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Present: President Pro-Tem Kennedy; Members: Downey, Munguia, Pfeifer, Stearn and Walsh

Absent: Craig

Also Present: Village Manager, Hanlin  
Public Services Director, Spallasso  
Assistant to the Manager, Pasioka  
Village Clerk, Marshall  
Village Attorney, Ryan  
Finance Director, Wiszowaty

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2000**

MOTION by Downey, supported by Walsh, that the minutes of a Special Joint Council and Planning Board meeting held on Thursday, June 1, 2000 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 5, 2000**

MOTION by Stearn, supported by Pfeifer, that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2000 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court commented that there was an item on the June 5 Council meeting agenda to approve the minutes of an Infrastructure Committee meeting held on April 15, 2000. She believes that it was inappropriate for Infrastructure Committee members to approve those meeting minutes at a regular Council meeting. The minutes should be approved at an Infrastructure Committee meeting that is scheduled and posted. Tischler stated that she has confirmed this with a certified parliamentarian.

Tischler observed that a third cell tower has been erected on the Groves High School site on the west side of the football field and track area. There was nothing mentioned in the Eccentric newspaper about a cell tower being erected in Beverly Hills at Groves High School. She assumes that this is not a controversial issue because the School District is not required to hold a public hearing. Tischler is surprised that there has been no opposition from area residents considering that the new cell tower was installed in close proximity to residential property.

Kennedy stated that the Infrastructure Committee does not meet on a regular basis. The reason for committee members approving their meeting minutes at a Council meeting is to ratify and distribute the minutes to Council in a timely manner. Kennedy suggested calling a brief Infrastructure Committee meeting prior to a Council meeting for the purpose of approving meeting minutes.

Spallasso stated that he contacted Jim Horn, assistant for facility planning for the Birmingham Public Schools, to inform him that the Village now has a cell tower ordinance. New cell towers on school property in Beverly Hills should conform with cell tower regulations. Horn had no knowledge of a Beverly Hills ordinance regulating cell towers. Spallasso will send a request in writing to Birmingham Public Schools reminding them to submit an application for special use approval for cell towers in Beverly Hills. He will keep Council informed.

Tischler mentioned that there is also a cell tower being erected at Berkshire Middle School. Spallasso remarked that the cell tower at Berkshire School is not in close proximity to residential property and will not be subject to restrictions in terms of the distance between the cell tower and private property. Spallasso will ask the Birmingham Public Schools to submit an application for both towers and any future considerations.

#### **CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FOR BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY COALITION**

Mary Van der Tuin, President of the Board of Directors of the Birmingham Community Coalition (BCC), was present with Executive Director, Pat Anderson. Van der Tuin explained that the Coalition is attempting to mobilize the whole community to stop the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other illegal substances. Their goal is to serve as a catalyst to initiate, encourage, and support prevention efforts among all community sectors. The Coalition serves people in the Birmingham Public School areas, and Beverly Hills is their second largest service area.

Van der Tuin presented an overview of the programs and activities of the Birmingham Community Coalition. There is a long list of successful community events and substance-free youth events. She thanked Elaine Kennedy for being on the BCC Board of Directors and thanked members of Council and administration who have attended various events. Van der Tuin assured Council that money contributed by Beverly Hills has been put to good use. She talked about programs sponsored by BCC that are designed to encourage all sectors of the community to pitch in and make a difference in order to multiply the effect of their efforts.

The Birmingham Community Coalition is asking Beverly Hills to continue its funding in an amount of \$1,500 or more to help sponsor these activities. They also ask that the Council consider something that Birmingham recently approved, which is to allow the BCC to send a letter of appeal in the fall issue of the Beverly Hills newsletter mailed to all Village residents. It would allow the Coalition to inform people of what is happening in the organization in order to mobilize the community as a whole to focus on these issues. It would also allow the BCC to spread its financial backing to more people.

Kennedy commented that the Birmingham Community Coalition is part of a larger organization called the Coalition of Healthy Communities (CHC). The funding from the CHC by design goes to

support emerging community organizations. Because Birmingham has done such a good job formulating its coalition, the CHC funds communities that need more assistance. Kennedy thinks that a good way of increasing the Coalition's funding would be to ask residents for support in the form of a letter in the Village's newsletter.

