

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

Absent: None

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

Stearn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001

On page 7, fifth paragraph, line one, correct “lighting” to read “lightning”.

MOTION by Domzal, supported by Walsh, that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2001 be approved as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSIDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Downey reported that a committee of Pfeifer, Munguia and himself met at 7:15 p.m. this evening to review three applications to fill a vacancy on the Village Planning Board. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend the appointment of Michael Nedley of 15728 Kirkshire to the Planning Board.

MOTION by Downey, supported by Pfeifer, to appoint Michael Nedley to the Village Planning Board for a term to expire June 30, 2003.

Motion passes unanimously.

Stearn asked that all Council members receive copies of applications being considered for appointments to a board or committee.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING BOARD.

Downey made the first announcement of two vacancies on the Planning Board. Two members of the Planning Board have declined to be considered for reappointment to another term. Both Sharon Mullin Fox and Bob Belaustegui have a long history with the Village and with the Planning Board. They will be missed.

Downey urged interested residents to apply for a position on this important Village board. He asked Council and board members to assist in seeking active and involved volunteers to fill

vacancies on Village bodies. Downey related that the Planning Board has recently completed a comprehensive study of pathway and crosswalk needs in the Village. The board is currently working on a 14 Mile Road corridor study to be followed by a review of the Southfield Road corridor. Within the next year or two, the Planning Board will embark on updating the Village Master Plan.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

At its last meeting, the Beverly Hills Council adopted a revised Interlocal Agreement, which provides the necessary authority from the four community consortium for the Birmingham Area Cable Board to oversee the cable franchises in Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin. Pfeifer stated that there is a need to amend the Village's Cable Ordinance to conform with the revised Interlocal Agreement with respect to the membership of the Cable Board.

Pfeifer read the proposed amendment to Chapter 4.10.1, which increases the Beverly Hills representation on the Cable Board by one person. Birmingham will have seven votes; Beverly Hills will have four; Franklin will have one vote; and Bingham Farms will have one vote. The Cable Board membership will increase from 12 to 13 representatives. Language is added to state that each of the four communities shall appoint one alternate representative. The alternate representative shall be entitled to cast the vote for an absent representative.

This concludes the first reading of the ordinance amendment. Pfeifer stated that Council will be making the first announcement for openings on the Birmingham Area Cable Board following the second reading and adoption of the ordinance amendment.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SOCWA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Stearn introduced the new Village Manager Brian Murphy, who is attending his first Council meeting.

RESOLVED by Walsh, supported by Pfeifer, to appoint Renzo Spallasso as representative and Brian Murphy as alternate to represent the Village of Beverly Hills on the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for the July 1, 2001/2002 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

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RESOLVED by Walsh, supported by Pfeifer, to appoint Brian Murphy as representative and Renzo Spallasso as alternate to represent the Village of Beverly Hills on the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Oakland Resource Recovery Authority for the July 1, 2001/2002 fiscal year.

Domzal stated that he will abstain from voting on this motion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Roll Call Vote:

Pfeifer - yes
Stearn - yes
Walsh - yes
Craig - yes
Domzal - abstain
Downey - yes
Munguia - yes

Resolution passes (6 yes – 1 abstention).

APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER TABLE

Council has approved a proposal to establish a video production area in the Council chambers, which includes consideration of a new Council table. The Birmingham Area Cable Board, with Council's approval, accepted a bid for video and sound equipment in the amount of \$98,605. This equipment will be paid for by the Cable Board from a capital improvement grant provided by the cable company as part of the franchise renewal agreement. It will provide permanent cameras, a sound system, and separate room sound system for the Council chambers. Beverly Hills will be responsible for the cost of constructing the control room and purchasing a new table.

Bids will be opened tomorrow, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. for construction of the control booth. Six contractors were invited to bid. Steel Equipment Company, one of the approved vendors on the Oakland County bid list, has provided a quote on a four-piece connecting table featuring a more pronounced arc that will enable better visual contact between Council members. The bid includes a matching lectern. Pfeifer recommends that the Village spend \$3,880 for this new table and lectern. The existing table has served the Village since 1974 and is in need of replacement.

RESOLVED by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, to direct administration to purchase a new Council table with matching lectern from Steel Equipment Company, an authorized vendor on the Oakland County bid list, for a sum not to exceed \$3,880.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

Domzal suggested that all or part of the old table be offered to a non-profit organization.

APPROVE REQUEST FROM SOUTH GEORGETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE STREET SIGNS

Council is in receipt of a request from the Georgetown-Lincolnshire Association to replace the existing standard Village street signs and posts with more expensive decorative signs. The homeowner association will be responsible for the cost. The new posts will be installed at the same location as the existing signs, and the Association accepts responsibility for in-kind replacement in case of damage.

Walsh stated that street sign replacement has been allowed in the Westwood Subdivision. The Village will haul away old posts and signs and any other debris associated with the project.

MOTION by Walsh, supported by Pfeifer, to approve the replacement of the existing street signs in the Georgetown-Lincolnshire Subdivision with new proposed signs as shown on the drawing from The Sign Studio of Brighton dated 5/25/01 and as described in a letter dated 5/29/01 from Caryn Callanan representing the Georgetown-Lincolnshire Association. In addition, the replacement will be inspected and approved by Village Building Official David Byrwa.

A color photo of the sign and post was displayed.

Downey asked for clarification as to whether the Association could replace the signage on Thirteen Mile Road at the entrance to the subdivision with the same type of decorative sign.

Spallasso responded that his preference is to have at least one standard sign remain in place at a subdivision entrance so it can be recognized easily by the public. He authorized the replacement of the entrance sign if the Association chooses to install new signage but leave the existing sign in place until the general traveling public becomes familiar with the new signs.

Stearn remarked that, if anyone is interested, Council could have a discussion at some point in the future and arrive at a policy decision relative to uniform signage identifying major roads.

Domzal suggested that a part of that discussion and policy should be whether requests for new signs within subdivisions should come before the Planning Board for review. The Planning Board is working on a new design for Village entranceway signs. It may be beneficial to coordinate the overall signage in the Village.

Caryn Callanan of 22656 Highbank Drive, secretary for the Georgetown-Lincolnshire Association, commented that the neighborhood group is requesting Council approval in order to get the signs in place. She outlined the proposal for erecting decorative signs in the subdivision. The Association understands that the current Village sign at the entrance to the neighborhood that reads, "Thirteen Mile/Lincolnshire" must remain. They would replace that sign if the Village sign could be removed, but do not want to erect a costly sign that would duplicate the existing sign.

Stearn stated that the motion addresses the signs within the subdivision streets. Council may have a future discussion about replacing standard Village signs on main roads with decorative signs.

Motion passes unanimously.

Downey asked that consideration be given to replacing or repainting deteriorating cul-de-sac signs in the Georgetown-Lincolnshire neighborhood. Spallasso will look into this. He indicated that this is a matter of routine maintenance.

AUTHORIZE \$1,000 EXPENDITURE FOR PARK MODEL

Domzal stated that the Parks and Recreation Board has requested that Council allocate \$1,000 received from a private donor towards material to be used to build a scale model of Beverly Park incorporating future improvements. This money was donated to the Village for the purpose of promoting the park. The scale model will be used to keep the public informed on the progress of

improvements to the park as well as for fund raising purposes. The \$1,000 will defray only the cost of materials for the park scale model, which will be constructed by Don Greening.

RESOLUTION by Downey, supported by Stearn, to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 towards materials to be used to build a scale model of Beverly Park to include future improvements.

Questions on the three-dimensional scale model were addressed by Domzal.

Roll Call Vote:

Walsh - yes
Craig - no
Domzal - yes
Downey - yes
Munguia - yes
Pfeifer - no
Stearn - yes

Motion passes (5 – 2).

ACCEPT GARY MACH'S RESIGNATION AND MAKE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Domzal stated that Gary Mach has tendered his resignation from the Finance Committee. Mach indicates in his letter of resignation that he is resigning due to time commitments. The Village appreciates the time and expertise that Mach has contributed to the Finance Committee, a body that provides a critical function to the Council.

