

Present: President Craig; Members: Domzal, Downey, Munguia, Pfeifer, Stearn and Walsh

Absent: None

Also Present: Public Services Director, Spallasso  
Village Clerk, Marshall  
Finance Director, Wiszowaty  
Village Attorney, Ryan  
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

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

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BY HONORABLE SUSAN M. MOISEEV, 46th DISTRICT COURT**

Craig introduced the Honorable Susan M. Moiseev of the 46th District Court. Judge Moiseev administered the oath of office to newly elected Council members David Domzal, Doyle Downey, and Todd Stearn.

**RECOGNITION OF ELAINE KENNEDY**

Craig presented a plaque to Elaine Kennedy from the Village of Beverly Hills in grateful appreciation for dedicated service as Council President Pro-Tem, Council President, Council Member, Planning Board Member and Zoning Board Vice-Chairperson & Member during the period of April 4, 1994 to March 19, 2001. Craig stated that Kennedy's participation in the last seven years was greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

Kennedy thanked everyone present for the recognition. She spoke of her fondness for the Village and urged Council to continue with the five-year plan and implement any further projects necessary to maintain and improve the Village. She complimented Council members as being very capable of accomplishing those goals.

Council members individually thanked Kennedy for her contributions to the Village. They mentioned her professionalism and community spirit for the Village and asked her to continue with public service involvement.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**

Craig opened the floor to nominations for Council President. Walsh nominated Stearn. The nominations were closed.

Vote for Stearn:

Stearn was unanimously elected Council President.

Craig handed the gavel over to Stearn.

Stearn opened the floor to nominations for President Pro-Tem of Council. Munguia nominated Pfeifer. The nominations were closed.

Vote for Pfeifer:

Pfeifer was unanimously elected Council President Pro-Tem.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001**

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MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, that the minutes of the March 5, 2001 Council meeting be approved as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire congratulated the newly elected members of Council. She expressed her pleasure in the park millage passing and thanked the residents who voted for the millage and worked on the campaign.

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Ct. thanked Frank Worrell and Art Liberty for running in the Village election. He also thanked all the voters who voted in last week's election. He questioned whether the Village has a policy for changing the combination on the office door and was informed that there is.

Phil Schmitt of 18103 Riverside congratulated the newly elected Council members. He addressed when work will be started at the park now that the millage has been approved. He explained that construction will begin sometime in the fall, at best, and will be completed sometime during the next five years. The Village currently has \$160,000. That money cannot be spent until we receive permission from the State to start the engineering study. Approximately \$100,000 will be raised from the dedicated millage in the 2001/02 fiscal year. That amount combined with the \$160,000 will not be enough to complete the playground work. Work will be done in segments as money comes in.

Pat Greening of 19289 Riverside thanked the voters for supporting the millage.

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE PLANNING BOARD**

As a result of Domzal being elected to Council, a vacancy exists on the Planning Board. Walsh made the first announcement of a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Stearn passed the gavel to Pfeifer so as to present the next agenda item.

**CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE JAYCEES TO HOLD THEIR 12th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IN BEVERLY PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2001**

MOTION by Stearn, supported by Craig, to approve the request of the Birmingham Area Jaycees to hold their 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in Beverly Park. A liability insurance certificate has been submitted by the Jaycees.

Motion passes unanimously.

Walsh commented that the liability insurance certificate that was submitted expired on 3-10-01. Administration will contact the Jaycees for a new one.

#### **AWARD CONTRACT FOR SOUTHFIELD ROAD LANDSCAPING**

Bids were opened on March 14, 2001 for maintaining the landscaping along the business district on Southfield Road. Six contractors were invited to bid on this work. Two bids were received from Johnson Landscaping in the amount of \$3,456. This is the same amount of the Johnson Landscaping bid last year.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, that the 2001 landscape contract in the amount of \$3,456 to cover the landscaping maintenance work required in the Southfield Road Business District be awarded to Johnson Landscaping.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, that the bills from a period of 3/6/01 through 3/19/01 be approved for payment in the following amounts:

\$287,141.13	General Fund
8,393.63	Major Road Fund
11,832.09	Local Road Fund
8,247.36	Combined Sewer Overflow Fund
121,941.43	Water/Sewer Operation Fund
6,115.65	Trust & Agency Fund
<u>\$443,671.29</u>	Total

Questions from Council were addressed by administration.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **LIAISON=S REPORTS**

Stearn requested Council members preferences for liaison assignments.

Munguia reported that a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was being held at the Township Building tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Downey complimented Public Safety Director Woodard for putting together an exemplary Annual Public Safety Report.

Pfeifer commented that a Finance Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 7:00 pm in the Council room. The Cable Board will meeting this Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the Rotary Room at the Baldwin Library.

She stated the Village went out for bids to wire the Council Chambers for cable purposes. The wiring, cameras and equipment will be paid for through grant money given to the Cable Board from MediaOne. However, in the northwest corner of the Council room, a studio needs to be built to house cameras and equipment. Pfeifer asked for consensus from Council to underwrite the costs for a new Council table (\$4,000) and also for constructing walls (\$12,000 - \$15,000) for the studio. Because MediaOne will no longer provide PEG access, the Cable Board has contracted with BCTV to provide all of the Village's local programming. As a result, MediaOne is no longer supplying a studio which is why one needs to be built.

While six Council members supported the possible expenditure for construction of walls for the studio and a new Council table, Downey disagreed.

Stearn reported that a Parks & Recreation Board meeting was held on March 15, 2001. He also congratulated the Friends to Improve Beverly Park for their success in getting the dedicated millage passed.

Walsh reported that a Planning Board meeting was held last week, and discussion of the pathway study took place. He also stated that a public discussion will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 regarding the 14 Mile Road corridor between Southfield and Greenfield. Residents from 14 Mile Road are encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Spallasso met with the Michigan Department of Transportation this week regarding the Evergreen Bridge north. Plans are ready to go forward and rehabilitate the bridge with work to be completed by Labor Day.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Domzal pledged his personal time and effort regarding signage matters in the Village.

Pfeifer complimented Woodard for an excellent Annual Public Safety Report. Pfeifer would like to have a public budget study session for Council to express to Administration what they would like addressed in the budget. She also congratulated the Friends to Improve Beverly Park for their focus and approval of the dedicated millage.

Munguia commended Director Woodard on a fine Annual Public Safety Report. He also stated that he represented the Village last week at the South Oakland County Mayors Association dinner.

Downey encouraged Council members to recruit candidates for other Village boards and committees. He also thanked the Friends to Improve Beverly Park for their hard work and dedication to the millage proposal.

Craig thanked the 2,010 residents who voted on March 12. A turnout of 25% is fantastic. He also thanked the 1,055 people who voted in favor of the park issue. Last fall a group of citizens asked Council for their support on the park millage and were turned down. Not to be discouraged, they circulated petitions and acquired the necessary signatures to get the proposal on the Village election ballot. Through their hard work the millage passed. This is the first time in the history of the Village that a citizen's initiatory referendum occurred.

Stearn thanked the election workers for their tireless work on election day.

Council members extended a warm welcome to Domzal and returning Council members Downey and Stearn.

MOTION by Craig, supported by Walsh, to recess at 8:36 for 30 minutes to honor Elaine Kennedy.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 pm for a Council study session with William Baldrige, Executive Search Consultant from the Michigan Municipal League. Baldrige has been retained by the Village to assist Council in the process of recruiting a Village Manager for Beverly Hills.

Thirty applications were received. Baldrige has presented Council members with a list of ten candidates that he has selected as being most qualified for the position. Because a number of the candidates have requested confidentiality, the individuals will be referred to by number.

The intent of tonight's study session is for Council members to review the applications of the top ten candidates and arrive at a consensus on five people it would like to interview. Council was asked to select a sixth and seventh candidate and rank them as alternates. Interviews will be conducted at a public meeting on Saturday, March 24 beginning at 9 am. The interviews will last approximately 45-55 minutes each.

Council will convene following the interviews to discuss the candidates and determine if there is a consensus as to the lead candidate and a first and second alternate candidate. The discussion may result in a decision to offer the position to one of the individuals.

Baldrige discussed the interview process with Council and the procedures that will be followed. He presented an overview of each candidate and addressed questions from Council on particular individuals.

Council selected five candidates to interview and two alternates. Baldrige will contact these people and make arrangements for them to be here on Saturday. They will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. Information packages will be mailed to them by overnight express.

MOTION by Walsh, supported by Pfeifer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Motion passes unanimously.

**Todd S. Stearn**  
**Council President**

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