RESOLVED by Kennedy, supported by Walsh, to approve a \$1,500 contribution to the Birmingham Community Coalition to provide services to the youth of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

Kennedy asked if there was a consensus of Council to allow the Birmingham Community Coalition to include a letter in the Villager Newsletter.

Ryan stated that the Coalition is a fine organization, but he advises against allowing a letter to be placed in the Village newsletter as a policy matter. He cautioned that there might be other groups with worthwhile causes, which do not have the same support of Council, requesting the same courtesy. It may be difficult and time consuming for Council to draw the line on requests for fund raising. Ryan does not think that the Village should become involved in this activity nor should it tell its residents who they should support.

Ryan mentioned that the BCC could obtain the Village's mailing list and send their information to Beverly Hills residents. He advises against spending general fund revenue on private fund raising operations of non-Village functions. Ryan remarked that fund raising for the park was done through the newsletter by a Village entity with the proceeds going directly to a Village resource.

Council discussed this request at some length. Some members of Council agreed that the Villager newsletter is strictly an informational publication for Village residents and should not include a request for solicitation from any worthwhile organization

Stearn stated that Council picked the Coalition as one of the very few organizations that it contributes to for services rendered to the community. This organization is providing a direct service to the youth and future adults of Beverly Hills. He is willing to support a letter from the BCC in the Villager newsletter. Downey concurred that the Village supports the Coalition, and their services are available to the community.

MOTION by Stearn, supported by Kennedy, to allow the Birmingham Community Coalition to include a letter in the Villager newsletter to solicit monetary contributions from Beverly Hills residents.

There was discussion on the motion.

Yes - Downey, Kennedy and Stearn

No - Munguia, Pfeifer and Walsh  
Motion fails (3 - 3).

**CONSIDER ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION VARIANCE FOR BUCKLES AND BUCKLES OFFICE BUILDING AT 17845 W. 14 MILE ROAD**

Council approved a site plan and a construction variance for the Buckles and Buckles office building expansion at 17845 W. 14 Mile Road in April of 1999. Walsh stated that the property owner has experienced a number of problems since that time.

The project required extensive engineering of a water retention system on the property, and there was a difficulty locating a contractor to undertake the small but complicated construction project. These issues have been resolved, and Mr. Buckles anticipates that construction will begin in 15-45 days. Walsh related that another problem involves the reconstruction of 14 Mile Road that will occur between Greenfield and Southfield Roads next year. In addition to this, there will be sewer system construction in the area.

Buckles is requesting a one-year extension for the site plan approval for the building addition for these reasons. Walsh informed Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals at its June 12 meeting approved an extension to the variance granted to allow the construction of a one and one-half story building and a variance to continue to permit existing landscaping screening in lieu of the required six foot high wall between the Buckles property and the adjacent residential property to the south.

RESOLVED by Walsh, supported by Stearn, to approve a one-year extension to April 5, 2001 of the site plan approval and construction variance for the Buckles and Buckles office building addition at 17845 W. 14 Mile Road.

Comments and questions from Council were addressed by Spallasso and Walsh. Spallasso clarified that the property owner can begin improvements to the building and landscaping on the site. The aspect of the project that may be delayed due to the 14 Mile Road reconstruction is the outlet for storm water runoff.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING 1999/2000 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

In accordance with the State Uniform Budgeting Act, proposed budget amendments will increase the appropriation in any department that exceeds the budget amount approved in May of 1999. These budget amendments will not effect the overall fund balance for each fund. Pfeifer explained that the proposed budget amendments reflect estimated money to be expended in this fiscal year as well as budgeted and reserved money in balance sheet accounts or transferred to the Capital Projects Fund because the expense will not take place until after July 1, 2000.

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RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Stearn, that the Village Council of Beverly Hills approve the following amendments to the 1999/2000 budget adopted by the Village for the General Fund, Major and Local Road Funds, Debt Service and Water & Sewer Operating Funds as outlined in the memorandum from the Finance Director dated June 15, 2000.

Expenses to be transferred to Capital Projects Fund:

GENERAL FUND

Capital - Park Equip & Improve.	\$24,000.00	Capital Park Investment
Capital - Park Improvement Monies	\$4,500.00	Estimated Receipts
Friends of Beverly Park	\$19,270.00	Donations
River Rouge Maintenance	\$10,000.00	Annual Reserve
Capital - Fire Truck Reserve	\$15,000.00	Spent on New Truck

GENERAL FUND

Sick Leave Reserve Fund	\$1,000.00	Administration
	\$27,000.00	Public Safety

This will increase liability to 100% for all vested employees. This is an estimate as of May 31, 2000. It will be adjusted for the June 30, 2000 audit.

Salary & Wage Reserve	\$2,000.00	Administration
	\$29,000.00	Public Safety

This will reserve approximately 3% of all wages and social security earned by union employees but not paid since contract negotiations are still in process for the period on January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000. The reserve will be adjusted to actual per June 30, 2000 audit.

Vacation Leave Reserve Fund	\$40,000.00	Administration
	\$78,000.00	Public Safety

This will set up previously unfunded liability for earned but unused Vacation. This was discussed by our auditors during our last audit. This is an estimate as of May 31, 2000. It will be adjusted for June 30, 2000 audit.

Expenses to be reserved in Major Road Fund:

MAJOR ROAD

Oakland County Triparty Contribution	\$ 5,900.00	Share of County Road Improvements
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**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

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<i>DEPARTMENT REASON</i>	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET</i>	<i>AMENDED BUDGET</i>	<i>DIFFERENCE</i>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
General Administration Health Insurance, Professional Services, Newsletters, Vacation Reserve and Sick Leave Reserve	\$432,115.00	\$490,115.00	\$58,000.00
Building and Grounds Additional Telephone Cost and Repairs & Maintenance	\$40,080.00	\$45,080.00	\$5,000.00
Building & Planning Planning and Engineering Consultant Fees, Plumbing Inspector Fees, and Electrical Inspector Fees	\$140,402.00	\$150,402.00	\$10,000.00
Public Safety \$183,000.00 Misc. Professional Fees, Utilities, Vehicle Maintenance, Overtime, Education & Training, Health Insurance, Sick Leave Reserve and Vacation Reserve	\$2,946,015.00	\$3,129,015.00	
School Liaison Officer Fringe Benefits for Family vs. Single	\$76,175.00	\$82,175.00	\$6,000.00
Parks & Recreation Increased Park Costs	\$58,137.00	\$68,137.00	\$10,000.00
Transfers T/ Cap. Proj. Transfer to Capital Projects Fund for Park Equipment Improvements	\$0.00	\$47,770.00	\$47,770.00
Transfers T/ Local \$294,000.00 Transfer to Local Road Fund (Approved August 1999)	\$0.00	\$294,000.00	
Transfers T/W & S Transfer to Water & Sewer Fund (Transfer T/ Water & Sewer Operating will not be made)	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	(\$200,000.00)
Capital Expenditures Capital payment for new Fire Truck	\$267,617.00	\$327,617.00	\$60,000.00
General Fund AMENDED \$473,770.00	\$5,688,898.00	\$6,162,668.00	
<u>MAJOR ROAD FUND</u>			
Routine Maintenance	\$153,043.00	\$158,043.00	\$5,000.00

Tree Removal & Maintenance

Traffic Services R & M Traffic Lights	\$55,023.00	\$61,023.00	\$6,000.00
Major Road AMENDED	\$612,135.00	\$623,135.00	\$11,000.00

LOCAL ROAD FUND

Construction \$316,000.00 Council Approved Resurfacing Projects	\$336,028.00	\$652,028.00	
Routine Maintenance Various Expenditures	\$196,108.00	\$201,108.00	\$5,000.00
Local Road AMENDED \$321,000.00	\$617,242.00	\$938,242.00	

WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND

Direct Charges Additional Water & Sewer Expenses as a result of higher consumption	\$1,220,817.00	\$1,256,817.00	\$36,000.00
Office/Admin.Charges Various Line Items	\$216,188.00	\$231,188.00	\$15,000.00
Repair & Maintenance R & M Hydrants, R & M Meters, and R & M Service Tap	\$384,988.00	\$396,988.00	\$12,000.00
Depreciation \$169,585.00 Per 6/30/99 Audit Reclassifications	\$80,415.00	\$250,000.00	
Water Fund AMENDED \$232,585.00	\$1,937,908.00	\$2,170,493.00	

Finance Director Wiszowaty presented background information on the budget amendment process. He reviewed the proposed transfers, reserves, and amendments to the budget and addressed questions from Council and the public.

Walsh stated that the Planning Board has expressed concern about losing approved funding for two projects that will not be completed in the current fiscal year, the pathway study and the "big foot" study.

Wisowaty explained that Council approved those studies and allocated money for their completion. The money allocated for those projects that was not spent in the current fiscal year will be transferred to the fund balance. The budget amendments in June of 2001 will transfer money from the fund balance that is spent in 2000/01 on those projects.

Norm Downey of 23042 Nottingham Drive expressed concern that the Village may not have adequate financial control of expenditures for parks and recreation. He specified expenditures in excess of the budgeted amount for the maintenance of the parks for the past five years.

Stearn emphasized that the account Downey is referring to is used strictly for the maintenance of the parks and not capital projects.

Norm Downey asked why the Village cannot budget what it is going to spend. Ryan responded that maintenance of the parks is determined by factors including weather conditions and the use of the park by large groups. Estimates by administration for the cost to maintain the parks are generally close to the actual amount spent.

Kennedy commented on the increasing number of large groups that use the park. She understands that the Parks and Recreation Board will consider increasing pavilion rental fees for large groups to cover the cost of extra maintenance and trash removal.

Stearn commented that this year the Village spent \$623,000 on major road repairs and almost \$1 million on local road repairs. He is proud that the Council is addressing necessary infrastructure repairs in this budget. Kennedy added that the Village will be spending \$1 million on sewer system repairs this year.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

### **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 1999/2000 FISCAL YEAR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND BUDGET**

The 1999/2000 fiscal year Drug Law Enforcement Budget is considered for adoption at the second meeting in June for the reason that the only income received other than income from investments is money collected by the Public Safety Department as a result of drug arrests. There is a requirement that this money be spent for law enforcement purposes.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt the 1999/2000 Beverly Hills Drug Law Enforcement Fund budget of \$2,500 for revenues and \$2,500 for expenses.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court asked if there are guidelines for expenditure of this money. She was informed that the County publishes a list of items that can be purchased with Drug Law Enforcement Funds.

Downey related that Director Woodard is considering using these funds to update the weapons of Beverly Hills public safety officers.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING LANDSCAPING, OUTDOOR SIGN AND EXTERIOR PAINTING**

Hanlin stated that there are three aspects to the general site improvement proposal for the municipal building - landscaping, rehabilitation of the sign, and painting the facades. The Village has received \$2,500 in donations from the Garden Club and the Village Woman's Club towards landscaping around the sign. A low bid of \$895 was received to paint the four white facades on the municipal building and painting the letters.

It is proposed to rehabilitate the current marquee sign in front of the Village building. The plastic is faded, the tracks are worn, and the letters are mismatched on the message board. The internal parts are functional. A lighted sign to identify the public safety building is included in this proposal. Hanlin proposes to coordinate the two signs. She has received quotes on a sign for the public safety building and the rehab of the Village Hall sign.

Hanlin asked the Planning Board to review the sign proposal at their last meeting. It was the consensus of the Planning Board that additional time is needed to coordinate the municipal and public safety building signs with the entryway signs for the Village, which is a project the board will undertake as part of its work program for 2000/01.

Hanlin suggests that a compromise might be to allocate the money for painting and landscaping and allow administration to refurbish the existing sign with new plastic faces and letters while the Planning Board proceeds with its review of signage in the Village. Hanlin also advocates proceeding with a lighted ground sign for the public safety building for the reason that it is difficult to locate the building.

Council concurred that the municipal site is in need of maintenance. There was agreement that the painting and landscaping should be done expeditiously. Council discussed the sign proposal in view of the Planning Board's interest in reviewing signage for the municipal and public safety buildings in conjunction with its program of updating Village entryway signs. Council concurred with the need for a lighted sign for the public safety building.

There were members of Council who advocated deferring the sign renovations pending review and recommendation by the Planning Board. Coordination of a signage theme for the Village was looked upon favorably. It was agreed that money should be allocated to replace the plastic face, tracks, and letters.

Hanlin explained that the money for this work is available in the current year's budget. If the money for these projects is not appropriated tonight, it will be transferred to the General Fund. Hanlin

would have to revisit the request as a non-budgeted item after July 1. It was suggested that Council could allocate the expenditure for signs on a "not to exceed" basis, which would allow the Planning Board an opportunity to make a recommendation on the municipal and public safety building signs before the work commences.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court, Southfield Township Clerk, stated that the original municipal building sign was purchased with contributions from Beverly Hills, Southfield Township, and the Jaycees organization. She agrees that the sign is in need of repair. Tischler's inquiries on the Planning Board study of Village entrance signs in relation to this sign proposal were addressed by Council.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Downey, that the Village Council authorize the purchase of landscaping material to be planted in front of the Village municipal building in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; it is further resolved that the Village Council authorize the expenditure of \$895 for the painting of the exterior of the municipal building and award the contract to AAA Paintman, for a total cost of \$2,895 with payment from Account #101-900-982.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Downey, that the Village Council authorize administration to contract with Sign-A-Rama to rehabilitate the Village Hall sign in an amount not to exceed \$3,200 from the Building Site Improvement account #101-900-982, and to construct a sign for the Public Safety Department building in an amount up to \$1,700 from Building Site Improvement account #101-345-934.

MOTION by Stearn to amend the resolution to indicate that the sign work be subject to review by the Planning Board in an amount of time not to exceed three months. Motion fails for lack of support.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution:

Walsh - yes

Downey - yes

Kennedy - yes

Munguia - yes

Pfeifer - yes

Stearn - no

Resolution passes (5 - 1).

#### **CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Each year Council reappoints board and committee members whose terms of office are due to expire at the end of June. Kennedy commented on the number of years of service volunteered by the

individuals seeking reappointment. She commended them for their high attendance records and their serious level of commitment to the community.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Munguia, that the following members of the Finance Committee be reappointed for three year terms to expire on June 30, 2003: Robert Gracely and Thomas Koontz.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

RESOLVED by Kennedy, supported by Pfeifer, that the following members of the Parks and Recreation Board be reappointed for three years terms to expire on June 30, 2003: Phil Schmitt, Jack Harmon, and James O'Reilly.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

RESOLVED by Kennedy, supported by Pfeifer, that the following members of the Planning Board be reappointed for three year terms to expire on June 30, 2003: David Domzal, John W. Smith, and Michele Tillman.

Roll Call Vote:  
Munguia - no  
Pfeifer - yes  
Stearn - yes  
Walsh - no  
Downey - yes  
Kennedy - yes  
Resolution passes (4 - 2).

RESOLVED by Kennedy, supported by Downey, that John Grant be reappointed to the Retirement Board for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2003.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

RESOLVED by Kennedy, supported by Walsh, that the following members of the Zoning Board of Appeals be reappointed for three year terms to expire on June 30, 2003: Carl Johnson and Mary Ann Verdi-Hus.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE CABLECASTING BOARD**

Pfeifer made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Cablecasting Board. The deadline for accepting applications for this position at the Village office is Friday, June 23, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. A subcommittee of Pfeifer, as chair, Downey and Kennedy will meet on Monday, July 3, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting to review applications and select an individual to recommend to Council for appointment.

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Munguia made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals created by Lisa Dery's decision not to be reappointed to the board. The deadline for accepting applications for this position at the Village office is Friday, June 23, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. A subcommittee of Munguia as chair, Pfeifer and Stearn will meet on Monday, July 3, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting to review applications and select an individual to recommend to Council for appointment.

**DISCUSSION OF RESEARCHING THE USE OF INVESTMENT ADVISORS**

Kennedy stated that Council has received material from Rulison & Company, investment advisors, on a cash management and investment presentation that will be offered to Beverly Hills if Council agrees. The presentation on municipal investments was made to representatives of surrounding communities at a recent conference held in Boston and was brought to Kennedy's attention by a Village resident, Francis Plummer, who attended that seminar. The seminar would educate Council about some of the new laws governing municipal investments. Kennedy asked if there is interest from members of Council to participate in a discussion on July 10, 2000 at the offices of Rulison & Company.

Kennedy thinks that the Council should investigate safe opportunities for investing municipal funds and maximizing its return on investments. She is hopeful that Finance Director Wiszowaty and interested members of the Finance Committee would attend the presentation. Participation from all Village boards and residents is welcome. Kennedy emphasized that there is no obligation to use the services of Rulison & Company to manage Village money. This is a preliminary investigation on ideas for municipal investments. Kennedy proposes that Council should become informed on this topic and consider whether to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Ryan suggested that the meeting be posted and held in the Village municipal building.

There followed a lengthy discussion as to whether Council should attend this presentation. Some members of Council were uncomfortable with the idea of a municipal investment company sponsoring a seminar only for Beverly Hills. The majority of Council members favored requesting the Finance Committee to investigate the topic of municipal investments.

Downey recalled that the Village auditing firm recommended that the Village consider a financial advisor for managing Village funds.

Finance Director Wiszowaty responded that Plante & Moran advised the Village to look at all of the instruments that are available in terms of investing, including purchase of mutual funds or commercial paper. Regulations have changed as of December, 1999. Wiszowaty commented that his responsibility as Finance Director is to maximize the Village's return on investments with the least amount of risk. He proceeded to outline the current allocation of Village investments. Beverly Hills participates in pool funds, which include a combination of repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and certificates of deposit. Wiszowaty will provide the breakdown of investments to Council.

Wiszowaty summarized a study he prepared comparing 1993 investments to the Village's current portfolio. The figures show a significant improvement in terms of diversity and rate of return. There have been improvements in collection and depositing of money, which effect how quickly money begins earning interest. Wiszowaty stated that the Village's portfolio of over \$6 million is realizing money market rates currently. He is not in favor of employing an institutional advisor for municipal funds, except perhaps for a bond issue.

Wiszowaty stated that the Village has funded a retiree health care fund. Due to changes in the law, the Village will be able to invest the Village retiree health care fund in a similar manner as the Public Safety pension fund. He will be seeking direction from the Council and Finance Committee on this matter.

Council members expressed an interest in exploring the management of Village funds. The suggestion was made to refer the issue of municipal investments to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court stated that Wiszowaty does an outstanding job investing Village money and keeping informed on what is being done in other municipalities. As a resident, she thinks that Council should look at all the options available for maximizing return on investments.

Hanlin suggested that administration compile research for Council on what other communities are doing with respect to investments and provide specific information to Council on Village investments. Council can revisit this item with more information.

### **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT - GROUND WATER RETENTION POLICY**

Downey commented that ground water is an important infrastructure topic. He made reference to a recent project whereby storm water restrictors were placed on manholes in the Amherst-Sheridan area, which helped relieve flooding in that part of the Village. The restrictors prevent ground water from entering the sewer system so quickly that it overflows into basements.

Downey stated that every time there is new development in the Village, the community is exposed to increased water runoff. There are separate storm and sanitary sewers on the west side of the Village. A high rate of storm water goes into the Rouge River. The issue is that water rushes somewhere when it rains heavily whether it is on the east side where there is a combined sewer system or on the west side where there is a separated system. Downey thinks that the Village should consider setting

a policy to effectively control storm water runoff. He opened this item up for Council consideration and potential action.

Spallasso stated that the Village is protected under the current storm water regulations of Oakland County. Before a development is approved in the combined sewer area, plans are reviewed locally by the Village and then submitted to Oakland County for approval. The County takes a close look at the runoff rate allowed for Beverly Hills. The plan will not be approved if it does not meet current County standards. Spallasso agrees that there is room for improvement, and he would support a Village ordinance or policy on storm water retention.

Spallasso related that the Village is also responsible for reviewing plans for potential developments within the Rouge River basin. Currently the Village has an NPDES permit issued through the Department of Environmental Quality for control of water quality that is discharged into the river. This is part of the Rouge River basin clean up effort.

Pfeifer mentioned that restrictor plates have been removed from manholes by residents. Spallasso stated that he is prepared to address that issue at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. Residents are removing the restrictors from the manholes because they do not like water ponding in the streets. He has information on where the restrictors were removed. The Village will act quickly to replace them.

Council members suggested that people caught in the act of removing these restrictors should be prosecuted.

Munguia remarked that the Village has an ordinance that prohibits downspouts from being connected directly to the sanitary sewer. Spallasso indicated that the ordinance is being enforced.

Council members were interested in pursuing adoption of a written policy for the Village on storm water regulations. Spallasso will collect some of the most recently adopted ordinances on storm water runoff from surrounding communities and review sample ordinances with Ryan. A draft ordinance will be presented to the Infrastructure Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

#### **DISCUSSION OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT LINCOLN HILLS GOLF COURSE**

Council is in receipt of a letter from the City of Birmingham dated June 6, 2000 soliciting a donation again this year for the July 3, 2000 Fireworks Display to be held at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. Pfeifer stated that it has been the Village's practice to donate toward this event, and \$2,000 was contributed last year. In addition, the Village offers the services of its Public Safety Department to help monitor crowds, pedestrians, and vehicular traffic in the area. Director Woodard intends to staff the event with six additional officers at a cost of approximately \$900 in overtime.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Downey, that the Village of Beverly Hills donate an amount of \$2,000 to the City of Birmingham towards the cost of providing a fireworks

display at Lincoln Hills Golf Course on July 3, 2000, and direct the Public Safety Department to provide six officers to help monitor crowd control at the event.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Stearn, that the bills from a period of 6/06/00 through 6/19/00 be approved for payment in the following amounts:

\$261,060.81	General Fund
30,807.99	Major Road Fund
10,300.91	Local Road Fund
90,674.37	Water/Sewer Operation Fund
<u>7,869.70</u>	Trust & Agency Fund
<u>\$400,713.78</u>	Total

Questions from the Council and the public were addressed by administration.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

As Village historian, Munguia commented that he is working on a history page for the Village web site being developed by Bob Belaustegui. Munguia asked residents to donate original or copies of old maps or photographs of the early days of the Village for his history file. He plans to begin work on cataloging the items he has collected over the last six years.

Downey mentioned that Bob Belaustegui will present a demonstration of the new Village web site on Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council chambers. Downey commented that a related issue for Council will be what the Internet means to the Village in terms of conducting business through electronic communications.

Walsh stated that the Planning Board met on June 14 and reviewed the site plan for an addition and renovations to Kensington Academy at 32605 Bellvine Trail. A gymnasium on the north side of the building is proposed as well as enhancements to the entryway. A public hearing was set for July 12, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

The Planning Board is continuing its pathway study, which will probably extend into the fall. This is a study of pathways and pedestrian safety, which includes the construction of sidewalks along major roads on the west side of the Village. Anyone interested in commenting on this topic should attend Planning Board meetings.

Pfeifer stated that the Cablecasting Board will meet this Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the Rotary Room of the Baldwin Public Library.

Stearn thanked Council on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board for participating in a productive joint meeting last Thursday, June 15 in Beverly Park. Stearn announced that the second concert in Beverly Park will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 4:00 with a performance with the Motor City Brass Band.

Walsh stated that the Infrastructure Committee will meet on Monday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Hanlin deferred to Spallasso for a report on the Amherst/Sheridan relief sewer project. Spallasso stated that arrangements were made to use Covenant Alliance Church property as a storage area for the contractor for the Amherst/Sheridan project. Work will begin in a couple of days. Notices were hand delivered to each residence in the general area.

Kennedy suggested a policy to administration for approving meeting minutes of committees that do not meet regularly. A committee meeting could be scheduled for 15 minutes prior to a regular Council meeting for the purpose of approving minutes as soon as they are available.

Sharon Tischler commented further on the practice of a subcommittee of Council approving meeting minutes during a regular Council meeting. Tischler will submit documentation on this issue from a parliamentarian to the Village Attorney.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court stated that the Southfield Township office has mailed every Township resident over the age of 60 an absentee ballot application request for both the August and November primary elections. A special rate was received from the Post Office. This was done as a service to the community and in an effort to encourage people to participate in elections. Tischler reported that she received 200 requests today after mailing the applications last Wednesday.

Tischler stated that residential construction occurs in the Village without permits being filed. A substantial amount of money was spent on a Township-wide reappraisal of property for the purpose of bringing Township records in line with property values. Improvements that are done without a permit are not recorded on Township records, which means loss of tax dollars for everyone.

Tischler commented on the possibility of Southfield Township participating in the cost of renovation of the message board sign in front of the Village municipal building. The Township invested in the original sign and uses the sign occasionally to display messages that pertain to the Township office.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Munguia congratulated everyone on their reappointment to Village boards and commissions.

Downey thanked Wiszowaty for including useful charts in the Council meeting material.

Kennedy mentioned that there will be a workshop sponsored by Oakland County relative to the National Main Street Project aimed at rehabilitating an entire county of downtowns. It will be held on Friday, June 30 from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown Pontiac. A grant is available and applications are due by August 28, 2000. Hanlin will send a representative from administration to this workshop.

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Downey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

**Elaine Kennedy**  
**Council Vice-President**

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