MOTION by Domzal, supported by Craig, to accept with regret the resignation of Gary Mach from the Finance Committee effective immediately.

Motion passes unanimously.

Domzal made the first announcement of a vacancy on the Finance Committee. He invited those citizens who are interested and particularly those who have a financial or accounting background to make application for this position at the Village offices.

Stearn thanked Mach on behalf of Council and the residents for his service on the Finance Committee and wished him good luck in his future pursuits.

APPROVE BILLS RECAPPED AS OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Walsh, that the bills from a period of 5/22/01 through 06/04/01 be approved for payment in the following amounts:

\$146,351.00 General Fund
6,397.97 Major Road Fund
7,554.62 Local Road Fund
3,380.22 Capital Projects Fund
6,894.57 Water/Sewer Operation Fund
11,642.34 Water/Sewer Improvement Fund

248.48 Trust & Agency Fund

\$182,469.20 Total

Questions from Council were addressed by administration.

Motion passes unanimously.

LIAISON'S REPORTS

Walsh commented that the Infrastructure Committee will meet on Monday, June 11, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council chambers.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Murphy thanked Council and staff for a warm welcome on his first day as Village Manager. He is looking forward to a long and successful relationship in Beverly Hills. He announced that an open house will be held to give people an opportunity to meet him on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Spallasso reported that approximately 50 volunteers reported to the Douglas-Evans Nature Preserve for River Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 2 in spite of the weather. It was a successful event.

Spallasso commented that the clerical position vacancy created by the resignation of Victoria Wright has been filled. The new employee will start on June 18. Spallasso remarked that he is pleased that Brian Murphy is on board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

All Council welcomed Brian Murphy. Council members look forward to working with him.

Members of Council commented on the successful Memorial Day Parade and Carnival in Beverly Park on May 28. Council thanked the Village Woman's Club and the Lion's Club for organizing such a great family gathering.

Domzal commented that there is a lot of willingness and eagerness on the part of this Council to move the Village forward. He thinks that now would be good time for Council to focus on what it hopes to accomplish over the next six months to a year.

Downey commented favorably on the new Village identification signs. He questioned Spallasso on the status of the Village's summer engineering projects.

Spallasso stated that the schedule for the Evergreen Bridge project is determined by the Michigan Department of Transportation. He learned in a recent meeting with engineers representing the state that the project will be delayed until closer to the fall. The specifications, contract drawings, and construction plans for asphalt resurfacing and water main projects are being prepared. Spallasso expects to advertise for bids within the next couple of weeks.

Munguia asked Spallasso for a written report on how Village administration will handle the labor day festivities held each year by Our Lady of Albanians Church with respect to parking and traffic issues. Munguia mentioned that Wednesday, June 6 will be the anniversary of D-Day, which marked the end of World War II.

Pfeifer referred to the Council information items that deal with the Cable Board. The Village Clerk received a letter from Comcast dated May 18, 2001. It states that Comcast is in receipt of the Cable Board's request for reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of the transfer application in the amount of \$5,485.05. Within 30 days of the date of the letter, Comcast will forward a check in the full amount of the request. Ryan indicated that he has submitted his fees to the Village this month. Pfeifer will forward that information to the Cable Board Executive Director.

Pfeifer mentioned a letter received from law firm O'Reilly, Rancilio & Nitz regarding removing franchising authority name, address & phone number from monthly subscriber bills and a letter regarding regulating cable modem service. Ryan will contact Tim Currier, attorney for the Cable Board regarding this correspondence.

Pfeifer commented on the 2000 Census material distributed to Council, which includes a profile of general demographic characteristics. She encouraged people to display their flags on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14.

Stearn commented that he is sorry to see that Bob Belaustegui and Sharon Fox are not returning to the Planning Board. Council will be talking more about these individuals at an upcoming meeting.

MOTION by Craig, supported by Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.
Motion passes unanimously.

Todd S. Stearn
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk