearings, Council may decide not to proceed with a special assessment.

MOTION by Walsh, supported by Kennedy, to change the policy on existing unimproved roads (2.9 miles) to allow asphalt paving without curbs and gutters. The construction methods and materials will be in accordance with the MDOT standard specifications for construction. A requirement of 51% of the affected property owners will be submitted on a written petition with the appropriate language. This policy change will be included in the Village policy manual.

Council discussed the percentage for bringing a petition for road improvements to Council for consideration. There were Council members who thought the proportion should be higher than 51% of affected property owners.

Spallasso stated that Village Charter language indicates that, as long as a majority of the affected property owners submits a petition, Council decides whether there is a necessity to proceed with a special assessment district.

Kennedy was not in favor of considering requests for road paving on a case by case basis and thinks that there should be a set policy.

Ryan explained that the 51% is just the threshold that gives Council jurisdiction to consider a proposed improvement. Individuals in the neighborhood circulate a petition which can be submitted to Council if 51% of the affected residents request the improvement. A necessity hearing and an assessment roll hearing are held which provides Council with an opportunity to receive input from the neighborhood and make a decision on the proposal.

Downey expressed the view that the November 9 memo from Spallasso recommending that Council consider a change in the Village policy for unimproved roads does not coincide with the consensus reached by the Infrastructure Committee. Downey read from page four of the September 27 Infrastructure Committee meeting minutes as follows: "It was the sense of the Infrastructure Committee not to substantially change the current policy for paving roads. The policy of the Village has been to require paving with curbs and gutters for both new and existing roads. The policy change is that Council will consider asphalt paving of gravel roads with ditches on a case by case basis."

Downey is opposed to a motion that would change the policy to allow ditches on all paved roads. Consideration should be given to paving gravel roads with ditches on a case by case basis. It is difficult to determine whether it is better to construct a road with curbs and gutters or ditches without an engineering study, and the Village should have that discretion.

Walsh stated that about 50-60 percent of the asphalt roads in the Village have ditches on each side. The intent of the policy change is to allow the 2.9 miles of gravel roads in the Village to be paved with ditches. That is his understanding of the intent of the Infrastructure Committee on this topic.

Kennedy stated that she left the last Infrastructure Committee meeting thinking that asphalt paving with ditches could be an acceptable alternative for that small percentage of gravel roads left in the Village.

Craig clarified that Walsh, Downey, and Kennedy are Infrastructure Committee members. There is a difference of opinion on the sense of the Committee members with respect to the policy for unimproved roads. He thinks this should be a topic of discussion at their next meeting.

Downey maintains that the policy change was to give Council the discretion to allow a gravel road to be improved with ditches. The motion before Council is to change the existing policy to allow ditches throughout the Village. He does not think the motion represents the sense of the Infrastructure Committee, and he will vote against it.

Stearn made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to include a provision that Council retain discretion on whether or not to approve the paving of a gravel road depending on the circumstances involved in the road at issue. The motion failed for lack of support. Stearn stated that he cannot support the motion without language giving Council discretion on proceeding with a special assessment district.

Ryan stated that the discretion of Council is inherent in the process. When there is a vocal 49% of affected homeowners opposed to an improvement, Councils have backed off until there is more support for the project in the area.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court questioned the standards for asphalt roads. She expressed concern with ditch maintenance and, depending on the area, she is not in favor of paving with ditches. A determination was made by a previous council to require asphalt roads with curbs and gutters to eliminate the ditch problem. There have been residents in South Berkshire who purchased their homes because they are on a dirt road that is not heavily trafficked. There have also been residents who have been discouraged from pursuing road improvements because of the Village

policy to require curb and gutter paving. Tischler feels that Council has done a disservice to those residents who came in years ago with a petition to pave their road but did not pursue the project based on the cost of curb and gutter paving. The cost would have been less five years ago to improve their roads with ditches than it is now.

Roll Call Vote on Motion:

Craig - yes
Downey - no
Kennedy - yes
Lison - no
Stearn - no
Walsh - yes
Buterbaugh - yes

Motion passes (4 - 3).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Stearn, supported by Kennedy, that the bills recapped as of Monday, November 15, 1999 be approved for payment in the following amounts.

\$365,446.20	General Fund
13,423.03	Major Road Fund
16,758.85	Local Road Fund
13,608.77	Sick Pay Fund
123,384.64	Dedicated Millage
120,637.72	Water/Sewer Operation Fund
500.00	Water/Sewer Improvement Fund
1,100.00	Trust & Agency Fund

Questions on the bills were addressed by Stearn and Hanlin.

Motion passes unanimously.

LIAISON'S REPORTS

Buterbaugh reported at the last Council meeting, that Beverly Hills agreed to a 30 day extension to the 120 day period for acting upon the application for consent to the transfer of control of its cable operator from MediaOne to AT&T. The extension allows the Village until December 14 to act on the request for transfer.

Buterbaugh also reported that the Cablecasting Board recommended approval of the transfer request with substantial conditions. MediaOne requested the ability to review the proposed resolution approving the transfer and attached conditions with AT&T. The 30 day extension was required to allow AT&T an opportunity to review the resolution and present questions to the Cablecasting Board. Buterbaugh understands that AT&T has concerns with the conditions of the resolution

approving the transfer. This will be a topic of discussion at Wednesday's Cablecasting Board meeting.

Downey informed Council that Bingham Farms Elementary School received a gift from the Village Woman's Club to purchase books for grades 1-3. He thanked the Woman's Club, mentioning that his child will be reading them.

Downey read a paragraph from the minutes of the last Birmingham School Board meeting: "The Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) has been selected to receive one of the United States Committee's National Awards for Excellence in Aging programs. The US Committee received over 375 award applications from around the country, and only 12 were selected. The review committee felt that the BASCC council's program at Pierce Elementary School is a creative, replicable program that improves the quality of lives for older persons and truly represents a 'best practice' in aging programs."

Downey apprised the Council that an applicant who was denied a request for variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow a gate across his driveway in the front yard has erected that gate. The homeowner was issued a ticket by the Village, which is being challenged in District Court.

Stearn stated that the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been canceled. The Parks and Recreation Board will meet this Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Kennedy stated that the Planning Board is continuing to work on the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, which should be completed by the end of the year. The Planning Board asked the planning consultant to prepare a schedule for the bikeway and walkway master plan project. Kennedy noted that there is no funding at this time for sidewalks, which is another topic for discussion.

Kennedy related that Robert Donohue, principal planner for Oakland County, is available to consult with the Village without a fee on a downtown commercial redevelopment program. He is an expert on the topic and will tell us what funding options exist. She has discussed this with the Planning Board members who are interested in having this individual attend a meeting and talk to them on this subject. The Council had no objections to the Planning Board looking into ways to revitalize the Southfield Road business district.

Hanlin stated that she and Pasioka met with Donahue at the County. He works with Oakland County downtowns, which are loosely defined as any commercial or business districts. He will talk to the Village about different mechanisms to revitalize a downtown with methods including grants, taxation, and millages. This is a free service offered by the County.

Kennedy mentioned that Planning Board member Bob Belaustegui's son Michael won an art award at Roper School which was presented to him by well known racing figure Jackie Stewart. This was reported in the Birmingham Eccentric.

Kennedy stated that Village planning consultant Wyrosdick mentioned at the last Planning Board meeting that she was asked by administration for a cost estimate to prepare a revised park master

plan that meets the DNR approval process. Kennedy thought that the current park master plan was drafted by the previous planning consultant with the understanding that it would be used to assist the Village with grant applications for park improvements.

Stearn related that Pasieka submitted a grant application last year using the park master plan for documentation, and it was turned down. It was learned that the park master plan is not appropriate to submit for grant approval without serious augmentation. Stearn has met with Hanlin and Birchler Arroyo to discuss park grant applications. The Village's planning consultant firm has submitted a proposal for park master plan revisions that will be discussed at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Thursday night.

Lison informed Council that the new fire truck will be delivered to the Village in mid March. Craig noted that there is a retirement party for Sgt. Roger St. Jean on Friday, November 19.

Craig offered condolences on behalf of the Council to Village volunteer Pat Greening on the recent loss of her mother.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Hanlin stated that the Village offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observation of Thanksgiving Day.

Hanlin reported on a follow-up phone call to property owner Linden Nelson regarding the disposition of the Halo building on Southfield Road. Nelson assured Hanlin that the deal with Bed Bath & Beyond is going to proceed. She will continue to provide Council with updates on that building.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kennedy commented that she received a report indicating that the Oakland County Surface Transportation Committee will meet this Thursday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. Included in a list of approved projects are Fourteen Mile Road for the year 2000 and Thirteen Mile Road for FY 2001. Spallasso indicated that he will attend the meeting of this funding committee.

Kennedy congratulated the new Birmingham Council members.

Walsh mentioned that Council meeting agendas are no longer published in the Birmingham Eccentric on Sundays. Hanlin will check into this.

Downey reviewed a Public Safety Department crime statistic summary from September 1999 that leads him to question the reason for the significant reduction in motor vehicle violations.

Director Woodard stated that the discrepancy is a result of a change in the preparation of this report. This year the Department is keeping records with its own software. The previous practice was to provide data to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, and they prepared the figures with their software. Woodard cannot explain the deviation in the figures since those reductions are not reflected in the figures that come across his desk.

Craig commented on an article about property values in the Sunday Free Press that is an example of manipulating statistics to support a point. He emphasized that house values in the Village are not declining. There are a large number of permits being issued for home improvements and additions. People are investing in this community and home values are increasing.

RESOLVED by Buterbaugh, supported by Kennedy, to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote:
Resolution passes unanimously.

Council went into closed session after a five minute recess called at 10:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

MOTION by Kennedy, supported by Lison, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Andrew Craig
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk